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KADIMA: LET US ARISE AND BUILD
(Nehemiah 2:18)

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To Stephanie & Donald Fehr on the engagement of their daughter Rachel to Christopher Mankiewicz

To Mortimer and Maxine Patchen on their 73rd Anniversary

To David and Iris Sampliner on their 65th Wedding Anniversary

To Jerry and Carol Cohen on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

To April Rose Davis, granddaughter of Janet & Steve Meyers, on becoming a bat mitzvah

To Janet Meyers on being honored by the Rye Rotary in June for her outstanding service to the Rye community and beyond

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:

Joan Hessekiel, mother of David Hessekiel
Vivian Kabcnell, wife of Jack Kabcnell, mother of Brian Kabcnell
Jerome Kroll, father of Deborah Kroll Weltman
Virginia Borck, long-time member
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Roberta Reinsner, mother of Stacey Reichman
Glen Schuster, husband of Julie Schuster, father of Seth and Justin
Jerry Rudnick, brother of Stuart Rudnick

FIRST FRIDAY TORAH STUDY AT 7 AM

NEXT SESSION: SEPTEMBER 1, 2017
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).
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Note: All Shabbat Services & Torah Study Services will take place at the Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Road, Rye.
Understanding BDS: Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions

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With my eldest beginning university this fall, I am aware that he will face a whole host of challenges on campus. As a Jew, one of the most difficult and nefarious is the BDS movement. BDS stands for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions. It refers to a global campaign attempting to increase economic and political pressure on Israel to comply with the following demands: “Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the Wall; Recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality; and Respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN Resolution 194.”

Beyond their objectionable stated objectives, we have even greater cause to oppose BDS in practice. BDS attracts anti-Semitic activists who vociferously smear Israel as an “apartheid state” and spread misinformation equating Zionism with “racism.” On college campuses, the international organization Students for Justice in Palestine embraces BDS and appropriates its mandate to promote events like campus-wide “Israeli Apartheid Week” where students are subjected to public humiliations at staged “checkpoints;” “Die-Ins,” where students lie on campus pretending to be corpses, representing what they call the Israeli “genocide” against Palestinian children; and “Evictions,” where Jewish students are served intimidating mock eviction notices ordering them to evacuate their dormitories.

Since its inauguration in July 2005, BDS has grown in both numbers and influence and now exerts a powerful effect in many Western societies and economies. Over the past decade, a number of student governments in North American universities and colleges (to say nothing of institutions in several European countries) have adopted BDS measures against Israel. We now have cause to worry that the new status quo on university campuses is shifting toward denunciation, demonization, and delegitimization of Israel.

Fortunately, many college presidents remain outspoken in their opposition to BDS, seeing it as a “red line” and a threat to the environment of academic freedom and open dialogue that they are charged with creating and safeguarding on their campuses. Furthermore, many university administrations are refusing to go along with the votes of their student governments, stating that these student bodies, while highly influential, do not determine the economic decisions of their institutions.

BDS presents a strategy not only inherently biased against Israel—singling out the Jewish State for alleged violations found in many other conflict zones around the world—but also antithetical to the aim of a negotiated two-state solution that progressives on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict seek.

BDS is based on coercion rather than on thoughtful compromise. Unable to convince the Israeli electorate of the merits of their views, BDS proponents demonize Israel and call for outsiders to punish the citizens of Israel until they capitulate.

Israel does not need to be coerced through boycott, divestment, and sanctions to seek peace. Its history bespeaks its commitment to finding a peaceful way to live with its neighboring Arabs, both inside and outside Israel’s borders. In contrast, the BDS movement rejects the peace process. It routinely dismisses virtually every peace effort, from the 1978 Camp David Peace Accords to the Oslo Process to Secretary John Kerry’s peace efforts in the final year of the Obama administration. Their dismissiveness of the peace process further reveals their true intention: to single out Israel for a campaign of demonization.

BDS tends to create toxic college campus environments, polarizing students and faculty who might otherwise feel encouraged to enter into constructive dialogue about the best approaches to the seemingly intractable Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It is also putting many Jewish students from Reform and Conservative households in a moral bind. Raised to uphold the dignity of all people and the advancement of human rights and peace between Israelis and Palestinians and among all humankind. Israel is not perfect. She has not always responded to the challenges presented her by the ideals enshrined in our Torah and voiced by our prophets. There have been times when I, too, have raised my voice in disagreement with Israel’s actions. This is what family members sometimes do. But I forcefully reject the BDS movement and I implore you to do the same.

Ultimately, I believe that the fight for Israel on college campuses has just begun. Parents need to encourage their children to be proud of their Jewish heritage and to be involved in the creation of a better tomorrow for Jewish people around the world. Students need to find their voice on their own college campuses and tell their Jewish story. Ours is an amazing story—tell it!

I look forward to sharing more thoughts with you on this topic during our Rosh Hashanah services. Until then, I encourage you to explore the website www.stopbds.com for more information.

For now, please join me in a prayer for peace and tranquility, here, in Israel, and across the world.
Welcome back! It is always so exciting to begin a New Year with all the hopes and expectations that a fresh start can bring. The cooler air, the brisker pace, the energy that we all feel as we literally and figuratively turn over a new leaf are all part of the unique markers that tell us it is autumn in New York.

And what better way to start off this season than with our own High Holiday observances. As most of you know by now, the renovation of our sanctuary and adjacent spaces at Community Synagogue of Rye is well under way. The summer months saw the reconstruction of our second floor bathroom facilities and we are set to welcome back students from our Early Childhood Center and Center for Jewish Learning.

The office staff is now being housed for the duration of the renovation in a small trailer, located on our synagogue property, and affectionately named “the cabin.” It does have a certain camp-like ambience but all the computers and phones are up and running and we are conducting “business as usual.”

We have also made a smooth transition to our alternative worship space for Friday night Shabbat services and Saturday morning Torah study. The chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church has proven to be a welcoming and readily accessible venue that has allowed us to continue our weekly religious services, complete with Pre-neg and Oneg space, without missing a beat. Seeing our dedicated clergy on the bimah has gone a long way to making this space seem like home. I hope that all of you who regularly attend our Shabbat services will continue to do so in this interim space.

We have made great strides in other areas as well:

- Our Kadima Together Capital Campaign is in the home stretch. Through the tireless efforts of a dedicated team of volunteers we are close to attaining our target goal of $6.2 million dollars in raised and pledged funds. A generous matching pool is in place to help us cross the finish line.

- Our commitment to provide assistance for a family in need through the auspices of the HIAS organization was achieved this summer by relocating a family from Afghanistan within Westchester. A number of volunteers from our own and neighboring communities provided the funding and support to make this happen. We will be recognizing this special group during the High Holy Day services.

- Our new CJL Director, Amy Rosenbaum, and Youth Director, Yael Farber, are on board and have used the summer months to plan a new and enriching learning experience for our religious school students.

- A committee has been appointed and is working with an executive search firm to interview and locate appropriate candidates to fulfill the position of Executive Director.

- Plans are underway to make sure that our community stays connected during the transition months of the renovation through outreach to different cohorts, and with programs to make sure we all stay in touch with one another.

I welcome your input and suggestions as to how we can improve communication and outreach so that each and every one of us feels that we are a vital member of this sacred community.

And just as a reminder, all of our High Holy Day worship services this year will take place at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College. Please check our synagogue website and emails for specific dates and times. We are hoping that as many of you who wish to join us will do so. If you are in need of spiritual healing, please join us. If you have suffered a loss this year or experienced an emotional setback and need support, please join us. If you seek friendship and the companionship of those who share your vision and faith, please join us. And if you just want to be part of our sacred community, please join us.

Let’s make this year of transition one of our strongest ever. I look forward to seeing you at Purchase College and throughout the coming year. May it be a sweet and healthy one for you and your families.

L’Shanah Tovah,
The Hebrew word for year, shanah, comes from the root meaning “to change” and “to repeat.” Typically, to repeat something means to not change it. While seasons do repeat themselves, the particulars of the seasons change. We experience a world where change happens daily—new news, new technology, new life circumstances. In this new modern world, life can feel overwhelming.

What do we hang on to amidst all this change? How do we feel less overwhelmed? Every year we have the opportunity to assess, evaluate and acknowledge the positives and negatives of our lives during the previous year. We read that Teshuvah, Tefillah, and Tzedakah will “temper judgment’s severe decree.”

While I don’t really believe in a system of reward and punishment—this kind of theology has been deleted from my hard drive—I do believe these three elements of the High Holidays can help us understand and evaluate where we are and where we want to go. Taking the time for this spiritual reflection is important given the pace of living, the distractions of technology, and the sheer lack of quiet found in our everyday lives.

Teshuvah (returning)—What is it? The word teshuvah means “return.” It is often mistranslated as “repentance.” When we are asked to do teshuvah, we are asked to return to our true selves. This means acknowledging what we have done against others, ourselves, and God. And, to return back to who we truly are—but we need to understand or remember who that is, which leads us to...

Tefillah (prayer)—Why do we need it? The short answer for me is—to see ourselves in the world, to understand who we are and why we are. Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman wrote: “Prayer moves us to see our lives more clearly against the backdrop of eternity, concentrating our attention on verities that we would otherwise forget. It imparts Judaism’s canon of great concepts and moves us to live our lives by them.” The High Holidays allow the time and space to go deeper into thought and prayer than we normally would.

Tzedakah (righteous giving)—Why give? The word tzedakah is derived from the Hebrew root meaning “justice” and “righteousness.” In Deuteronomy 15:7-8 we are instructed, “If there is a needy person among you...do not harden your heart...Rather, you must open your hand and lend whatever is sufficient to meet the need.” Maimonides wrote that tzedakah develops the virtue of generosity in the donor—not only earning merit for the giver but also bettering the individual’s character. I think that through tzedakah we also experience and acknowledge what we have; a job, finances, opportunities, food, family, clothing, clean air. When we give—whether by financial means, or through service, we experience our own blessings more deeply.

May this High Holiday season be one where you experience deep reflection and contemplation, righteous giving, and may it lead you back to who you are. May you and your family be blessed in 5778.

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**Mission Backpacks:**

**Helping Hands for the Homeless & Hungry**

For many years, Sisterhood/WRJ has been making a donation to Mission Backpacks so that needy students living in shelters and temporary housing can return to school with the basic materials to help them succeed. To our synagogue members who helped fill the backpacks in August or made a donation to this project, many thanks.

This is but one of the many programs that Sisterhood/WRJ sponsors during the year. We also provide refreshments for the first day of Religious School, bimah flowers and challah for the High Holy Days, Jewish Camp Scholarships, gifts for the b’nei mitzvah and confirmards, seed money for Rye Women’s Interfaith and support of Women’s Seder and Sushi Under the Stars. Your support is greatly appreciated!
INSIDE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE OF RYE

Community Synagogue of Rye’s Kadima Capital Campaign is in its final phase and poised for completion and success—and will reimagine and reconstruct much of our synagogue facility. Success will mean a building that will serve our diverse and dedicated community of members today and for future generations.

Hopefully you have seen the communications and postcards that have been circulated over the last weeks charting progress and direction.

To keep you up to date:

- We have obtained more than $5 million in cash and pledges for Kadima, and need a little over $1 million to bring our ambitious and important project to completion.
- We have a dedicated circle of men and women, Campaign Leaders and Champions, in place and tirelessly working on completing Kadima through the Kadima Together Completion Campaign.
- We have a growing circle of donors who have increased their personal commitments to create a Matching Fund Pool to make each dollar committed in this final phase grow to two dollars!

We are so close! And we can make it.

For those who have not yet given, this is what you can do:

If you have not yet made a commitment, now is the time to do so. Call and let us know you are ready to join Kadima Together.

The expectation is the same as it has always been—give what you can, as much as you can. Pledges have ranged from over $1 million to modest gifts of a few hundred or a few thousand over 3-5 years. The number of individuals and families who have given amazing gifts across the spectrum has been inspiring.

When we began the Kadima Campaign, Rabbi Gropper wrote a message in the brochure you received. He told us the story of the benefactor who decided as an act of tzedakah he would build a building for the Jews who lived in a village. When the building was finished, all marveled at its beauty and detail. Then a child said, “You forgot the lamps!” The benefactor pointed out that indeed there were no lamps, but there were brackets on the walls.

The generous donor then gave each family a lamp. “When you’re not here,” he said, “the synagogue will be dark. But when you come and place your lamp on a bracket, you enable this community to illuminate itself as well as the world.”

Each of us has a lamp. Each is responsible to ensure our synagogue remains here…well lighted, accessible and inviting to all.

Please join us and participate in our Kadima Campaign. Help us reach our goal.

Sincerely,

Susan Rudolph  Karen Cherney Zaltz
203-869-6549    914-830-4152
Kadima Co-Chairs

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Discovering the new ECC spaces

The ECC could not be more excited to begin the new school year! The first phase of our playground renovation was completed over the summer and turned out better than we expected. A haphazard collection of various play equipment, collected over the years as the ECC grew, has given way to a master design that encourages children’s appreciation of nature and celebrates our new butterfly and vegetable gardens. The hill in the center of the property has been freed up to encourage running, rolling and sledding in the winter. We have a new sand dig that features a sculptural wooden hut and built-in work areas. Nestled among a group of trees is a wonderful surface/bench where the children will continue their exploration of “loose-parts” under dappled light.

There is also a large woven swing and a new climbing/slide structure. The vegetable garden has been cleaned up and has a brand new gate. Now if we can just keep those squirrels out! Plans are underway for raising the funds to complete our vision, which includes the replacement of the remaining sand boxes and new equipment for the enclosed playground in the back of the property. I invite all of you to come see the playground, pick a tomato from the garden, or simply spend some quiet time with the butterflies.

The inside of the ECC is squeaky clean and ready to go thanks to Alonso and his team. New, larger bulletin boards have been installed on the second floor and we’ve made improvements to the blue rug area. The teachers have had some wonderful experiences over the summer and are eager to welcome the children into their classrooms. New pick-up and drop-off procedures are in place to accommodate our alternative entrance and parking lot restrictions are in effect due to the construction. The ECC Parents Association is busily planning opportunities to bring our community together, including evenings out for parents as well as family-friendly events.

ECC Important Dates

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I find it so powerful that the Hebrew words for “parent,” “teacher,” and “Torah” are all derived from the same root. This profound connection between parents and educators, as co-creators of children’s Jewish learning, is at the heart of my philosophy of Jewish education. I believe that meaningful learning happens when parents and educators work together, and I’m excited to begin this partnership with CJL families.

The highlights of my first month at Community Synagogue of Rye have been working with the exceptional CSR staff and meeting the wonderful CJL education team. Together, we have begun to dream and plan the next phase of the CJL. Two essential questions we are asking: how can we make this a place children want to be, and how can we keep parents informed and involved? Among the initiatives we are exploring are using digital media to document learning and experimenting with new creative use of space.

As the educator and psychologist Haim Ginott wrote, “While parents possess the original key to their offspring’s experience, teachers have a spare key. They, too, can open or close the minds and hearts of children.” I look forward to working in partnership with CJL parents to make Jewish learning at the CJL a joyous and transformative experience.

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

Picture this: Opening day as 500+ campers show up ready to spend a few weeks in their summer home, greeted by their counselors, coaches, instructors and unit heads who have been anxiously waiting for them to arrive. Now picture more than 800 campers and staff members dressed in white walking down the hill towards the dining hall singing Shabbat songs together. Next, picture kids spending four days running all around camp dressed in their team colors for color war and cheering until they have no voice left. Finally, picture Havdallah around the lake as all of camp joins together to say goodbye until next summer.

This very brief snapshot describes only a few special days of the past few weeks for me. As the Limud (daily Jewish education) Director at URJ Eisner Camp, I have had the opportunity to see all of these events and more. Camp is a place where campers feel as though anything is possible and they have the power to make a difference. Having spent the past 2½ months at Eisner, I am excited to be getting ready for the year to begin and to bring some of the camp magic to CSR! I look forward to meeting everyone and working together to continue to grow our youth programming.

CSR Teens Registration & Launch Night

CSR Teens and COSY are kicking off another great year for our eighth through twelfth grade community. Check out our new CSR Teens Program Guide (http://www.comsynrye.org/csrteens.html) to give you a taste of the many programs we’re offering. Registration is now open, so download the forms and sign up today for one or many of our diverse teen experiences—all for a fixed “Passport” fee of $400 (excluding special trips). Questions? Email Rabbi Leora Frankel at Lfrankel@comsynrye.org or Yael Farber, Director of Youth Engagement at Yfarber@comsynrye.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Teen Launch Night will be on Sunday, September 10 from 5-7 pm at Oakland Beach. Come reconnect with our teen community and new Youth Director Yael Farber, hear about all our programs, and enjoy great food, music, and prizes. RSVP to Yael at Yfarber@comsynrye.org by September 7.

Welcome Back to School

CJL and J-Life Important Dates

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Our B’nei Mitzvah

Nick Rosenstadt
My name is Nick Rosenstadt and I will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on September 9. I am an eighth grader at Rye Middle School. My parents are Jane and Ben Rosenstadt, and I have two older brothers, Jake and Zack. I enjoy basketball, soccer, lacrosse, and sailing. I play the piano and violin and enjoy solving Rubik’s cubes. My Torah portion is Nitzavim from the Book of Deuteronomy. It describes the last portion of the Jewish people’s journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, when Moses reminds them of all of the rules they need to follow to enter into the Covenant with God as the Chosen People. For my mitzvah project, I have been volunteering at an after-school program in Port Chester called The Learning Center. I help elementary school children with their homework and play games with them afterwards. Many of the kids really need help because their parents don’t speak English so have a hard time helping them. I enjoy working with these children, and I will continue volunteering there in eighth grade.

Alexandra Marshall
My name is Alexandra Marshall and I am the daughter of Peter and Meltem Marshall. I will be called to the Torah on September 9 at KTI Synagogue. My portion is Ki Tavo from Deuteronomy. I attend the Sacred Heart School of Greenwich, now in eighth grade, and I swim competitively in the U.S. Swimming organization’s NY Metropolitan, Regional, and Eastern level circuits. For my mitzvah project, I sold bracelets that I made, and also contributed 2/3 of my family allowance toward the purchase of groceries, which I prepared with my dad and mom, and served to the 24 families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Valhalla, NY. This Ronald McDonald House supports families in need with children being treated at the Burn and Cancer centers next to the House. I fulfilled my commitment of providing breakfast or dinners to these families every other week for most of the past year, and my family and I look forward to continuing this service in the future.

Zoe Richman
My name is Zoe Richman and I will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on September 16. I am the daughter of Kim and Jeff Richman and I have an older brother, Zack. I am an eighth grader at Blind Brook Middle School. I enjoy soccer and track. My Torah portion is Nitzavim from the Book of Deuteronomy. It is about when, after the Jews were freed from slavery in Egypt and journeyed to Israel, Moses tells the assembled people that God’s covenant speaks to them and to all the generations who will follow. This signifies the practicality of Torah, that it is not beyond one’s reach, but that it is close, in one’s heart, and attainable. For my mitzvah project, I helped raise money and awareness for FORCE—Facing Our Risks of Cancer Empowered—an organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by hereditary breast, ovarian, and related cancers. This project was meaningful to me because my mom lost her battle to this disease nearly three years ago.
SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 15
Make Strides Against Breast Cancer
Hosted by the Tzedek Council
Manhattanville College
Start: Sunday, October 15, 2017
Registration: 8:00 am
Opening Ceremony Time: 9:30 am
2900 Purchase Street, Purchase, NY

The progress we have made in the fight against breast cancer is remarkable, but we need your help to make the greatest impact to save even more lives. Email Carol Meyers at ryemeyers@gmail.com or Donna DeLynn at ddelynn@optonline.net for information. In order for us to order team shirts, please RSVP as soon as possible.

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 2017-18 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 csccarepackages@gmail.com.

EMPTY NEST-FULL LIFE TEAM

Please join us in January for a movie night. The movie and details have yet to be announced.

We welcome your participation and suggestions for other activities. You can contact us at csreemptynesters@gmail.com.
Creation—Personal Reflections—An Art Show

Howard Joseph Blumstein, a CSR member, will be exhibiting his work as part of “Creation—Personal Reflections,” an art show at Beth El Synagogue in New Rochelle.

Attend the show’s opening and reception on Sunday, September 10, 2017, 3:00—5:00 pm.

Beth El Synagogue
1324 North Avenue
New Rochelle, New York
Summer Highlights

Torah Procession to the Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church

Shabbat on the Beach
High Holy Days

Kever Avot
Annual Memorial Service
at Sharon Gardens

Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 am

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

Saturday, September 30 at 1:00 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, and percussion
- Come hear an alternate version of the Jonah story, illustrated with photos and interpreted by scientist Joy Reidenberg. This talk will discuss the various sea monsters described in the Bible, focusing on what marine animals could have actually “swallowed” Jonah and carried him around for three days. Following the talk, please attend services to hear a dramatic reading of the actual Jonah story.

High Holy Day Schedule 5778

Selichot at Congregation Emanu-El
Saturday, Sept. 16
Reception and Havdalah
Followed by Program and Service

Annual Memorial Service
Sunday, Sept. 17
at Synagogue Plot at Sharon Gardens, Valhalla, NY
Reflection and Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, Sept. 20
at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College

Rosh Hashanah Morning
Thursday, Sept. 21
at The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College
Service for families with young children up to age 6
Main Service
Babysitting and Youth Programs for grades K-7
Family Worship (parents & children grades 3-6)

Tashlich at Oakland Beach

Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur
Tuesday, Oct. 11
at the Performing Arts Center at Purchase College

Yom Kippur Day
Saturday, Sept. 30
at The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College
Service for families with young children (Up to age 6)
Main Service
Babysitting and Youth Programs for grades K-7
Family Worship (parents & children grades 3-6)
Yom Kippur Enrichment Options

Afternoon Service
Yizkor-Memorial Service
Neilah-Concluding Service

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High Holy Days

Family Worship Experience for Parents and Children
Grades 3-6

Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, September 21
Yom Kippur, Saturday, September 30
from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
at The Performing Arts Center
at Purchase College

Experience this interactive and uplifting service, led by Rabbi Frankel and Greg Kellner (Director of URJ Sci Tech Camp) where families can pray, sing, study, and reflect together.

We would love for families to actively participate. Please let us know if you plan to join us so that we may reach out to you before the holidays.

Please visit https://comsynrye.wufoo.com/forms/mbz24zv0r72i8i/

High Holy Day Hunger Project
2017/5778

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 thanks 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 bring non-perishable food on Saturday, September 30, Yom Kippur day
• Collection will take place outside the main entrance of The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College only, where Social Action and synagogue members will be assisting
• Collection will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 4:00 pm sharp when the Bank arrives to collect the bags
• Baby formula, diapers, and personal hygiene items are also needed
• Do not bring glass containers or perishables

Happy New Year—L’shana tovah
Marci & David Raab, Food Drive Chairs

Experience the High Holy Days with Community Synagogue of Rye

We are happy to extend one-time complimentary tickets to Anyone who is new to the community or not yet affiliated with a synagogue. We would be happy to welcome you to our community. Please call or email and come in to meet us.

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Best Wishes for the year 5778.

May you be inscribed and sealed for a good, sweet, healthy New Year.

Rabbi Robert A. Rothman and Family
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.
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, September 11
SAJE is proud to welcome Mayor Joseph Sack. Mr. Sack was elected Mayor of Rye in November 2013. Previously, he was elected to the Rye City Council in November 2007 and re-elected in 2011. Mr. Sack served as a member of the Rye Zoning Board of Appeals from 2003 to 2007. He is an attorney and serves as an Executive Director with Morgan Stanley in New York City. Previously, he served as an Assistant DA in Brooklyn, and a Trial Counsel with the New York Stock Exchange.

Thursday, September 28
Andrea Sullivan, OT/L, is the Occupational Therapy Supervisor for Burke Outpatient Services. Andrea will speak about the Driving Evaluation Program for individuals with physical, visual or cognitive disabilities, including age-related deficits who would like to start or resume driving. The Burke Outpatient Occupational Therapy Department offers a comprehensive two-part driver assessment program that can help caregivers sort out what steps to take regarding their loved ones ability to drive safely. The first part of the assessment is an “in-clinic” assessment and the second an “on-road” assessment. Skilled Occupational Therapists will assess all areas that might impact safe driving. The Occupational Therapist examines performance and makes a final recommendation.

UPCOMING ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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 am to 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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CANTOR COOPERMAN’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Jack, Ellen, Brian, & Amy Kabcenell in appreciation to
Cantor Cooperman
Roberta & Peter Gottlieb in memory of
Milton R. Gottlieb & David P. Gottlieb
Michele & Neil Fredman in memory of Roslyne Stern
Shari & Amos Balais in memory of James Lieblich
Jacey & Daniel Taub in memory of
Evelyn Resler & Glen Schuster
Paula & Edward Peck in memory of Raymond Kanow
Sharon Mendelson in memory of Jack Mendelson

DAVID & IRIS SAMPLINER YOUTH LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT FUND
Rabbi Joui Hessel & James Hexter in memory of
Freema Fuerst

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER ENRICHMENT FUND
Susan Winter in memory of Sherman Wiesen

KADIMA CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
Sarah & Ralph Newitter in honor of Jerry Cohen
Carol Bennet in memory of Barbara Bennet-Rones
Muriel Antokal
Andi & David Hessekiel
Andrea & Mark Kramer
Robin Blum & Gordon Chesy
Marjorie & David Lawrence in honor of
Jerry Cohen for receiving the Carner Trophy and on
the occasion of Carol and Jerry’s 50th Anniversary
Susan Schneider
Julie & Roy Cantu
Denise Silverberg in memory of Richard Goldstein
Cal & Barbara Klausner in memory of Vivian Kabcenell
Ruth Suzman in honor of Rabbi Gropper
Jennifer & Jeffrey Kohn in honor of Rick Abrams
Laura Leach & Richard Lawrence
Marjorie & David Lawrence in honor of
Diana and Howard Wendy on the occasion of their
50th Wedding Anniversary
Joshua Cohn
Myra Lehman & Alan Kuller
Marlena & Roy Schaeffer
Rosey & Stuart Rudnick
Casey & Scott Segal
Merry & Richard Slone
Tatyana & Matvey Yalovitser
Barbara Waldman & Rob Sammon
Jody Kavulich
Susie & Gil Wang
Stephanie Victor
Marilyn & John Michaels
Leslie Phillip-Kellman & Michael Kellman in memory of
Irving Philip
Margot & Richard De Sevo
Andrea & Mark Kramer
Leslie & Michael Goldschmid in gratitude for
Rabbi Gropper, Rabbi Frankel and Cantor Cooperman
for preparing and supporting Gracie for her bat mitzvah and also to the office staff, especially Irene Lustgarten and Michelle Simon for their guidance along the way
Carol & Jerry Cohen in memory of
Lilly Kaplan, mother of Ruth Treiber, Frank Cohen,
Miriam Jacobs, Harry Siegel and Morris Cohen
Mitchell Stern
Kahleen & Lloyd Emanuel

Caryl & Gilbert Weinstein
Jackie & Lee Freund
Merry & Richard Slone in memory of
Ruth Berman
Jackie, Steve, Carly, Jon, Brooke, and Max Kabot in honor of
Carol and Jerry Cohen’s 50th Anniversary
Judith & Gerald Wyckoff
Jacey & Daniel Taub in memory of
Evelyn Resler and Glen Schuster
Sondra & Roger Eichel in honor of
Carol and Jerry Cohen’s 50th Wedding Anniversary
Eileen & Richard Neiman
Jane & Elliot Steinberg
J Greenstein and Company Inc.
Deborah Monroe

KOL NASHIM (WOMEN’S PROGRAMMING) FUND
Martin Rogoff in memory of Vivian Kabcenell

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Marilyn & William Zelman

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Donna & William DeLynn in memory of Ruth DeLynn

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Deborah Cohen & Matthew Edelson in honor of
their recent Autoraf and wedding
Shari Cohen & Rob Greenwald in memory of Irving Edelson
George Weltman, Deborah Kroll Weltman and
Rachel Weltman in memory of Jerome Kroll

RABBI GROPPER’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Aileen & Marvin Carlton in memory of Fannie Samuels
Robert & Peter Gottlieb in memory of
Milton R. Gottlieb and David P. Gottlieb
Jack, Ellen, Brian, & Amy Kabcenell in appreciation to
Rabbi Gropper
Virginia Bianchi in memory of Ruth Berman
Donna & Bill DeLynn in appreciation for the baby naming of
our granddaughter Aliza
Judith Werbitt & Barry Fishkind in appreciation for the
bat mitzvah of Scarlet Fishkind
Marcia Powers in memory of Robert Powers
Louise Lieblich in memory of Jim Lieblich
Karen and Charles Dorn in memory of Jim Lieblich
Alison Lazarus & Cliff Gevirtz in memory of Jim Lieblich
Abby Katz & Jason Fishkind in honor of the bat mitzvah of
their daughter Scarlet Fishkind
Mila & Zak Romanoff in honor of the baby naming of their
newborn son Stephen Nikolai Romanoff
Paula & Edward Peck in memory of Raymond Kanow

REFORM JEWISH COMMITMENT (RJC) FUND
Joan & Ron Cohen in honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary
of Judie and Gerald Wyckoff
and in memory of
Joan Hessekiel, mother of David Hessekiel

SENIOR ACTIVITIES IN A JEWISH ENVIRONMENT
(SAJE) FUND
Edith Halpern in honor of the confirmation of
her granddaughter, Isabella Rachel Singer
Cynthia Mackay & Arthur Stempleman
Susan & Gary Taplin in memory of Bernice and Morris Belkin
Leonard August in honor of Floyd Caplan’s birthday
Estate from Dena Lavinsky
Susan & Gary Taplin in memory of Bernice Belkin
Caryl & Gilbert Weinstein in memory of Julia Rudner and
Fay Weinstein
SOCIAL ACTION FUND
Robin Blum & Gordon Chesin memory of Ruth Berman,
mother of Rosey Rudnick
and Leo Koppel, father of Barbara Pedley
In memory of Vivian Kabcenel
Elaine Lerner
Joan & Ron Cohen
Joann & Edward Shaw
Shelley & Chuck Shotland
Cindy Valk-Danish & Leslie Danish
Maureen & Oran Kirkpatrick
Cathy Weil
Joseph Wayne
Susan & Norman Cicelsky
Karen & Steven Brody
Marilyn Miller
Emily Huling & John White
Joan Rosenthal
Eileen Wayne
Margaret Seldin & Reuben Altizer
Barbara Lieberman
Audrey Goldenberg
Anonymous
Amy Bessen
For the Refugee Resettlement Program
Susan Orkin
Anita & Stephen Aronoff
Shari Balaish
Jeanette Fellman in honor of
Lauren Pedley’s engagement to Adam Herling

STEVEN HARRY KLEIN MEMBERSHIP FUND
Robin & Peter Klein, Nicole, Keith & Kayla Shaffer in honor of
Mortimer and Maxine Patchen on their 73rd Anniversary

SYNAGOGUE FUND
In memory of Jim Lieblich
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Joan & Ron Cohen
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Please join us on Monday, October 30 at 8 pm to discuss
“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. Location
to be announced upon RSVP to Clergyassistant@comsynrye.org

Synopsis
After one night’s deadly mistake, a man will go to any lengths
to save his family and his reputation. “Waking Lions” is a
gripping, suspenseful, and morally devastating drama of guilt
and survival, shame and desire from a remarkable young author
on the rise.

About the Author
Ayelet Gundar-Goshen was born in Israel in 1982 and holds an
MA in clinical psychology from Tel Aviv University. She has
worked for the Israeli civil rights movement, and is an award-
winning screenwriter. She won Israel’s prestigious Sapir Prize
for best debut. “Waking Lions,” her first novel published in the
U.S., has been translated into nine languages.
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.

☐ In Honor of __________________
Occasion ____________________________

☐ In Memory of __________________
Relationship __________________________
Donor’s Name (s) ______________________
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