Happy Sukkot
Chag Sameach

[Image of a Sukkah being constructed with a family observing]
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To grandparents Donna and Bill DeLynn and parents Kimberly and Andrew Regenstreich on the 1st birthday of Aliza Rose
James and Jill Feldesman on the marriage of their daughter Jessica to Daniel Massarsky on September 16
Adam Tuckman and Jessica Reisman on the marriage of Adam’s sister Courtney to Ben Gest on September 9

CONDOLENCES
When Cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends.
Our congregation mourns the death of Jonathan Gaines, brother of Steve Gaines.

FIRST FRIDAY TORAH STUDY AT 7 AM
NEXT SESSION: OCTOBER 6 AT LE PAIN QUOTIDIEN 30 PURCHASE ST, RYE

The monthly Torah study sessions are designed to allow working members of the synagogue to squeeze in some Torah study before the start of the workday. They are held on the first Friday morning of the month and last roughly an hour. Torah texts are also available for use.

We hope you can join us (no RSVP required, just come).
| **Monday, October 2** |  
| 11:15 am | SAJE  
| 1:45 pm | 1st Children’s Havdallah service  
| 6:15 pm | 7th Grade and CSR Teens  
| **Wednesday, October 4** |  
| All Day | Erev Sukkot  
| 4:00 pm | CJL, Grades K-7  
| 5:15 pm | Adult Sukkah Happy (Half) Hour  
| 6:30 pm | Family Sukkah-fest  
| **Thursday, October 5** |  
| All Day | Sukkah—Feast of Tabernacles  
| Office Closed |  
| **Friday, October 6** |  
| All Day | Sukkot II—Feast of Tabernacles  
| 7:00 am | First Friday Torah Study—Offsite, La Pain Quotidien  
| 9:15 am | ECC Shabbat  
| 5:15 pm | Sharing Shabbat  
| 6:30 pm | Shabbat Services—Offsite  
| **Saturday, October 7** |  
| All Day | Sukkot III—Feast of Tabernacles  
| 8:45 am | Torah Study Service—Offsite  
| 6:30 pm | Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church  
| **Sunday, October 8** |  
| All Day | Sukkot IV—Feast of Tabernacles  
| Sushi Under the Stars Women’s Gathering |  
| **Monday, October 9** |  
| All Day | Sukkot V—Feast of Tabernacles  
| Columbus Day |  
| ECC Closed |  
| **Tuesday, October 10** |  
| All Day | Sukkot VI—Feast of Tabernacles  
| **Wednesday, October 11** |  
| All Day | Sukkot VII—Feast of Tabernacles  
| 4:00 pm | CJL, Grades K-7  
| 5:00 pm | CJL Simchat Torah Celebration  
| **Thursday, October 12** |  
| All Day | Simchat Torah  
| Office Closed |  
| ECC Closed |  
| 10:00 am | Simchat Torah Service and Yizkor—Offsite  
| Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church |  
| 7:15 pm | Simchat Torah in the City—Offsite  
| Congregation B’nai Jeshurun, New York City |  
| 7:30 pm | Tzedek Council Meeting |  
| **Friday, October 13** |  
| 6:30 pm | Shabbat Services w/’fillah band—Offsite  
| Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church |  
| **Saturday, October 14** |  
| 8:45 am | Torah Study Service—Offsite  
| Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church |  
| CJL Grades 3-6 |  
| CJL Family Services |  
| J-Life 3rd Grade |  
| 11:15 am | Blake Sloves, Bar Mitzvah—Offsite  
| Congregation Emanu-El |  
| 5:00 pm | Hannah Bertisch, Bat Mitzvah—Offsite  
| Congregation KTI |  
| **Sunday, October 15** |  
| 8:00 am | Making Strides Walk—Offsite  
| Mahattanville College |  
| 11:00 am | Cosy/CSR Teens Social Action Sunday—CSR |  
| **Monday, October 16** |  
| 11:15 am | SAJE  
| 6:15 pm | 11th & 12th Grade Jews and the News  
| 7th Grade and CSR Teens |  
| 8:15 pm | Board of Trustees Meeting |  
| **Wednesday, October 18** |  
| 4:00 pm | CJL, Grades K-7  
| 5:15 pm | CJL New Family Happy Half Hour |  
| **Thursday, October 19** |  
| 10:00 am | Talmud with Training Wheels  
| 11:15 am | SAJE—Offsite  
| 7:30 pm | iEngage session 1—Offsite |  
| **Friday, October 20** |  
| 6:30 pm | Shabbat Services—Offsite  
| Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church |  
| **Saturday, October 21** |  
| 8:45 am | Torah Study Service—Offsite  
| Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church |  
| CJL Grades 3-6 |  
| J-Life 3rd Grade |  
| J-Life 5th Grade |  
| CJL Family Services |  
| 11:15 am | Luca Martins, Bar Mitzvah—Offsite  
| Congregation KTI |  
| **Monday, October 23** |  
| 11:15 am | SAJE  
| 6:15 pm | 12th Graders Packing for College  
| 7th Grade and CSR Teens |  
| **Wednesday, October 25** |  
| 4:00 pm | CJL, Grades K-7  
| 7:30 pm | Goys Night Out  
| 8:00 pm | Ritual Committee Meeting |  
| **Thursday, October 26** |  
| 11:15 am | SAJE—Offsite, Atria  
| 7:30 pm | Choir Rehearsal  
| iEngage session 2—Offsite |  
| **Friday, October 27** |  
| 6:30 pm | Shabbat Services with Choir—Offsite  
| Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church |  
| **Saturday, October 28** |  
| 8:45 am | Torah Study Service—Offsite  
| Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church |  
| CJL Grades 3-6 |  
| CJL Family Services |  
| 11:15 am | Jack Kohn, Bar Mitzvah—Offsite  
| Congregation KTI |  
| **Monday, October 30** |  
| 11:15 am | SAJE  
| 6:15 pm | 7th Grade and CSR Teens  
| 7th Grade Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Ed |  
| 8:00 pm | Executive Committee Meeting  
| CSR Book Club |  

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SUKKOT: OUR SEASON OF REJOICING
Rabbi Leora Frankel • lfrankel@comsynrye.org

A story for the season: When he was a child, the seer of Lublin lived near a forest. Almost daily the young boy ventured off into the woods by himself. His father, who was basically a tolerant and understanding man, didn’t want to interfere with his son’s daily excursions, but he was concerned because he knew that forests could be dangerous.

One day the father pulled his son aside. “I notice that every day you go off into a forest,” he said. “I worry about your safety when you wander like that. Why is it that you go there, and what is it that you do?” “I go into the forest to find God,” was the boy’s simple response. His father was moved but chuckled a little. “That’s beautiful,” he said. “But haven’t I taught you that God is the same everywhere?” “God is,” the boy answered, “but I’m not.”

Though the anecdote was written about an 18th century Hasidic rebbe, the message still resonates as we begin the new Hebrew Year of 5778; stepping out into nature, we access a different, often more spiritual, part of ourselves. I’ve been reminded of this firsthand the past few weeks as the children in our Early Childhood Center have begun to explore and delight in our new natural playground, envisioned by our ECC Director, Dale Oberlander. From the inspired playground and outdoor classroom to the blossoming butterfly and vegetable gardens, Dale and her teaching team cultivate a sense of wonder in our youngest learners that we as adults often fail to keep fostering.

This is the ancient wisdom behind Sukkot, our fall harvest festival which begins at sundown on Wednesday, October 4. After logging many indoor hours of personal prayer and reflection on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Sukkot forces us back out, both literally and figuratively. Sitting in the sukkah evokes a different kind of spirituality than the highly choreographed rituals of our High Holy Day services. Instead of looking down at a prayer book, we gaze up at the stars through the sukkah’s sechach (covering or roof made of branches). Like our Israelite ancestors whose desert wanderings we recall, Sukkot puts us back in touch with the earth’s natural rhythms and reintroduces us to the Divine—not as Judge or King or even Shepherd, but God as Creator, Source of Life.

Surrounded by towering trees that will long outlive us, we feel both inspired and humbled. Rabbi Naomi Levy captures this dual sentiment: “Nature’s majesty points us to God, reminds us that we are part of something that is eternal and infinite. [...] Yet nature’s grandeur awakens us not to take ourselves too seriously. It forces us to recognize our smallness and asks us to remember that change happens slowly, that splendor is a product of patience, of time.”

In our liturgy Sukkot is called Zman Simchateinu—our Time of Rejoicing. Like the American pilgrims, who patterned their first Thanksgiving feast after the biblical Sukkot, we rejoice in the bounty of the fall harvest and partake of its produce. We also pray for continued agricultural abundance in the months ahead, shaking the lulav and etrog in Judaism’s closest thing to a rain dance.

Sealed anew in the Book of Life, Sukkot is also a time to rejoice in the bounty of blessings in our lives. In this spirit of gratitude, we sing psalms of praise while parading around with the four biblical species, and say a special blessing over the commandment to sit in the sukkah. Maimonides, reflecting on the biblical commandment to “dwell in booths for seven days” (Leviticus 23:42), encourages a total inversion of our perspective during this week: “One should eat, drink and dwell in the sukkah throughout the seven days of Sukkot, both day and night, exactly as one dwells in one’s house during the entire year. Throughout the seven days, one should regard one’s house as temporary and one’s sukkah as permanent.”

Even if you don’t sleep in the sukkah (though I do recommend it for a family campout one night), this paradigm shift is powerful. If we take Maimonides’ teaching seriously and try to think of our sukkah as our permanent abode during the festival week, what a different appreciation of our actual house will we have at the end! Sukkot reminds us that while we are choosing to expose ourselves to the cold and rain, there are so many in our world who perpetually lack a roof overhead. This is why one of the main mitzvot of Sukkot is Hachnasat Orchim, “Welcoming Guests.” The rabbis command us to invite friends and strangers alike into the sukkah with us, and to always be peeking out the sukkah’s open wall for those in need. Accordingly, during the holiday we might also consider donating to a local shelter or food pantry, participating in a build with Habitat for Humanity, or supporting other organizations that are working to eradicate homelessness.

This Sukkot, as CSR experiences our own version of wandering in the wilderness while our sanctuary is under construction, we are ever appreciative for the hospitality of our neighbors at Rye Presbyterian Church, Congregations KTI and Emanu-El of Westchester, who have so warmly welcomed us in to worship in their sanctuaries. Having our services in these alternate locations is an important reminder of one last Sukkot lesson: bricks and mortar are not what ultimately define us. Rather, our community thrives wherever we gather together with Torah in our midst. We hope that in addition to joining us for an upcoming Shabbat, that you will participate in one of our many Sukkot gatherings over the holiday. (See page 7-8 for more details about these opportunities to celebrate.)

Wishing you a joyous festival,

Rabbi Leora Frankel
If you’re like me and you’ve had a busy week, and possibly an even busier weekend, it is easy to come home and turn on the TV, check out all the new posts on Facebook, plug in your earphones, turn on your music and zone out. The world comes through to us in a haze of images; some devastating, when we see natural disasters turn into human catastrophes, some calming, when we see the beauty of a solar eclipse, and some awe-inspiring, when we see acts of loving kindness shared among strangers. But too often, the sights and sounds of the world around us are reduced to the small images on our phones and other mobile devices, and can take on the aspect of an electronic performance “full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.”

This is the anti-social side of social media. The place that lets us stay cocooned in our own little universe, only responding to those messages that reflect our way of thinking, our own ideas or the likes and dislikes of our circle of friends. Would the world be a less divisive place if we put down our phones for an afternoon, or even a weekend, and stepped outside of our comfort zone to experience the world firsthand—by taking a walk along the beach, hiking in the woods on a fall day, comforting the elderly or the infirm, or just volunteering for a cause that needs our support?

The good news is that all of these opportunities, and more, exist right here within our own community. The sound shore of Long Island can be easily reached through Oakland Beach and a lovely stroll is even more pleasant now that it is off season and the boardwalks and sand are less crowded. The Rye Nature Center provides an easy path to meander and observe the natural world all around us. Our Hesed committee provides outreach for those in our congregation who would benefit from a visit or some much needed companionship. And there are numerous causes that reflect our Jewish values that welcome volunteers of all ages. Just listen to some of the extraordinary projects that our b’nei mitzvah students participate in and you will have no shortage of ideas.

This is the perfect time of year to refresh our souls by changing our orientation and trying a different approach to the same old routine. Perhaps the first Friday Torah study will rejuvenate your thinking over a cup of coffee at Le Pain Quotidien. Maybe attending Shabbat services at the Rye Presbyterian Church will change your perspective on worshipping in a space that is inherently not our own. You’ll be surprised at how invigorating that can be. Consider visiting our newly installed Butterfly Garden behind the ECC school building to let your spirits soar. Or participate in Making Strides against Breast Cancer with Cantor Cooperman and make a difference in the lives of others. You may want to sign up for iEngage, and enjoy an opportunity to stretch your intellectual muscles with a lecture series sponsored by the Hartman Institute and co-taught by our own Rabbi Gropper and Rabbi Frankel along with other local scholars and clergy.

Many of our other synagogue programs, available to all members, such as SAJE and Empty Nesters, or even a Monday night book club, offer opportunities to share new experiences, exchange ideas, and enter a space where the social part of our world can come to the fore, and the media part can take a much-needed rest.

With warm wishes,

Laurie Folich

What about the synagogue of today and tomorrow? What will drive Community Synagogue of Rye and other congregations to a Jewish future based on inspiration, spirituality, excellence, community, learning and hope for the future through Tikkun Olam, repairing the world?

The clergy, of course, are one source of fantastic synagogue fuel and energy. Through teaching, song, celebrations, pastoral care at times of joy and sadness, and by fostering of community, they give congregations the energy to continue all of our Jewish journeys, including those of our children and teens who are just beginning their personal journeys.

But, you, congregants, are not off the hook as sources of energy. By participating, praying and studying you give the clergy and the lay leadership the raison d’être to move forward, to explore together on roads well-travelled and often on roads yet to be discovered, uncovered, or recovered with new materials and new sources of Jewish well-being. Communities and CSR need intellectual and moral support and, of course, the fuel of financial support to make it all run smoothly.

Although as a part-time Interim Executive Director, I’ve been here only a short while and will be around for only a short time, I’ve been impressed by the energies I’ve seen and hope, together with all of you, that CSR, like other synagogues, will learn to tap all the fantastic fuels of the present and the future to help dor to dor, generation to generation, continue on a most amazing Jewish journey based on the solid tracks of Jewish traditions even as you go forward in new ways in new prayer spaces on new journeys.

As we enter a new Jewish year and begin trampling through colorful fall leaves under foot as we make our way towards the end of a calendar year, please help CSR find (and fund) all the new sources of energy we need to energize our communal Jewish future.

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Sisterhood/WRJ Membership Renewal Notice

As we start the Jewish New Year, we ask your support of Sisterhood and its projects. Please send your dues payable to Sisterhood/WRJ Financial Secretary - Sisterhood/WRJ

Community Synagogue of Rye
200 Forest Avenue
Rye, NY 10580

Annual Dues to June 2018 - $55
Additional Contribution to Projects - $15

For further information, please contact Brianne Goldstein (914-939-3213) or Janet Meyers (914-967-0447).

L’Shanah Tova to you and your family!
SUkkOT CELEBRATIONS

COME BUILD THE SYNAGOGUE SUKKAH

Sunday, October 1 at 9:00 am—12:00 pm

It’s that time of year again. The Men’s Club invites adults and teens to help build the sukkah. No experience necessary. We will provide the tools and delicious cider and donuts.

For questions call the synagogue office at 914-967-6262.

SUSHI UNDER THE STARS

WOMEN’S SUKKOT GATHERING

Sunday, October 8 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Join Rabbi Frankel and Cantor Cooperman for a special Sukkot gathering for women of all ages (including teens)! We’ll enjoy sushi and other delicious fare as we celebrate the feminine aspects of the fall harvest festival. We’ll also raise a glass—of sake or cider—and toast to the New Year. The cost of dinner has been generously offset but we ask you to please bring a tzedakah contribution (suggested donation of $18 cash or a check made out to WRJ) to support HIAS and its work on the international refugee crisis.

To help us plan for enough food, RSVP to Jon Rekedal, Clergy Assistant, by October 6 at clergyassistant@comsynrye.org.

CJL SUKKAH FEST

Wednesday, October 4

4:00-4:30 pm Connect with other parents at a Happy (Half) Hour in the Sukkah! Enjoy a glass of wine & learn about Sukkot’s mystical meaning with Rabbi Frankel.

4:30-5:30 pm Meet your child’s class to participate in our fun and creative Sukkah-Fest activities. We’ll be crafting, building edible sukkot, learning how to shake the lulav & etrog, singing, decorating CSR’s Sukkah, and more!

5:30-5:45 pm Top off your Sukkah-Fest celebration with a slice of “Pizza in the Hut.”

To help us plan, please RSVP by October 2 to rs@comsynrye.org.

Volunteers needed! We’re looking for a few more parents to help us set up and run activity booths at Sukkah-Fest. If you’re free to help on 10/4 from 3-6 pm (even just for an hour) or to do some shopping in advance, please let Rabbi Frankel know at Lfrankel@comsynrye.org.

Wishing our families a happy and healthy New Year & see you at Sukkah-Fest!

SAJE IN THE SUKKAH

Monday, October 9 at 11:15 am

Celebrate Sukkot with our Annual SAJE in the Sukkah program! Cantor Cooperman will teach about the Harvest Holiday and sing Holiday songs!
CJL SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Wednesday, October 11 at 5:00 pm—5:45 pm

Join our clergy and CJL students as we celebrate Simchat Torah with music, Israeli line dancing and more.

We’ll read the very end of the Torah and then start it again from the beginning!

SIMCHAT TORAH IN THE CITY

Thursday, October 12 at 7:15 pm

Want a Simchat Torah experience like no other? Join hundreds of Jewish New Yorkers for a night of music, prayer and dancing with the Torah! Meet Rabbis Frankel & Gropper at NW the corner of 88th Street and Broadway at 7:15 pm to enter B’nai Jeshurun as a group. For more information, contact Rabbi Frankel at Lfrankel@comsynrye.org.

at Congregation B’nai Jeshurun
257 West 88th Street
New York, NY 10024

YIZKOR SERVICE

Thursday, October 12 at 10:00 am
At the Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church
Luncheon to follow.

Q: Why is our synagogue being renovated?
A: The sanctuary and other public spaces at CSR were all built over 50 years ago and need to be updated. The time is right to make CSR a place that is more inviting, accessible, environmentally sensitive, technologically with the times and, most importantly, able to meet the needs of our congregants for generations to come.

Q: What can you do to help in reaching our goal?
A: While gifts to date have been very generous across a broad spectrum of congregants, every gift is appreciated and accepted with gratitude. At our final stages of this campaign, we ask that you start a conversation with a Kadima Committee or CSR Board member to find out how you can be part of CSR’s exciting transformation.
THE ECC WELCOMES FALL

Dale Oberlander, ECC Director • doberlander@comsynrye.org

Thanks to the beautiful weather, the ECC children have been spending lots of time outside exploring the new playground.

We are delighted to see them participating in all the self-guided, sensory rich activities we had hoped for.

The joy of “loose parts.” Searching for butterflies. Digging in the dirt.

ECC IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, October 1  Bulbs Birds and Brunch Event
Monday, October 2  ECC Playground
Wednesday, October 4  1st Children’s Havdallah Service of the year
Thursday, October 5  Sukkot Experience Day
Friday, October 6  Purchase Farmer’s Market
Monday, October 9  First Tot Shabbat
Thursday, October 12  ECC Closed for Columbus Day
Sunday, October 29  ECC Fall Festival

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For that reason, Sukkot has special meaning for our CJL educators and families this year. With much of the CSR building under construction, we are finding ways to be creative and flexible with the space we have available. This has been a team effort in the truest sense of the word. A striking example of this is our new setting for the CJL Shabbat morning service. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Alonso and his custodial crew, a hundred chairs are set up on the “blue rug area” on Saturday mornings. Thanks to the hard work and creativity of our clergy, a slideshow of prayers and songs was created to replace the youth prayer books that are in storage. Thanks to the collaborative spirit and inventiveness of Dale, our ECC director, the nursery school play equipment is hidden behind room dividers. Out of this group effort, a temporary space has been created for CJL learners and families to come together and pray.

There is more transformation to come! Our CJL 6th graders will be exploring the question of what makes a space holy, and learning about the mishkan, the movable sanctuary that traveled with the Israelites as they wandered in the desert. The 6th grade will then create beautiful fabrics that will further transform our prayer space on Shabbat mornings.

The most beautiful part of the description of the building of the mishkan is that the people aren’t commanded to bring anything to build it; rather all those with a willing heart (nediv libo) were to bring gifts to build the sanctuary. Much like the building of the mishkan, the creation of the CJL’s temporary sacred space is the result of the collective efforts and “willing hearts” of our CJL and CSR community.

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**CSR Teens / COSY Connections**

Yael Farber, Director of Youth Engagement & Informal learning • Yfarber@comsynrye.org

Recently, a friend convinced me to go to a yoga festival in Brooklyn. Having not done a lot of yoga before, I was nervous about going to a full festival dedicated to the practice and having to do yoga with thousands of strangers around me. As the session started, my nerves faded as I began to focus on my own practice instead of what was really going on around me. Part of this practice involved exhaling whenever the cool breeze passed by. Feeling the power of nature around me, I relaxed and enjoyed my experience.

Later that afternoon, I was at Oakland Beach for our CSR Teens/COSY Launch Night event. In a similar way, the cool breeze from the water set a nice tone for our event where 40+ teens met and enjoyed a meal together. Led by the COSY Board, the teens participated in ice breakers and heard from past and current program participants about the many possibilities to get involved in our teen activities.

In the same way that my yoga experience would not have been the same had I been inside with no natural surroundings, our Launch Night would not have been the same had we been in another location. When the night cooled off at Oakland Beach, we celebrated the end of summer and began building excitement about our fall programs. As we look forward to the year ahead, I hope we all take a moment to breathe in our surroundings and enjoy the experiences to come.

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**COSY & CSR Teens Upcoming Events**

**October 15** Social Action Sunday 11 am—12:30 pm (Including lunch)
All 8th-12th graders are invited to our first Social Action Sunday of the year as we collect and sort children’s clothing for the Sharing Shelf. Bring a bag of clothing to donate if you can (infant through teen sizes) and help us make sure all the youth in our community are warm and comfortable this winter. After the sorting we’ll have lunch together as a group. This event is free for teens with the CSR Teen Passport and $36 for teens without the Passport. RSVP to Yael COSY@comsynrye.org.
Our B’nei Mitzvah

Hannah Bertisch

My name is Hannah Bertisch and I will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 14. I am the daughter of Shari and Michael Bertisch and I have an older sister Tobie and a younger brother Nate. I am in eighth grade at Rye Middle School and enjoy playing soccer, wakeboarding and skiing. My Torah portion is Noach from the Book of Genesis, which is about some of the very first people on Earth. After the people decide to build a tower in order to reach the heavens, God scatters them all over the Earth to create diversity among people and to keep them humble. For my mitzvah project, I have been volunteering at the SPCA of Westchester. The SPCA, or Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, rescues animals and provides shelter and care for them until a family or individual adopts the animal and provides a better life. At the shelter, I help manage the dogs to increase their chances of being adopted. I enjoy taking care of the animals and plan to continue to volunteer there throughout my eighth-grade year.

Jack Kohn

My name is Jack Kohn and I am currently preparing for my Bar Mitzvah on October 28. I am in eighth grade at Blind Brook Middle School. My parents are Jennifer and Jeffrey Kohn and my older brother is Joe. I will be reading from the portion Lech Lecha from the Book of Genesis. The portion tells of when God asks Abram (later changed to Abraham) to leave all that he knows and start a new life in the land of Canaan (later to be called Israel). I look forward to chanting my portion and giving my interpretation to the congregation. For my mitzvah project, my good friend Zachary Schutzer and I run Bingo at The Atria, which is a senior home in Rye Brook, NY. The seniors we have met really enjoy these evenings and we have formed some very nice relationships. Zach and I, as well as the seniors, look forward to our Bingo nights. We plan to continue to volunteer at Atria even after my Bar Mitzvah.

Carly Mallah

My name is Carly Mallah and I will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 7. I am the daughter of Marnie and Lloyd Mallah, and I have a twin sister, Carly, and a younger sister and brother, Hailey and Jack. I am in eighth grade at Blind Brook Middle School. I enjoy tennis, basketball, and music and I love Eisner Camp. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at the SPCA of Westchester, and I held a bake sale which raised over $400 to benefit the SPCA of Houston.

Shira Mallah

My name is Shira Mallah and I will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 7. I am the daughter of Marnie and Lloyd Mallah, and I have a twin sister, Carly, and a younger sister and brother, Hailey and Jack. I am in eighth grade at Blind Brook Middle School. I enjoy playing basketball and tennis and running track. This past summer was my sixth summer at Eisner Camp. My Torah portion is Bereshit from the Book of Genesis. My portion is about Adam and Eve and how they came to leave the Garden of Eden. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at the Head Start program in Port Chester, playing with young children and helping out in their classrooms. I really enjoyed being there and plan to continue to volunteer there through high school.

Luca Szterenbuch Martins

My name is Luca Szterenbuch Martins and I am in the seventh grade at Rye Middle School. I am the son of Fani Miriam Szterenbuch and Celso Martins. On October 21, I will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. My Torah portion is Noach from the Book of Genesis, the section where God gives instructions to Noach on why and how to build the Ark. For my mitzvah project, I wanted to help take care of our environment and give back to our community so I volunteered and cleaned up The Marshlands Conservancy, The Rye Nature Center and Edith Read Sanctuary. I also volunteered with my mother to beautify our parks by planting hundreds of flowering bulbs and making flower pots for The Rye Recreation Department.

Blake Sloves

My name is Blake Sloves and I will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 14. I am an eighth grader at Blind Brook Middle School. My parents are Amy and Scott Sloves and I have an older sister, Sammy. In my free time I enjoy basketball, skiing, soccer, and listening to music. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at the SPCA of Westchester, and in my sixth summer at Eisner Camp. My Torah portion is B’reishit from the Book of Genesis. It is about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. God tells them they can eat from any tree except one. The serpent tricks them into thinking once they eat some of the fruit from the forbidden tree they will become godlike. When they eat the fruit, they are left naked. This shows that it is vital to listen in order to succeed. For my mitzvah project, I am raising money for the Global Lyme Alliance (https://tinyurl.com/globallymealliance). I am also selling Sammy Strong bracelets in local stores in support of my sister, Sammy, who has been battling Lyme disease. The Global Lyme Alliance raises awareness and funds research for Lyme disease. This is meaningful to me because the money I raise will help people with Lyme disease and to hopefully one day find a cure.
**TALMUD WITH TRAINING WHEELS**

The *Talmud* is one of the foundational texts of Judaism. However, many of us may not feel like experts when it comes to this vital canon. In fact, it can be said that more than we are biblical Jews, we are rabbinic Jews following the laws and guidelines set out in the *Talmud*. Together we will explore the history and structure of the *Talmud* and rabbinic thought as well as the rabbis’ profound insights into human nature. No prior experience required!

_Talmud_ with Training Wheels Dates
10—11:30 am at CSR:
- Oct 19, 2017
- Nov 2, 2017
- Nov 16, 2017
- Nov 30, 2017
- Dec 14, 2017
- Jan 4, 2018
- Jan 25, 2018
- Feb 8, 2018
- Mar 1, 2018
- Mar 15, 2018

If you are interested in attending _Talmud_ with Training Wheels, please email the dates you plan to attend to clergyassistant@comsynrye.org.

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**SINGLE SHOT JUDAISM**

Providing a Quick Jewish (Soulful) Boost!

Using meditation practices, mindfulness skills and some simple _Mussar_ texts, we will sit, mostly in silence and contemplation to wind down from the week and lift us into _Shabbat_. Please join Rabbi Gropper from 6 to 6:20 p.m. on Oct 13, Nov 17, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13 and May 18 to welcome in the spirit of _Shabbat_. You are then invited to remain for regular _Shabbat_ worship at 6:30 pm.

_Re-soul for Shabbat_ will take place at the Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church, the same location for Friday night services. 882 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY 10580.

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please email clergyassistant@comsynrye.org.

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**The next gathering of the CSR BOOK CLUB**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 30th at 8:00pm**
location TBD

BOOK: "Waking Lions" by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

Rabbi Frankel will facilitate interesting discussions over wine, cheese, and other creative snacks as we explore the layers of a novel while connecting them to relevant and relatable Jewish texts.

Everyone is welcome!

RSVP to clergyassistant@comsynrye.org.
Have questions? Contact Jacey Taub at jaceyg@aol.com

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Single Shot Judaism is an informal and casual forum to ask, challenge, and engage in unedited conversation over a shot or two of espresso or whatever drink you enjoy (Chai tea too!)

All it takes is bringing together 10 friends (a _minyan_, of course) are open to passionate conversation about an array of issues. Once you have a group together, then Rabbi Gropper, Cantor Cooperman or Rabbi Frankel will set a date to meet at your home, local coffee house, local dive, or diner.

To set up a single shot of Judaism, contact us at Singleshot@comsynrye.org

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SAJE (Senior Activities in a Jewish Environment)
Sarah Weiss-Poland • SAJE@comsynrye.org

SAJE is designed to provide social and educational opportunities to active seniors in our community. The group meets every Monday and Thursday between 11:15 am and 1:15 pm and includes lunch after the program. You are always welcome to bring a friend.

Monday, October 2
SAJE will welcome Diane Cashman, Executive Director of the Center for Continuing Education serving greater Westchester. The Center is a small non-profit with a mandate of providing intellectual enrichment and social engagement to members of our community. Diane will be coming with a professor from the Center to give a class and presentation.

Thursday, October 5
NO SAJE

Monday, October 9
Celebrate Sukkot with our Annual SAJE in the Sukkah program! Cantor Cooperman will teach about the Harvest Holiday and sing Holiday songs!

Thursday, October 12
NO SAJE

Monday, October 16
Steven Gottlieb will once again visit SAJE and present a Medicare 101 class. Did you know that the Medicare annual election period (AEP) begins October 15 and ends December 7? This is your yearly opportunity to look into making any changes to your Medicare coverage. To help us understand why we might want to do that, we’ve asked Medicare specialist Steven Gottlieb to be on hand again to provide us with an educational presentation on the A’s, B’s, C’s, and D’s of Medicare. Please come with any questions or concerns you might have about Medicare and your coverage. If you have specific questions about different plan options that would be best for you, Steven is available to schedule a personal consultation with you as a courtesy at your request.

Thursday, October 19
Dine Around TBD

Monday, October 23
Rabbi Michael Goldman and Gillian Rittmaster from Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) will discuss Alzheimer’s disease. WJCS’s Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care initiative features an array of services and support for individuals and families caring for loved ones affected by those diseases. From specially trained home health aides to care consultation, support groups and seminars, many needs are being addressed.

Thursday, October 26 @ Atria Rye Brook**
Ken Dolan is a sought after Tai Chi instructor who teaches throughout Westchester and Southern Connecticut. His classes emphasize posture, balance, breathing—blending gentle Tai Chi and Qi Gong movement. Please dress comfortably for this interactive program!

Monday, October 30
Woodcarver and historian, Bob Yorburg, who led last year’s SAJE program detailing a pictorial history of Coney Island, will now guide us through a photographic journey into the workshops of some of Coney Island’s most brilliant carvers. See the flamboyant style of carousel and architectural carving created by Jewish immigrant carvers at the turn of the 20th century. Marcus Charles Illions, Charles Carmel, along with Solomon Stein & Harry Goldstein raised the art of carousel carving to a new level. Their realism and extraordinary ornamentation defined the Coney Island style of carousel carving.

**Directions to Atria Rye Brook: 1200 King Street, Rye Brook NY

VIA 287 West:
Take 287 West to Exit 9N - S (Hutchinson River Pkwy)
Take Hutchinson River Pkwy North to exit 30S (120A)
Turn left onto 120A/N. King Street

VIA 120A:
Head north on Forest Ave toward Boulder Rd
Turn right onto Grace Church St
Continue onto S Main St
Use the middle lane to turn slightly left onto King St
Turn left onto Willett Ave
Continue straight onto NY-120A N/King St

Empty-Nest Full Life Team
The Jewish Museum Tour
Thursday, Nov 30 at 6 pm

Please join us on Thursday, November 30 at 6 pm at The Jewish Museum, 1109 5th Ave at 92nd St, New York, NY, for a guided tour of the exhibit “Veiled Meanings: Fashioning Jewish Dress,” from the collection of The Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

http://thejewishmuseum.org/exhibitions/veiled-meanings-fashioning-jewish-dress

We will also be able to view the exhibit “Modigliani Unmasked.” The cost is $20 per person. Make your check payable to Community Synagogue of Rye (on memo line indicate Jewish Museum tour). Bring or mail your check to the synagogue and include your contact information (email and phone number). Space is limited to 20 people, so your check will hold your reservation.
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SHARON GARDENS CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE
At Community Synagogue of Rye, we embrace the values of community and loving kindness and support our congregants in times of joy and sorrow. In keeping with these values, we make available for purchase to synagogue members a limited number of cemetery plots at Sharon Gardens in Valhalla, NY (www.sharongardens.org).

Plots are sold in groups of four and the price is $8,800. You may want to plan ahead to minimize decision making during an emotionally stressful time. For more information, please contact Yoel Magid, Executive Director at Ymagid@comsynrye.org.
iEngage Israel’s Milestones and Their Meanings
The Legacy of the Past and the Challenge of the Future

A Shalom Hartman Institute Lecture and Study Series

Co-taught by Rabbi Jaymee Alpert, Rabbi Leora Frankel, Rabbi Howard Goldsmith, Rabbi Daniel Gropper, and Rabbi Eytan Hammerman

iEngage: Israel’s Milestones and Their Meanings explores the pivotal events of 1917, 1947, and 1967 as key moments when Zionism unleashed new thinking about the meaning of Jewishness for generations to come. Memory is a central element in defining modern Jewish identity. As we look to Israel’s future, we need to engage anew with our past and explore its meanings and consequences.

Each session includes text study and lively discussion led by one of our local rabbis, and video lectures from leading Hartman scholars.

The course will meet 8 Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30 PM:
October 19 & 26, November 2, 9, 16 & 30, and December 7 & 14
(Participants will receive schedule of locations.)

Cost, including materials: $36 for members of Community Synagogue of Rye, Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, JCC of Harrison & Congregation KTI. $50 for guests.
Community Synagogue of Rye has a variety of funds which are used to enrich our congregation.

You may wish to make a contribution in honor or in memory of someone or to celebrate a joyous occasion (birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, wedding, anniversary). The funds are listed on the right.

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