Explore Dangerous Religious Ideas
With Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Rachel S. Mikva

In celebration of our 70th anniversary, Community Synagogue of Rye brings back one of our own—Rabbi Dr. Rachel S. Mikva—who now serves as the Herman Schaalman Chair in Jewish Studies and Inter—Religious Institute Senior Fellow at Chicago Theological Seminary.

She works at the cutting edge of theological education, training religious leaders who can build bridges across cultural and religious difference for the critical work of social transformation. With a passion for justice and academic expertise in the history of scriptural interpretation, Rabbi Mikva’s work addresses a range of Jewish and comparative studies, with a special interest in the intersections of sacred texts, culture and ethics.

She has published and spoken widely on dismantling anti-Muslim bias, interreligious engagement, economic and environmental justice, Jews and race, and working for a just peace in the Middle East.

Friday, October 19
Services at 6:30 pm, followed by Congregational Dinner and Presentation
Dinner is $20 per person
RSVP: Communications@Comsynrye.org

Dangerous Religious Ideas
Which religious ideas would you describe as dangerous, and what does that mean? Do we abandon them, refine them or try to ignore them? Do they contaminate the entire religious project, and what are the consequences for the role of religion in society?

Saturday, October 20
Torah Study Discussion—Parashat Lech L’cha
This was always Rabbi Mikva’s favorite part of the week; join us for a return engagement!

Gender and Sexuality: Judaism is edgier than you might think—Brunch & Learn
(Starts right after Torah Study)
What does it mean when we let God into the bedroom? Religious notions of proper sexual behavior are frequently wielded as weapons in today’s society, especially as they pertain to same-sex relationships. Questions of gender identity have created newly fraught intersections of religion and politics. Judaism certainly has a lot to say about these things, but some of it might surprise you.
Something New!

It’s a new year, with a new sanctuary. In addition, we’ve decided to change up a few other things.

Community Synagogue of Rye is a caring Jewish community that seeks to add meaning and purpose to your life.

Inspired by Jewish teachings and traditions, we seek to be a center for spiritual transformation; to foster the creation of sacred relationships; and to give people the tools and resources to be God’s partner in healing the world.

This vision is guided by our commitment to the Jewish values of:

- Worship (T’filah)
- Lifelong Learning (Talmud Torah)
- Community (Kehilah)
- Loving Kindness (Hesed)
- Repairing the World (Tikkun Olam)
- Love of Israel (Ahavat Yisrael)

To Paul and Susan Levinson on the wedding of their son David Levinson to Nicole Wolf

To Lesley and Michael Goldschmidt on their 50th wedding anniversary

To Larry and Stacy Kaufman on the recent wedding of their son Scott to Casey Baumer

To Lenard and Amy Futterman on the recent wedding of their daughter Alyssa to Jonathan Gold

To Amanda & Matt Witheiler on the baby naming of Madeline (Hebrew name—Hannah)

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CONDOLENCES

When Cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends.

Our congregation mourns the passing of:

- Peter Davidson, father of Karen Ruddy (4th)
- Raymond Werdann, father of Joan Frank (3rd)
- Florence Werdann, mother of Joan Frank (1st)
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| Monday, October 1         | All Day  
* Simchat Torah  
Office Closed  
9:15 am Baby Club  
10:00 am Simchat Torah/Shimi Atzeret Service  
11:30 am Yizkor Brunch  
6:15 pm 7th Grade & CSR Teens  
8:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting |
| Tuesday, October 2        | 10:15 am Toddler Time  
Wednesday, October 3        | 9:00 am ECC Music  
3:30 pm Koleinu  
4:00 pm CJL Grades K-7, Snak Shuk begins |
| Thursday, October 4       | 10:00 am Talmud with Training Wheels  
11:30 am SAJE—Café  
8:00 pm CSR Book Club—“The Subway Girls” |
| Friday, October 5         | 7:00 am First Friday Torah Study—Offsite, Le Pain Quotidien  
8:30 am ECC Fall Carnival Tickets Sales  
9:15 am ECC Shabbat  
6:30 pm Shabbat Services |
| Saturday, October 6       | All Day  
* CJL Closed  
8:45 am Torah Study Service  
5:00 pm Della Goodman, bat mitzvah |
| Sunday, October 7         | All Day  
* CJL 8th & 9th Grade Overnight to Philly  
10:00 am ECC Fall Carnival  
4:00 pm Jewish Yoga |
| Monday, October 8         | All Day  
* ECC and CJL Closed  
Columbus Day |
| Tuesday, October 9        | 10:15 am Toddler Time  
10:30 am Rye Fire Dept. for ECC  
Wednesday, October 10      | 9:00 am ECC Music  
3:30 pm Koleinu  
4:00 pm CJL Grades K-7  
8:00 pm Band Rehearsal |
| Thursday, October 11      | 11:30 am SAJE  
7:00 pm J-MOTH Training  
7:30 pm Tzedek Council Meeting |
| Friday, October 12        | 9:15 am ECC Shabbat  
9:30 pm Rye Interfaith Women’s Group  
5:15 pm Sharing Shabbat  
6:30 pm Shabbat Services & Birthday Blessing  
7:45 pm Birthday Ice Cream Oneg |
| Saturday, October 13      | 8:45 am CJL Grades 3-6  
CJL J-Life 5th Grade and A Taste of Camp, K-2 & 3-4  
6:30 pm Havdalah and Dinner for Atid-niks and their families |
| Sunday, October 14        | 8:45 am Torah Study Service |
| Monday, October 15        | 9:15 am Baby Club  
11:30 am SAJE  
2:00 pm ECC Havdallah  
6:15 pm 7th Grade & CSR Teens  
6:30 pm 7th Grade BBM Family Education  
8:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting |
| Tuesday, October 16       | 10:15 am Toddler Time  
Wednesday, October 17      | 9:00 am ECC Music  
3:30 pm Koleinu  
4:00 pm CJL Grades K-7  
7:30 pm Won’t You Be My Neighbor?—CSR Hosting |
| Thursday, October 18      | 10:00 am Talmud with Training Wheels  
11:30 am SAJE  
7:15 pm Atid Session 1 |
| Friday, October 19        | 9:15 am ECC Shabbat  
6:00 pm Re-soul for Shabbat  
6:30 pm Shabbat services with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Rachel Mikva—Dangerous Religious Ideas  
7:30 pm Dinner with Scholar-in-Residence |
| Saturday, October 20      | 8:45 am Torah Study Service with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Rachel Mikva  
CJL Grades 3-6  
10:15 am Gender and Sexuality: Judaism is edgier than you might think—Brunch & Learn with Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Rachel Mikva  
11:15 am Gabriella Bayer, bat mitzvah |
| Monday, October 22        | 9:15 am Baby Club  
11:30 am SAJE  
2:00 pm ECC Havdallah  
6:15 pm 7th Grade & CSR Teens  
8:00 pm Ritual Committee Meeting |
| Tuesday, October 23       | 10:15 am Toddler Time  
Wednesday, October 24      | 9:00 am ECC Music  
3:30 pm Koleinu  
4:00 pm CJL Grades K-7  
7:30 pm Won’t You Be My Neighbor?—Offsite, Christ’s Church—2 Rectory, Rye, NY |
| Thursday, October 25      | 11:30 am SAJE  
6:30 pm Mah Jongg at CSR  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, October 26        | 9:15 am ECC Shabbat  
6:30 pm Shabbat services with Choir |
| Saturday, October 27      | 8:45 am CJL Grades 3-6  
J-Life: 5th Grade  
Torah Study service  
11:00 am Jordan Freund, bat mitzvah  
5:00 pm Sophie Sharko, bat mitzvah  
7:00 pm J-Moth Storytelling—Rye Grill & Bar |
| Monday, October 29        | 9:15 am Baby Club  
11:30 am SAJE  
2:00 pm ECC Havdallah  
6:15 pm 7th Grade & CSR Teens  
8:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting |
| Tuesday, October 30       | 10:15 am Toddler Time  
Wednesday, October 31      | 9:00 am ECC Music  
3:30 pm Koleinu  
4:00 pm CJL Grades K-7 |
INSIDE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE OF RYE

NOVEMBER 16th-18th Grand Reopening Weekend
• 16th –17th CSR’s 70th Anniversary celebration including a gala on Saturday evening
• 18th Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Won’t You Be My Neighbor?—Wednesdays at 7:30 pm October 17, 24, November 7, 14
You are invited to learn more about your religious neighbors during this four week journey through the four houses of worship in Rye. Each week we’ll gather at a different house of worship, in the congregation’s worship space, to learn more about its faith tradition. The clergy from the house of worship you are visiting will engage you in an introduction to their community’s faith tradition. These presentations will be followed by a time for Q & A.

October 17—Community Synagogue of Rye
October 24—Christ’s Church
November 7—Church of the Resurrection
November 14—Rye Presbyterian Church

J-MOTH
SHARE A STORY, HEAR A STORY
You’re invited to Community Synagogue’s J-Moth Dinner Event.
Our version of NPR’s Moth Radio Hour where real stories get told.

What: A night of delicious dining and fabulous storytelling, all for 35 per person
Where: Rye Grill and Bar, Rye, New York
When: Saturday, October 27, 7 p.m.
Why: Because everyone has an interesting story to share
How: RSVP by October 14. Please make checks payable to Community Synagogue of Rye (put J-Moth in the memo line) and return to Community Synagogue of Rye, 200 Forest Avenue, Rye, NY 10580
Who: You! Whether you come to tell or just to listen, we hope you will join us for this fun night.

The next gathering of the CSR BOOK CLUB
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4th at 8:00pm
RSVP to clergyassistant@comsynrye.org for location.

BOOK: "The Subway Girls" by Susie Orman Schnall
www.susieschnall.com

Author Susie Schnall and 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!
Have questions? Contact Jacey Taub at jaceyt@aol.com

Re-soul for Shabbat
6:00 PM
Friday, October 19
Theme TBA

WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
Need some new pieces of Judaica?
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Briannegoldstein@gmail.com
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www.comsynrye.org
**Della Goodman**

My name is Della Goodman and I will be called to the Torah to become a bat mitzvah on October 6. My parents are Caren and Alex Goodman. I have an older sister, Bailey, and a younger brother, Davis. I am a seventh grader at Rye Middle School. I like soccer, basketball, lacrosse, and spending time with friends and family. My Torah portion is Noah from the Book of Genesis. It is the story of when God tells Noah, a righteous man, to build an arc for his family and 2 of each animal because God is going to destroy the world with a flood. God does this because of all of the corruption and violence in the world. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered at the Humane Society of Westchester. My friend Avery and I baked dog biscuits that we sold at Hebrew school and then donated the profits to the Humane Society. I also volunteered my time at the Humane Society. It was an important mitzvah project for me because I love animals, especially my goldendoodle, Lulu, and I want every pet to have a safe and warm home to live in, just like Lulu does.

**Sophie Sharko**

My name is Sophie Sharko and I will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on October 27. I am the daughter of Emily and John Sharko and I have a brother named Sam. I am in eighth grade at Rye Middle School and I enjoy lacrosse, basketball and soccer. My Torah portion is called Chayeis Sarah from the Book of Genesis. In my Torah portion, Sarah dies and Abraham must find a grave site for her. He is offered one for free from the Hittites but he decides to buy it instead. For my mitzvah project I worked with Soul Ryeders, which is a local organization that helps families who have been affected by cancer. Among other things, I made and sold bracelets to raise money to support Soul Ryeders programs. I also sewed pillowcases to be put on pillows that we delivered to Camp Kesem. Camp Kesem is a camp for kids that have been affected by cancer. I’m very thankful to have people in my life who have set an example of the importance of giving back to the community and encourage me to achieve my goals.

**Gabby Bayer**

My name is Gabby Bayer and I will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on October 20. I am the daughter of Stacy and Alex Bayer and I have a younger sister named Kyra. I am in eighth grade at Rye Neck Middle School. I am on the tennis team and also enjoy taking dance classes and participating in musical theater productions. My Torah portion is Lech L’cha from the Book of Genesis. In my Torah portion, God calls to Abram and says to go to a new land, which is the land of Israel, and there he will be the father of the Jewish people. Even though Abram was hesitant to leave, he knew God chose him and had confidence that he was the right person to go to Israel. I think my Torah portion is trying to teach lessons about having faith in yourself and believing that you can be brave and have courage to try new things and have new experiences. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered for Soul Ryeders, an organization in Rye that helps those in our community who are affected by cancer. I chose to volunteer there to honor my grandmother who sadly passed away from cancer before I was born. I helped raise money by collecting coins for “Cover the Court with Coins.” I also volunteered at the bake sale during this event. In addition, I gathered friends together to make special autograph pillows that will be given to kids at Camp Kesem, which is a camp that supports children with parents currently fighting cancer or who have lost their battle. I plan on continuing to volunteer at Soul Ryeders with my family.

**Jordan Freund**

My name is Jordan Freund and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on October 27. I am the son of Jackie and Lee Freund and I have a younger sister Brooke. I am in eighth grade at Blind Brook Middle School. I enjoy playing sports, cross-country and hockey. My Torah portion is Vayeira from the Book of Genesis. This is the story of when Abraham sees two angels and serves them with whatever they need. The angels tell Abraham and Sarah that he will have a son by this time next year. This demonstrates how being considerate to everyone you meet may help you out later in life. For my mitzvah project, I volunteered to sell snacks before Hebrew school to raise money for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of rescue, adoption and welfare and has worked tirelessly for over 150 years to put an end to animal abuse and neglect. I chose this organization because of my love for animals, including my dog and two cats. This was a great experience and I hope to work with them in the future.
First Friday Torah Study at 7 am

**NEXT SESSION: OCTOBER 5**

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).

**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**

Select Thursdays at 10:00 am.

**FILM CLASS WITH CANTOR COOPERMAN**

Cantor Melanie Cooperman will screen a Jewish film. Dinner and discussion included.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information about the specific dates and movies. Programming with begin in December.

Everyone is welcome! Interested in attending? Please contact clergyassistant@comsynrye.org.

**EMPTY NEST-FULL LIFE TEAM—ADULTS WHO VALUE JEWISH CONNECTION**

You “launched” your kids and now, with them (mostly) not living at home you are a free bird. We welcome you to the Empty Nest—Full Life (ENFL) group. If you are someone who values connection to your Jewish community, we invite you to get involved in a way that speaks to you. Stay Active! Be Happy!

New ideas and opportunities are always welcome and can be sent to CSRemptynesters@gmail.com.

**SAJE (SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN A JEWISH ENVIRONMENT)**

Brenda Wilkin•SAJE@comsynrye.org

Are you retired or work part-time (or know someone who is) and are looking to participate in mind-expanding daytime activities? SAJE (Senior Activities in a Jewish Environment) is a unique opportunity for those in our community to expand their horizons by participating in stimulating social and educational daytime activities. The group meets every Monday and Thursday between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm and includes lunch after the program. Contact saje@comsynrye.org for more information. You are always welcome to bring a friend.

**Thursday, October 4 – Welcome back to CSR – Tour of our newly renovated synagogue, followed by lunch.** We will meet downstairs in the new building.

**Monday, October 8 – Columbus Day – No SAJE**

**Thursday, October 11 – George Latimer – Up to the Moment with the County Executive of Westchester County.**

**Monday, October 15 – Author Reading, Q&A, and Book Signing – Alice Rosenthal** will read from Bess and Frima, her new spellbinding novel, set in the Catskills and The Bronx before and after WWII.

**Thursday, October 18 – Mark Tracten – Diary of a Peace Corps Volunteer or How I Learned to Build Windmills in the Philippines.** Talk will include highlights from his self-published book.

**Monday, October 22 – Erica Christ – Nutritionist, Greenwich Hospital**

In an interactive conversation, local leading nutrition and fitness expert, Erica Christ, will educate, answer questions and discuss how nutrition and exercise play an important role in overall health and wellness.

**Thursday, October 25 – Rabbi Daniel Gropper – Taking a Deeper Dive into High Holy Day Sermons** (Sermon texts will be available on CSR website.)

**Monday, October 29 – Joan Feinstein & Roz Larr – League of Women Voters: History, Mission, Programs**

Joan Feinstein is Secretary and a Board member of the League of Women Voters of Rye, Rye Brook & Port Chester. She was Mayor of Rye Brook from April 2008 through March 2013.
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.

I (We) wish to make a special contribution of $ ____________ to the ______________ Fund.

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