September 2018 Highlights

1. Selichot Program - 9:15pm
   Selichot Service - 10:30pm
2. Labor Day - Schools and Office Closed
3. HH Workshop - 7:30pm
   ECC Parent Orientation - 7:00pm
4. Torah Class Resumes for the Year
   Shabbat Morning Service - 9:30am
5. Erev Rash Hashanah
   Mincha Maariv - 6:30pm
6. Rash Hashanah 5779 Day 1
   Schools and Office Closed
   Before the Water Experience - 4:30pm
   Tashlich at Mamaroneck Harbor - 5:45pm
7. Rash Hashanah Day 2
   Schools and Offices Closed
8. Simple & Soulful - 10:15am
9. First Day of RS
10. Erev Yom Kippur
    Office Closes 1:00pm
    Mincha - 2:00pm
    Kol Nidre - 6:30pm
11. Yom Kippur
    Schools and Office Closed
    Shacharit - 9:00am
    Yizkor - 11:00am
    Neilah - 6:30pm
    Shofar - 7:30pm
12. Erev Sukkot - Services - 6:30pm
    RS Closed
13. Sukkot Day 1/2 - Office and Schools Closed
14. Sukkot Day 3
15. Sukkot Day 4
16. Sukkot Day 5
17. Israeli Dancing -7:30pm
    Art Gallery Opening - 8:30pm
18. Shabbat & Sukkot Day 6
19. Sukkot Day 7
20. Erev Shemini Atzeret Service - 6:15pm

Youth & Teens Programs

6. Teen HH Prep - 6:00pm
   Teel Tiyul to Portland Meeting - 7:15pm
   ECC Parent Orientation
21. Rash Hashanah Day 1
    Family Service - 9:45am
    Youth Programs - 11:00am
22. Teel Kick-off Program - 5:30pm (out)
23. Erev Yom Kippur
    Teen Kol Nidre - 6:45pm
24. Yom Kippur
    Family Service - 10:00am
    Youth Programs - 11:15am
25. RS Sukkah Dinner for K-6th Grade - 6:00pm
26. Family Shabbat Service - 6:00pm
27. 1st Grade Family Program - 10:00am
    Teens in Sukkah - 1:00pm

THE HIGH HOLIDAYS: WHAT’S OLD IS NEW AGAIN

DAVID GOLDSTEIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I remember my first day at WJC (May 22nd, 2017) like it was yesterday. I was introduced as “our new Executive Director” at a Trustees meeting. What I remember most is the feeling of being the new kid on the block—the person with a blank slate—but I knew I wouldn’t remain “new” for very long.

Last week, I introduced myself to a congregant who came by the office I had never met. She looked at me and exclaimed, “Oh, you’re our new Executive Director!” For a moment, I didn’t know how to respond. To her, I WAS new. And though I was tempted to respond “after 14 months on the job, I don’t feel new anymore.” I realized there was a bigger value in agreeing with her to keep the moment authentically “new.”

To me, September always symbolizes newness and the joy of new beginnings. There is something very powerful about this month—how the slower, more languid pace of summer life suddenly accelerates. I love how the weather begins to change and a wonderful coolness appears in the air. Everything seems crisp and alive.

The High Holidays are also a huge part of this sense of newness, even if the service and rituals are the same. The moments and experiences present during the High Holidays are both ancient and incredibly fresh at the same time—the first moment each Rosh Hashanah when the special High Holiday Nusach (melody) is recited, the white covering of the Ark that only appears during this time, and the first note from the Shofar blasts.

The last moment that strikes me is at the end of Yom Kippur when, as a community, we have reached a level of purity and holiness that is a special kind of “new.” The feeling is intentionally fleeting, and at the same time, is the outcome of the process of Teshuvah (repentance) that has been the focus of the High Holiday season.

I’d like to end these thoughts with a request—I would like the congregant who I encountered last week to visit the office again the day after Yom Kippur. Why? (Surely there are other ways we can collect her Kol Nidre pledge?) I would like to have another conversation with her that feels as new, as alive, and as fresh as that feeling I hope to have right after Yom Kippur. I want to take the spiritual energy of the High Holidays and bring it back into the daily interactions I have with our wonderful WJC community.

During the upcoming High Holiday season, my hope is we all have the opportunity to experience and re-experience the feeling of being “new” again and again.

Shana Tovah!

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PREPARE FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

RABBI JEFFREY SEGELMAN

In one week, we will gather together again for the High Holidays. How are we going to use this week? Much depends on how we view these days—if we think all the prayers and rituals are ends in themselves, then all we really need to do is show up. This is the experience of some people. The very act of being in shul, hearing the shofar, dipping apples in honey, tossing bread into the water is, in and of itself, a meaningful experience.

Others, however, go through the same motions and find the experience lacking. In order to reach a different type of spiritual high, the Holidays need to be viewed not as ends in themselves, but as means to an end. With this point of view, the rituals and the prayers are not intended to be simply accomplished; they are creating holy moments and sacred opportunities to reach deeper into ourselves.

If this is the case, then we each have work to do this week. Think about what you really want to say to God. For what blessings do you need to give thanks? For what disappointments do you wish to voice frustration? Which relationships need work and what do you need to do to accomplish that?

Make notes on a card that will fit in your prayerbook. Keep it there. Wait for a moment when the service will lend you both the time and the inspiration to say YOUR prayer. And say it more than once.

What do you want to be thinking about when you close your eyes and hear the shofar? Prepare yourself as if to say, “When this sound ascends to heaven, what of me will it carry with it?”

What trait in you would you like to throw away into the water? Think about it. Make a little note and tape it to the piece of bread, watch it fly from you, and be inspired to act.

We have a lot to do this week. If you need some help, join Cantor Goldberg and me on September 6th for the High Holiday Preparation program—we will sing and we will talk. Take the time to prepare so that you might get out of the Holidays as much—or maybe more—than you put in.

My family and I wish you and yours only the best for a healthy, happy, and peaceful New Year.

Holiday Services

**Sunday, September 9 - Erev Rosh Hashanah**
- Mincha Ma'ariv: 6:30pm

**Monday, September 10 - Rosh Hashanah Day 1**
- Morning Service: 8:30am
- Family Experience Service: 9:45am
- Before The Water Experience: 4:30pm
- Tashlich Mamaroneck Harbor: 5:45pm
- Mincha Ma’ariv: 6:30pm

**Tuesday, September 11 - Rosh Hashanah Day 2**
- Morning Service: 8:30am
- Family Experience Service: 9:45am
- Mincha Ma’ariv: 6:30pm

**Tuesday, September 18 - Erev Yom Kippur**
- Mincha: 2:00pm
- Kol Nidre: 6:30pm
- Teen Kol Nidre: 6:45pm

**Wednesday, September 19 - Yom Kippur**
- Morning Service: 9:00am
- Family Experience Service: 10:00am
- Yizkor: 11:00am
- Mincha: 5:00pm
- Ne’eirom: 6:30pm
- Shofar: 7:40pm

**Sunday, September 23 - Erev Sukkot**
- Erev Sukkot Service: 6:30pm

**Monday & Tuesday, September 24 & 25**
- Morning Service: 9:30am
- Mincha Ma’ariv: 6:30pm

**Sunday, September 30 - Erev Shemini Atzeret**
- Evening Service: 6:15pm
**Saturday, September 1: Ki Tavo**
Laws regarding the “first fruits” and tithes are explained, followed by a reminder from Moses about the nature of being the Chosen People. The portion’s highlight is a long and painful recitation of the curses that will befall the Israelites if they abandon the commandments, which does not make for easy reading!

**Saturday, September 8: Nitzavim**
This portion occurs in its entirety on the last day of Moses’ life, where he delivers a lengthy lesson regarding the nature of the covenant, the likelihood of the Israelites sinning against God, repenting from their sins, and eventually being returned to their land. In the last part of the portion, Moses dramatically lays out the choice the Israelites have to choose between good and evil, between life and death.

**Monday, September 10: First Day Rosh Hashanah**
The Torah reading for the first day of Rosh Hashanah focuses on the sequence of events surrounding the miraculous birth of Abraham and Sarah’s son Isaac, and the subsequent banishment of Sarah’s maidservant Hagar and Abraham’s son Ishmael. God promises Abraham that Ishmael’s descendants will also become a great nation.

**Tuesday, September 11th, Second Day Rosh Hashanah**
The Akedah, or Binding of Isaac, is read on the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah. The subject of numerous commentaries, the Akedah continues to inspire passions on all sides and provokes questions of faith and authority that are debated anew.

**Saturday, September 15: Vayeilech**
On the last day of Moses’ life, he transfers the leadership of the Israelites to his disciple Joshua, finishes the writing of a Torah scroll, and gives the Mitzvah of gathering together at the Temple to read the Torah scroll. Moses also predicts that the people will turn away from their covenant with God, but will not forget the words of Torah in their mouths. Quite a last day.

**Wednesday, September 19: Yom Kippur**
The Yom Kippur morning Torah reading re-enacts in dramatic fashion, the service that the High Priest conducted on Yom Kippur that culminated in complete forgiveness of the people and a joyous celebration. One can literally feel the transition from impurity to purity as the details of the High Priest’s service are recounted.

**Saturday, September 22: Ha’azinu**
This portion features the 70-line “Song of Moses” where he calls Heaven and Earth as witnesses in a lyrical and powerful reminder of the covenant between God and the Israelites. The portion ends with God’s command for Moses to climb Mount Nebo and see the Promised Land one time before his death.

**Monday, September 24; Tuesday, September 25, Saturday, September 29: Sukkot**
The Torah readings for the first two days of Sukkot focus on the Jewish Festival days, and lay out the reasons for each Festival. Among the Festivals described is Sukkot, which is a seven-day Festival complete with numerous offerings brought in the Temple.

During Sukkot, the Shabbat Torah reading describes the dramatic encounter between Moses and God where Moses, determined to see God’s face, can only see the back of God’s neck. Following this, Moses is commanded to bring new tablets to Mount Sinai which God will fashion into the second pair of Ten Commandments.

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**Shabbat Services**
Check weekly emails as programs and times are subject to change

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*Torah For Tots (ECC-K) and Youth Service (Grades 1-6) begin at 10:45am*

**Daily Minyan: Allen A. Stein Memorial Chapel**
Monday through Thursday mornings at 7:00am & evenings at 7:30pm, Fridays at 7:00am and Sundown Sundays and Legal Holidays at 8:30am & 7:30pm
YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

RHYTHM AND RUACH UNDER THE STARS

Join us for an outdoor musical Kabbalat Shabbat service and an a cappella Malaviv.
Then enjoy a presentation and reception in the Koslowa Gallery featuring Mark Podwal’s exhibit, From Midrash to Mozart.

Friday, September 28 • 7:30pm
Optional dinner in the Sukkah at 6:30pm
$50/adult, $25/child (under 12, under 2, free)
Dinner RSVP: 954-698-2960 • rsvp@wjcenter.org

2018-19 SCHEDULE
Sept. 28 Sukkot dinner, gallery opening and family service
Nov. 16 Social Justice Shabbat
Dec. 14 Library speaker Tal Kleinman, G-d is in the Crowd
Feb. 8 Congregational Shabbat experiential panel
Apr. 6 Kittah Gimmel Soldier celebration
May 31 Volunteer recognition

THE DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION FOR OCTOBER IS SEPTEMBER 7TH – REVIEW@WJCENTER.ORG

HELP DEFINE OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

The Spiritual Life Committee seeks new members to lend their ideas and energy and connect to our community.

Join Now • Make a Difference

Help us support the services, programs, and activities that make WJC “The Center of our Jewish Lives”

Contact:
Beth Jaret, bethjaret@hotmail.com
Albert Sassoon, sassoon12@optonline.net

Let Your Spirit Soar

Journey through a focused 90-minute Shabbat morning service.
Group prayer and singing is accompanied by instruments, silence for personal reflection and an interactive exploration and interpretation of the week’s Torah portion.

2018-19 SCHEDULE - 10:15-11:45AM
September 15 December 8
October 20 January 26
November 10 February 23
March 30
May 11
June 15

Please join us for a New Year of “Renewal”
An inspiring and uplifting evening of great music and communal singing led by Randy Heller, Seth Schafler, Ellen Kazis-Walker, Nadav Snir-Zelniker and the WJC Women’s Choir.
Join 200 congregants in a spiritual and uplifting musical experience that some describe as “life changing.”
No Hebrew knowledge necessary. Open to all.
Stay afterwards for dessert and a chance to visit with friends.
We look forward to singing with you!

2018-19 SCHEDULE - Sundays at 7:00PM
October 28
February 10
April 7
May 19
SPECIAL THURSDAY EVENING HANUKKAH RENEWAL - 7:45PM
December 6
Make a Difference This Year with SoJAC!

SHARON SILVER  SoJAC CHAIR

"It is not upon you to complete the task of mending the world, nor are you free from doing your part." Pirkei Avot 2:21

Are you ready to do your part? If so, the Social Justice Action Committee (SoJAC) invites you to choose one or more volunteer opportunities on the new 5779 Mitzvah Pledge Card. Each of these important programs and activities offers adults, teens, and families the chance to make a difference in our community, the greater metro area, and beyond. Keep in mind—SoJAC is not only focused on the positive contributions we can make in our community, but it also cultivates an expression of our Judaism.

Be sure to pick up your official 5779 Mitzvah Pledge Card on Kol Nidre and turn down one or more flaps. A SoJAC member will follow up with you to provide more information on opportunities throughout the year. You can also consider joining the Social Justice Action Committee—your suggestions, participation, and input are welcome and allow our initiatives to succeed.

Preview the Mitzvah Card on the back page of this Review.

Save the Date for SoJAC Shabbat!

November 16: Rhythm & Ruach with music reflecting social justice themes. Plus: dinner, dessert and a speaker.

November 17: SoJAC Shabbat Morning Services

November 18: Mitzvah Day dedicated to donating needed items for our partner organizations

Please be on the lookout for information on upcoming food and food voucher drives for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to benefit the Larchmont/Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force and the Pelham Parkway Kosher Food Pantry.

New York Times Op-Ed Artist Featured in Fall Exhibition

AMY LEVINE-KENNEDY  KOSLOWE GALLERY CURATOR

The Koslowe Gallery’s fall 2018 exhibition is now on view. Podwal is well known for his clever and lively illustrations on The New York Times Op-Ed page, and for his long-time collaboration with Elie Weisel, which resulted in their iconic A Passover Haggadah and many other books.

Podwal’s work is infused with a sense of tradition—as well as perception and interpretation. It often reflects history, while offering contemporary commentary through whimsical lines. Podwal began creating his political drawings in the tumult of the 1960s. His first New York Times Op-Ed drawing, on the Munich Massacre, was later shown in the Musée Des Art Décoratifs in the Louvre. Author Cynthia Ozick calls Podwal the “Master of the True Line,” for the way he links ideas to real objects.

Podwal creates an annual poster for the Metropolitan Opera, boxed Rosh Hashanah cards for the Jewish Museum, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art has reproduced his art on its gift shop items. His work has been engraved on a Congressional Gold Medal and embroidered onto Torah covers and textiles for synagogues throughout the world, including Temple Emanu-El (NY) and the Alteuschul (Prague), where Podwal has a seat with his name.

Also a filmmaker, Podwal collaborated with Academy Award-winning filmmaker Allan Miller on the documentary House of Life: The Old Jewish Cemetery in Prague, narrated by Claire Bloom and broadcast by PBS. His 16 glass panels decorate New York’s UJA Federation Headquarters. In 1996, the French government named Podwal an Officer of the Order of Arts and Letter and in 2011 he received the Foundation for Jewish Culture Achievement Award. In 2016, Podwal’s 374-page monograph, Reimagined: 45 Years of Jewish Art by Mark Podwal, was published by Glitterati.
Your Participation Made Services Special

CINDY HELLER AND VICTOR BADNER

To all those who participated in Shabbat morning services this summer—thank you! Between leading Shacharit, leyning Torah, chanting a Haftarah, leading Musaf, preparing a Dvar Torah, leading Adon Olam or Anim Zmirot, and chanting Eicha, your contributions made our summer services special.

Dan Rosenbaum
Laura Chess
Seth Schafler
Randy Heller
Rachel Kaminer
Bobby Sassoon
Andrea Rosenbaum
Lee Scopp
Max Negrin
Lauren Binder
Eddie Reich
Dvora Rabino
Liz Ehrlich
Carrie Thaler

Howard Mizrachi
Abe Mizrahi
Diane Holsten
Glen Applebaum
Linda Alpert
Jen Toebensteine
Fern Tannenbaum
Gail Marcus
Naomi Kotkin
Sam Karliner
Gaby Tolchinsky
Andy Roth
Marilyn Reader
Ali Thaler

Harold Treiber
Larry Thaler
Emily Hoffner
Pam Mizrahi
Cathy Dobkins
Dina Nelson
Mark Berger
Howard Hussock
David Nanus
Howard Zweig
Heather Taffet Gold
Marty Marcus
Jill Karliner

We’d also like to thank Rabbi Segelman, Rabbi Yolkut, and Cantor Goldberg for leyning Torah, leading Musaf, and ensuring that all went smoothly. Apologies to anyone omitted from the listing above.

WJC BROTHERHOOD

A Year of Brotherhood

STU SELTZER & CRAIG RUBIN

The WJC Brotherhood looks forward to another great year of events! This year’s lineup includes Scotch & Study with the Rabbi, Poker in the Sukkah, Sunday morning speakers, March Madness gathering, World Wide Wrap (photo below), and more. Contact Craig, craig.rubin@gmail.com or Stu, stu@seltzercensing.com, if you’d like to help lead some of these events.

Synagogue Family

Mazel Tov & Best Wishes to Maria & Norman Edelson on the birth of a granddaughter, Claire Sophia, to Ariel & Danny Catalano... Gail & Marty Marcus on the birth of a granddaughter, Elsa Charlotte, to Stephanie Schulze & Elliot Marcus...Debra & Jeffrey Katz on the birth of a granddaughter, Ilya Sophie, to Marcie & Jamie Tucker...our Religious School Secretary, Eileen Fortuna on the birth of a granddaughter, Madison, to Jaclyn & Ryan Ripa...Marilyn & Bob Reader on the birth of a granddaughter, Alexender Joseph, to Rachel & Joshua Reader...Aniya & Arthur Kaplan on the birth of two grandchildren, Benjamin, to Steven & Samantha Kaplan and Vivian Jackie to Eric & Cecily Kaplan...Michelle & Dan Pfeffer on the wedding of their daughter Laura to Simon Luper...Jennifer & Jeffrey Levine on the wedding of their daughter Melissa to Josh Banafsheha...Jackie & Sol Israel on the wedding of their son Jason to Marisa Moskowitz...Leslie Garfield Tenzer on the wedding of her daughter Ruth to Matthew Bloch...Linda Alpert & Marc Karel on the wedding of their son Daniel to Hannah Hudson...Ilene & Marshall Bellvin on the engagement of their son Ricky to Marisa Jill Weilheimer...Sherry & Moshe Shike on the birth of a granddaughter, Lia to Nathan & Karen Shike...Sabrina Landau on the birth of a granddaughter, Brooke, to Yass & Yaakov Landau...Patricia & Sherman Berger on the wedding of their son Sam to Liza Cohen...Bonnie Silverman & David Nanus on the birth of a grandson, Lior Alexander, to Shira & Adam Sussi...Cantor Ethan Goldberg on his brother, Rabbi Benjamin Goldberg’s ordination from JTS, beginning his service to Congregation KT in Port Chester, NY, and on the marriage of Rabbi Benjamin Goldberg to Daniel Olson...Susan & Ralph Sansolo, on the birth of a great-grandson, Aaron Joshua, to Susan & David Davidson.

Welcome New Members

Shelee Berghaus (Gabriel 9 & Raphael 9)
1815 Palmer Avenue, Apt. 1X
Larchmont, NY 10538

Adam & Dawn Magid (Maddie 12 & Sarah 4 months)
2-B Shadow Lane
Larchmont, NY 10538

Rachel & Andrew Messinger (Ari 9 & Joshua 6)
1024 The Parkway
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Tricia & Patrick Tanzola (Adeline 4 & Aris 2)
175 Huguenot Street, #2803
New Rochelle, NY 10801
IN MEMORIAM

Our congregation mourns the passing of our dear friend and honorary trustee, Shirley Queen. Deeply devoted to the Jewish community and synagogue life, Shirley brought dedication and leadership to so many of our arms and committees. She will be missed at Shabbat services and at the kiddush for which she worked so hard. Our condolences extend to her husband, Lenny, and to the entire family. May her memory be a blessing.

Our congregation mourns the passing of our friend and past president, Sol Schargel. As an active member and devoted leader, Sol was instrumental in maintaining WJC as a vital spiritual center. He was also a leader in the greater Jewish community and in support of Israel. Our condolences extend to his wife, Bernice, his daughters, and the entire family. May his memory be a blessing.

Our congregation mourns the passing of our friend and past president, Saby Castro. Saby was deeply devoted to WJC, its members, and its programs. In addition to his many accomplishments, Saby led the Center through the transition from Rabbi Koslowe to Rabbi Segelman. Our condolences extend to his wife, Joy, his children, and the entire family. May his memory be a blessing.

Condolences

Our deepest condolences are extended to Andrew Greenberg & Family on the loss of his mother, Doris Greenberg... Dvora Rabino & Family on the loss of her mother, Sylvia Wolff... Michelle Pfeffer & Family on the loss of her father, Stan Ross... Ann Colin & Family on the loss of her father, James Askew... Rabbi Jama Purser & Family on the loss of her mother, Ramona Morton Purser... Nancy Thaul & Family on the loss of her father, Joseph Abraham Trommer... Jennifer Taubenfeld & Family on the loss of her mother, Deborah “Debbie” Sendax... Cliff Wolff & Family on the loss of his mother, Charlotte Wolff.

This is my third and final year as President. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving our WJC community. While we have accomplished much together, as I look ahead, there is still a lot to do this year.

Although the summer calendar is less busy, we have been actively building a strong program year behind the scenes. Our Office, clergy, staff, and lay leaders worked hard to prepare for the High Holidays. Over the summer, we welcomed our new Early Childhood Center Director, Ann Pardes, with much excitement! I wish Ann much success and look forward to working with her.

We also spent the summer gearing up for our search for a new rabbi. There are two developments I would like to report:

(1) We hosted three “Let’s Talk Rabbi” sessions, plus one additional session for our past presidents and Honorary Trustees, to chat about what our congregation would like to see in a new Rabbi. We had very good turnouts and discussions. Your feedback at those meetings will be vital in shaping our understanding of what and who we are looking for in our next rabbi, and will be shared with the Rabbinic Search Committee. Thank you Sarene Shanus, Susie Miller, and Ilana Moskowitz for leading this task force to make these discussions so successful.

(2) I am happy to report the Rabbinic Search Committee is in the early stages of formation and preparation for undertaking the search. Seth Schafler and Alynn Pearl agreed to co-chair the Committee. Thank you Alynn, Seth, and the committee members for taking on such an important role that will impact the future of our synagogue.

As we bring in 5779, I want to welcome our new Trustees. All of our Officers returned from last year. Thank you to Rob Weisstuch and the Nominating Committee for their hard work creating an excellent slate of Trustees. I always enjoy working with our new Officers and Trustees, going through orientation with them, and answering their questions. I get to see WJC through a fresh set of eyes and learn something new as well. Thank you to our new Trustees and returning Officers for your service.

I would like to introduce our new Trustees to our community. On page 10, please find short biographies so that you get to know them a little bit better.

I look forward to personally wishing many of you a sweet and happy 5779 during our upcoming High Holiday services.

Shana Tovah U’Metukah
Back to (Religious) School

ALEZA KULP  EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR  & PROGRAM COORDINATOR

This is a definitely an exciting (and very busy) time of year for all of us! Many of us are preparing for back to school—parents are shopping for school supplies for their children, while teachers are adding final details to their classrooms. At WJC, we are preparing for school, but also the holidays and enthusiasm that comes with both.

This year promises to be an exciting and dynamic school year for all the children at WJC. Our school size continued to grow throughout the summer, and teachers worked together to provide the best Jewish education for our children in a stimulating and nurturing environment.

Our first day of school is Sunday, September 16th, where parents and children kick off the school year with songs and hearing the shofar. After the students join their teachers in the classroom, parents will learn all about our school and the amazing programs we have to offer this year.

I encourage all parents to be as active and supportive as possible in your children’s Jewish education. The more involved you become both at home and at WJC, the more meaningful the experience can be for your child.

I am looking forward to another successful year with our students and faculty. On behalf of the team, I wish everyone a Shanah Tovah U’vracha—a happy and healthy new year filled with blessings!

Gear Up for WJC’s Youth Events

ALEZA KULP  EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR  & PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Another great year is in store for our youth at WJC! I look forward to another thrilling year filled with exciting programs and activities. Here are a few highlights on this year’s events:

- **Wednesday, September 26:** We kick off the year with our annual “Pizza in the Hut” Sukkah celebration. I encourage children in Kindergarten to 6th grade to join us for this fun event!

- **Sunday, October 28:** We welcome back The Bible Players.

- **We have many events planned for this year including our “Saturday Nights at WJC” hosted in November and February.**

- **And in November, we will rock climb together!**

All youth programs are open to all WJC children. Look for our youth announcements in the WJC Sunday email blasts and feel free to call the WJC office if you have any questions.
Build Character (and Memories) on the Go

ADAM BENDER TEEN ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR

“To travel is to take a journey into yourself.” —Danny Kaye

Welcome back! Over the next few weeks, most people will ask, “how did you spend your summer vacation?” I took the opportunity to spend my fourth—yes, count ‘em—fourth straight summer on United Synagogue Youth (USY) on Wheels East!

There is so much to love about the Wheels experience! Each summer, I hop on a bus for four weeks with about 30 Jewish 8th-9th graders to explore all that the East Coast has to offer, while living very Jewish lives. In addition to praying twice a day, keeping kashrut, and observing Shabbat, Wheels offers an identity-building experience, providing opportunities for developing independence and personal growth. The tour also builds Jewish identity, providing teens with meaningful experiences that strengthen their understanding of and commitment to Judaism.

The experiences we have while traveling lead to moments that quickly define who we are as a person and the community we create while on the road together. Whether volunteering at the eco-village in St. Petersburg or watching 4th of July fireworks over the Ohio River in Louisville, these moments offer the opportunity to explore cultures and learn about ourselves as we travel outside of our comfort zones.

I love that I get to bring a piece of my summer back with me to WJC! In January, we’ll get a glimpse of Wheels as we venture to Portland, OR, for five nights to explore, learn, and volunteer. During this trip, we’ll see all that Portland has to offer while learning about homelessness and environmental awareness.

Please save the date for this month’s WJC Teen events:
9/6, 6:00-7:00pm: High Holiday Warm Up w/ Cantor Ethan
9/6, 7:15-8:00pm: Teen Tiyul to Portland Info. Meeting
9/10, 11:00am-12:30pm: Rosh Hashanah Teen Program
9/11, 11:00am-12:30pm: Rosh Hashanah Teen Program
9/15, After Shabbat: Opening WJC Teen Program
9/16, 5:30-7:00pm: Opening Teen Family BBQ
9/18, 6:45-8:15pm: Teen Kol Nidre Experience
9/19, 11:00am-12:30pm: Yom Kippur Teen Program

Search for the Best: PJ Library’s Selection Process

ALEZA KULP EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR & PROGRAM COORDINATOR

In the past, teachers and parents asked me about the selection process behind PJ Library’s collection. I had the pleasure of attending the PJ Library National Conference in Springfield, MA, in May and I was able to meet with a member of the Book Selection Committee. I learned about how books are selected, as well as each member of the committee’s dedication to finding the next great book.

The PJ Library Book Selection Committee searches for specific elements when selecting the best books to share with families—each book must tell a compelling story, include beautiful illustrations, and teach values to children and adults. The committee works with authors, agents, publishers, and editors to ensure the hand-picked Jewish books find their way each month into the mailboxes of all PJ Library families.

Our very own WJC Hendel Library directly benefits from this selection process! We receive a selection of PJ Library books for our families to read and borrow. Our teachers also benefit—the books are read on Shabbat, in our Early Childhood Center, and Religious School.

After attending the conference and learning about the process, I look differently at each envelope I receive for WJC’s library and at home for Leor. I think about the process, look for those unique elements, and thank PJ Library for that special story.

Help us stay in touch with your college-aged children!

Adam Bender, Director of Teen Engagement, and the WJC Clergy will send holiday-themed care packages and goodies during finals approximately four times a year, starting this September.

Donations are appreciated to help offset the cost of this program.

To donate and sign-up your child, visit: wjcenter.org/collegeoutreach

COLLEGE OUTREACH
2018-19 WJC New Trustees

Ali Abrahms
WJC has played a significant role in Ali’s life, as she attended WJC Religious School and Rabbi Segelman officiated at her Bat Mitzvah and wedding. Her three children all attended the WJC ECC, and are now enrolled in the Religious School. Ali has taken on various leadership roles in the ECC and has been a member of the Family Youth Education Council (FYEC) since its inception. This past year, she co-chaired the ECC Director Search Committee.

Holly Rosen Fink
Holly has been a member of WJC since 2003. She is the head of the World Jewry Committee and serves on the Social Action and Justice Committee, Holocaust Committee, and Interfaith Committee.

Danielle Klein
Danielle lives in Larchmont with her husband, Michael, and her two children Jonah and Serena. Danielle’s children both went through the ECC, where she served as the co-chair of the Parent’s Auxiliary Committee. Danielle is currently the co-president of the PTA at Mamaroneck Avenue School, where her children are enrolled in Dos Caminos, a dual language program.

Mia Mandel
Mia, her husband Ron, and children (Golan, Leela, and Rafael) have been members of WJC since 2015. Golan and Leela are in Religious School and Rafi is entering the Threes. Mia is the Parent Committee co-chair and, for the second year, serves as the co-organizer of the Purim carnival. She is also a 2017 graduate of the Sulam program and is a member of the FYEC.

Susie Miller
Susie Miller lives in Larchmont with her husband, David, and their two elementary school-aged children, Jack and Margo. They have been members of WJC for over five years. Both of their children attended the ECC and are now students in the religious school. Susie volunteered on various committees including prom, game night, and the Purim carnival. She also recently joined the religious school board.

Ilana Moskowitz
Ilana and her family joined WJC when they moved to Mamaroneck five years ago. Ilana was a member of Sulam’s 2014-2015 class. During her time volunteering at WJC, she has been an active member of the FYEC, participated on the Nominating Committee, and served on the Search Committees for WJC’s Assistant Rabbi and Executive Director. Recently, Ilana helped conduct focus groups to assist in WJC’s Senior Rabbi search.

Alynn Perl
Alynn grew up in Berkeley, CA, and came east to attend Wesleyan University. She has been Treasurer of the ECC Parents Auxiliary since 2015, a member of the ECC Committee and FYEC since 2017, and served as a member of the ECC Director Search Committee in 2017-18. Her daughter Zoe is in third grade at Murray Avenue and in the Religious School; her sons Nathan and Gabe are in the ECC’s Fours and Twos programs. Alynn previously worked as an attorney at Sullivan & Cromwell and her husband Ben is a partner in the private equity group at Neuberger Berman.

Andrea Stoltz
Andrea and her husband Adam moved to Larchmont in 2014 with their two daughters Hannah and Evelyn. Both girls attended the ECC and now attend the Religious School. For Andrea, involvement in the Jewish community has always been important and she is proud to continue her participation at WJC. She served as the co-chair of the ECC Parent’s Auxiliary for two years and continues to serve on the ECC Leadership Committee.

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2018-2019 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-early March
- First practices are in the WJC gym on Wednesday, October 3:
  Grades 5-6: 7:00-7:45PM Grades 7-8: 8:00-8:45PM High School: Arranged soon
- Wear sneakers and bring a parent to sign a release; fee is $100.00 payable to WJC
- Look for the sign-up sheets outside the WJC school office
The J.O.Y. Club Season Opened with a BANG!

JUDY AND HOWARD ZWEIG

The J.O.Y. Club (Just Older Youth—70+) began our second season in June and included popular and compelling programs.

June 10th: Historian and author David Greene
“He Could Make Words Sing: An Ordinary Man During Extraordinary Times”

July 15th: Rabbi William Berman
“The Origins of Religious Attitudes Toward Zionism and Israel, and Their Impact on Present Day Israel”

August 19th: Fun, Games and BBQ

Our exciting programs continue with:

September 23rd: Historian Dr. Joram Warmund
“Why Did Germany Opt for Hitler? Lessons From The Past”
Dinner is in conjunction with the WJC Long-Time Members Celebration

October 21st: Historian Dr. Alfred Hunt
“A Pre-Election Lecture and Discussion”

November 11th: Author Eileen Pollack
“The Bible of Dirty Jokes” which brings to life the hilarious and moving story of Borscht Belt comedy, Catskills resorts, and the notorious Jewish mob, Murder, Inc.

All events are on Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm and are followed by a light buffet supper. Please make reservations by calling Kim at the WJC office, 914-698-2960.

We would love to welcome new people to our Steering Committee to contribute to our dynamic programming. Please join the J.O.Y. Club Steering Committee by contacting Judy or Howard Zweig at jzweig@optonline.net or hpzweig@optonline.net.
ON PLANNING AHEAD

Make a sad event a bit easier to bear... Consider making arrangements now, before there is an urgent need. The WJC Cemetery Association oversees our beautiful and convenient cemetery. For information, please contact one of us:

Ron Rosenberg: 967-4908
Jill Caslin: 698-6614
Sol Israel: 576-7670
Miles Federman: 698-0861
Walter Reichman: 834-5029
Debbie Zelenetz: 837-3989
FROM THE REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 1949

Checking Out The History of WJC’s Library

JILL CASLIN
ARCHIVIST

The Westchester Jewish Center has a new circulating and reference library of books and periodicals on Jewish and related subjects. Bibliographies on Jewish topics may be obtained upon request.

The library, furnishings, equipment, etc., were made possible through the efforts of the Sisterhood Library Committee of last year, headed by Thelma Lerner, then completed by Judith Kuritzky and Florence Ruderman, this year’s committee leaders.

Thanks are due to the Harold Schapiros for donating a file cabinet plus a desk, and to the Ted Rudermans for donating a card file.

The library will be open to the public without charge Thursdays from 8:00 to 10:30pm, and Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00pm. Donations of books to the library will be gratefully accepted.

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Rebecca & Oscar Klein

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From Cheryl & David Brause
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From Glen Applebaum & Cynthia Cohen
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With gratitude to Rabbi Segelman for his sage like counsel
From Katie McLoughlin & Roy Katz

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From The Schargel Family

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Seats are limited

Pre-register by email: rsvp@wjcenter.org or call: 914-698-2960

High Holidays
Study-Service

NEW BEGINNINGS

Looking inward is part and parcel of the High Holiday season.

Study Service participants will again this year search deeply about the questions that arise at this time of year, and how the Mahzor can assist us in the process of Soulful Accounting.

Led by Rabbi Yolkut and Seth Schafler, we invite you to drop by and experience a service that many congregants have come to love. Please join us in the chapel on either day of Rosh Hashanah or on Yom Kippur.

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Prepare meals for congregants for Shivas, births, and illnesses

BIKUR CHOLIM with VISITS

S pend time with WJC seniors

INTERRACIAL ENGAGEMENT

Attend countywide Diversity Breakfast and other events

The Center of Our Jewish Lives

5779 SOCIAL ACTION MITZVAH PLEDGE

It is not upon you to complete the task of mending the world, nor are you free fro, doing your part.

- Rabbis Avot 2:21

Hand deliver Pesach foods to Bronx elders (4/17)

Donate to Project Ezra Passover Food Drive

Assist with WJC luncheons for Lower East Side elderly

Prepare food for our neighbors in need on Mitzvah Day (11/20) and Communit Day (2/12)

Donate clothing, diapers and toiletries (11/18)

Hand deliver food to Bronx elders

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