January 2019 Highlights

1. Office Closed
2. Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
3. Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
4. Men’s Basketball – 8:00pm
5. New Member Shabbat
6. Service/Dinner – 6:00pm
7. Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
8. Torah Class with Rabbi Yolkut – 9:45am
9. Men’s Basketball – 8:00pm
10. Men’s Basketball – 8:00pm
11. Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
12. SIR Community Dinner – 7:00pm
13. SIR Lecture & Discussion – 8:00pm
14. SIR Discussion – 1:00pm
15. SIR Lecture & Dessert – 8:00pm
16. SIR Brunch & Discussion – 10:00am
17. Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
18. Torah Class with Rabbi Yolkut – 9:45am
19. Art Gallery Opening – 7:30pm

Youth & Teens Programs

1. ECC Closed
2. RSJ/ECC Closed
3. 3rd Gr. Family Program – 10:00am
4. ECC No Extended Day
5. Hebrew High – 6:00pm
6. Shajam in Westchester – 9:30am
7. Teen Karaoke – 6:30pm
8. 4th Gr. Family Program – 10:00am
9. PJ Library Story Time – 11:00am
10. Hebrew High – 6:00pm
11. Teen Trip Portland
12. Hebrew High – 6:00pm
13. 25-27 Emek USY Kinnus (out)
15. 2nd Gr. Family Program – 10:00am
16. Kadima Event – 12:00pm
17. Hebrew High – 6:00pm

India

WJC Congregational Trip
January 7-21, 2020

Rabbi Segelman has led many fascinating and spiritual trips for WJC—to Cuba, Eastern Europe, and of course Israel. And now India!

Why India? The history of the Jews in India reaches back to ancient times. Some Jews claim their ancestors arrived in India during the time of the Kingdom of Judah. Others identify themselves as descendants of one of Israel’s Ten Lost Tribes.

The oldest of the Indian Jewish communities is in Cochin (Kochi). Many Jews claim that their ancestors settled in India when King Solomon was in power. The traditional account is traders of Judea arrived in the city in 562 BCE and that more Jews came as exiles from Israel in the year 70 CE, after the destruction of the Second Temple. Another branch of the Bene Israel community claims they are the descendants of 14 refugee Jews who survived a shipwreck and settled near Mumbai 17 centuries ago. Jews from Baghdad arrived 250 years ago and moved to Bombay (Mumbai.) They were traders and quickly became one of the most prosperous communities in the city. Today, Judaism in Delhi is primarily focused on the expatriate community who work in Delhi, as well as Israeli diplomats.

Join Rabbi and Marla to see the capital city of Delhi, wondrous Agra, the Pink City of Jaipur, the port of Kochi, and bustling Mumbai. We will spend Shabbats with members of the local Jewish community in Delhi and Mumbai, and will visit the Kochi synagogue and meet with two of the city’s last remaining Jewish residents. Of course we will visit all the famous sites of India too, including the Taj Mahal, a local charity, a dance performance, dinner with a royal family in their home, a “Bollywood” film showing, and much more. We will spend 13 days/12 nights in India, with all kosher or vegetarian meals. This will be a fully escorted deluxe tour. For more information, visit wjcenter.org/india.

Please contact Cindy Heller 914-833-0347, Rjh613@aol.com or Marla Segelman 914-393-3696, marlahseg@aol.com for pricing, our exciting itinerary, further details and to hold a spot for you. Limited spots—this trip will be fully booked.
WISHING YOU A SHANAH TOVAH

RABBI JEFFREY T. SEGELMAN

Okay. Not really. It’s not Rosh Hashanah. But it is the New Year. 2019. 2019! So many of us will wonder—perhaps remark—“How did we get to 2019?”

In truth, I never heard a person say on the High Holidays, “Wow. 5779. Where has the time gone?”

Rosh Hashanah and New Year’s Day both celebrate the passage of time. In the past, we have said the difference between them lies in the fact that January 1 focuses on the quantity of time (hence our noticing the fact that it’s 2019.) Rosh Hashanah, on the other hand, directs us to mark the quality of time (hence the fact few of us know or even care that it is 5779, as the number of the year makes no difference.)

It is good to have both. We need both. The two experiences complement each other. James Taylor wrote, “The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time.” It is good to accumulate years and to celebrate our age. Surely a toast (or even two) to the new year is in order.

Yet the secret of life is not just enjoying the passage of time. A meaningful life cannot be measured by time alone. Without the introspection of Rosh Hashanah, we risk the possibility we will not use our time to the best of our potential. We can toast time, but without stopping to judge our lives, time will get away from us. You know, the “Where did the years go?”

I once heard a beautiful piece called “Note the Dash.” Someone was observing a gravestone at a cemetery. On the left side was the date of birth. On the right side was the date of death. He turned to his friend and said, “The dates mark the passage of time—the accumulation of years. But note the dash. When all is said and done, it is neither date that matters. The dash represents what happened between those two dates. This person’s true life lies in the dash.”

May 2019 be a year of health and happiness and peace for all of us. May we all be blessed to celebrate the passage of time. And may we all use these first few days and weeks of the year to remember back to our reflections and aspirations of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Then, we will be blessed with both many years and a beautiful dash.

SHABBAT YOGA
March 16, 2019 10:00-11:30AM

Join us for a relaxing, contemplative, and alternative Shabbat experience, as yoga meditation instructor Robin Wald leads us in exploring Jewish yoga and connecting meaningfully to the spiritually restorative essence of Shabbat.

Jewish yoga is similar to any modern yoga class however, the teachings and meditations connect the physical body with Jewish wisdom through gentle yoga, breathing, meditation, text study, and music. Jewish yoga can offer an accessible way to connect with Shabbat and nurture whatever that means for you.

Rabbi Segelman shared that, “traditional prayer, ancient words, can be given new life and meaning through the experience of yoga. I am excited that we are able to provide this new opportunity.” After the Shabbat yoga experience, we will join the entire congregation for Kiddush. Adults and teens welcome. No prior yoga or meditation experience necessary. Please bring your own yoga mat. Comfortable yoga clothes recommended.

Robin Wald is a Jewish educator who has been teaching Jewish yoga and meditation for adults, teens, and children at synagogues and religious schools in Westchester since 2005. She integrates the wisdom of Torah, Tanach, kabbalah/mysticism, Pirke Avot and Mussar with the embodied physical and spiritual practices of yoga and meditation.
Saturday, January 5: Va’era - I Appeared
God appears to Moses with the four promises of redemption. Moses and Aaron begin their show of power to the Pharaoh with the first set of plagues all the way through hail. Each time, Pharaoh appears to be moved to let them go, only to harden his heart and keep them enslaved.

Saturday, January 12: Bo - Come
The last of the ten plagues are brought down upon Egypt. The Israelites are given their first communal commandment to keep a calendar and also told to slaughter a lamb in their homes to use its blood to protect them from the plague of the death of the firstborn. In their haste to depart Egypt, they don’t have time to let their dough rise and we get Matzah for the first time. Finally, they depart with the command to constantly retell the story of the Exodus for all generations.

Saturday, January 19: Beshalach - In Sending
Immediately after letting them go, Pharaoh chases after the Israelites, setting up the great battle at the Sea, where it splits and the Israelites miraculously pass through. The people begin struggling in the desert without food and water, so they begin to complain and whine. Aaron and Moses miraculously get them water and mannah, including a double portion for Shabbat! We also meet in battle with our ever-present enemy, Amalek.

Saturday, January 26: Yitro – Jethro
Moses’ father-in-law, Yitro, advises Moses to create a body of leaders to help share his load of leadership. The people are selected to be a Kingdom of Priests and encamp on Mt. Sinai where God comes down in a dramatic scene of thunder and lightning to give them the ten commandments through Moses.
The following is the continuation of Jacques Steinberg’s conversation with Scholar Rabbi Gordon Tucker, and an example of the thought-provoking and inspiring learning that we will experience together during Scholar-In-Residence Weekend. Jacques asked Rabbi Tucker to share his thoughts about retirement, guidance on this milestone transition from the Torah, and future priorities for Conservative Judaism in the coming years. For more information on Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, visit wjcenter.org/sir.

Earlier this year, Rabbi Segelman informed our congregation that he planned to retire in 2020. You made a similar announcement as part of your Yom Kippur sermon at Temple Israel in 2016. What guidance and insight does Judaism provide us on retirement?

RGT: Well I think first of all Judaism does preach humility. And humility has lots of aspects to it. One of them is surely not to believe that you are in any way irreplaceable. We do tend to get very identified with our work. Biblical Judaism had this vision of a septennial retirement built into everyone’s life. You know that every seventh year you would put down your work, because it was an agricultural society and you’re not working the ground in the seventh year. A question that the Torah never addresses is, “So what are people supposed to be doing?” And I think the obvious answer is they’re supposed to be working on themselves. The truest self does tend to get submerged by day-to-day-work, so it’s an opportunity to take many breaths and to think about other things that you might be able to do to help the world along.

Q: As you think about your own next chapter, what do you see as critical issues for Conservative Judaism over the next 10, 15, 20 years?

RGT: I’ll only speak of one big critical issue, which is structural. It’s almost a cliché that we are certainly in a society today in which membership and institutions do not have the same draw that they once did. Maybe that’ll swing back, maybe it won’t. But right now Conservative Judaism is very much hampered in its own self image, and in its image in the rest of the world, by the fact that we’re still judging things by the institutional numbers. So these Pew reports come out and they count up the number of people who are actually associated with and pay dues to Conservative synagogues and since those numbers are down, it’s as if our sphere of influence has drastically shrunk. Then we conclude from that that there’s this horrendous, irreversible crisis.

But look at it from a different angle: so many of these independent, energetic Jewish communities out there, the vast majority of people who have created these and who are staffing them, are people who grew up in and came through our institutions. What’s more, the ways of living Judaism that they are teaching, promoting and practicing – are largely in our image as well. These are our products. So why should I care – and here I speak for myself – whether they’re really putting our label on them or not? In other words, I believe we have to rethink how we should define the impact and success of Conservative Judaism. The picture is much more positive than we often allow ourselves to imagine.

WANT MORE?
Check out wjcenter.org for the following:

SOJAC by the Numbers

Trip To India Itinerary and Pricing: wjcenter.org/india

Photos from our Teen Donut Crawl and Hanukkah Celebration

Ann Pardes on 13 Benefits to an Early Childhood Education

RABBINIC SEARCH

Congregational Visits

SETH SCHAFLER & ALYNN PERL
SEARCH CO-CHAIRS

The Search Committee has conducted hour-long video interviews with six candidates and has had several in-person interviews in December. We are encouraged by the quality of the applicants, and the process is on track for congregational visits from January-March 2019.

As we get closer to congregational visits, the Committee will post additional details at wjcenter.org/rabbinsearch.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact co-chairs Seth Schafler and Alynn Perl or other members of the Committee.
A CENTER OF ADULT LEARNING

JEFFREY LAVINE  WJC PRESIDENT

There is so much more to synagogues than just the High Holidays and Shabbat services. We have many hidden gems in plain sight, which I hope you take advantage of. Our Art Gallery is one. Our Library, which I highlighted last month, and its various programs are another. This month, I want to focus on our wonderful Adult Education Program. From January 25-27, we will have our marquee Scholar-in-Residence Weekend—a highlight of the Adult Education programming calendar. This year, we are fortunate to have a very prominent figure in the Conservative movement and someone familiar to most of us—Rabbi Gordon Tucker, retired Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel Center of White Plains. Rabbi Tucker taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary for 20 years prior to that. It should be an unforgettable series of lectures and teachings. Please try to come to at least some of the many opportunities to learn with Rabbi Tucker. I want to specially thank Myra Glajchen and Karen Everett for arranging this exciting weekend of scholarship and reflection.

However, our learning doesn’t stop at one program. We have educational events throughout the year. Our learning can be through Library events, Israeli movies, Brotherhood schmoozes on some topical event infused with Jewish themes, and Sisterhood speakers and events as well. Holocaust Learning Center programs range from the recent event with Lore Strauss to the analysis of movies depicting the Holocaust with our own Joram Warmund. And we have opportunities to learn with our rabbis at different levels of scholarship and Torah. For parents—who hasn’t learned from their children as they experience some new aspect of Jewish history, culture, tradition and observance for the first time?

Our Center provides many opportunities, ways and venues to reflect, to learn, and to seek deeper knowledge. We can create further expressions of these reflections and avenues of learning if we want. All it takes is a few volunteers with an idea.

There are a few other activities that I couldn’t let go unrecognized. We had our annual Hanukkah Celebration and a Hanukkah Renewal Service. Our building was bustling yet again with children of all ages with big smiles on their faces. And we celebrated a very special Rhythm & Ruach followed by a riveting discussion with author Tal Keinan.

Save the date! On May 5, we will be honoring Carol and Steven Fasman and Rabbi Adir Yolkut and Lauren Binder. I can’t think of better honorees for this year’s Gala. I look forward to celebrating with them and with you.
ECC Launches New Handwriting Program

ANN PARDES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER DIRECTOR

One of our many responsibilities in the ECC is to prepare children for kindergarten in our area’s finest public and private schools. According to many kindergarten teachers “it is very difficult for a child to enter kindergarten with weak coordination of small muscles in the hands and fingers.” Research shows that handwriting is a critical skill that can influence children’s reading, creative writing, language use, and critical thinking. It has an important role in brain development and is necessary alongside technology in the classroom. The earlier we teach children to master handwriting, the more likely they are to succeed in school, and write with speed and ease in all subjects.

In order to ensure that our ECC kiddies engage in best practice for fine motor skills, we examined what we are currently doing in the classrooms. We determined that our children could benefit from a more formalized program, but it had to be child-friendly, age appropriate, and non-threatening.

Last month we launched “Handwriting Without Tears” (HWWT). This multisensory handwriting program is designed for young children. It incorporates fun, engaging, and developmentally appropriate instructional methods to enable children to master handwriting as an automatic and comfortable skill. HWWT works and is a proven method of accomplishing our goals. Most importantly, it provides opportunities for children to feel like competent and capable learners.

Our Four’s staff participated in a unique, hands on workshop which introduced HWWT. Led by a master teacher trained in the program, our teachers learned about components of the curriculum and strategies for instruction. Meanwhile, the children engaged in small group activities using the hands-on materials that make up the program. Later this month, our Three’s staff and children will have the opportunity to participate in a similar workshop geared toward their age and ability level. Our two year olds are already receiving their own experience suitable for them via the fun, musical component of the program. You will read more about our new adventure in future issues of The Review.

Warm Up from the Cold Weather with PJ Library!

ALEZA KULP EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR & PROGRAM COORDINATOR

This month, many of our PJ Library families will receive books focusing on the upcoming holiday of Tu B’Shevat. We will celebrate Tu B’Shevat beginning on the night of January 20 and through January 21.

Tu B’Shevat is literally the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat. On this day, we celebrate the New Year of the Trees. It is common to eat a new fruit on this day. Some people will also try to eat some of the “Seven Species” described in the Torah as being plentiful in Israel—wheat, barley, grapes, figs, olives, pomegranates, and dates (honey).

We hope your Tu B’Shevat celebration will include your newest PJ Library book. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Tu B’Shevat PJ Library Story Time and Sing Along with Eileen and Rachel on January 13!

JOIN US!
Youth Services meet at 10:45am every Shabbat for children in 1st through 6th grade. All children are welcome.

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Happy (secular) New Year!

ADAM BENDER  TEEN ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Winter is upon us and the cold breeze is certainly in the air. It’s the perfect time for WJC Teens to head off to warm the hearts of others. This month, 11 dedicated WJC Teens, alongside myself and Rabbi Adir, embark on our annual Teen Tiyul (Trip) to Portland, OR! We will be partnering with Tivnu: Building Justice, a Jewish social justice organization based right inside of Portland, to explore the homeless community in the city, learn about environmental awareness, and have some fun “Keeping Portland Weird” along the way.

But wait... There’s more! We continue to help give back—join us for our Open Mic Night: Karaoke style Saturday, January 12. A $10 cover will be collected at the door and all proceeds will go to Tzedaka. Hope to see you there!

For more information on future Teen Tiyulim (Trips), please contact adam@wjcenter.org.

Save the date for this month’s WJC Teen events:
1/8, 6:00-8:00pm: Hebrew High Week Aleph
1/12, 6:30-8:00pm: Open Mic Night for Tzedaka
1/15, 6:00-8:00pm: Hebrew High Week Bet
1/16-21: WJC Teen Tiyul to Portland, OR
1/22, 6:00-8:00pm: Hebrew High Tu Bshvat Seder
1/25-27: Emek USY Overnight @ Beth El, New Rochelle
1/27, 12:00-2:00pm: Kadima (7-8th) Mall Scavenger Hunt!
1/29, 6:00-8:00pm: Hebrew High Week Gimel

Ruth Gruber: Photojournalist on View Through Early April

AMY LEVINE KENNEDY  CURATOR

Join us in the WJC Lobby on January 31 • 7:45 pm for a Gallery talk and reception. Refreshments will be served.

Our winter exhibition, “Ruth Gruber: Photojournalist,” comes to us from the International Center of Photography in NY and curator Maya Benton. A historian and humanitarian, Gruber was best known for her work documenting the resettling of Jewish refugees after World War II.

A formidable documentarian, Gruber was born in Brooklyn in 1911 and lived to 105. She first noticed the evil intentions of the Nazis while studying in Cologne, Germany, in the 1930s as the world’s youngest PhD student.

After chronicling Eskimo life in Alaska, Gruber landed an assignment to bring 1,000 Jewish refugees and wounded American GI’s from Italy to the US. She told her stories in her book, “Haven: The Dramatic Story of 1000 World War II Refugees and How They Came to America.” Transferred to a refugee shelter in Fort Ontario, NY, the refugees were detained while American officials debated asylum or deportation back to Europe. In the only US attempt to resettle WWII refugees, Gruber lobbied successfully for their protection through the end of the war when they were allowed to apply for US residency.

That year, Gruber began a new quest covering the fate of other WWII refugees and began work on a New York Post assignment to cover the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine, which was tasked with the resettlement of 100,000 European Jewish war refugees. Gruber documented the refugees’ challenges on gaining admission to the newly formed state of Israel and witnessed the ship Exodus 1947 as it entered the Haifa Harbor, attempting to land 4,500 refugees who were refused and rerouted to Cyprus. Intrepid, Gruber flew to Cyprus to meet them and photographed all she witnessed as they were detained by the British and then sent on in squalor to France, where the Jews, weary but determined, refused to disembark only to be sent back to Germany. Gruber was the lone journalist allowed to travel back among them. Aboard the Runnymede Park, Gruber created her iconic images of these refugees, confined in a barb-wired cage with a Union Jack flag, on which they’d painted a swastika, hoisted above.

In 1947, Gruber wired her photographs of the ordeal around the world. Published in newspapers and magazines, they transformed global understanding of the plight of post-war refugees and Holocaust survivors. Gruber went on to chronicle the hordes of immigrants who poured into Israel, while maintaining her attention to refugee communities internationally, writing and documenting their stories, in word, image and on film, for the rest of her life.

These black and white and color photographs include originals and vintage prints made from Gruber’s negatives.
Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas?

WJC WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Last year, WJC introduced “Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas?”, a program designed to bring congregants together for Shabbat dinners in members’ homes. Thirty families participated so far—some hosting and attending formal, intergenerational dinners and others having casual meals. While each host plans their own dinner, the one thing they have in common is the fun and warmth of celebrating Shabbat.

To encourage creating more Shabbat memories, WJC has declared January 2019 as “Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas?” (GWCtoS) month at WJC. We are planning additional weeks in the spring. Celebrate the beginning or end of Shabbat. Invite one or more synagogue families—friends you know well or those you’d like to get to know better. We’ll even help match people should you want to invite new families. In subsequent months, we hope those that were guests will become hosts, allowing for an exponential build of the program and camaraderie at WJC.

The GWCtoS program was started at a congregation in suburban Philadelphia. By the end of its first year over 80% of the congregation had participated! We’d love to get that many community members together!

Check your weekly emails for more information about how to sign up to host or attend a dinner. And don’t forget to let us know who you’ve invited by emailing Jennifer Winters, jwnbini@aol.com, Andrea Lightman, alighman@optonline.net, or Sherry Thaler, Sherry@thethalers.net, so we can keep track of the program.

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4 Ways to Help Those in Need with SOJAC

SHARON SILVER CHAIR

In November, we welcomed 50 attendees with a SOJAC Shabbat with dinner, a special Rhythm & Ruach, and an outstanding speaker, Joan Grangenois-Thomas. Nearly 100 SOJAC Booklets were distributed, as we worshipped together and focused our learning on the connections between Jewish teachings and the work of SOJAC. To learn more about the contributions we collected, check out the News & Announcements section on wjcenter.org.

Here are 4 ways you can work with SOJAC to help your community in 2019:

1. Community Day on February 12
Join others in the WJC Community to prepare food and crafts for the needy in our local community. Contact Sondra Levy at sklevy8@gmail.com.

2. Eyeglass Collection
Hurry! Your sunglasses, readers, and prescription eyeglasses can improve vision to those awaiting medical and surgical eye procedures in rural Dominican Republic. Look for collection boxes and donate eyeglasses by January 4.

3. Interfaith/Interracial Book Group, Read-Talk-Act
Join fellow congregants and others from diverse backgrounds to read and discuss books focusing on key social justice issues of our time. Joan Grangenois-Thomas is R-T-A coordinator and leader. Look for topics and dates for January.

4. Learn more about volunteering and other opportunities
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From The Review of January 1954:

At a special meeting of the congregation held at the Center December 8, 1953, the membership overwhelmingly approved the $150,000 mortgage proposal and the $200 member assessment to help complete the new Center [our current building]. A deep and dedicated feeling of community responsibility was evident by the enthusiasm of the record gathering.

The assessment does not apply to members who join the Center after December 8, 1953. Hyman Federman, President, chaired the meeting and he was assisted by Sydney Bierman, Secretary; Joseph Jasner, Treasurer; Arnold Klar, Financial Secretary, and Sidney Lifschultz, General Chairman of the new building fund.

SIGNING NEW CENTER $150,000 MORTGAGE

Pictured below is the signing for the mortgage at the offices of Dorisam and Wilson of White Plains. The signing was held on December 16, 1953 and the special Mortgage Committee represented the Center. Chairman Jerry Detelis was not able to attend.

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