



Pelham Jewish Center

Weekly Announcements Monday September 20, 2021

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Events at The PJC

Shabbat



Shanah Tovah

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Happy 5782

Erev Shabbat

Friday, September 24

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m.

Light *Shabbat* candles at 6:31 p.m.

Shabbat September 25

Shabbat Services **9:30 a.m.** at the PJC

Parshat Sukkot

Shabbat Ends 7:28 p.m.

Sukkot

Monday September 20

Erev Sukkot Candle lighting 6:26 p.m.

Tuesday September 21 & Wednesday September 22

Sukkot Services **9:00 a.m.**



Kiddush is sponsored this week by

Larry & Diane Cohen,

in honor of the PJC Board and all those who helped make
the High Holidays enjoyable and successful.

Kiddush sponsors continue to be needed for this program year.

To sponsor a *Kiddush*, contact [Andrea Rothberg](#) or [Barbara Saunders-Adams](#).

Future "Kiddush" Sponsorships



October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20, 27

December 4, 11, 18, 25

We are looking for a *Kiddush* Coordinator. Please contact **Andrea Rothberg** if you are interested.

If you want to sponsor a *Kiddush*, please reach out to **Andrea Rothberg** or **Barbara Saunders-Adams**, who are temporarily running this program until a new *Kiddush* Coordinator can be found.

Sukkot at the PJC

**Pelham Jewish Center
Celebrates Sukkot!
Something for Everyone!!**

Sun. Sept. 19 Sukkah Building 10:00
- We really need Dads to help.

Tues. Sept. 20 and Wed. Sept. 21
Services 9:00 AM

Wed. Sept. 22 Movie Night in the
Sukkah - 7:45

Thur. Sept. 23 Pizza in the Hut -
Learning Center - 5:30

Thur. Sept. 23 S'mores & More with
Teens @ Rabbi's Sukkah - 7:30



Fri. Sept. 24 Shabbat in the Sukkah
A Taste of (Kosher) India 6:30

Sat. Sept. 25 End Shabbat together
Havdalah @ the Rabbi's 7:45

Sun. Sept. 26 Mezuzah Making in the
Sukkah Grandparents Join Us! 10:00

Movie Night in the Sukkah

Movie Night at the PJC Sukkah



Make a Movie into a Mitzvah!

Sit, Sip and Celebrate!

7:30 - 10 PM Wednesday, September 22

Discussion with Mimi Steinberg - screenwriter

Bring a Blanket and BYOB (chairs and cider sangria provided)

Teen Sukkot at the Rabbi's House



It's Sukkot & you're a Jewish teen/tween



Add friends – old & new



Add a cool rabbi



Let's make s'more great memories!
Rabbi Resnick's Back Yard Sukkah
804 Wolf's Ln. Thurs. Sept. 23 7:30
For Pelham Jewish Center Teens & Friends

A Taste of India in the Sukkah



Pelham Jewish Center

Shabbat in the Sukkah *A Taste of (Kosher) India*

Friday, September 24
\$25 per person / \$60 for family
RSVP ASAP by Tuesday, Sept. 14

holidays@thepjc.org
Office: 914-738-6008



Adult Education Course Offerings for 2021-22

Join Rabbi Resnick, beginning in early October, for an exciting year of [Jewish Adult Education](#)! The following courses are scheduled to be offered:

- * *Survey of Jewish Theology*
- * *Learner's Service on Shabbat Mornings*
- * *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Judaism (But Were Afraid to Ask)*
- * *Hilchot Pesach Mini-Course*
- * *Chevrotah Learning with the Rabbi*
- * *Gilyonot Nechama Chug ("Lunch & Learn")*
- * *Kabbalah & Hasidut Chug ("Lunch & Learn")*
- * *Mishnah Chug ("Lunch & Learn")*



There will be no charge to participate in any of the "**Lunch & Learn**" classes, or the *Learner's Service on Shabbat Morning*, *Hilchot Pesach mini-course* or *Chevrotah Learning with the Rabbi*.

To participate in *Survey of Jewish Theology* and/or *Everything You Always Wanted to*

Know About Judaism..., tuition will be \$75/person for one class, or \$125/person for both classes.

Registration is required for all classes. To register, please contact Julia Coss [via email](#). To access a copy of our tri-fold brochure, **which provides details about each course offering**, please click [here](#).

Bikur Cholim



Under Rabbi Resnick's guidance, we are forming a *Bikur Cholim* group, to call or visit PJC members who are ill or hospitalized -- at their request and convenience. If you would like to participate, please contact Rabbi Resnick, or you may reach Rhonda Singer via email at: rhondasinger@hotmail.com. We will be back in touch regarding organizational details.



2021-22

ScholarStream Program

The Pelham Jewish Center is sponsoring the **ScholarStream Program for 5782**. Offered by the Rabbinical Assembly, this eight-part series will run October 2021-May 2022. Our sponsorship provides PJC members access to all eight series, **at no cost**.

To access a copy of the first series session flyer, please click [here](#). To register, click [here](#). Our unique coupon code is: **PelhamJewishCenter21**. Enter this coupon code on the registration page under “Event Fees”, then click “Apply.” Prior to the start of each series, registrants will receive a Zoom link for that series **directly from the Rabbinical Assembly**. A reminder email will be sent a week before the start of each segment, and again the morning of each session. The deadline to register for a given session is 10:00 a.m. ET on the morning of the session.

Here are descriptions of the topics for **Series 1: Torah Relationships:**

10/06/21: Dr. Alan Cooper, “God, Abraham and Isaac: Who is the ‘Hero’ of the `Aqeda?”

The story of the “binding of Isaac” (`aqeda) in Genesis 22 is a tale of problematic relationships, those among the characters as well as the reader’s relationship with a troubling and alienating story. How can God issue such a shocking and callous command to Abraham, a faithful follower? Why does Abraham comply without objection, in contrast to previous interactions with God? And why does Isaac remain passive and apparently acquiescent with his life at stake? Is there a hero in this story, in the sense of a character who is to be celebrated for his actions, and what are we supposed to learn from him? We will take up those questions in the light of both traditional and modern Jewish commentary.

10/13/21: Liza Bernstein, “Gendered Gaps: Remembering Sarah Where She is Most Erased”

When we study the Akeidah, the binding of Isaac, we often focus on the dynamics between Abraham, Isaac, and God. We rarely ask: where was Sarah? In this class, we will use traditional sources and gender theory to open up questions of gender, community, and parenting. Through our questioning, we will remember Sarah's story and re-member Sarah, in all her complexities, as a full part of our tradition.

10/20/21: Rabbi Bradley Artson, “Loving Peace, One Person at a Time”

We often think of the pursuit of peace as a task for nations, communities, and public figures. And it is all that. But the work of peace is also private and individual. In the person of Aaron, first High Priest and brother to Moses, the ancient sages imagine what an integrated approach to making peace might look like.

10/27/21: Rabbi Elliot Dorff, “The Dysfunctional Families of Genesis: What They -- and Later Jewish Law -- Tell Us About How *Not* to Treat Our Parents, Siblings, and Children”

We have all read the stories of Genesis many times over and have interpreted them in sermons and lessons. The goal of this session is to examine them in the context of family ethics. What bad practices do they exemplify, and what does

Jewish law tell us about how to form better family relationships and avoid family violence?

If you have questions, please contact Christine Aucoin, at the Rabbinical Assembly, via email by clicking [here](#).

October Breakfast Run



The PJC Breakfast Run is scheduled for **Sunday, October 17**.

For those who haven't participated before, a breakfast run is similar to a midnight run, but we go to only one location in the city in the morning, set up tables, serve hot and cold food and put out donated clothing and personal items.

We usually leave Pelham at 8:00 or 8:30 a.m. and return home about 11:00 a.m.

We need volunteers to come on the run and to help with food preparation / pickup and sorting of donated clothes in the week or two beforehand. We also need clothing and personal item donations (jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, sneakers/ boots in good condition, hats and gloves, blankets, sturdy bags, toiletries).

Our friends at Saints John, Paul and Clement in Mt. Vernon may join us.

Soup Kitchen

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey. Your feedback was valuable. Based on your responses, we will continue to provide meals throughout the summer. Please note, going forward, we will be delivering our meals to the CSA Soup Kitchen on Thursdays.

The next delivery date is Thursday, September 23.

The food can be delivered to Jill and Barry Goldenberg's home (40 Saldo Circle, New Rochelle) any time during the week up to 2:30 p.m. on 9/23. If you have any questions, please contact [Jill Goldenberg](#).



| Date (Thursdays) | Menu |
|------------------|--|
| 09/23 | Roasted chicken (or rotisserie), salad, brownies |
| 10/14 | Meatloaf, rice, cookies |
| 11/18 | Baked ziti, salad, brownies |
| 12/16 | Sloppy Joes, rice, cookies |

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Yahrzeits



Monday, September 20

Matthew Schwarz remembers his mother, Vivian Schwarz

Tuesday, September 21

Lois Katz remembers her father, Irvin M. Fradkin

Wednesday, September 22

Elizabeth Tzetzko remembers her father, Basil Tzetzko

Friday, September 24

Emily Glickman remembers her mother, Alice Glickman

Saturday, September 25

Patricia Levinson remembers her mother-in-law, Yetta Levinson

Monday, September 27

Mary Goldiner remembers her mother, Frieda Levy

Jerry Levy remembers his mother, Joan Levy

Heather Schneider remembers her mother, Barbara Minsky

Tuesday, September 28

Rosalie Kravitz remembers her mother-in-law, Isabel Kravitz

Saturday, October 2

Leah Leonard remembers her grandmother, Sarah Smith

Monday, October 4

Leah Lenney remembers her father, Charles A. Binger

Wednesday, October 6

Carey Samuels Hochberg remembers her father, Howard Samuels

Thursday, October 7

Evelyn Abeshouse remembers her husband, Jack Abeshouse

Adam Abeshouse remembers his father, Jack Abeshouse

The Pelham Jewish Center remembers Charles G. Bernstein, a founding member

Friday, October 8

Eleanor Dreyfus remembers her grandfather, Bernard Koblenz

Jonathan Herzog remembers his grandfather, Israel Taich

Sunday, October 10

Sally Weisman remembers her father-in-law, Max Weisman

PJC COVID-related Policies

Dear PJC Congregants,

Continued evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic requires that we continuously update our policies. In consultation with PJC member Dr. Deborah Korenstein, we would like to address several questions related to COVID management.

For those who may not be aware, Dr. Korenstein has spent the pandemic leading policy-making and process development for all employees of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center regarding COVID-related issues. We feel that she is extremely qualified to provide advice for the health decisions your Board and the Rabbi make on behalf of the PJC community.

Context: Amidst widespread vaccination for COVID-19 among PJC congregants and in the region, our approach to the pandemic continues to evolve. The combination of high vaccination rates and more infectious strains of the virus is leading to some breakthrough infections among vaccinated individuals. Most of these infections remain mild. In a group in which all are vaccinated, the risk to vaccinated individuals remains very low. However, the possibility of mild breakthrough infections in these individuals may mean that some transmission is possible within our community, particularly to those who cannot be

vaccinated, including children.

Masking, Vaccination and Social Distancing

Effective immediately, all visitors to the PJC – including congregants, staff and Learning Center personnel – ***will be required to wear a mask while in the building*** For those individuals who are immuno-compromised, we recommend that an N95 mask be worn while in public, including while at the PJC.

At this time, we are not requiring vaccine verification for people who enter the shul, but ***all people who are eligible to be vaccinated must be vaccinated to enter our synagogue.***

We continue to set up the sanctuary for services in a socially distanced manner, and we are providing an outdoor, tented area for those worshippers who prefer to not be inside for services. Doors and windows will also be opened, to provide greater air ventilation.

Testing

While the Board is not mandating a policy of testing for COVID-19 at this time, ***all potential visitors should avoid coming to the building for any reason while newly sick with an acute respiratory illness.*** Individuals with COVID are most infectious before becoming symptomatic and during the first few days after the onset of symptoms. It is imperative that people with active symptoms avoid coming to the PJC, to decrease our shared risk.

Throughout the High Holidays

All High Holiday services and programs are scheduled to be held outdoors, in an open-sided tent. This will allow for a lower risk of infection spreading. All children's activities are scheduled to be held outside, as well.

We hope that sharing our updated policies to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic helps alleviate your concerns about participating in our services and programs, both on a regular basis and throughout the upcoming High Holidays. Should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to either one of us at any time.

Rabbi Benjamin Resnick & David Haft, Board President

Billing statements are emailed monthly. Checks made out to the Pelham Jewish Center can be mailed to: Pelham Jewish Center, P.O. Box 418, Montvale, NJ 07645. Credit card payment instructions are on your monthly emailed billing statement, or go to thepjc.org/donate. Please email mcepler@gmail.com if you are interested in paying via appreciated securities or IRA distributions.

It is the policy of the Pelham Jewish Center to make every effort to assist members experiencing financial challenges. Financial challenges should never be a barrier to being an active member of the PJC community. You can reach out to President David Haft, Treasurer Mitchell Cepler or Rabbi Benjamin Resnick to speak confidentially concerning your ability to pay PJC dues and Learning Center tuition.

Support the PJC Sign Up for AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the PJC every time you shop, at no cost to you. [Sign up to support the PJC.](#)

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the PJC.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to AmazonSmile to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

Visit smile.amazon.com and select the Pelham Jewish Center to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation.

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Odds & Ends

We are looking for a *Kiddush* Coordinator. If interested, contact Andrea Rothberg at andrea.rothberg@icloud.com

Are you interested in an Adult *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*? Contact Wendy Prince for more information at wendyprinceesq@gmail.com.

If you are interested in participating in discussions about issues related to Israel, please contact David Haft at da.haft@live.com

Do you have an upcoming *Simcha* (celebration) you would like acknowledged in *HaKol*?

Have you attended or participated in a virtual PJC event you would like to write about for *HaKol*?

Please let me know!

Barbara Saunders-Adams

Communications Chair

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The Pelham Jewish Center wishes you a great week!

Community - Inspiration - Tradition - Respect - Hope

