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To Rabbi Joui Hessel & Mr. James Hexter on the birth of their daughter, Maren Faith Hexter

To Rachel Rubin on her election as the new CSR COSY President

To Wendy Hufford for being a 2016 Inside Counsel Transformative Leadership Award recipient

To Jim and Jill Feldesman on their daughter Jessica’s engagement to Daniel Massarsky

I want to express my sincere thanks to the CSR community for your outpouring of support following the death of my beloved mother, Esther. Your visits, phone calls, cards, emails and donations provided great comfort at a time of deep sorrow.

I am fortunate to have had my mother in my life for so many years and will always cherish those memories. In the photo above are my parents and my daughter, Maia, at one of our family celebrations.

With appreciation,
Irene Lustgarten
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**First Friday Torah Study at 7 am**

**Next Session: September 9, 2016**

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. Bagels & beverages are kindly provided by the Men’s Club. Torah texts are also available for use.

We hope you can join us (no RSVP required, just come).

Thank you to Irene Lustgarten for sponsoring this issue of Community News.
A NFTY Trip

By Noah Zeitlin, guest post for Rabbi Daniel Gropper • dgropper@comsynrye.org

Dear Friends,

As I continue to recuperate from the fractured femur I suffered in July, I asked Noah Zeitlin, a member of our teen community to share some reflections from his recent NFTY in Israel summer experiences. I was moved by his words. I hope you are too. Tamara and I look forward to greeting you on Rosh HaShanah, if not before.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Gropper

This summer, I spent five weeks in Eastern Europe and Israel, traveling with NFTY in Israel and my camp friends from Crane Lake Camp. I had the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jewish pioneers, whether it was at the concentration camps in Eastern Europe, or climbing mountains in the Negev. The experiences that I had walking in the footsteps of the people that came before me made me have revelations about who I am as a person. To begin, it proved to me that if I put my mind to something, I can probably do it. To start, I never thought that I would be able to climb Mount Shlomo, but because my counselors pushed me to my limits, I was able to make it to the summit. One way of encouraging me was having me sing songs, because they already knew that I like to sing. I still look at reaching the summit of Mount Shlomo, and being able to finally touch rocks that were created 600,000,000 years ago, to be a major accomplishment.

I made a stronger connection to my Jewish identity when I walked through Auschwitz, the final resting place for thousands of Jews during the Holocaust. Walking in their footsteps really caused me to think about a line from a song in the hit musical Hamilton, “look around, look around, at how lucky we are to be alive right now.” Looking around at the barracks that they were forced to stay in, and the gas chambers where many Jews were mass murdered made the entire group, including me, emotional. I was also moved when I learned that Elie Wiesel passed away the day after we were there. I felt a similar connection while touring the tunnels under the Kotel, or Western Wall, and doing an archeological dig. I realized how much history is buried in Israel.

Finally, learning about the Arab-Israeli conflict, both from former Israelis, Arabs, as well as a United Nations Peacekeeper, made my connection to Israel, as well as Israelis stronger. Learning about the conflict in tremendous detail, and the debates that followed it, mostly regarding the racially profiling of Arab citizens, was very interesting. Yet I learned that there are some parts of the country where Jews and Arabs can live together peacefully. My group was able to go to an Arab family’s house to learn about their view on the topic, as well as have a meal. It was very interesting learning that even though Jews and Arabs are culturally very different, both groups of people share the holy city of Jerusalem.

All in all, I had a great experience this summer in Eastern Europe and Israel, and I can’t wait to have another opportunity to visit again. If you have any questions about NFTY in Israel, I am happy to answer them. It truly was an incredible experience!

NEW: Mitzvah of the Month at CSR!

Join your fellow congregants of all ages in doing a “Mitzvah of the Month” this year! Beginning in September, our community will join together to fulfill a particular mitzvah (“commandment,” though often also referred to as a good deed). We’ll teach you its Hebrew name, a related Jewish text, and give you concrete ways you can fulfill this mitzvah as individuals or in a family or larger group. Finally, we’ll invite you to report back and celebrate your mitzvah work by sending in a photo, blog post, or other reflection that we may publish.

September’s Mitzvah: Ma’achil Re’evim—Feeding the Hungry

We read in Deuteronomy (10:17-19): “Adonai your God…upholds the cause of the orphan and the widow, caring for the stranger, providing food and clothing. You too must care for the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” Furthermore, Midrash Psalms 118:17 teaches: “When you are asked in the world to come, ‘What was your work?’ and you answer, ‘I fed the hungry,’ you will be told, ‘This is the gate of Adonai; enter into it, you who have fed the hungry.’”

Fulfill the Mitzvah this month by…

• Filling a bag for our annual High Holy Day Food Drive (see p. 13).
• Help with Dinner at Noon (Email marschaeffer@aol.com for dates & details).
• Volunteer at the Carver Center or Don Bosco food pantries in Port Chester.
• Donate to MAZON (www.mazon.org) or another organization combating hunger.

Send a photo of yourself doing this mitzvah and we’ll post it to celebrate!

Email a photo or brief write-up of your mitzvah to Communications@comsynrye.org and we’ll post it on our blog and Facebook page.

Contact Rabbi Frankel for more information about our new Mitzvah of the Month program.
A TIME TO HEAL
Laurie Frolich, President • president@comsynrye.org

Autumn is one of my favorite times of the year. Perhaps as a holdover from my days as a school girl, I look forward to the start of fall as a time of promises made, expectations as yet unfulfilled, a time of new beginnings and fresh starts. That fact that the Jewish holidays usually coincide with the back-to-school months is a happenstance that makes them and the season even sweeter.

But the High Holy Days come out later than usual this year and an odd confluence of events during the summer put me in mind of another aspect of the fall months—and that would be a time to heal. Sadly, over this past summer two of our clergy suffered unusual accidents. First, Rabbi Frankel fell and chipped a bone in her ankle landing her in a soft cast, and then Rabbi Gropper was injured in a cycling accident, breaking his left femur and requiring many weeks of recovery and physical therapy. As I write this column, thankfully both are on the mend: Rabbi Frankel almost fully recovered and looking forward to the birth of her second child, and Rabbi Gropper making good and steady progress toward full-strength and the resumption of his usual activity level. We consider ourselves blessed that they were able, with support and patience, to follow a path to complete health.

But what happens to those among us who have experienced deeper levels of physical pain or disabilities that won’t so quickly heal? Or those who have suffered a personal or psychological set back that is less visible to the outside world but no less real and debilitating? How do we heal as individuals and as part of a larger, caring community?

At this time of year another trauma comes to mind—one that was enacted on a global scale. This year marks the fifteenth anniversary (could it really be that long?) of September 11, 2001, when the world as we knew it suffered a great physical and psychic shock from which we as a nation are still recuperating.

I was one of the many New Yorkers working in the city on the morning of September 11 who watched both majestic towers disintegrate into smoke and ashes before my very eyes. My office, and those of my colleagues, was situated on the west side of 31st Street, with a bank of windows facing south.

From my office, on a clear day, you could just about make out the outstretched arm and green torso of Lady Liberty in the harbor. From the parallel office of my graphic designer one had a full, unobstructed view of the twin towers of the World Trade Center. I would often find myself drifting into his workspace to approve a map or graph, and become mesmerized by the sheer height and grandeur of those two iconic buildings.

Of course, we all know what took place on that fateful morning, but to each of us it felt differently, and unraveled in very specific and poignant ways. Both planes had already hit the buildings by the time I got to work that morning. Many of my publishing colleagues gathered in the office of the graphic designer, in hushed silence, hands cupped over mouths as we watched the unthinkable unfold. Huge waves of jet black smoke billowed out of the south tower with a searing red and orange underbelly. Eventually, both great towers mushroomed and collapsed. The cloud of dust thick and toxic, obscuring everything in its sight. Later that day I made my way back to Rye with the knowledge that something profoundly sad and inherently evil had been unleashed upon the world.

One would have thought that with the passing years, the many memorials and tributes to those lost, a long period of national mourning and recovery, that we would have healed. But then came the heated rhetoric of this summer’s Democratic and Republican conventions, the fear and hate-filled language, the desire to build walls instead of bridges, and it became abundantly clear to me that we as a nation had not recovered from the disaster of 9/11. Perhaps we were more deeply scarred than we could even imagine.

If so great a nation as ours takes 15 years to bind its wounds, how then does a small community heal? How do we show compassion to those who are hurting in our midst? Do we respect the loss of an aged parent, a cherished partner, a beloved sibling, or a dear friend? Once the cast comes off or the period of sheloshim is over do we realize that invisible hurts may still exist, that pain and suffering may still cloud the mind?

As we enter this period of renewed expectations, of new beginnings and fresh starts, let us not forget those among us who still need time to heal, to recover their physical and psychic balance, and let us reach out and offer the kind word, the supportive arm, and the gentle embrace that lets them and us know that we are one community and we are here for each other.
We are so pleased that you have chosen to affiliate with our congregation, a caring Jewish community that adds meaning and purpose to your life. Recognizing the diverse nature and interests of our congregation, the synagogue creates multiple entryways for people to engage in synagogue life; different doorways for people to go through to participate in a way that is personally meaningful.

Some congregants are drawn to the worship services and music. Others are looking for opportunities for learning with other adults and/or with other families and children. There are many who seek opportunities to participate in Tikkun Olam/social action or Hesed/caring to give back to the community. Still others seek to connect with people who share their love of Israel.

The entryways are always open and the lay leaders, clergy and professional staff stand ready to welcome you. For those who are clear about the kind of involvement that matters most, we look forward to your active participation. For those of you who are searching, we encourage you to contact us so we can explore the possibilities with you. Our monthly bulletin, weekly e-blast and our website feature ongoing opportunities to engage in the life of the synagogue.

We also encourage you to join us in reaching out to potential members. You are our ambassadors who know the synagogue well and can let the community know about the ways you value our congregation. Do you have a new neighbor or friends who have not worshipped with us before on the High Holy Days? We would love to invite them to join us as our guests. Contact me via email or phone and I will be happy to reach out to them.

Your ongoing support makes it possible to have a vibrant congregation in our local community. As we enter a new year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for renewing your affiliation, participating in the areas of synagogue life that matter to you and providing the financial support that we need for the synagogue to thrive.

Wishing you a sweet New Year.

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...that some of the many Jewish Obama Administration members include the Chairwoman of the Federal Reserve, the Ambassador of Religious Freedom, the Liaison to the LGBT Community, and the Senior Advisor to the President?
...that 3 of the 8 current Supreme Court Justices are Jewish, including Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, and Elana Kagan?

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**Save these Dates!**

**November 3-6, 2016**
Northeast District Convention
Albany, New York

**March 3-5, 2017**
WRJ Fried Leadership Conference
Charleston, S.C.

**May 21-29, 2017**
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Our sincere apologies for any errors or omissions.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CLERGY ASSISTANT, JON REKEDAL

Jon Rekedal, 37, has just joined Community Synagogue of Rye as Clergy Assistant. Jon and his wife Sarah and their two children, Caleb (5) and Dahlia (3) live in Dobbs Ferry, NY. A native of Monmouth County, NJ, Jon and his family moved to Westchester in 2015 after 15 years living in Manhattan. Sarah is Principal Scientist at Roar Biomedical, a boutique biotech firm. Jon enjoys bluegrass music and gardening, and he is a beginner piano student as well.

Jon had his bar mitzvah at Monmouth Reform Temple in Tinton Falls, NJ, where the Rabbi was Sally Priesand, the first female Rabbi in America. Jon has a bachelor’s degree in History from University of Rochester, and he enjoys participating in history forums and discussions.

Jon can be reached at clergyassistant@comsynrye.org and 914-967-6262 x 235.
EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Dale Oberlander, ECC Director • doberlander@comsynrye.org

The start of every school year, whether it be pre-school or college, is full of anticipation and excitement for the possibilities that lie ahead. This year, I will be enjoying both ends of that spectrum from the very first day of school (ever) with our two year olds, to the beginning of college for my youngest son, Bert. Bert, an ECC alumnus, started in the 2s program with a full diaper and a strong desire to break out of the classroom. My only wish for him at that time was to find happiness at school. Funny now, sixteen years later, I want exactly the same for him.

I have great expectations for the ECC this year and I can’t wait for us to get started. We will be welcoming 40 new children this September and we are so excited about getting to know each and every one of them. The teachers have been very busy preparing and all of us are particularly excited about some wonderful new additions to the ECC.

Wonderful Things Are Happening in Our Back Yard
New ECC Outdoor Classroom
I am thrilled to announce that we now have an outdoor classroom area on the patio just outside the Oneg Shabbat room. We will use this space to support the concept of “loose parts” into our curriculum. Studies have shown that wonderful learning opportunities happen when children are able to invent, create, explore and rearrange loose parts on their own. This space has been designed to provide an abundance of natural materials (pinecones, shells, rocks, tree cookies, acorns etc.) that have no specific set of directions, but offer the opportunity to stretch imaginations, test ideas and solve problems.

Butterfly Garden
We are currently in the process of adopting a butterfly garden, coming to us via a thoughtful and generous member of the CSR congregation. There are still several logistical pieces being worked out, but we are hopeful that the structure will be up very soon. You will be receiving more information about this exciting addition once it becomes available.

The ECC Administrative Office Makeover!
Kim Formon, our Assistant to the Director, has a newly decorated office and, finally, an “adult-size” desk thanks to the generous donation of an ECC family who moved out of the country! Kim has been working on ways to make payments for last minute lunch purchases easier and we are exploring the idea of a coupon book. Kim’s office hours will be 8:30-2:15 on Mondays and Wednesday, 8:30-12:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note Kim is not here on Fridays.

We Have Some New Roles and New Faces
What makes any school the best it can be is the quality of its teachers. The ECC is so fortunate to have a special group of dedicated teachers who truly love the work they do. I am proud to announce that two of our longtime assistant teachers will be moving into head teacher roles this year. Tammy McCormack and Lisa Rossi will both be head teachers in our 2s classrooms. Each will also be maintaining their assistant teacher roles in the 4s with modified schedules.

We are welcoming several new additions to our staff. Debbie Bahl, who many of you already know, is returning as a head teacher in the 4s. We also have three new, very experienced assistant teachers joining our 4s team. They are Maddy Peron, Marion Fanelli and Doris George.

Lastly, there are still just a few spaces available in each of our age groups. If you know of anyone interested in the ECC please have them contact me as soon as possible.

ECC IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Sept. 6  
JECA Conference (teachers)

Wednesday, Sept. 7  
Teacher Orientation

Thursday, Sept. 8  
Parent Orientation Night
3s, 4s & Pre-K meet from 6:00-7:00 pm
2s meet from 7:00-8:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 9  
Classroom Visits for 3s, 4s & Pre-K
New Family Coffee
ECC Picnic

Monday, Sept. 12  
School begins for all 3s, 4s & Pre-K

Tues.-Fri., Sept. 13-16 Home Visits for 2s
Mon., Tues., Wed. Sept. 19, 20, 21
First day of school for 5 day 2s
First day of school for 4 day 2s
First day of school for 3 day 2s

Friday, Sept. 23
First Friday morning Shabbat of the school year

Monday, Sept. 26
Enrichment and lunch service begins
First Havdalah service of the school year
I am not sure how this happened, but 27 years have flown by as director of education here at Community Synagogue of Rye. Ecclesiastes teaches us (maybe you are more familiar with the sixties rock band the Byrds and their song inspired by Ecclesiastes, Turn!, Turn!, Turn!) that there comes a time for everything. For me, June, 2017 will be my time to retire. I hope that as the school year ends, you will join me to celebrate and to reflect on the work of my hands in shaping Jewish education here. But, now it is September, the beginning of the school year and I am feeling a little giddy as I start to tick off a “last time I will be doing this” list as education director. I feel the weight of the future has been lifted and I am free to live in the moment. This has given me pause to think about what this last year will look like. Inspired by the words from Ecclesiastes I think it should be “a time to laugh!” So I decided that it would be fun to spend this final year creating happy surprises for all of our learners. You are invited to join me for a special year of unique and joyful Jewish engagement experiences. Welcome to our families, returning and new. I look forward to an amazing 5777.

CJL and J-Life Important Dates

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Welcome back to our CJL—to J-Life and PJ Library family opportunities! One of the highlights of my position here at Community Synagogue of Rye is the fun I have running our PJ Library programs. We have made havdalah sets, eaten s’mores, hiked in both the Rye Nature Center and the Marshland Conservancy, and crafted test-tube mezuzot. And this month, we’ll pick apples in one of the county’s orchards.

On Saturday, September 17 between 2 to 4 (right after the afternoon nap), I’m inviting all families with children ages 4-7 to a PJ Library family outing. Join me at Harvest Moon Farm and Orchard, in North Salem, NY for an afternoon of apple picking.

Why apples? The Judaism of the Torah was based to a large extent on the agricultural season. And seasonally, apples are the fruit that is harvested now. And as you know, our first Jewish holiday in the fall is Rosh Hashanah. On this holiday, we traditionally eat apples and honey to remind us to have a sweet new year.

So, take some quality time with your young child and join me. The orchard will be an exciting place, featuring a petting zoo, a hay ride and more.

Wishing you all a good, SWEET, and healthy new year!
OUR B’NEI MITZVAH OF SEPTEMBER

Jake Seff
My name is Jake Seff and I am going to be a bar mitzvah on September 3. I go to Blind Brook Middle School and my parents are Erika and Dennis Seff. I have a twin brother, Tyler, and a younger sister, Zoey. The name of my Torah portion is R’eih in the Book of Deuteronomy. In this book Moses gives his last speeches, repeating all of the rules to the Israelites. In my Torah portion, I learned about the laws of kashrut and what God views as pure for our bodies. For my mitzvah project, I worked as a volunteer at the Don Bosco Center. Here I helped kids with their homework and played sports with them.

Tyler Seff
My name is Tyler Seff and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on September 3. I am the son of Erika and Dennis Seff. I have a twin brother, Jake, and a little sister, Zoey. I am an eighth grader at Blind Brook Middle School. I enjoy music, soccer and tennis. My Torah portion is R’eih from the Book of Deuteronomy. In this portion, Moses is repeating rules to the Israelites. For my mitzvah project, I chose to volunteer at the Don Bosco Center where I could share my love of playing sports. In addition to playing with the kids, I donated a lot of sports equipment and balls, which I know they will love.

Ryan Bachmann
My name is Ryan Bachmann and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on September 10. I am the son of Sarin and Michael Bachmann. I attend Blind Brook Middle School as an eighth grader along with my younger brother, Jack, who is in sixth grade. I love playing sports, hanging with my friends, going to camp Wah-Nee and spending time with my family. My Torah portion is Shoftim from the Book of Deuteronomy. It is about when Moses is giving his “farewell speech” to the Jews. He cannot enter the promised land of Israel after 40 years of traveling in the desert. He tells the Jews of the laws and reminds them to stay faithful to their one god. For my mitzvah project, I helped supervise under privileged children after school while their parents were working. I helped them with their homework and played with them at the Don Bosco Center in Port Chester.

Gabriel Steinert
My name is Gabe Steinert and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on September 17. I am the son of Eric and Caryn Steinert and I have an older brother, Max, a sophomore in high school. I am an eighth grader at Blind Brook Middle School. I enjoy soccer, basketball and hockey. My Torah portion is Ki Teitzei from the Book of Deuteronomy. It is the story of Moses giving his last reminder to the Israelites of unwritten laws he wanted them to follow when they reach the Promised Land. It shows how Moses was an unselfish leader who cared about setting up the community in the right way even though he would no longer be part of it. For my mitzvah project, I chose to collect donations of pajamas for “One Million Good Nights.” This organization provides pajamas to kids who are less fortunate than I am and can’t afford to buy pajamas. The hope is that providing them a new pair of pajamas is a small step in helping to give them a better chance at a restful night.

Jonah Gorevic
My name is Jonah Gorevic and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on September 24. I am the son of Diana Tapper and Jason Gorevic, and I have a sister Hannah, who is in the sixth grade. I am an eighth grader at Hackley School. I enjoy running, soccer, and baseball. My Torah portion is Nitzavim from the Book of Deuteronomy. It is about the end of Moses’ speech to the Jewish people before they enter the promised land. He repeats all of the laws, as well as talks about the consequences for breaking them. For my mitzvah project, I chose to raise money for the Rockefeller State Park Preserve, because my track team runs there every weekend, and I would like to show our gratitude towards them, as well as to provide a clean earth for generations to come.

Join us in congratulating our b’nei mitzvah students each month on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/comsynrye.

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CSR Teens & COSY Launch Night

Sunday, September 11, from 5-7 pm
All 8th-12th graders are invited to our annual Launch Night BBQ and program expo! You’ll get a taste of the many 2016-2017 CSR Teen activities we have in store and a chance to ask past participants about them. We’ll also do some hands-on Social Action, and enjoy great food, games, and music. (Bonus: Every teen who attends gets 1 hour of community service and will be entered in a raffle for iTunes gift cards and other cool prizes.) Don’t worry—we won’t ask you to make any commitments for the year but just to come out and have fun!

RSVP to CSRTeens@comsynrye.org by September 7 for our Launch Night so we are sure to have enough food and prizes.

Save the Date:
Monday, September 19 from 6:15-8:00 pm with dinner—First meeting for Social Justice, Mentoring, and Leadership teen tracks.

CSR Teens—Register NOW!
Check your inbox and mail for our new CSR Teens Program Catalogue and “Passport” registration form. Some of our tracks and trips have limited spaces, so don’t forget to register now!

Families with College Students

Stay connected to your Community Synagogue of Rye family while away at college. Receive mailings and HOLIDAY CARE PACKAGES!

Connect with high school students... share your contact information with synagogue high school students interested in learning more about the college you are attending. If you are willing to answer questions about your college, indicate your willingness on the form at www.comsynrye.org/college-care-packages.html.

Update your college information at www.comsynrye.org/college-care-packages.html with address information for the 2016-17 school year. Even if you received care packages last year, please fill out a form so we can verify our information. We will assume student(s) will be at address(es) listed from September-May unless otherwise indicated.

Questions can be directed to the College Liaison Committee/Community Synagogue of Rye at csrccarepackages@gmail.com.

Summer Highlights
13TH ANNUAL TOUR DE FOLIAGE

Join the Rye Brook Riders on Sunday, September 18 at 8:00 am at Brookside School in Ossining for the Tour de Foliage to benefit the Dysautonomia Foundation. Rye Brook resident and CSR member Rebecca Newman, 19, is one of just 325 patients worldwide with Familial Dysautonomia, a rare Ashkenazi Jewish genetic disorder affecting the sensory and autonomic nervous system.

All riders receive breakfast and lunch, a Tour t-shirt and goody bag, and are entered to win fabulous prizes.

Complete event details can be found at www.fdcycletour.org, or by contacting CSR members Lisa and Jeff Newman at 914-939-3503.

DONATE FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING TO THE SHARING SHELF

Look for our dedicated bins in the lobby!

The Sharing Shelf seeks donations of fall and winter clothing, for infants, children and teens. Please bag items and place them in the marked bins.

All sizes, from newborn through XXL are accepted, but sizes 3T-8 as well as casual clothing for teen boys are critically needed. Donations of new socks, new underwear, new hats and new gloves are greatly appreciated but we do not accept used ones.

The Sharing Shelf does not collect clothing formerly worn by adults.

Questions? contact Carrie Nagel at carrienagel1203@gmail.com

EMPTY NEST-FULL LIFE TEAM

Our Sangria & Tapas cocktail party on July 27 was a huge success. What a great way to spend a summer evening with many of our Empty Nest congregants. Special thanks to Karen Unger for hosting in her lovely home and to those involved in planning the event.

Please join us on Sunday, September 18, from 5-7pm for a Pre-High Holy Day Seder and pot luck dinner at CSR. To RSVP, go to http://tinyurl.com/zl9alk8. Also look for more information on the Walking and Eating Tour of the Lower East Side planned for Sunday, October 30.

During the past few months, some members of our committee have attended Engaging Empty Nester Group Coaching seminars led by Synergy-UJA Federation of NY. We look forward to introducing different activities in the New Year and appreciate your input as well. You can reach us at csrempynesters@gmail.com.

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING

Community Synagogue of Rye provides live video streaming for Friday evening and holiday services. To access the live video stream visit www.comsynrye.org/live-video-streaming.
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HIGH HOLY DAYS

It is a Jewish custom to visit the graves of loved ones before the High Holy Days. At Community Synagogue of Rye, we hold a short memorial service led by the clergy at our congregation’s plot at Sharon Gardens in Valhalla, NY just before Rosh Hashanah.

PLEASE NOTE: Whether your loved ones are buried in the congregation’s plot or at any other grave site, all are cordially invited to attend and honor their memory.

Directions to Sharon Gardens and our plot are available on our website at www.comsynrye.org/members-only or by calling the synagogue office at 914-967-6262.

YOM KIPPUR ENRICHMENT OPTIONS
at The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College

Wednesday, October 12, 2015 at 1:15 pm

Reflect, meditate and stir your soul following the congregational service

- The Koby Hayon Acoustic Project: Jewish music sifted through a jazz lens, featuring guitar, bass, flute and percussion.
- Participate in a dynamic and informative discussion on the current state of affairs in the Middle East with Herb Blecker, Marty Edelman and Bob Goodkind.
- Visit the Neuberger Museum of Art at Purchase College.
While we may choose to fast on Yom Kippur, many of our neighbors are simply unable to secure three meals a day. Please join Community Synagogue of Rye’s efforts to collect non-perishable items to provide nutritional and helpful support for those less fortunate. Over the past 10 years alone, we have collected over 61,692 pounds (30+ tons) of items due to your generosity. The Food Bank of Westchester will collect our contributions and distribute them to more than 256 food pantries. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to perform the mitzvah of giving tzedakah. Many thanks from the Social Action Committee and from all the people you will help.

Details for contributions:
- Please pick up a bag on Rosh Hashanah and return it filled with non-perishable food on Wednesday, October 12—Yom Kippur day only.
- Collection will take place outside the main entrance of The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, where Social Action and synagogue members will be assisting.
- Collection will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 4 pm.
- Do not bring glass containers or perishables.

Marci Raab, Chairperson
CREATING A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS:
ADULT B’NEI MITZVAH PROGRAM

WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

with Hebrew Instructor Extraordinaire Marla Alt and Judaic Teachers Rabbi Gropper and Rabbi Frankel

Can’t remember a samech from a shin? Not what Talmud or Midrash is or if Purim comes before Chanukah? Never called to the Torah for an Aliyah? Do we have a class for you—Adult B’nei Mitzvah!

Adult B’nei Mitzvah is our premiere adult learning program. Meeting weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9 pm, this class will be taught by our rabbis, along with Marla Alt, who teaches in our Center for Jewish Learning. The focus is a combination of Judaic learning and Hebrew language acquisition. The class runs for two years with a grand ceremony taking place at the end.

This class is designed for all those who see themselves on a Jewish journey and who seek knowledge and understanding, not just for those who never became Bar/Bat Mitzvah at age 13.

In the words of Laurie Frolich, a former participant and current CSR President:

“I know many participants considering joining a program such as Adult B’nei Mitzvah hesitate to take on a commitment of weekly classes over a period of two years. I too shared that concern...as a working mother and someone who commutes daily into Manhattan, the commitment was very real, and certainly each of us missed a class or two due to the demands of family, children, travel schedules or the realities of multi-tasking life styles. But truth be told, it became increasingly easier over time to attend. The class became a high point of a busy week. How well did the class fulfill our expectations? I know it met and exceeded mine. I have come away with a sound working knowledge of Hebrew and the skills to continue my studies for a lifetime...with our newfound knowledge has come greater confidence and involvement. How does a group of individuals become a community of learners? Join this class and see for yourself!”

Make this year your year to grow in Jewish knowledge.

Yes, please sign me up for the next Adult B’nei Mitzvah course beginning this fall!

Name: Phone:
Address: Email:

Please include a check for $800 ($400/year) payable to Community Synagogue of Rye to cover the cost of materials. Scholarships are available. Call Rabbi Gropper for more information at 914-967-6262 or email dgropper@comsynrye.org.

Please mail slip and payment to: Community Synagogue of Rye, 200 Forest Avenue, Rye NY 10580 Attn: Adult B’nei Mitzvah
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 11:30 am and 1:30 pm and includes lunch after the program. You are always welcome to bring a friend.

Please contact the SAJE coordinator at saje@comsynrye.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Welcome Back!
September 2016

Monday, September 12
Join Amy Zabin, a renowned music therapist with more than 30 years of experience as she educates the SAJE community about the benefits of this relaxation method. Amy works with patients at Stamford and Greenwich Hospitals to provide emotional coping tools that help decrease fears, pain and feelings of isolation for people who are hospitalized or receiving treatment. The music of her guitar, the sound of her voice, and the use of singing bowls gradually lead participants into deeper states of relaxation.

Thursday, September 15
As president of Westchester Community College, Dr. Belinda S. Miles presides over the largest college in Westchester County, serving 26,000 students annually. Dr. Miles leadership has resulted in increased graduation rates, the largest graduating class in the institution’s 70 year history. Dr. Miles is from Queens, and attended York College City University of New York, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. She attained a Master of Arts in Educational Psychology and a Doctor of Education Organization from Columbia University Teachers College.

Monday September 19
Jacqueline Dimarco, PharmD, RPh, a clinical pharmacist in the pharmacy department of the Burke Rehabilitation Center will be presenting “Medications and You.” She will discuss optimal use of medications including: medication reconciliation, medication administration information, different dosage forms, common OTC medications, as well as a brief overview of cardiac and COPD medications.

Thursday September 22
Steven Gottlieb will be providing an opportunity for everyone to check their Medicare basics understanding, going over everything you need to know to be informed about the Medicare choices you have, and conducting an open Q&A for any specific matters of concern. Included will be educational discussions to compare Medicare Supplement Plans with Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare updates for 2017, and Medicare Part D prescription drug plans and EPIC. Steve will also mention what is and is not covered by Medicare, including dental, hearing, vision, and long-term care.

Monday September 26
Peggy Epstein Tanner is the chair of the board of Seeds of Peace, a camp and yearlong leadership development program for teens. Peggy will speak about the wonderful work being done by this inspiring not-for-profit founded in 1993 on a dare. She will tell us about the summer camp in Maine for exceptional young people and educators living in conflict. The program shifts attitudes and perceptions and builds respect and empathy. The network now encompasses over 6,000 alumni throughout the Middle East, South Asia, Europe and the United States who are uniquely positioned to lead change for a better future.

Thursday September 29
“Mishpacha And Mishegas”
Shari Cohen, a longtime member of Community Synagogue of Rye, is an attorney as well as a licensed marriage and family therapist. She will discuss issues that frequently arise in families, and how best to handle these situations in a way that preserves relationships, love, and respect for others.

UPCOMING ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Give Us a King
Thursdays at 10:00 am  (beginning October 20)
Explore The Life and Times of David, King of Israel with Rabbi Daniel Gropper.

Jewish Yoga
Sundays from 9:30 am -11:30 am (beginning September 18)
Through our yoga practice we will focus on being more in touch with our true spirit.

iEngage: Engaging Israel: Foundations For a New Relationship
Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:30 pm (beginning November 3)
Facilitated by Rabbi Daniel Gropper. A video lecture series and an interview with an Engaging Israel team member or leading expert on the issue at hand.

Scholar-in-Residence Weekends
Rabbi Karyn Kedar: “Finding Meaning & Purpose”
Friday & Saturday, Nov. 11-12
Noam Zion: A series of Pre-Passover talks: “Liberating your Seder”
Friday & Saturday, Apr. 17-18

A Different Lens: Judaism in Cinema
Thursdays at 8:00 pm (beginning Nov. 3)
Facilitated by Cantor Melanie Cooperman and Allan Staples. Classes will explore the Jewish themes, ideas and motifs found in contemporary films.
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- grandson Max’s wedding to Zazu in September
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Susan & Pablo Hendler in memory of Rose Goldfarb
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:

Carl Wess, father of Bonnie Caley
Barbara Cammisa, mother of Jeff Cammisa
Martin Levin, longstanding congregant
Esther Twicken, mother of Martin Levin
Irving Phillip, father of Leslie Kellman
Erica Cherney, mother of Karen Cherney Zaltz
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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, anniversaries). The funds are listed on the right.

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