MEET JEFFREY ARNOWITZ, WJC’S THIRD SENIOR RABBI SINCE 1943, AND HIS WIFE, TAMI

JACQUES STEINBERG, TRANSITION COMMITTEE

As a young boy growing up in Rockaway Township, New Jersey, Jeffrey Arnowitz says he “always loved Judaism.” He relished the long days spent in synagogue on the high holidays (and not just because he could skip his public school classes) and treasured a comic-book edition of the Bible (imagine a graphic novel, before the term was in vogue) that his father gave him as an Afikomen present one year.

“I must have read it a dozen times, all the way through,” he said by phone the other day. “For an entire year, it was the only book I read at bedtime.”

He spent his summers at Camp Ramah, first as a camper and then as a counselor, where he was a pied piper for a group of three dozen nine-year-olds. While working at Ramah after his freshman year at Carnegie Mellon, where he studied child development, he had a series of epiphanies.

Among them was that his young charges — all but one of whom were attending Jewish day schools — spoke Hebrew far better than he (indeed, he could barely speak the language at all), and were much more knowledgeable about Judaism. And while he was raised with a passion for being Jewish, his family was not Shabbat observant.

“I want to have this education,” he recalled thinking, “I want to own my Judaism the way these kids do.”

All of which prompted a thought that, even now, more than two decades later, strikes him as a bit crazy given the leap it would entail.

“If I went to rabbinical school,” he said to himself, “I could get this education.”

And so he did — eventually enrolling at the Jewish Theological Seminary in Manhattan, from which he was later ordained. Beginning Aug. 1, all of us at Westchester Jewish Center will be the beneficiaries of that rabbinic education and experience, as Rabbi Jeff Arnowitz, his wife, Tami, and their four boys (ages 6 to 13) join our community.

In succeeding Rabbi Jeffrey Segelman as our Senior Rabbi, Rabbi Arnowitz, 44, becomes only the third rabbi to hold the post in 76 years. WJC’s last rabbinic transition occurred during the Reagan Administration, in 1987, when Rabbi Segelman took the yad, if you will, from Rabbi Irving Koslowe, who had led the congregation since 1943.

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INVOKING MEMORIES

RABBI ADIR YOLKUT

Pesah has always been one of my favorite times of the year. Much of that is tied to some of my earliest childhood memories of gathering at my grandmother’s home, where my brothers, my uncles, and I all bunked together in the spacious basement. It was magical for me. By day, we’d go to shul, come back and eat lunch, and then play games the rest of the day. By night, I felt lucky enough to be hanging with this gathering of cool, older relatives who stayed up late telling inappropriate jokes that I was lucky to listen to!

All of it though was tied together by my grandmother hosting. As many of you know, my grandmother passed away in December so this will be my first Pesah without her. Even though those times at her house ended long ago, there was probably no holiday I associated with her more strongly. After we left St. Louis, she had the habit more often than not of coming to spend many Pesah holidays with us in New York. Those memories are strong and vivid that it is as if they are living.

Pesah has that ability for us. We can taste, smell, hear so many different memories. Part of that power though is recognizing the place those have in the past, even if we cannot re-create them. Sometimes, that’s just as important. One of my favorite teachings illustrates that as opposed to the matzah and the maror, we don’t raise up or point at the shankbone as a way to honor its place in the past. There’s great value in allowing certain memories to remain as they once were, fully unadulterated.

As much as I would like to have one more Pesah with my grandmother, I am thankful to have had the ones we did. Those tangible memories will remain unalloyed, without any tarnishing from the struggles of her later years. I will hear her voice singing mah nishtana with her great-grandchildren, watch her punctilious eating of matzah, and of course remember her amazing ability to stay all the way through the end. No need to re-create it. I can sit with her just as well in the mind’s eye of memories.

May your Passovers be redemptive, meaningful, and full of memories!
Saturday, April 6: Tazria – Shabbat Ha’hodesh/Rosh Hodesh
This portion tackles various aspects of ritual impurity. We learn all the machinations of what happens to a mother after a child is born and the commandment for ritual circumcision. We also mark the special Shabbat that brings in the new month to signal to us that Passover is coming!

Saturday, April 13: Metzora – Shabbat Hagadol
This portion is a lengthy discussion about the various ways the plague of tzaraat can afflict a person and their home. We also mark the Shabbat before Passover starts where one traditionally reads through the Maggid section of the Hagaddah on Shabbat afternoon.

Saturday, April 20: Passover 1st Day
We re-read through the last bits of the ten plagues story and the commandments to perform our own Passovers for all generations to come.

Saturday, April 27: Yizkor / Passover 8th Day
As we mark the end of the holiday, we again recount the various holy times set forward in the Torah for all the holidays. In the reading, we get detailed accounts of how to observe them and what offerings were brought to the Temple.

AN EVENING OF RENEWAL
Experience the power of great music, communal singing, and soulful praying.

Sunday, April 7 • 7:00PM

Sign Up and Be Counted: WJC’s New Minyan Initiative!

CHERYL NATBONY

Want to make and feel a difference?
Support fellow congregants who are saying Kaddish, while also experiencing a sense of community and personal fulfillment. It takes just a few quiet moments and is now easier than ever. To sign up to attend a Daily Minyan use the links contained in the weekly Shabbat and Sunday email blasts and on the WJC website (under the Worship/Services/Minyan tab). Participants receive an email reminder a day in advance.

Can’t commit, but still want to help?
You can also volunteer to be contacted last minute via text when we are short on a minyan. To sign up for the Short Notice List use the link contained in the weekly Shabbat and Sunday email blasts and on the WJC website (under the Worship/Services/Minyan tab).

Questions? Contact Cheryl Natbony at cnatbony@gmail.com or 914-523-7940.

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

Friday, April 5
ECC Community Shabbat 9:30am
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm
Rhythm & Ruach 7:00pm

Saturday, April 6
Torah Study 8:45am
Shabbat Shacharit 9:30am
Mincha/Ma’ariv 7:00pm

Friday, April 12
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15pm

Saturday, April 13
Shabbat Shacharit 9:30am
Shabbat Yaga 10:00am
Mincha/Ma’ariv 7:15pm

Friday, April 19
Siyyum For The First Born 6:45am
Erev Pesach, Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15pm

Saturday, April 20
Shabbat & 1st Day of Pesach - Shacharit 9:30am
Mincha/Ma’ariv 7:45pm

Sunday, April 21
2nd Day of Pesach - Shacharit 9:30am
Mincha/Ma’ariv 7:15pm

Friday, April 25
Mincha/Ma’ariv 7:30pm

Friday, April 26
7th Day of Pesach - Shacharit 9:00am
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm

Saturday, April 27
Shabbat & 8th Day of Pesach - Shacharit 9:30am
(Yizkor: 11:00am)
Mincha/Ma’ariv 7:45pm

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
Help Keep WJC Safe

MARK BERGER

WJC’s Security Committee and professional staff have worked tirelessly to improve security throughout our building. Our lock-down drill in December was a resounding success while providing actionable recommendations for improvement. As we plan additional drills in the coming months, you may have already seen visible security changes (in addition to changes behind the scenes) in collaboration with CJ Security and the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department. As a reminder, the new enhancements will work only if each person is mindful of protecting our facility. The weakest link in security is when just one person unintentionally violates good practice. Therefore, we need your help:

• When entering or leaving WJC, please make sure the door closes firmly behind you.
• Do not allow people you do not know to enter the building freely.
• Do not prop open doors and leave them unattended, even for a few minutes.
• Use doors staffed by security personnel.
• If you see something, say something.

— SAVE THE DATE —

Join us Sunday evening, May 5, for a Gala Celebration!

“POSTCARDS FROM ISRAEL”
HONORING TWO REMARKABLE COUPLES
Carol & Steven Fasman  Rabbi Adir Yolkut & Lauren Binder

Join Us at the Spring Gala

KAREN EVERETT & MYRA GLAUCHEN  CO-CHAIRS

Join us at WJC’s biggest party of the year on Sunday evening, May 5. We will enjoy tantalizing treats and dance the night away in celebration of Carol & Steven Fasman and Rabbi Adir Yolkut & Lauren Binder for all they have done for the WJC community.

You can pay tribute to these two outstanding couples by attending or place a congratulatory ad in our Spring Gala Commemorative Journal. But you have to hurry—the deadline for journal ads is Friday, April 19. Go to wjcenter.org/gala to RSVP and submit your ad messages.

DONATE ITEMS TO THE SPRING GALA RAFFLE!

Do you have a favorite salon or spa? Donate a gift certificate! How about a special skill or service, such as singing or art or computers? Donate a lesson or a session. We are looking for donated tickets to shows, the opera, and sporting events. Contact Journal Chairs Lisa and Ritchie Zeitoun at WJCGala@wjcenter.org or 914-698-2960.
Synagogue Family

Mazel Tov & Best Wishes to Carol & Steven Fasman on the marriage of their daughter, Nifer to Aaron Goldman...Cheryl & William Natbony and Ellen & Stanley Adler on the engagement of their son and grandson, Joshua to Susanne Congress...Wendy & Martin Tallman on the engagement of their son, Samuel to Amanda Pearlstein.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Don Shokrian & Family on the loss of his father, David Shokrian.

THE TRANSITION

JEFFREY LAVINE WJC PRESIDENT

Last month, I wrote about some lessons learned in conducting the rabbinic search that I wanted to share. These lessons have informed us and governed our course of action since the search. One important takeaway is how deeply our congregation cares about its future and the impact its Senior Rabbi will have on it. We also confirmed how important transparency and open communications are to our synagogue family. We had many portals to communicate and participate with the visiting Rabbis as well as to give feedback throughout the process. With that in mind, it was an obvious decision to set up a Transition Committee – which I describe below. The Chairs for the Committee are Sarene Shanus and Susie Miller. They are already hard at work and the Committee has already met. Thank you in advance to our Chairs and the entire Committee members for their dedication and commitment in making the transition for Rabbi Arnowitz and his family into our congregation a smooth and productive one.

The Transition Committee will serve many important roles. It will be the clearinghouse of all information for Rabbi Arnowitz and his family in their relocation efforts. The members serve as a conduit for an incredible array of resources for the Arnowitz’s as advisors and agents of integration. But there are also other logistics to deal with. The Transition Committee will work with our communications team to get the word out both before and after Rabbi Arnowitz arrives to both the WJC and greater community. And then there are the details for Rabbi Arnowitz in getting up to speed and acclimated to WJC. If there are any holes in the process, it is this committee’s job to plug them. As transparency and communication remain key to our community, the Transition Committee will work on creating venues for our congregants to meet the Rabbi and get to know him in homes and at WJC. Some of these meetings will be more social, some more issues oriented. Since the High Holidays are “late” this year, we hope that by the holidays, many congregants will have had the chance to get to know the Rabbi and his family better. If you have any ideas to help us in the transition, reach out to Sarene (spshanus@gmail.com), Susie (smills7910@yahoo.com), or me (president@wjcenter.org).

Purim has come and gone (which means Pesach is around the corner). We are one day closer to the next Purimspiel. What a laugh we had this year! Thank you Randy Heller and all of those who participated in giving our community such a hearty chuckle at ourselves. And, of course, it wouldn’t be Purim without the Carnival. I love seeing so many happy children going from activity to activity. Thank you Laura Grill, Mia Mandel, Aleza Kulp and all the volunteers for your support. In March, we had Rick Recht in an amazing PJ Kids Concert. The kids were mesmerized, as were some of the parents. I want to thank Aleza Kulp, Louise Cohen and all those volunteers who made this concert happen.

We have some great activities coming up this month. Through the efforts of our Inclusion Task Force, we will be having a program on Sunday, April 7th, featuring Pamela Sculler, an internationally known disability and mental health advocate as well as a very talented comedian. Special thanks to the Task Force for all of their efforts. On Sunday, April 2nd, the acclaimed sports documentary “Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel” will be shown. Special thanks to Linda Karel and the committee. See you at Shul.
What Does Passover Mean to Children?

ALEZA KULP

Passover is coming up soon! For many of us, it is about cleaning and preparing for the holiday. We look forward to spending time with family and friends at the Seder. We may begin asking ourselves “Do I have enough food for the Seder? Did I buy enough eggs this year for the matzah balls?” Those are questions we may ask ourselves, but what do our children ask?

In my house right now, there are lots of questions about Passover. For example, a big question Leor seems to be asking at least once a day, “Why am I so worried about pretzel crumbs on the couch?”

We know that the Passover Seder allows children to ask questions, but those questions are written for them. The youngest at the Seder will ask, “Why is this night so different from all other nights?” But, what would happen if we allowed the children at the Seder to ask their own questions. What would that look like?

This month’s PJ Library book, “The Best Four Questions,” does just that! The youngest daughter, Marcy, at her family Seder is told to ask the four questions, but she decides to ask her very own, for example “Is horseradish made from horses?” Each question in the story shows that children are curious and we need to allow them to ask what is important to them. I hope this year at your family Seder we can look at the children at our table and allow them to ask their own questions.

Kahoot! is a Hoot

ALEZA KULP

Recently a parent told me that her 4th grader loves coming to Religious School on Wednesday afternoons! She explained to me that she thought it would be a struggle to get her daughter out of the car each week after a long day in school. To her surprise (but not mine!) her daughter is excited to learn Hebrew!

Every Wednesday afternoon kids in 2nd and 4th grade or 3rd and 5th grade join me for a game of Kahoot!, a game-based learning platform using educational technology. Each week, we focus on a different letter in the Hebrew alphabet and learn four new words in Hebrew. We review holidays, stories from the Torah and definitely laugh a lot. Using iPads and a TV, we watch a Hebrew video, learn new vocabulary and test our knowledge.

Kahoot has definitely become a favorite part of my week. There is nothing better than seeing our kids smile and learn Hebrew at the same time!
Hey 7th Graders: The Future is Now

ADAM BENDER DIRECTOR OF TEEN ENGAGEMENT

Applications are now officially out for WJC Teen Board 2019-2020! Your very own WJC Teen Board helps to plan, implement, and execute all the WJC Teen programming over the course of the year. They plan all our Lounge Nights, help to decide Hebrew High classes, organize our social action events, and more. If you’re a teen looking for a leadership position, here is your chance. Email Adam for an application. Applications are due no later than Tuesday, May 7. Calling all current 7th Graders! Excited for Hebrew High next year? Seventh graders are invited to join us at Hebrew High the entire month of May. That’s right, come and get a taste of Hebrew High, this year. Through the month, you’ll get a taste of everything Hebrew High has to offer, and a preview of your next year to come. I hope you’ll join us.

To sign up for WJC’s Hebrew High 2019-2020, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/wjchh.

Save the date for this month’s WJC Teen events:

4/2, 6:00-8:00pm: Hebrew High Presents
Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel

4/9, 6:00-8:00pm: Hebrew High Week Bet

4/16 & 23: No Hebrew High for Spring Break and Pesach

4/30, 6:00-8:00pm: Hebrew High Week Gimel Lounge Night

New Spring Exhibition

AMY LEVINE KENNEDY GALLERY CURATOR

Join us in the WJC Lobby on Thurs., May 2 • 7:45 pm for a Gallery talk and reception. Refreshments will be served.

In our Spring exhibition, “Pictorial Diary: Erich Lichtblau Lesky,” the Koslowe Gallery turns to humor and its use as a tool for coping and resistance in World War II. Between 1942 and 1945, Czech artist Erich Lichtblau-Lesky sketched and color-penciled his observations in the Terezin (Theresienstadt) Ghetto, drawings that could have cost him his life if discovered by his Nazi captors.

Lesky’s illustrations amounted to an impressive satirical chronicle. A graphic and advertorial artist prior to the war, Lesky sketched inmates’ efforts to maintain dignity under duress and their self-preserving behaviors on the scraps of paper he found in the ghetto. Fearing discovery and punishment, he and his wife, Elsa, cut them up and hid them in their barracks. The two survived the war and after liberation retrieved the scraps. Later, after they emigrated from Czechoslovakia to Israel, Lesky repainted the scenes using the repaired drawings as inspiration.

The exhibition highlights these pairs, before and after liberation, and tells a compelling story of resilience and cynical response. Many of the works poke fun at not only the Nazi SS, but Lesky’s fellow sufferers and inmates. Two examples: “Risky Apple Stealing” suggests both the penalties for stealing what wasn’t shared property and the allowances for taking what was “organized” or “schleust,” from common inventory. “Transport Worries” flirts with the inanity and the hope in choosing what to pack when deported from Terezin to the death camps in the East.
Rabbi Arnowitz... continued from page 1

That continuity and stability, to say nothing of his admiration for Rabbi Segelman, were among the many qualities of our congregation that won the heart of Rabbi Arnowitz. He has led Congregation Beth El in Norfolk, Virginia, since 2011, but had lately dreamed of returning to the suburbs of New York City, as had Tami, who grew up in Millburn, NJ. While happy in Norfolk, they began to contemplate a move, at least in part, to give their sons more ready access to the day school education that their father had once craved.

“The first impression I got of WJC has stuck with me all along,” he said. “That it is a warm, haimish place. It was immediately obvious to Tami and me that the congregants have a passion for WJC. And that they love to share it with anyone who comes through the doors.”

He added: “It just seemed like a shul I would want to go to, even if I wasn’t a rabbi.”

Tami, a graduate of Wellesley College who holds an MBA from the Columbia University School of Business, said: “I felt so welcomed and counted as an individual at WJC.”

“Being a rabbinic family is an undertaking,” she added. “We needed to know not just that Jeff would be happy professionally, which is of course important, but that the situation will work for our family as a whole. When people at WJC made sure I got to see the school options, that I got a tour of the town, that I saw the public beach, and that we had a fun evening motzei Shabbat – it showed that they cared about our family.”

In Norfolk, where he leads a congregation of 500 families – and previously at Congregation Beth El in Voorhees, NJ, where he served as associate rabbi under Rabbi Aaron Krupnick, Marla Segelman’s brother-in-law – Rabbi Arnowitz earned a reputation as a hands-on spiritual and administrative leader.

He is widely seen as someone as comfortable on the pulpit as he is providing pastoral care. And he places a premium on forging close ties beyond the congregation’s front doors. That latter effort was informed by his background in social work, which he studied at the University of Pittsburgh following his time at Carnegie Mellon.

Alynn Perl, co-chair of WJC’s rabbinic search committee, said: “Rabbi Arnowitz’s background in social work and his natural ability to form relationships will be a huge asset in all his roles, but especially in his approach to pastoral care. He also has a proven track record of building relationships outside the synagogue -- with his congregants and with the broader community -- which I think is something that will speak to people across our congregation.”

Seth Schafler, who co-chaired the search committee with Alynn, said: “Rabbi Arnowitz impressed the committee with his genuine love of being a rabbi.”

“He and Tami really are a dynamic duo,” Seth added. “We look forward to sharing many Shabbat dinners, outdoor adventures and other events with the Arnowitzes.”

After their entire family travels, yet again, to Camp Ramah this summer, Rabbi Arnowitz and Tami anticipate hitting the ground running with an immediate goal of meeting as many WJC members as possible – and not just for a quick handshake at kiddush. Theirs promises to be a listening tour, of sorts, where we will not only have an opportunity for an extended schmooze, but also to share “things we love” as well as “things that may be frustrating us.”

And those conversations won’t just take place at shul, but at a local café (location still to be determined) and around the Arnowitzes’ Shabbat table, where we will get a chance to meet Elijah (13), Simeon (11), Gabriel (8) and Isaac (6).

In those settings, you might discover that our new rabbi has a bit of a romantic streak. Having met Tami at Ramah before her freshman year at Wellesley, he courted her in earnest during a year spent in Jerusalem (she was there for study abroad; he was preparing for the seminary) and proposed to her over glasses of champagne in a piazza overlooking the Italian city of Florence.

You are also likely to learn that he loves to hike, and to read National Geographic, as well as to relax over an occasional craft beer or single malt scotch.

But – and this may come as something of a spoiler alert – nothing radiates more brightly than his obvious ardor for his work, which he has come to regard as “a calling.”

“I am doing what I feel I was created to do, literally,” he said. “I get to help people all the time, in so many different ways, all on my own spiritual journey.”

“It is such a privilege,” he added. “It is the jackpot.”
Random Act of Kindness

RUTH OBERNBREIT

Historical events leading up to the Shoah and its aftermath are perhaps understood best through personal narratives. The Holocaust Learning Center has collected well over 20 stories from WJC members whose families’ experiences can be found in our Library. Below is an abbreviated entry by Ruth Oobernibl:

When Hitler marched into Vienna, my mother was in her early twenties. She had a boyfriend who was able to get a letter from a non-Jewish physician stating he had a “soccer injury” and had to recuperate in a sanatorium in Switzerland (a lie). They married and, letter in tow, escaped to Switzerland.

Once there, they wondered what their next steps could be. The Ecuadorian Embassy was giving out visas, but it cost $500 to emigrate and they had at most $50. Speaking of their dire situation, the man sitting at the next table interrupted.

“I can’t help but overhear your conversation. Perhaps I can be of some assistance. Give me your names and meet me here tomorrow at the same time.”

The following day, the same man handed them two bankbooks in each of their names documenting they had $500 in an account. They went to the Ecuadorian Embassy and were awarded the visas. They would be safe from the horrors in Europe.

Several years later, my mother met my father in Quito. He was also a refugee from Vienna who had arrived via Santo Domingo. She divorced her first husband and married my father, moving to Lima where I was born.

My parents are long gone, but I want to know—how did my Dad get the $500? And who was this Swiss gentleman who procured the bankbooks?

My mother and father remained friends with her first husband and he told me the details of this story. I often think of the banker in the café and wonder, if I, upon hearing the strife of strangers would act accordingly. But mostly, I regret that I can’t thank him for this profound act of kindness during those awful times.

Have a family story that belongs in this archive?
Contact Ruth Oobernibl at Ruthie6851@gmail.com

The deadline for content submission for May is April 10 – review@wjcenter.org
WJC Youth Basketball Season Ends on a High Note

JILL CASLIN

Congratulations to all our teams, who made the playoffs in the Westchester Jewish Basketball League! Thank you to all players and coaches who participated and to the families and friends who provided an enthusiastic cheering section at the games. One of our Grade 7-8 teams, coached by Matt Segal and Eli Gottsegen, were in the final championship game.

We will miss Coaches Peter Jacob Ferraro and Jesse Harwin, who will be going off to college in the fall along with Jake Silverman. Coaches Noah Kingsley, Josh Greenberg, Andrew Danziger, Matt Segal, Eli Gottsegen, Benji Shokrian, and Louis Rosuck will be back next season.
Rick Recht Rocks WJC
Last month, WJC hosted the first PJ Kids Concert of the year featuring Rick Recht. One of the top touring musicians in Jewish music, Recht uses his talents to develop Jewish pride and identity in youth across the country.

WJC 3rd Annual Game Night
Members and friends chased the winter doldrums away at this year’s Adult Fun & Game Night by playing games, socializing, and noshing. Games including favorites like Poker, Taboo, Foosball, and many more. Hope to see you next year!

Purimshpiel
A big thank you to Randy Heller for once again producing an incredibly funny Purimshpiel, “My Feh Lady.” Rabbi Jef stole the show with his “lovely” performance!
Passover Food Drive & Food Package Delivery:
Last Days - April 1-7

SHARON SILVER & RUTH OBERNBREIT GLASS

This Passover make a difference in the lives of our elders and needy on the Lower East Side, (Project Ezra) and the Bronx by:

1. Provide specific, most needed certified, OU/Kosher for Passover foods from the list to the left.

2. Hand deliver Passover foods packages in the Bronx on April 7. Personally deliver Passover food packages and visit with homebound recipients. Details to the left.

3. Give Tzedakah: Write a check Payable only to “Project Ezra” and drop it off at WJC’s Social Action Mailbox, attention Sharon Silver.

4. Sort and pack the food at WJC on April 7 starting at 9:00am.

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A Sisterhood Evening to Remember

JILL CASLIN

ARCHIVIST

From The Review of April 1966:

A hushed audience of 200 watched with pride—and an occasional tear—in the darkened auditorium as the spotlight focused on our “Golden Thread of Holiday Tables.” Via our narrators, Pearl Davis and Marly Koslowe and the hostesses, their holiday tables revealed the rich tradition of our heritage and the significant role of Jewish women in the home. The emotional warmth and beauty of the evening was further enhanced by the voices of the Religious School youngsters and soloists Albert and Robert Sassoon, Richard Rubin, Barry Farkas, and the “Mah Nishtana” by David Graber.

Kudos to Magda Farkas, Sylvia Federman and others; to our ever available Marly Koslowe, and to Lois Epstein and Lorie Mossberg for their artistic menus, and to the many wonderful people who permitted us to exhibit their precious heirlooms.

Our Havdalah Dance Party was a Big Hit

LINDA ALPERT & MARC KARELL

Last month's Havdalah Dance Party was a fantastic event spent with a nice, cohesive group, and featuring great singing and dancing. We had wonderful food (thanks Stephanie) as well!

Over 30 people came from Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Connecticut, Rockland, and, yes, Westchester just for this party. This event was truly hamish and a great sense of culture, religion, spirit, and togetherness. Everyone said they had a great time and were really moved.

This literally was “the whole is greater than the sum of the parts!” Shmulik, of course, did a fabulous job leading the dancing and the whole event. Linda was fantastic with her guitar, leading the singing. We hope to do this again in the future.

Check out videos of the Havdalah Party on the WJC website at wjcenter.org/HavdalahParty.

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:

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Do you have incredible items and experiences to donate to the 2019 Spring Gala Raffle?

It’s one of our biggest fundraisers and we need your help!

Jewelry • Tickets to Theater or Sports • Theme Park Passes • Golf Outings • Museum/Zoo/Garden Tours • Gift Certificates • Wine & Liquor • Trips • Lessons • Art & Home Décor

Contact Lisa Zeitoun to donate or ask questions at WJCGala@wjcenter.org

INCLUSION TASK FORCE
FINDING YOUR VOICE, FROM STIGMA TO STAGE
PAM SCHULLER
Sunday, April 7, 2019 10:00 – 11:00 AM
WJC Activity Center

Comedian Pamela Schuller is relentlessly funny. Her observations on disability, mental illness, dating, family, and past misadventures have led to brutally honest confessions about what it’s like being 4’6” (and a half) and having a whole lot of Tourette Syndrome.

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For more on Pam: www.StandUpInclusion.com

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