

# Hakol

The Voice of the Pelham Jewish Center

## A Message from The Rabbi

Dear Friends,

As we enter the new Jewish year, it's important to hold on to the resolve that we nurtured during the *Yamim Noraim*. I imagine that many of us resolved to better appreciate the beauty that is right before our eyes but which we take for granted. I'd like to send you off into the year with a poem that may inspire you to keep your focus on the gifts that surround you. The poem is called "The Necessity for Irony" and it is written by the Irish poet Eavan Boland.

On Sundays,  
when the rain held off,  
after lunch or later,  
I would go with my twelve  
year old  
daughter into town,  
and put down the time  
at junk sales, antique fairs.

There I would  
lean over tables,  
absorbed by  
lace, wooden frames,  
glass. My daughter stood  
at the other end of the  
room,  
her flame-coloured hair  
obvious whenever—  
which was not often—

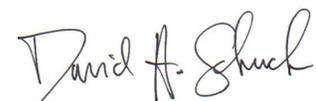
I turned around.  
I turned around.  
She was gone.  
Grown. No longer ready  
to come with me, whenever  
a dry Sunday  
held out its promises  
of small histories. Endings.

When I was young  
I studied styles: their use  
and origin. Which age  
was known for which  
ornament: and was always  
drawn  
to a lyric speech, a civil  
tone.  
But never thought  
I would have the need,  
as I do now, for a darker  
one:

Spirit of irony,  
my caustic author  
of the past, of memory,—  
and of its pain, which re-  
turns  
hurts, stings—reproach me  
now,  
remind me  
that I was in those rooms,  
with my child,  
with my back turned to  
her,  
searching—oh irony!—  
for beautiful things.

I read her words as the newly minted father of a little girl. But I suspect that her yearning to have back the moments in which she failed to see those who were most precious to her resonates with most of us. We too rummage through the wrong things as we search for beauty, while the loveliest thing (person!) of all stands directly behind us. In the coming year, let's remember to turn around more often. This is the way we begin counting our blessings.

Shanah Tovah!



Rabbi David A. Schuck



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## A Message From the President

September was a spectacular month at the PJC! It was a month of reflection and deep introspection for us as individuals, and a month, I think, of intense connection for us as a community. A meaningful, inspiring, heart-opening New Year was followed in quick succession by the simplicity and joy found in life's essentials that we (re-)discovered at Sukkot, with the dancing and joy of Simchat Torah bringing the arc of holidays to a joyful conclusion.

Thanks to everyone who put in so much of their time and energy to make the many holidays flow so seamlessly!!

With the holidays behind us, we look forward to a full calendar of programs and activities for all ages, sure to engage our minds, hearts and souls.

With prayer, music, study, food, conversation, basketball and more, there is always energy and buzz at 451 Esplanade. For a small community of about 135 families, the PJC offers a rich and varied menu of opportunities through which to experience Jewish life. Our programs provide an array of different avenues for people to start, or continue, to explore how Judaism can bring meaning to their lives. We are able to do so with limited professional staff because of dedicated volunteers.

It is our hope to expand the number of volunteers this year, in order to give more opportunity to those who have not participated as actively,

while at the same time giving a breather to those who have been our core volunteers, year after year. In addition to Board service and helping with specific programs or activities, we have two new avenues available for bringing your voice and energy to synagogue life.

### BE PART OF A TEAM!

We are in the process of creating teams to work with each Board chair. Teams will work together with the Board Chair on the day-to-day business in one area of synagogue life. These areas are: finance, membership, communications, religious practice, social action, youth programming, programming for families with young children, Learning Center, house (facilities). Giving each Board member expanded support for daily operations in his/her area will allow the entire Board to concentrate some portion of its work together on longer-term issues. We believe this will strengthen the efficient running of the business of the synagogue, while also ensuring the long-term health and continued vibrancy of our synagogue community.

### EXPLORE YOUR OWN JEWISH JOURNEY

and what it means to be a leader! The PJC has just been awarded a grant by the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) to participate in the continuation of the SULAM for Emerging Leaders program, which we launched in 2012-2013. (You can read more about the SULAM program in the September Hakol, which you can find on the PJC website, under the tab "About the PJC"). It is important to have fresh thinking and new energy if we are to remain

*The deadline for articles and other submissions for the November 2013 issue of the Hakol is Tuesday, October 15th*

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relevant as the world continues to change around us. Leadership development is key to our community's strength, and we are thrilled to continue SULAM. This year's program will begin October 8th and meet monthly through March 2014. If you are interested in joining our second group of SULAM, please be in touch with me (**note new email below!**) or Rabbi Schuck.

In her role as Executive Vice President, Hildy Martin has taken on the important work of centrally coordinating volunteers, both for singular, one-time events and also for ongoing program coordination. In addition to participating on one of the new Board teams, or in the second SULAM group, there are also opportunities to work on Israel-related programs, author lectures, inter-generational learning, cooking communal meals, or developing spaces for meaningful conversation, to name just a few. We are not limited to what has been "done before" and welcome any/all offers of different ways to engage in and explore Jewish life, to bring what YOU might find meaningful, relevant, instructive or useful. We would love to hear what interests you, and explore with you how you can bring your unique voice to the PJC.

Many of you approached me last month to say that this year you really wanted to get more involved. I urge you to follow through! Seriously consider how you might participate in our community's life this year, and get in

touch with Hildy ([sknkwmn@aol.com](mailto:sknkwmn@aol.com)) to make a specific plan. You will be enriched in ways you never imagined, while making an important contribution to our amazing PJC community. Do it for yourself; do it for us all!

L'shalom,

Kate

**Please note my new email address:  
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## A Message From the Education Director

The month of Heshvan which starts on Saturday, October 5, is also called "mar-Cheshvan, the "bitter" Cheshvan, since it does not contain any Jewish holidays within its 29 days. Therefore, since 2006, it has been proclaimed as the Jewish Social Action Month. This is an opportunity to bring the lofty promises and ideas from the month of Tishrei onto earthly doing, practical Mitzvot of Hessed (kindness) and Tzedakkah (Social Justice).

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks states that "at the heart of Judaism are three beliefs about leadership: We are free. We are responsible. And together we can change the world." In the Learning Center, we strive to ingrain these in our learners' hearts and minds by creating opportunities

that allow them to perform leadership tasks both in our congregation and beyond. This vision involves our learners of all ages and is based on our ancient and constantly renewing Jewish tradition, texts, prayer, ritual and Hebrew literacy as well as a connection to Israel and to Jewish peoplehood. Our goal is to build a tapestry of authentic lifelong learning experiences, for parents and children alike, rooted in Jewish tradition.

Judaism provides opportunities for us to build leadership skills. Fundraising for a charitable cause, singing "Ma Nishtanah" in a family Passover Seder, delivering a D'var Torah to a congregation on one's Bar-Mitzvah, leading a Mitzvah project in the community, leading prayers, being a madrich in the LC, caring for younger children during synagogue services, being camp counselors, writing for local newspapers or local public leaders, writing/ staging a "Purimshpiel" are only a few of many authentic opportunities to nurture our children's leadership skills.

This vision of building Jewish identity and Jewish understanding as a picture formed by "connecting the dots" is expressed well by R. Hoffman: "Our most important challenge is to find shape in our lives. We are indeed

relegated to playing the child's game of connect the dots. Except the real-life game is much harder to complete because the dots are endless and they come unnumbered". In the Learning Center, we help young learners uncover the meaningful dots in their lives and find connections within these dots in order to create the full picture of their inner Jewish self, their outside community and their role as Jews in this world.

This year, our Kitah Gimmel students will continue the PJC long standing legacy of learning about the Ethiopian Jewish Community and spearhead the LC fundraiser for the "Limmudiah", a program from the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) which funds warm meals and after school learning centers for Ethiopian Jewish children in Israeli public schools. We chose to adopt the Ethiopian Jewish Children to honor the legacy of PJC founding member, Graenum Berger z"l. As we learn about Graenum's legacy and his battle to save the Ethiopian Jews, we walk in his steps. Watch for an important upcoming fundraiser and help Kitah Gimmel as they lead the way to make the world a better place for our fellow Ethiopian Jews in Israel.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new students to our growing Learning Center: Sophie Frankel, Daphne Haber, Ada Weishaupt, Robert Jacobson, Aviv Eliezer, Justin Cohen, Bennett Weis, Madison Cohen, Margot Weis, Daviel Schulman, and Sam Epstein. Please welcome them as you see them during drop off or pick up or take the opportunity invite them over for a Shabbat dinner or a play date!



The Learning Center wishes

all the PJC community a meaningful and joyful new year, of great learning and good work!



**Did you miss  
Kate Lauzar's  
Kol Nidre  
President's Address?**

**Read it on our  
Website**

**[www.thepjc.org](http://www.thepjc.org)**

**Still  
Undecided???**  
**Join us for a  
PJC trip to  
Israel in the  
summer of 2014**

**BIKUR CHOLIM  
COMMITTEE**

Bikur cholim, in Hebrew, means "visiting the sick and the Bikur Cholim Committee is up and running." We are always looking for more volunteers so that we can continue to expand our visits to those in need. If you would like to make visits or know someone who could benefit from a visit, please email Amy Hersh at: [amyhersh2@mail.com](mailto:amyhersh2@mail.com) or call her at: [914-738-4860](tel:914-738-4860).

## High Holiday Fundraising Speech (Adapted for Hakol)

By Lisa Daley, VP Fundraising

How can it be that summer is over and we are gathered here to celebrate another new year already? My parents often advised me to appreciate the present as “time flies” and I would write the comment off as something people say when they are old. Now I seem to make this same remark daily. Just a year ago I stood here and introduced myself to many of you and talked about appreciating everything we have here at the PJC. I was a relatively new member and I was charged with leading the annual High Holiday campaign, so essential to keeping the PJC strong and vibrant. The response to our campaign was inspiring, but I can’t gloat about our fundraising achievements; we simply did not reach our stated goals. But, as luck would have it, it is very hard to lose a volunteer job. Fortunately for me, I get to try again. Fundraising makes up almost 25% of our budget. It provides critical support for everything we do at the PJC and also ensures that members in financial difficulties can participate fully in our activities. This year, instead of thinking of these contributions as stand-alone, one time obligations, let’s engage in a paradigm shift and think of these contributions as long term *investments*. Because I believe every gift is, in fact, an investment in the future of the PJC.

Why invest in the PJC? In this case, we do not expect a financial return. We invest because of the connections we have with our past and connections we will make for the future. We invest because of community, both a global Jewish community and our immediate community, which is intimate and personal. And we invest for the privilege of continuing the conversations about Judaism and God we witnessed as kids, we questioned as young adults and we teach to our children as they grow. There is a comfort in these traditions but they cannot exist only through our words and thoughts. They need our financial resources. To be honest about synagogue life and synagogue sustainability is to have a conversation about this investment openly.

In a significant change of course from prior years, you will *not* be receiving a phonathon phone call this year asking for your High Holiday pledge. Instead, you have received a letter asking you to support this year’s appeal. We hope by writing, we have had an even greater opportunity to be transparent and open.

Our fundraising budget this year is \$141,000. Almost 87% of that amount (\$122,000) is to be raised through this High Holiday appeal. Please participate! No contribution is too small, every contribution is significant. The act of joining is in itself an affirmation of our community.

I cannot articulate with perfect clarity specifically why each of us is here at the PJC this High Holiday. It is very personal. I can say, however, that no matter what lead each of us to the this place, we stay and pray together because of the comfort and strength we draw from this community. This is your shul. Celebrate *this* and join in the responsibility we have to keep it strong.

In the words of Winston Churchill, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Please consider giving generously this year to sustain the special life we have created here at the PJC.

Thank you and a sweet new year to all.

Welcome to the Shul

Please welcome our new members and welcome back some familiar faces:

- ◆ Jason & Tracie Cohen and their children, Madison, Justin, and Reese
- ◆ Donna Goodstein
- ◆ Russell and Susan Epstein, and their children, Hannah & Sam
- ◆ Marty & Judy Teitell
- ◆ Steven & Charlotte Blumenthal

# **New Year's Resolution #1**

## **Give your Jewish Education a workout...**

### **Take a PJC Adult Ed class!**

*Two great classes, taught by two outstanding teachers!*  
*(Psssst .... No previous experience needed and*  
*NO outside reading required!)*

## **Intro To Judaism**

**Taught by Rabbi David Schuck**

**Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm, starting Oct 15**

This class is perfect for beginners with little or no Jewish education, or for people who would appreciate a wonderful review of the fundamental building blocks of the Jewish people. Course will cover Jewish beliefs and values, people, history, places, language, scripture, holidays, practices, customs and much more. A great gift you can give to yourself!

## **Why do we do what we do?**

**Taught by Rabbinic Intern Lauren Henderson**

**6 Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 pm, starting Oct 10**

This short class will be an in-depth study of Jewish practice through *halachah*, spiritual practice, history and philosophy. We will uncover the origins and deeper meanings of familiar customs and unusual rituals, and make them come alive. Course will look at holidays, Shabbat, kashrut, and more. Join us!

### Kiddush Korner

Our PJC Kiddush represents a wonderful conclusion to the meaningful Saturday morning Shabbat service. It is a time to connect with fellow congregants, welcome new members & guests, and include our children in the weekly traditions. The weekly Kiddush is a special way to celebrate a *simcha*--birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations are just a few occasions to acknowledge. It is also customary to observe a *yahrzeit* by sponsoring a Kiddush in memory of a loved one.

Sponsorship is simple—we do it all, from menu planning to set-up and clean-up. Kiddush package options start at just \$150. Please contact PJC Kiddush Coordinator Leah Leonard at [lsleonard@optonline.net](mailto:lsleonard@optonline.net) to reserve now for fall 2013 or upcoming winter / spring 2014 occasions. Thank you for helping to maintain a special PJC tradition!

Kiddush Dates—2013:

October 26

November 23, 30

Kiddush Dates—2014:

January 11, 25

February 1, 8, 15, 22

March 1, 8, 22, 29

April 5, 12, 19, 26

May 10

June 28

The PJC thanks the following congregants for hosting a Kiddush last month:

September 7 Jeremy & Jenny Driesen in honor of their milestone wedding anniversary

September 14 [Yom Kippur break fast] John & Leah Leonard and family in honor of Avinoam & Havi Segal and family for all the joy & meaning they bring to the PJC community! And with gratitude to Bob & Sandra Goldman for generously & graciously hosting the Segal family

September 21 Bob & Sandra Goldman / Jack Klebanow / John & Leah Leonard and family / Steve & Hildy Martin in honor of Roger Krulak's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

September 28 Adam & Kate Lauzar in honor of their 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

## The Pelham Jewish Center Remembers ... October Yahrzeits

10/4 Charles A. Binger, father of Leah Lenney  
Howard Samuels, father of Carey Hochberg  
10/8 Max Weisman, father of Harold Weisman  
10/9 Ida Blyakher, grandmother of Boris Modin  
10/11 Reuben Cohen, father of Arlana Cohen  
10/13 Marjorie Singer, mother of Mark Singer  
10/14 Mabel Blumenthal, grandmother of Barry Goldenberg  
10/17 Sherry Kaplan, sister of Gloria Horowitz  
10/18 Zelda Horowitz, mother of Sheldon Horowitz  
Harold Rothberg, father of Peter Rothberg  
10/19 Judith Field, mother of Anne Field

10/20 Clara Barback, mother of Spencer Barback  
10/22 Marilyn Hersh, mother of Amy Hersh  
Irving Machiz, father of Sandra Goldman and Elaine Prager  
10/23 Pearl Feinstein, Founding Member Pelham Jewish Center  
10/24 Arthur Goldiner, father of Paul Goldiner  
10/26 Karen Flores, sister of Michael Weissman  
Ann Lewittes, sister of Deborah Stampfer  
10/27 Seena Prager, mother of Mark Prager  
10/28 Pauline Brest, mother of Lisa Daley  
10/29 Marion Last, sister of Daniel Perkis

## SOUP KITCHEN

Thank you to the Korenstein-Glickman Family, Levitz Family, Dukess-Liesman Family, Singer Family, Perrotti Family, Yelsey Family, Hersh-Rubock Family, Levine Family, and Dunkin-Kraftowitz Family for providing a hearty healthy dinner to the Soup Kitchen on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**The PJC will be cooking and serving for the Community Services Associates Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, October 8th.**

The menu is as follows:

Meatloaf (enough for ten adults)  
One box of uncooked rice  
Salad  
Chocolate chip cookies

If you would like to participate:

Contact Adam Lauzar at home at 654-9486, cell phone at 914-419-1252 or email at [adamnkate86@gmail.com](mailto:adamnkate86@gmail.com)

- ◆ Purchase the menu items for ten adults and prepare them in your own kitchen
- ◆ Drop the food off at Adam's house (81 Vaughn Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801) as early as Sunday, October 6th and no later than 1:00 PM on Tuesday, October, 8th
- ◆ If you would like to serve at the Soup Kitchen, let Adam know and be there at 4:50 on October 8th. The address is 115 Sharpe Boulevard South in Mount Vernon

## Tributes Made to The PJC In Honor of ...

*Make tributes online ... go to [www.thepjc.org](http://www.thepjc.org) and click **DONATE** in the top right corner!*

- Frederica & Efrem Sigel, in memory of Gary Trachten's father Morris Trachten, and in memory of Ginny Herron-Lanoil's sister, Susan Marie Herron Sibbet
- Steve & Hildy Martin, in memory of Ginny Herron-Lanoil's sister, Susan Marie Herron Sibbet, and in appreciation of Andy Collens and his hard work and generosity in making the Yamim Noraim a deeply meaningful experience at the PJC
- Sally & Harold Weisman, in memory of Ginny Herron-Lanoil's sister, Susan Marie Herron Sibbet
- Leslie Schuck, in memory of her mother Fae Chaefsky's yahrzeit
- Sally & Bruce Wittenberg, in honor of the warm welcome received from everyone at the PJC
- Cantor Phillip I. Sherman, in honor of the PJC
- Adam & Kate Lauzar, in Mazel Tov to Gloria & Sheldon Horowitz, on the B'nei Mitzvah of their grandchildren, and in Mazel Tov to Steve & Hildy Martin on the engagement of their son Mo Martin to Lynette Johnson
- Ava Swartz and Stephen Isaacs, in honor of the Pelham Jewish Center

## Contributions to The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Meryl & Marty Druckerman, wishing Rabbi Schuck and his family and the entire PJC family a healthy and happy new year, in Mazel Tov to Hildy & Steve Martin on the engagement of Mo and Lynette, and in memory of Max Perlman, and Harold Perlman, father and brother of Ivan Perlman and family
- Florence Grossman, in memory of her mother Etta Schaeffer
- Shari Chinitz, in honor of the PJC family for their support after the passing of her father Norman Kutner
- Eleanor Einzig, in memory of her son, Aaron Einzig's Yahrzeit
- Les & Sybil Rosenberg, in memory of the yahrzeits of their mothers Eleanor Rosenberg and Eva Lewin, and Les's brother, Kenneth Rosenberg
- Leo Reiner, for Rosh Hashanah in memory of Elsie Reiner
- Phillip Goldstein, in honor of Rosh Hashanah

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1 Tishrei 27</b>	<b>2 Tishrei 28</b>	<b>3 Tishrei 29</b>	<b>4 Tishrei 30</b> <i>6:30 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat Service</i>	<b>5 Cheshvan 1</b> <i>9:30 AM: Shabbat Services</i> <i>9:30 AM: Birthday Shabbat</i> <i>9:30 AM—Junior Congregation &amp; Torah Time</i>
<b>6 Cheshvan 2</b> <i>Off Site Board Retreat</i>	<b>7 Cheshvan 3</b>	<b>8 Cheshvan 4</b> <i>4:50 PM: Soup Kitchen</i>	<b>9 Cheshvan 5</b> <i>8:00 PM: Board Meeting</i>	<b>10 Cheshvan 6</b> <i>7:30 PM: Why We Do What We Do with Rabbinic intern Lauren</i>	<b>11 Cheshvan 7</b> <i>6:30 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat Service</i>	<b>12 Cheshvan 8</b> <i>9:30 AM: Shabbat Services</i>
<b>13 Cheshvan 9</b>	<b>14 Cheshvan 10</b>	<b>15 Cheshvan 11</b> <i>4:00 PM: Continuing Education - Walking with</i> <i>7:30 PM: Continuing Education - Intro to Judaism</i>	<b>16 Cheshvan 12</b>	<b>17 Cheshvan 13</b> <i>7:30 PM: Why We Do What We Do with Rabbinic intern Lauren</i>	<b>18 Cheshvan 14</b> <i>6:30 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat Service</i>	<b>19 Cheshvan 15</b> <i>9:30 AM: Jillian Harrison Bat Mitzvah</i> <i>9:30 AM: Shabbat Services</i>
<b>20 Cheshvan 16</b>	<b>21 Cheshvan 17</b>	<b>22 Cheshvan 18</b> <i>4:00 PM: Continuing Education - Walking with</i> <i>7:30 PM: Continuing Education - Intro to Judaism</i>	<b>23 Cheshvan 19</b>	<b>24 Cheshvan 20</b> <i>7:30 PM: Why We Do What We Do with Rabbinic intern Lauren</i>	<b>25 Cheshvan 21</b> <i>6:30 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat Service</i>	<b>26 Cheshvan 22</b> <i>9:30 AM: Shabbat Services</i>
<b>27 Cheshvan 23</b> <i>7:00 AM: Breakfast Run</i>	<b>28 Cheshvan 24</b>	<b>29 Cheshvan 25</b> <i>4:00 PM: Continuing Education - Walking with</i> <i>7:30 PM: Continuing Education - Intro to Judaism</i>	<b>30 Cheshvan 26</b>	<b>31 Cheshvan 27</b>		





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