October 2017 Highlights

1. Sisterhood Sukkah Decorating – 11am
2. Erev Sukkot
   Religious School Closed
   Offices Close at 1pm
3. Sukkot Day I
   Schools and Offices Closed
4. Sukkot Day II
   Schools and Offices Closed
   WJC Family Shabbat Service 6:00pm and Community Dinner – 6:30pm
   Rhythm & Ruach – 7:30pm
5. Brotherhood Poker in the Sukkah – 7pm
6. Columbus Day
   Schools and Offices Closed
7. Program with Rabbi Shai Held – 7:30pm
   ECC New Parent Cocktail Party – 8pm
8. Sukkot Day VII
   Schools Closed; Offices Close at 1pm
   Erev Shmini Atzeret Service – 6pm
9. Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
   Schools and Offices Closed
   Simchat Torah Celebration – 7:30pm
10. Simple and Soulful – 10:15am
11. Bridge in One Day – 9am
12. Introduction to Judaism – 10am
    Renewal Service – 7:00pm
13. Writing Workshop Intro – 7:30pm
14. Israeli Movie Night: “The Kind Words” – 7:30pm
15. Simple & Soulful – 10:15am
16. Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
17. Hebrew High – 6pm
18. No RS for 3-6 grades – 10am
19. Hebrew High – 6pm
20. Hebrew High – 6pm
21. 7th grade B’Nei Mitzvah Parent Cocktail Party – 7:00pm

YOUTH & TEENS PROGRAMS

3. Hebrew High – 6pm
4. RS Closed
5. ECC and RS Closed
6. Teens Parsha & Pastries – 10:30am
7. K-6 Youth Program in the Sukkah – 4pm
8. Columbus Day
   ECC and RS Closed
9. Hebrew High – 6pm
11. Hebrew High – 6pm
12. Youth Shabbat Learning Program – 10am
13. 1st grade Family Program – 10am
   No RS for 3-6 grades – 10am
14. Hebrew High – 6pm
15. Hebrew High – 6pm
16. PJ Library Story Time – 11am
17. Hebrew High – 6pm

COVER STORY

Renewal Service - Celebrating 10 Years

BY CAREN OSTEN GERSZBERG

Enter the WJC activity center on the occasional Sunday eve and the mood is unlike any other in the building. Lights flicker from candles scattered throughout the room. Congregants sport their most comfy Shabbat-free jeans and sweaters and quietly take a seat. iPhones and iPads come to life as they illuminate selected readings and lyrics. As the whispers settle, Randy Heller taps the opening chord of “Adonai S’Fatai” on the piano at the center of the room, and the congregants instantaneously burst into song. Welcome to the WJC Renewal service.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary next year, the Renewal service has become a coveted addition to the temple's repertoire of activities and services. It has grown over the years from a dozen people in attendance to nearly 200, and brings warmth, comfort and resounding music to those who choose an hour of renewal over Sunday night football (perhaps not an easy choice for some).

The inspiration of Deb Ron, of blessed memory, the Renewal service began in 2008 as a vehicle for healing through a mix of prayer, song and nigun (a tune without words). With Rabbi Segelman’s immediate support, along with Ellen Kazis-Walker’s Julliard-trained vocals and Arlene Wexler’s planning and organization, the service quickly took hold. Since its inception, with the addition of Randy Heller on piano, Seth Schafler on guitar, Nadav Snir-Zelniker on percussion, the WJC Women’s choir, Cantor Goldberg, and a myriad of additional musical guests, the Renewal service has evolved into a six-time yearly, hour-long retreat of hope and joy.

“We wanted to create an uplifting service for our community to come together to reflect on whatever you were going through in life,” said Ellen. “There are difficulties and troubles, and people feel the gamut of emotions during the service; they come to be a part of something communal and soulful.”

Participation during the service is essentially 100 percent. And that can translate into singing, swaying, or simply closing your eyes and feeling the energy in the room as it fills with music, prayer, and a kavannah, or intention, recited as a personal story by a fellow congregant. “We want anyone to walk in and feel comfortable, to make this as open and inviting a service as possible,” said Ellen.

Nearly ten years old, the Renewal service appears a well-oiled continued on page 5
In the spirit of renewal I wanted to introduce my bi-monthly column for this year with a brief update. In addition to the usual theme-related message, I will also be writing a bit about current/upcoming events that are happening in the synagogue. We have such a rich tapestry of programming taking place and I want to make sure everyone knows what’s happening both in and outside of our building.

When I think about renewal, the following line from Rav Kook often resounds in my head: “The ancient will be renewed and the new will be sanctified.” This sentiment captures a major tenet of Judaism: What’s old needs to be honored, yet also updated, while what’s fresh and contemporary needs to be grounded in the holiness of our tradition.

As we begin the Jewish year of 5778, this is an important adage by which to live. Judaism in the 21st century often gets stuck in the tension between how to adapt to an ever changing world. Do we batten down the hatches and ride out this wave of religious innovation? Or, do we throw caution to the wind and change the whole world. Do we batten down the hatches and ride out this wave of religious innovation? Or, do we throw caution to the wind and change the whole thing up? But they are not mutually exclusive. The Rabbis (with a few exceptions!) intuited this in their legal and exegetical interpretations. Certainly our liturgy recognizes it.

We just finished a liturgical period where we constantly repeated the line, “hayom harat olam-today, the world was created.” Rosh Hashanah is not just a day to think of the past, but it is a day where we recognize that God and human beings are in constant partnership in re-creating the world. We do that through our prayer, through our good deeds, through the relationships we create. The mystical tradition has a beautiful teaching that encapsulates our theme. The day of Rosh Hashanah is when we honor the still small voice, when we can hear the echo and potential of this eternity. This moment is called “or ein sof,” or the light eternal. Every time we hear the shofar blasts anew, we chant: “Today the world is created” and ask ourselves, “In what new and ancient ways can I partner with God?”

In that spirit, we have some exciting things coming up. We’ll be reconvening twice monthly coffee dates at Stan’z in Larchmont. If you’ve been itching to ask a Rabbi a burning question, that will be the time! Our weekly Torah class on Tuesdays welcomes newcomers. We’ll be exploring the weekly portion this year through the lens of medieval and contemporary thinkers. Finally, I’ll be teaching an 18 class “Introduction to Judaism” program on Sundays – a class designed for all levels of Jewish knowledge, so come one, come all!

May our new days be sanctified in the same way of the ancient days! Shanah Tovah U’metukah.

RHYTHM & RUACH
Join us for an instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat and voices-only Ma’ariv. Enjoy a congregational Shabbat meal and celebrate Sukkot followed by Rhythm & Ruach at 7:30.
Friday, October 6, 2017 • 7:30pm Service (In the Sukkah at 6:30 pm)

SIMPLE & SOULFUL
Let your spirit soar as we journey through an abbreviated Shabbat morning service. This 90 minute service includes personal reflection, group prayer and singing accompanied by instruments.

Saturday, October 14, & 21* • 10:15-11:45am
*with Youth Shabbat Learning Program

RENEWAL SERVICE... CELEBRATING 10 YEARS!
Enjoy and experience the power of great music, communal singing and soulful praying as Ellen Kazis-Walker, Seth Schafer and Randy Heller lead us in a music-filled hour. Special guests join in the music and reflect on their own spiritual journeys.
Sunday, October 15, 2017 • 7:00pm
Saturday, October 7: Chol HaMo’ed
An action packed reading! Not only do we get the commandment related to the Sukkot holiday but we also learn of Moses and God's near face-to-face encounter as well as the giving of the second set of commandments after the first were shattered!

Saturday, October 14: Bereishit-Genesis
We begin again with God creating the world anew: The lights, the waters, the vegetation, the humans. It's all there. Our shared origin story is told from the Garden of Eden starring Adam, Eve, the Snake, and of course, God!

Saturday, October 21: Noah
Things haven't gone so well for early society. They sinned and God decides to bring a flood. Noah is charged with building an ark for animals and people alike. 40 days and 40 nights the waters rage until a dove announces it's over and we make covenant with God.

Bar Mitzvah of Ari Shokrian
Hi my name is Ari Shokrian and I’m an eighth grader at The Windward School. My favorite subjects are math and social studies. My favorite sports are hockey and basketball. I have been playing travel hockey with MYHA for the past seven years and absolutely love it. I also enjoy hanging out, playing basketball and football, going to Rangers and Mets games and traveling with my family. For the past six summers I have attended Camp Cedar in Casco, Maine. I love spending time there with all my camp friends. I am very excited to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah at WJC where I attended preschool and Hebrew school. Thank you to Rabbi Segelman for helping me write my D’var Torah, Cantor Alcott for my weekly Torah lessons and for being patient with me, and finally to my parents and brother, Benji, for always supporting me and being there.

Bar Mitzvah of Gideon Rosenbaum
Hi. My name is Gideon Rosenbaum, and I am an 8th grade student at Hommocks Middle School. My favorite subject is Social Studies. I like to sing and act. I have been going to Camp Young Judaea-Sprout Lake since I was 8 years old. I have such a great time being with my friends for four weeks. My favorite activities at camp are playing games and water polo. I am excited to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah with family and friends at WJC. I would like to thank Rabbi Segelman for helping me prepare. I would also like to thank my parents.

Best Wishes to ALL for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year from the following WJC families
Ellen & Stanley Adler
Shari & Joel Beckman & Family
Carol & Herbert Corbin
Karen & David Everett & Family
Carol, Steven, Nifer & Matthew Fasman
Fran & Jay Fischer & Family
Meira & Tom Fleisch
Ira Friedman & Family
Janie & Adam Frieman
Laurie & Stephen Girsky & Family
Miriam & Ben Glassman
Merrill Sugarman & Lonny Kahn & Families
Naomi Kotkin & Family
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Elizabeth Ehrlich & Leon Potok
Carol & Leonard Schwartz
The Seltzer Family
Swain & JoAnn Weiner, Matthew & Grant
Leslie Garfield & Dan Tenzer & Family
Rhona & Arthur Wexler

Shabbat & Holiday Service
Check weekly emails as programs and times are subject to change

Friday, October 6
Sukkot Day-2
Mincha Ma’ariv 9:30am
Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45pm
Family Shabbat Service
Community Shabbat Service
Mincha Ma’ariv 6:00pm
Rhythm & Ruach 7:30pm

Saturday, October 7
Sukkot Day-3
Teens Pastries & Parsha 9:30am
Mincha Ma’ariv 10:30am

Monday, October 9
Morning Minyan 6:15am

Tuesday, October 10
Morning Minyan 6:45am

Wednesday, October 11
Hoshanah Rabbah 6:00am
Erev Shemini Atzeret 6:30am

Thursday, October 12
Shemini Atzeret Yizkor 7:00 & 9:00am
Mincha Ma’ariv 9:00am
Simchat Torah Celebration 7:30pm

Friday, October 13
Simchat Torah 9:30am
Mincha Ma’ariv/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm

Saturday, October 14
Shabbat Services 9:30am
Simple & Soulful 10:15am
Mincha Ma’ariv 6:00pm

Friday, October 20
Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45pm

Saturday, October 21
Shabbat Services 9:30am
Simple & Soulful 10:15am
Seudah Shlishit 5:35pm
Mincha Ma’ariv 5:45pm

Friday, October 27
Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30pm

Saturday, October 28
Shabbat Services 9:30am
Mincha Ma’ariv 5:45pm
Synagogue Family

Mazel Tov and Best Wishes to Iris & Lee Scopp on the engagement of their son Andy, to Bess Nagler... Miriam & Ben Glassman on the wedding of their granddaughter, Yemile Bucay to Darius Niknamfard... Beverly Cannold & Family on the birth of a great-grandson, Henry Adar... Bernice Rosen & Family on the marriage of their son, Eliot to Stephanie Schulze... Cantor Ethan Goldberg & Family on the engagement of his brother, Benjamin to Daniel Olson... Raelin & Jeff Kantor on the marriage of their daughter, Arielle to Joe Kimse... 

Condolections

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Caren Osten Gerszberg & Family on the loss of her mother, Renee Osten... Judy Shack & Family on the loss of her mother and our longtime and oldest member, Estelle Shack... Sharon & David Shafritz on the loss of their son, Gregory... Michael Roffman & Family on the loss of his father, Dr. Robert Roffman.

Welcome New Members

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Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Edward S. Baklor
11 Gedney Esplanade
White Plains, NY 10605

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Annabelle 6, Benjamin 6 and Ethan 3
705 The Crescent
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Janice Towers
93 Rockland Avenue
Larchmont, NY 10538
This edition of The Review should reach you right around Yom Kippur. The High Holidays are over and we have Sukkot and Simchat Torah on the horizon. This issue’s theme fittingly is renewal, as we are entering the tenth year of our remarkably inspiring Renewal Service. Thank you to Randy Heller, Seth Schafler, Ellen Kazis-Walker and Arlene Wexler and all those involved in making this service so special to the congregation. Don’t miss the first Renewal Service of the Year on October 15th!

I have always found the holidays renewing on a personal level. The spiritual and ritual preparation, introspection and celebration with family leave me excited for the year ahead and looking at it with a clean slate. Having the honor of being President of WJC only adds to my sense of renewal.

I see the tremendous effort and commitment of our clergy, staff, lay leaders and volunteers in preparing for and conducting the services and programs for the High Holidays. I walk the halls during the holidays and stop in on many of the programs, services and activities. I see many people here experiencing renewal by participating in ways that resonate for them, whether it be by davening in the Main Sanctuary or participating in the Study Service or joining their family at our spectacular Family Service, to name a few. They are all special. When I hear satisfying reports about particular services or programs, it makes the experience extra special to me.

September kicked off with some great programs. The JOY Club (Just Older Youth) for our over 70 crew, had its inaugural event. Thank you, co-chairs Howard and Judy Zweig, for taking this on and working to provide more targeted activities for our seniors. The program involved an introductory meeting, followed by a movie, Larchmont, written, directed and scored by a WJC preschool grad. The cinematographer also graduated from the WJC preschool. We then had a dinner for longtime members (over 36 years) and the JOY club. I loved the stories about Rabbi Koslowe and WJC from a generation ago.

We had parent open houses for the school year. The Rabbi had a “letter writing workshop” before Selichot in which he shared a little bit of his magic in writing those special letters to his family which he has read to us all these years.

We kicked-off Rhythm and Ruach for the year outside with a great Shabbat Dinner from Carlos and Gaby’s. After dinner, Amy Levine-Kennedy led us on a Koslowe Gallery tour of the new exhibit. The Gallery is a gem hidden in full view. Please take advantage of it by looking at the exhibits and reading the booklets. We have some really interesting and beautiful art exhibits.

Lastly, I would like to publicly thank Mark Karel for his tremendous efforts and leadership in saving us a small fortune on energy costs over the last couple of years, working with Larry Thaler and Jose Luis (and his team). Among the many things we have done, we converted our lighting to LED bulbs, replaced some outdated failing boilers (which project is almost completed) and challenged ConEd on how they charged us, which led to a significant rebate. Jose Luis has been a leader as well, not only in the installation of the LED lighting but also, in our other energy saving projects. The initiatives Mark has led remain largely behind the scenes and do not show up in a splashy way. They are significant, however, to our bottom line and free up dollars for programming and other services that we want to provide. Thank you Mark (Larry and Jose) for your efforts in achieving such important and long lasting savings for us.

Chag Sameach

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The ECC is off to a great start! On Monday, September 11, the 4s had their first full day of school and the 3s began their transition schedule. The 2s slowly eased into school throughout the month. Check out all the photos #WelcomeWJCkids.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Welcome Carla Friend, Tkiya Founder to PJ Library Story Time, Sun. October 29th

We are thrilled to announce our new partnership with Tkiya, an organization whose mission is to use participatory music experiences to help people of all ages find their unique connection with Jewish culture and to reinvigorate diverse Jewish communities. Tkiya joins WJC thanks to a grant which we have been awarded through our partnership with the PJ Library Metro NY Region.

Carla holds a Master’s Degree in Music Education from NYU, a Bachelor’s Degree in Music Education from Ithaca College, and has more than 10 years of experience on both the teaching and administrative ends of the field. Since 2014, when Carla founded Tkiya, the impact of Jewish music for children and families has rapidly spread across Long Island and New York City through partnerships with many JCCs, Ys, PJ Library, and more. Carla is very excited to get to know the community at Westchester Jewish Center!

We invite our pre-school children with their parents, grandparents and caretakers to meet Carla on Sunday, October 29th at 11:00 am in the WJC Hendel Family Library when she will join our PJ Library storyteller Eileen Fortuna for Story Time and Sing-Along. We look forward to musical magic as Carla and members of Tkiya combine talents with our beloved story teller, Eileen Fortuna.

Teens Corner

And just like that, the main event is behind us, and the New Year has begun. It feels as though the past month or so has been a windstorm (no pun intended) of hurricanes, wildfires, and of course Yom Kippur/Rosh Hashanah.

Being away from my family back in Chicago this time of year can be challenging, but I have felt as though I have joined a much larger family here at WJC, and I cannot thank you enough for the warm welcome.

It’s the time of year where leaves begin to change colors, mini-houses that we like to call Sukkot start popping up, and the smell of Sunday football is in the air.

Sukkot is one of those holidays that makes you “feel” Jewish. What other people in the world stop their lives to build huts in their yards, to not only hang out in, but eat and even sleep in? Judaism is all about action, and Sukkot truly preaches that.

Last month, I represented WJC on a UJA-Federation mission to Charlottesville, VA. We participated in Shabbat services with students and community members. After the horrific events of August 11-12, it was time WE all took action. It was inspiring to see the strength and composure of a Jewish community who had so recently witnessed Neo-Nazis and white supremacists march the streets they call home.

It’s time we all start to take action in making the world a better place. I look forward to taking that action with you! Chag Sameach, Shanah Tova, and Happy Football!

Westchester Jewish Basketball League invites you to participate in the 2017-2018 season

- Boys and Girls in Grades 5-12 are eligible to participate (mixed teams; mostly boys)
- Every player will participate in every game regardless of his/her ability

The season will run from late November through early March.

First Practice: October 2, 2017 (WJC Gym)

Grades 5-6: 7:00-7:45 pm Grades 7-8: 8:00-8:45 pm High School: to be arranged soon

Wear sneakers and bring a parent to sign a release: Fee: $100.00 payable to WJC

Look for the signup sheets at WJC (outside school office) and print your name, grade and phone number (legibly!)

For further information, contact Jill Caslin 914-698-6614 • jillcaslin@gmail.com
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The Review in Review

There’s something happening here... September was a busy month at WJC as we welcomed back congregants and students. Enjoy some photos that capture the fun and excitement of our September activities.

- SEPTEMBER 17 - The Mitzvah of Baal Chayim
  Taking care of animals with TevaLand

- SEPTEMBER 19 - Rabbi Adir introduces the Shofar to #WJCKids ECC

- SEPTEMBER 12 - Sing out for the High Holidays
  Learning the melodies with Cantor Goldberg and Rabbi Segelman

- SEPTEMBER 7
  WJC members Leon Potok and Elizabeth Ehrlich celebrate the baby naming of their granddaughter, Astrid Adaya, seen here with her parents Amalia Potok and Leon Kotlyar

- SEPTEMBER 17 - Teen & Family BBQ
  Teen Engagement Director Adam Bender welcomes teens and their families to another exciting year of programming at WJC

- SEPTEMBER 10
  WJC was packed with activities for Just Older Youth (JOY) Club and Long Time Members who enjoyed a “meet and greet,” a film and dinner

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We are pleased to introduce Rabbi Michael Paley as the 2018 WJC Scholar-in-Residence. Rabbi Paley is the Pearl and Ira Meyer Scholar in Residence at the Jewish Resource Center of UJA-Federation of New York. A specialist in adult education, Rabbi Paley teaches at the Columbia School of Journalism, City College, and the Ivry Prozdor High School of the Jewish Theological Seminary. His expertise covers a wide range of topics. In 2010, Newsweek magazine named Rabbi Paley one of America’s 50 most influential rabbis.

The 2018 Scholar-in-Residence program will begin with a Friday night service and community dinner on Friday, January 26, 2018. The topic of the opening lecture and discussion will be “Jews as Wanderers and Ambassadors: From Biblical Times to the Revival of Jewish Life in Eastern Europe.” The program will continue with morning services on Saturday, January 27, 2018, with Rabbi Paley delivering the Sermon: “Jews as Nonbelievers: One God or Less.” This will be followed by Kiddush lunch and an interactive discussion entitled: “Jews as Intellectuals and Lifelong Learners: Commitment to the Life of the Mind.”

On Saturday evening, members of the Ambassador’s Circle will be invited to join Rabbi Paley for a private dinner reception and intimate discussion. Also on Saturday, we will host a dessert reception after which Rabbi Paley will present a lecture entitled: “Jews as Leaders: Past, Present & Future.”

On Sunday, January 28, 2018, we will round off the program with brunch and discussion on: “Jews as Donors: Material Wellbeing, Anti-Semitic Stereotyping and Tzedakah.”

We hope you will join us for this inspirational weekend of congregational learning. Please look out for the invitation and signup options, with details to follow. For more information, sponsorship opportunities and committee involvement, please contact Myra Glajchen, mglajchen@gmail.com, and Karen Everett, karenhertzeverett@gmail.com, Adult Education Committee Co-Chairs.

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**Places We Come From, The Stories We Tell**

*A Conversation with Judith Summerfield and Rabbi Jeffrey Segelman*  
**October 17, 2017 • 8:00PM**

**ILENE BELLOVIN**  
**EVENT CHAIR**

How do you respond to the question, “where do you come from”? Do you name an actual place? A country? A family? Religion? Race? Gender? How do we tell our own stories within the contexts of the big stories that we inherit from the past? What are the stories we live by, often without our knowing it? What value does history serve in our stories? Or memory? Rituals or customs?

Join us for a lively discussion with Judith Summerfield, WJC member, author of *A Man Comes from Someplace: Stories, History, Memory From a Lost Time*, published by SENSE Publishers, 2015. Professor Emerita in English, Queens College/CUNY, Judith introduced the book at the Krakow Festival in 2015, and since then, has been giving book talks and writing seminars, including a recent writing/reading workshop supported by the New York Council for the Humanities at the Larchmont Library.

We are pleased to announce that Judith will be leading a writing seminar that will begin on November 7 in association with the Hendel Family Library. Details to follow.

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**REMINDER:**

Join us for a special book event with Rabbi Shai Held  
**Tuesday, October 10, 7:45pm • WJC**

Rabbi Shai Held will discuss his new collection of essays: *The Heart of Torah: Essays on the Weekly Torah Portion.*

Drawing from the Talmud, midrashim, literature and other religions, Rabbi Held will help us ponder fundamental questions about God and human nature while illuminating the centrality of empathy in Jewish ethics.

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*The deadline for content submission for November is October 6th @ communicationdir@wjcenter.org*
Endings & Beginnings
SHARON SILVER
SoJAC CHAIR
5777 was a very successful one for the Social Justice Action Committee. The congregation supported our initiatives in every possible way, and helped many people in the process.

At the end of the 5777-school year, our youngest Mitzvah Doers in the ECC presented me with $300 dollars in tzedakah money collected throughout the year. The children working with ECC Teacher Betty Mollaen, chose Project Ezra to donate their money. They learned about Project Ezra and Jewish traditions then counted and weighed the money. I presented a poster made by the children and the money to Project Ezra, where it was received with gratitude and joy.

At the beginning of 5778, congregants responded generously by donating funds for food vouchers to the Bronx Pelham Parkway Kosher Food Pantry, enabling recipients to buy fresh kosher food to celebrate the High Holidays. Congregants also donated cereal for the Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Taskforce Food Pantry, throughout the month, giving others nutrition, hope and pleasure.

Mitzvah Day 2017 is Coming:
November 5, 2017
ADRIA PASS
SoJAC COMMITTEE

Changing Needs for a Changing Community

Please watch for emails and flyers with more details on the items requested by our community partners, CRC (Community Resource Center), Caritas (formerly Don Bosco), Providence House and My Sisters’ Place residences and WJCS Kids’ Kloset, to meet the changing needs of their clients, right here in Westchester.

Many things are different from what we usually ask for. Our partner agencies have requested our assistance in providing these much-needed items such as full-sized, new toiletries; hooded sweat shirts, socks, and warm gloves for day laborers; plastic bottles of vegetable oil and mayo; diapers in various sizes and crib sheets and accessories.
A Revitalized Review

Whether you read The Review via e-mail or enjoy the copy mailed to your home every month, we hope you recognize that we have reinvigorated The Review to better reflect all the excitement within our WJC community. Our goal is to make our monthly newsletter cleaner and leaner, filled with information about upcoming events while taking a look back at recent happenings. Utilizing a new navigation based on our Center’s mission, The Review should be more accessible and easier to follow.

If you are enjoying the new Review and want the revitalized work to continue, please let us know by emailing review@wjcenter.org. We welcome your feedback. And let us know how you consume our newsletter—whether by email, web or hard copy.

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**Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas Dinner?!**

**JENNIFER WINTERS**

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**First Dinner: Friday, October 27**

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Community-wide Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah (weather permitting) – 6:30-7:30pm

Adults $18, Children under 12, $10 (under 2 years are free), $60 Family maximum

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