

BULLETIN

*Welcome*

TO A NEW VISION



PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE



FROM THE RABBI

## RABBI ELLIOT J. COSGROVE

# The Tradition of Rebranding

**L**ong before the days of Don Draper and *Mad Men*, our people knew one or two things about rebranding. Called to go forth to the land of Canaan, Abram and Sarai had their names changed to “Abraham” and “Sarah,” a shift in spelling that signaled a more profound transformation. Soon thereafter, our patriarch Jacob was rebranded as “Israel” following his nighttime wrestling match with a divine being. Even God is renamed Adonai in Exodus after having been named Elohim throughout Genesis. Eternal though God may be, God well understood that a brand update was necessary in order to speak to a new generation.

For any community to remain vital, we must distinguish between message and medium. Our God, our values, and our identities are constants that transcend time and place. As a synagogue, our commitments to Jewish learning, community building, and prayer are held sacred from generation to generation. And yet, our very commitment to these enduring values demands that periodically we refresh how we express them in order to speak anew to every age. Melodies are introduced, buildings are renovated.

This bulletin announces the newest chapter of our congregational “brand.” Reflecting an enormous amount of work and creativity by our lay leaders and communication professionals, we are delighted to unveil an updated look to the wonder that is our community. The typeface, the palette, the language and logo of our publications have a new feel. So too, our emails, our website, even our Shabbat Shalom folders, will all reflect a consistent and refreshed appearance. Having engaged stakeholders from across our community under the counsel of a brand consultant, we are confident that our new brand reflects the inclusive ethos of PAS that will challenge you, inspire you, and embrace you as it has done for its membership throughout its history. A huge thank you to our lay leaders Susan Cantor and Paula Gendel and Communications & Marketing Manager Maggi Heffler for leading the charge!

As with any change, it will take a little time to adjust. We would do well to remember that Don Draper was not altogether correct when he said, “Change is neither good or bad, it simply is.” When it comes to renewing the look and feel of our synagogue, the changes are entirely good in that they signal our optimism about our communal future. Like the restoration of a painting, our efforts reveal beauty which may have been obscured. May our obligations to our past continue to be expressed by way of our commitments to our future – renewed, always, in every age.

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**WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH OLD PRAYER BOOKS, HAGGADAHS, BENSCHERS, AND OTHER SACRED TEXTS?** YOU MAY BRING THEM TO 87TH STREET, TO THE ATTENTION OF RITUAL COORDINATOR ALLEN PAISNER. HE WILL HAVE THESE BOOKS RESPECTFULLY BURIED, ACCORDING TO JEWISH CUSTOM.

# A NEW LOOK AT PAS

You can't help but notice the new look of this first Bulletin of 2020, featuring a new logo, new colors, and a new tone of voice. We have rebranded, refreshed, and redesigned all our communications to better reflect our welcoming and inspiring community. Over the coming weeks, you will see the new brand introduced in the Shabbat Shalom, emails, and on the website.

## *A Welcoming New Logo*

The new logo mirrors the concentric archway that frames the 87th Street entry and the architectural details that frame the ark in the Sanctuary. It is a welcoming portal that is embracing and inclusive just as our doors are always open for Jewish learning and spiritual renewal. View it as an open invitation to come as you are and let us guide you to where you aspire to be.



### **YOU OPENED UP TO US**

Perhaps you were one of the 420 members who took part in a survey or participated in our discovery sessions in 2018–2019, when we, along with our creative agency, Shavrick & Partners, asked what you would like to see in communications. You said our marketing materials could better reflect our dynamic community. There was also a desire to simplify communications, while making them more relevant. Our task was to balance best-in-class 21st-century communications practices with Park Avenue Synagogue's 138 years of history; weaving the old with the new. (Yes, that even applies to marketing!)

### **A NEW VOICE**

Our voice reflects our confidence and joy in our synagogue. Many of you asked us to get to the point faster with simpler language. With our new communications style, we believe that you will be better informed and more entertained, and you will feel the warmth and passion of our congregation come through. The energetic tone may help you to view programs and classes in a fresh light.

### **PROFILES OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

You'll be getting to know each other better with member profiles, personal reflections, interviews, and quotes. We look forward to highlighting you.

### **A NEW WEBSITE**

Launching a little later this year, it's designed to take you on a journey, where you can easily navigate from one subject to another. It's mobile-friendly, but you may want to surf on a larger screen to appreciate the dazzling graphics.

# Synagogue 2020

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Rabbi Sharon Brous, founder and rabbi of IKAR in Los Angeles, a model for Jewish revitalization in the US and beyond.

Fri-Sat / Jan 24-25



Led by Rabbi Brous, we will examine the role of the synagogue beyond the pew. How does it shape our community and our spiritual lives? Where are we now, and where do we want to go? Can synagogues adapt to meet today's challenges and needs? As Rabbi Cosgrove has asked, "Why Synagogue?" The Shabbaton will explore that question and more.

FRI / JAN 24

- 5:00 PM Youth Shabbat Schmooze
- 5:30 PM Tot Shabbaton (YFE Kabbalat Shabbat)
- 5:45 PM Teen Exclusive with Rabbi Brous
- 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7:30 PM Shabbaton Dinner and Program with Rabbi Brous, *Building a Purpose-Driven Community in the 21st Century*

SAT / JAN 25

- 9:00 AM Window on Israel with Rabbi Zuckerman and Rabbi Brous
- 9:45 AM Shabbat Morning Services
- 11:30 AM Rabbi Brous, *Reclaiming Religion*
- 12:30 PM Kiddush
- 1:15 PM *The Quest for Jewish Peoplehood*: Rabbi Brous and Rabbi Cosgrove in Conversation
- 2:15 PM *Entrepreneurial Judaism*: Rabbi David Ingber of Romemu with Rabbi Brous and Rabbi Cosgrove
- 6:00 PM Teen Havdalah and Beit Café

# JDAIM 2020

During JDAIM, observed in February every year, we renew our focus on inclusion and recommit to becoming an ever more inclusive community. PAS aims for everyone in our community to be able to participate fully in all aspects of synagogue life. We strive to welcome people of all abilities and to make our campus, our worship, and our programs accessible.

## No Jew Left Behind

**JDAIM SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE STEPHEN FRIED**  
FRI-SAT / FEB 7-8

Fri / Feb 7 / 7:30 pm / Shabbat Dinner & Speaker, Discussing Mental Health in Jewish Communities with Stephen Fried / PAS@87th / \$ *RSVP*

Sat / Feb 8 / 11:00 am / Inclusion Service in Honor of Tu BiShvat and Shabbat Shirah / PAS@87th / See p. 6.

Sat / Feb 8 / 5:00 pm / JDAIM Discussion for 20s & 30s at PAS, State of Mind: A Conversation with Stephen Fried / PAS@87th / See p. 21.

We will welcome Stephen Fried, award winning author and journalist, who has challenged Jewish communities to “take mental illness out of the shadows.” He consults with synagogues all over the country on how to support and include people with mental illness and addiction as well as their families. His most recent book is *A Common Struggle: A Personal Journey through the Past and Future of Mental Illness and Addiction*, written with Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy. Stephen Fried teaches at Columbia and at UPenn.

## Inclusion is Personal

**JDAIM KABBALAT SHABBAT SPEAKERS**

Fri / 6:15 pm / Kabbalat Shabbat / PAS@87th

Members of the congregation will speak from the bimah during Kabbalat Shabbat to share their personal experiences with mental health issues, addiction, and suicide.

**FEB 14**

**CARLY LEHRMAN**

**FEB 28**

**ELISSA DRASSINOWER**

**MAR 6**

**REBECCA SCHONFELD**

# SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Every week, from Friday evening through Saturday evening, Shabbat at PAS includes lively communal worship in the Sanctuary, alternative services, parashah study, music, dinners, and other programs to refresh your spirit.

## EVERY SHABBAT

*Welcome Shabbat*

**KABBALAT SHABBAT / Fri / 6:15 pm / PAS@87th**

Recharge your spirit with a musical, lively, family-friendly service.

*Pray Early and Often*

**HASHKAMAH (EARLY RISERS) MINYAN / Sat / 7:30 am / PAS@87th**

A service with repetition of the Amidah and annual cycle Torah reading, all in Hebrew, at a pace that is comfortable for experienced daveners, and a Kiddush afterwards.

*Shabbat Morning Warm-up*

**SHAHARIT & PARASHAT HASHAVUA / Sat / 9:00 am / PAS@87th**

Introductory psalms and the morning service, a light Kiddush, and an engaging study of the morning's Torah portion, ending in time to join the community in the Sanctuary for the Torah service.

*Every 7 days. 52 weeks a year.*

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE / Sat / 9:45 am / PAS@87th**

A musically uplifting morning service, Torah reading, sermon, and musaf. Schmooze afterward at congregational kiddush.

## DAILY MINYAN / PAS@87TH

**SHAHARIT**

Mon-Fri at 7:15 am. Sun and Jan 20 and Feb 17 at 9:00 am

Sun / Feb 2 / 9:00 am / World Wide Wrap

**MINHA/MA'ARIV**

Sun-Thu at 5:45 pm. At this season, when it is dark before 5:45 pm, instead of a full Minha, we say a psalm and Mourners Kaddish before Ma'ariv.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

PAS is an inclusive community. We are interested in discussing with you any accommodations you might need to make your visits and involvement more comfortable. *Please contact Rachel Zorbaron at [rzorbaron@pasyn.org](mailto:rzorbaron@pasyn.org) or x195.*

## ALTERNATE SERVICES

*Shabbat Shalom u-L'chaim*

**RAMAH MINYAN / Fri / Jan 10, Feb 7 / 6:45 pm**

A spirit-filled service for young adults, followed by drinks, snacks, and oneg Shabbat.

*Shabbat in Fellowship*

**HAVURAH / Sat / Jan 11, Feb 8 /**

**10:15 am, together with Shaharit and Parashat HaShavua**

A lay-led, child-friendly, intimate, and informal Torah reading and discussion and musaf service open to individuals and families of all ages. Whatever your skill level, you are welcome and encouraged to lead a part of the service, read Torah or Haftarah, or facilitate a Torah discussion. Contact Rabbi Witkovsky at [ewitkovsky@pasyn.org](mailto:ewitkovsky@pasyn.org) or x123.

*No Jew Left Behind*

**INCLUSION SERVICE / Sat / Feb 8 / 11:00 am / Rabbi Zuckerman, Cantor Brook, Rabbi Savenor, and Josh Rosenberg / PAS@87th**

A sensitive, interactive, and accessible service based on the successful Shireinu model at Rodeph Shalom, with multiple accommodations, including an ASL interpreter and snacks. Open to all, members and nonmembers of all ages.

*Visit [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) for all worship information.*

## CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE SYNAGOGUE?

Park Avenue Synagogue services are livestreamed.

**PASYN.ORG/WEBCAST**

For youth Shabbat & holiday programs:  
**YFE**, p. 17.  
**CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL**, p. 19.  
**YOUTH/TEEN**, p. 20.

**FRI / JAN 3 / 6 TEVET**

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

**SAT / JAN 4 / 7 TEVET**

*Va-yiggash*

7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan

9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua

9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bnei Mitzvah of Gideon Emanuel Bialkin and Samuel Levy Bialkin

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

5:00 PM Minha and Bat Mitzvah of Marielle Sloane Paradise

**TUE / JAN 7 / 10 TEVET**

*Fast of Asarah b'Tevet*

7:15 AM Morning service will include Torah reading for a public fast day.

**FRI / JAN 10 / 13 TEVET**

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat & Milestone Membership recognition for members who have been part of the PAS community for 18, 36, and 54 or more years. Milestone members will receive personal invitations. Everyone is invited to come and say *mazal tov!*

6:45 PM Ramah Minyan

**SAT / JAN 11 / 14 TEVET**

*Va-y'hi*

7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan

9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua and Havurah PAS@87th

9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bat Mitzvah of Alex Noya Ben-Yishai and Bar Mitzvah of Matthew James Grant

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

**FRI / JAN 17 / 20 TEVET**

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

**SAT / JAN 18 / 21 TEVET**

*Sh'mot*

7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan

9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua

9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Grace Henes

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

5:00 PM Minha and Bat Mitzvah of Ava Dylan Siegal

**FRI-SAT / JAN 24-25 / 26-27 TEVET**

**SHABBATON** See p. 4

*Va-era*

**MON / JAN 27 / 1 SHEVAT**

*Rosh Hodesh*

7:15 AM Morning service will include Hallel, Torah reading, and Musaf.

**FRI / JAN 31 / 5 SHEVAT**

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

**SAT / FEB 1 / 6 SHEVAT**

*Bo*

7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan

9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua

9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bar Mitzvah of Cooper Marcus Dunn and UJA Shabbat with Jessica Chait (p. 12)

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

**FRI / FEB 7 / 12 SHEVAT**

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

6:45 PM Ramah Minyan

**SAT / FEB 8 / 13 SHEVAT**

*B'shallah/Shabbat Shirah*

7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan

9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua and Havurah PAS@87th

9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bnei Mitzvah of Ryan Gluck Feder and Solomon Gluck Feder

11:00 AM Inclusion Service

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

**MON / FEB 10 / 13 SHEVAT**

*Tu BiShvat*

7:15 AM Tahanun/penitential prayers are not said.

**FRI / FEB 14 / 19 SHEVAT**

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat with JDAIM reflections from Carly Lehrman

**SAT / FEB 15 / 20 SHEVAT**

*Yitro*

7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan

9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua

9:45 AM Shabbat morning service

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

**FRI / FEB 21 / 22 SHEVAT**

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

**SAT / FEB 22 / 27 SHEVAT**

*Mishpatim/Shabbat Sh'kalim*

7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan

9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua

9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bar Mitzvah of Luca Dean Cavallaro

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

**TUE / FEB 25 / 29 SHEVAT**

*Rosh Hodesh*

7:30 AM Morning service with Hallel, Torah reading, and Musaf.

**WED / FEB 26 / 1 ADAR**

*Rosh Hodesh*

7:30 AM Morning service with Hallel, Torah reading, and Musaf.

**FRI / FEB 28 / 3 ADAR**

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat with JDAIM reflections from Elissa Drassinower

**SAT / FEB 29 / 4 ADAR**

*T'rumah*

7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan

9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua

9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bar Mitzvah of Tucker James Harris and Bat Mitzvah of Violet Juliana Plotko

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

# SYNAGOGUE FAMILY

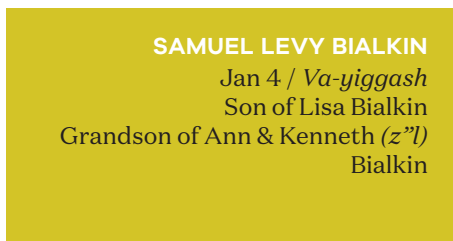
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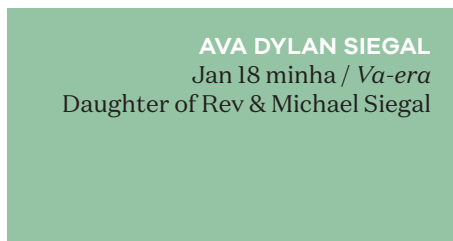
**GIDEON EMANUEL BIALKIN**  
Jan 4 / *Va-yiggash*  
Son of Lisa Bialkin  
Grandson of Ann & Kenneth (z"l)  
Bialkin



**CHARLOTTE GRACE HENES**  
Jan 18 / *Sh'mot*  
Daughter of Pamela & Jonathan  
Henes



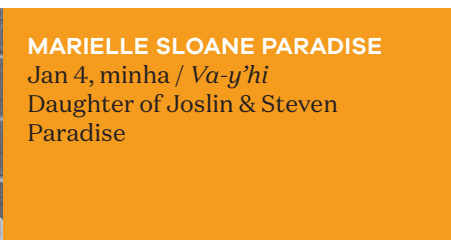
**SAMUEL LEVY BIALKIN**  
Jan 4 / *Va-yiggash*  
Son of Lisa Bialkin  
Grandson of Ann & Kenneth (z"l)  
Bialkin



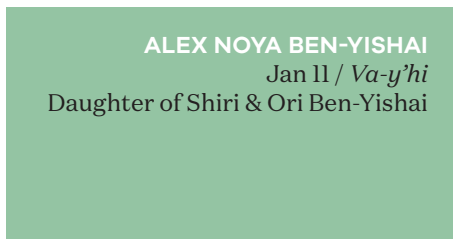
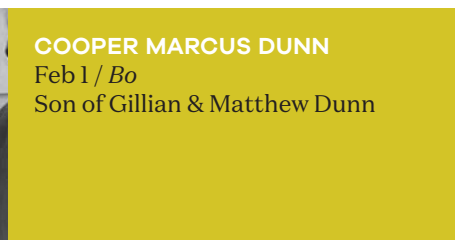
**AVA DYLAN SIEGAL**  
Jan 18 *minha* / *Va-era*  
Daughter of Rev & Michael Siegal



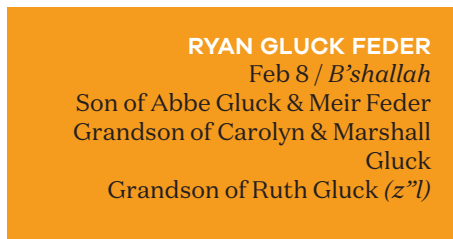
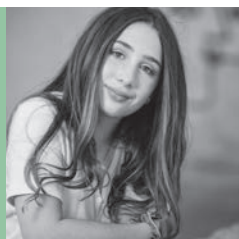
**MARIELLE SLOANE PARADISE**  
Jan 4, *minha* / *Va-y'hi*  
Daughter of Joslin & Steven  
Paradise



**COOPER MARCUS DUNN**  
Feb 1 / *Bo*  
Son of Gillian & Matthew Dunn



**ALEX NOYA BEN-YISHAI**  
Jan 11 / *Va-y'hi*  
Daughter of Shiri & Ori Ben-Yishai



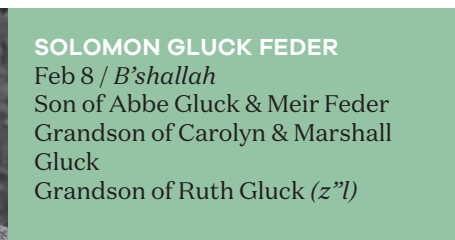
**RYAN GLUCK FEDER**  
Feb 8 / *B'shallah*  
Son of Abbe Gluck & Meir Feder  
Grandson of Carolyn & Marshall  
Gluck  
Grandson of Ruth Gluck (z"l)



**MATTHEW JAMES GRANT**  
Jan 11 / *Va-y'hi*  
Son of Danielle & Hayim Grant



**SOLOMON GLUCK FEDER**  
Feb 8 / *B'shallah*  
Son of Abbe Gluck & Meir Feder  
Grandson of Carolyn & Marshall  
Gluck  
Grandson of Ruth Gluck (z"l)



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“May you live to see your world fulfilled.”

**LUCA DEAN CAVALLARO**  
Feb 22 / *Mishpatim*  
Son of Meredith & Lorenzo  
Cavallaro



**BABYLONIAN TALMUD, BRACHOT 17A**

**TUCKER JAMES HARRIS**  
Feb 29 / *T'rumah*  
Son of Jennifer & Jonathan Harris



**VIOLET JULIANA PLOTKO**  
Feb 29 / *T'rumah*  
Daughter of Karina & Gregory  
Plotko



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# Mazal tov

**TERRY & WILLIAM SOLOMON** on the marriage of their daughter, Sophie Solomon, to Brandon Gollotti

**DIANE & EDWIN SCHOTTENSTEIN** on the marriage of their daughter, Julia Schottenstein, to Max Segall

**JUDITH & WILLIAM GREENBLATT** on the marriage of their son, Jake Greenblatt, to Kristin Tice Studeman

**JUDY WESALO TEMEL & CHARLES TEMEL** on the marriage of their daughter, Laura Temel, to Sam Kleiner

**ANDREA KRASNE & LEE STEINER** on their marriage

**LAURIE & MAURY HARRIS** on the birth of a grandson, Grant Ellis Millhauser, and to his parents, Lisa & Greg Millhauser, and big sister Maya

**STEPHANIE & JEREMY ULAN** on the birth of a daughter, Riley Blake Ulan, and to big sister Charlotte and grandparents Bonnie Nitzberg Ulan & Alan Ulan

**TEHILLA ADAMS & DAVID MILLER** on the birth of a son, Ethan Alexander Miller, and to big brothers Asher and Nathaniel

**KIMBERLY & RAPHAEL OSNOSS** on the birth of a son, Benjamin Osnoss, and to big brother Samuel

**JOYCE & STEVE WOLITZER** on the birth of a granddaughter, Hannah Bea Wolitzer, and to her parents, Lauren & David Wolitzer

**RACHEL & JESSE PODELL** on the birth of a son, Jacob Matthew Podell, and to big sisters Rose and Grace

**ELIANA & COREY GOLDMAN** on the birth of a daughter, Sienna Charlie Goldman, and to big brother James

**ALISON COMITE** on being awarded a fellowship through Penn Hillel to study with 100 other college students at the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem over the December break

**BONNIE & CHARLES CHARROW** on the marriage of their son Daniel Charrow to Mollie Fein

**SABRINA & LEONARD FELDMAN** on the birth of a son, Raphael Mason Feldman

**MARISA GOTTLIEB & ARIEL BOYMAN** on the birth of a son, Graham Solomon Boyman

**MELANIE & MATTHEW BRONFMAN** on the birth of a daughter, Stella Ann Bronfman



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# Shalom

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

RANDI & BARRY ALTMARK  
 JANE AXELROD  
 JOAN BOENING  
 MIRIAM & DAVID BROUS  
 JUSTIN & ARIELLE COHEN  
 ANNIE & ROBERT COHEN  
 LOIS & JOEL COLEMAN  
 MICHAEL MELTZER &  
 MONTE ALBERS DE LEON  
 LIZZIE & PAUL FINE  
 CARA & JONATHAN GELFAND  
 RACHEL HEIDLING & BAR KAFIR  
 JACLYN & DUSTIN MOMMEN  
 ARIEL & BENJAMIN OKIN  
 SAMANTHA SPILKIN &  
 ISAAC RESHAD  
 REBECCA & THOMAS SHIAH  
 TANYA YAMINIAN

“Hillel says: *Do not separate yourself from the community.*”

PIRKEI AVOT 2:4

## CONDOLENCES

Justine & Eric Purther on the loss of her mother, Phyllis Swerdloff  
 Meg & David Roth on the loss of her father, Richard Stiefel  
 Stephanie & Laurence Guberman on the loss of his father, Harvey Guberman  
 Sharon Oberman on the loss of her husband, Michael Oberman  
 Ahou & John Abroon on the loss of his mother, Parvin Benhuri Abroon  
 Family and friends of Rose Less (Jack Less, z”l)  
 Dinah Evan on the loss of her husband, Uri Evan  
 Barbara Julius & Marc Silberberg on the loss of Barbara’s sister, Arlene Julius  
 Reina Marin Bassini & Emilio Bassini on the loss of his brother, Victor Abraham Bassini  
 Michelle & Alan Pollack on the loss of his father, Leonard Pollack  
 Pamela & Jonathan Henes on the loss of his mother, Karen Ruth Henes  
 Ellen Schoninger Grinberg & Efraim Grinberg on the loss of her mother, Norma Frances Levine  
 Alexandra & Greg Mondre on the loss of her mother, Jane Anido  
 Jackie & Bippy Siegel on the loss of her father, Fred L. Sommer  
 Deborah Green & Robert Serabin on the loss of her mother, Deborah Green  
 Vicki Warner on the loss of her father, Richard Arkin  
 Heidi & Jeffrey Siegel on the loss of his father, Martin Siegel



*Hamakom  
 y’nahem  
 etkhem*

NEWS TO SHARE? PLEASE CONTACT MARGA HIRSCH AT MHIRSCH@PASYN.ORG OR 212-369-4900, X127.

# JANUARY & FEBRUARY AT PAS



## People of the Book

**EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Mon / Jan 13 / 7:30 pm / Pat Davidson / PAS@87th / Book: *The Gospel According to Lazarus* by Richard Zimler

Read alone, Dear Reader, but don't keep your thoughts to yourself. Join our spirited discussion of complicated characters, murky motives, surprising scenes, and thought-provoking themes. Check [pasyn.org](http://pasyn.org) for our future reads and meeting dates.



## Kosher Food for Thought

**UJA SHABBAT WITH JESSICA CHAIT**

Sat / Feb 1 / during Shabbat morning services / 9:45 am / PAS@87th

Jessica Chait is the managing director of food programs at Met Council, responsible for the Kosher Food Network, the largest free kosher food distribution system in the world. When you hear how she delivers more than 2 million pounds of kosher food to Jews in need each month, you won't ever complain again about getting dinner on the table.



## Israel as an American Value

**LEARNING WITH AIPAC / OPEN ONLY TO MEMBERS OF MEN'S CLUB**

Tue / Jan 28 / 6:00 pm / Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 65th Street

Learn about the diversity of the pro-Israel movement. Together with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Metro Region, we will hear from activists who are working to strengthen the relationship between the US and Israel and to foster and advance the bipartisan nature of that relationship. AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, is considered the most influential American foreign policy lobbying organization.

*RSVP*



## Music in a Small Setting

**PAS MUSIC CENTER SALON SERIES**

Tue / Feb 4 / 7:00 pm / PAS@89th

Gather 'round the piano to savor the music of a composer whose music you may know but whose connection to Judaism you probably don't. Listen, learn, and be surprised. Our cantors will perform, too!

*RSVP / Free for members / \$ for nonmembers*



## Jokers Are Wild! Are You?

**WOMEN'S NETWORK CANASTA CONFAB**

Wed / Feb 5 / 10:00 am-1:00 pm / PAS@87th

Elyse Kremins, aka the Canasta Coach, will be there to coach as we play this variant of Rummy where jokers are wild and every point counts! All skill levels are welcome. Learn with Elyse or bring your team for a morning of play.

RSVP



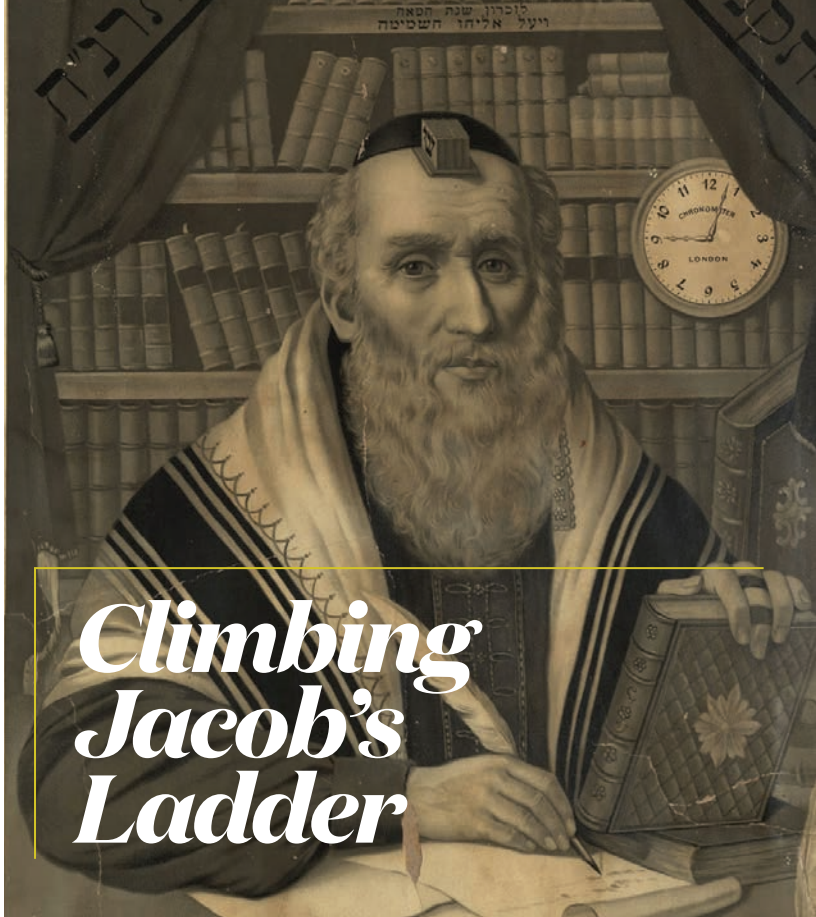
## Right on the Money

**MEN'S CLUB FINANCIAL FORUM**

Thu / Feb 6 / 7:00 pm / PAS@87th

Don't miss our annual discussion of the economy and investing, when financial experts Dr. Maury Harris, Dennis Karr, and Harvey Hirschhorn will share their insights and discuss the 2020 economic outlook. All in the PAS community are welcome to attend, ask questions, and nosh on light refreshments.

RSVP



## Climbing Jacob's Ladder

### IS THE AGE OF JEWISH OVERACHIEVEMENT COMING TO AN END

Tue / Feb 25 / 7:00 pm / Dr. Eliyahu Stern / PAS@87th

Intellectual achievement has been the ladder to social mobility for Jews since the heyday of the 18th-century Lithuanian rabbi Elijah of Vilna, known as “The Gaon,” or “the genius.” Do current sociological trends suggest that the phenomenon of Jewish success and overachievement is on the decline?

*Dr. Eliyahu Stern is an Associate Professor at Yale University.*

RSVP

# ADULT LEARNING



New year, new ways to learn with Adult Education at PAS! Read on to find daytime classes, evening lectures, and community events.

For more information and to register for any program, visit [pasyn.org/adultlearning](http://pasyn.org/adultlearning), or contact Mara Bernstein, Director of Synagogue Programming and Adult Education, at [mbernstein@pasyn.org](mailto:mbernstein@pasyn.org) or x146.

To register for classes, go to [pasyn.org/classes](http://pasyn.org/classes) or contact Alyssa Pine at [apine@pasyn.org](mailto:apine@pasyn.org) or x144.

## SUNDAY

*New!*

### BEYOND DISPUTE: DEBATES THAT SHAPE JEWISH LIFE

*Jewish Theological Seminary Curriculum* / Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 1, Mar 29 / 10:00 am / Rabbi Zuckerman / PAS@87th

Debates – philosophical, spiritual, ethical, and cultural – are at the heart of Judaism and Jewish life. Are religion and reason compatible? Can Jewish law change in response to context? How do we teach and talk about the Holocaust and the State of Israel? Is our relationship with God defined by human obligation or divine compassion? In these four sessions, we will study texts that show the emergence of these



debates over the course of Jewish history and their continued resonance for contemporary Jewish life. Going beyond the conflicts themselves, we will uncover the essential questions that underlie them in order to build a more inclusive view of the Jewish past, present, and future.

\$ RSVP

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Classes meet weekly unless otherwise indicated.

## MONDAY

**KABBALAH: BECOMING OUR BEST SELVES**

Feb 24; Mar 16, 30; Apr 20 / 10:00 am / Ruth Rosenberg / PAS@89th

Address more of life's challenging questions. Learn how to apply the wisdom of Kabbalah to the complexity of daily life. Open to new and returning students.

\$ RSVP

*New!***HAFTARAH TROPE**

Feb 3, 10; Mar 2, 16, 23, 30 / 7:00 pm / Arielle Green, Cantorial Intern / PAS@87th

Like our popular course on chanting Torah, this 6-session series is open to anyone who would like to learn to chant haftarah, whether or not you have learned any kind of trope before. Students need to be able to read Hebrew, but do not need to understand it.

\$ RSVP

## TUESDAY

**ESSENTIAL ESSAYS**

Resumes Jan 14, meets weekly / 8:00 am / Rabbi Cosgrove / PAS@89th

**CONTEMPORARY JEWISH THOUGHT**

Resumes Jan 7, meets weekly / 12:00 pm / Rabbi Zuckerman / PAS@87th

**PATHWAYS: AN INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM**

Resumes Jan 7, meets weekly / 6:30 pm / Rabbi Zuckerman and Rabbi Philp / PAS@87th

## WEDNESDAY

**DAF SHEVUI**

Resumes Jan 8, meets weekly / 8:30 am / Rabbi Witkovsky / PAS@89th

**MELTON YEAR 1**

Resumes Jan 8, meets weekly / 7:00 pm / Rabbi Witkovsky and Rabbi Joel Shaiman / PAS@89th  
*Closed*

**BERESHIT II: THE STORY OF THE FIRST JEWISH FAMILY**

*Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum* / Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 / 7:00 pm / Rabbi Savenor / PAS@89th  
*Closed*

*New!***SHIR HASHIRIM I**

*PAS Graduate Class* / Jan 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12 / 7:00 pm / Rabbi Shmuel Afek / PAS@89th

Gain a deep understanding of the Song of Songs while learning about the four levels of interpretation traditionally applied in Jewish text study.

Using Professor Michael Fishbane's landmark JPS translation and commentary on *Shir HaShirim*, participants will look in the text for *p'shat* (the plain sense), *drash* (discovering theological, historical, and ethical issues), *remez* (exploring philosophical interests and concerns) and *sod* (mystical – searching for esoteric elements and events in the divine realm).

\$ RSVP

*New!***NEW YORK JEWS AND THE MAKING OF AMERICAN POP CULTURE**

*PAS Graduate Class* / Begins Feb 26 / 10 sessions / 7:00 pm / Dr. David Kaufman / PAS@89th

Put the largest urban Jewish community in history at the epicenter of American popular culture, and what have you got? Twentieth-century New York City! NY Jews made extraordinary contributions to popular culture in key genres (theater, music, comedy) and in essential media (radio, television, and film). From Molly Picon to Stephen Sondheim to Jerry Seinfeld, encounter the iconic figures who shaped our cultural landscape.

\$ RSVP

**JEWISH MYSTICISM: TRACING THE HISTORY OF KABBALAH**

*Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum* / Begins Feb 26 / 10 sessions / 7:00 pm / Rabbi Shmuel Afek / PAS@89th

Explore central texts of the Jewish mystical tradition. Learn how the kabbalists addressed the deepest mysteries of human existence and encounter their responses to many of life's eternal universal questions.

*Closed*

## THURSDAY

**MELTON YEAR 2**

Resumes Jan 9, meets weekly / 9:15 am / Rabbi Zuckerman and Rabbi Philp / PAS@89th  
*Closed*

**HISTORY OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE HOLOCAUST**

Jan 9 / 9:15 am / Dr. David Kaufman / PAS@89th  
*Closed*

## THURSDAY

**JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS: A 21ST-CENTURY DISCUSSION**

*Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum* / Jan 9, 16, 23 / 9:15 am / Rabbi Cosgrove / PAS@87th  
Closed

**INSIGHTS FROM ISRAEL**

Jan 9, Feb 13 / 12:00 pm / Rabbi Michael Graetz (by Skype) / PAS@89th

**SHULHAN IVRIT**

Jan 9, Feb 20 / 7:15 pm / PAS@89th

**New!****ADULT BNEI MITZVAH CLASS**

Thu / Begins Jan 16, runs through June 2021 / 12:00 pm / Cantor Brook and Rabbi Zuckerman / PAS@87th

It's never too late! Our adult bnei mitzvah program is a year-and-a-half journey open to PAS members who have not experienced a bar or bat mitzvah and who would like to affirm and strengthen their commitment to Jewish growth and learning as adults. Combining study for its own sake with learning synagogue skills, the group will explore Jewish issues and texts as well as learning to read and chant blessings, prayers, and trope. Participants will celebrate their bnei mitzvah on Shavuot 2021/5781. Space is limited.  
\$ RSVP

**STUDY CIRCLE: TORAH TALKS WITH PAS CLERGY**

Feb 6 / 12:00 pm / PAS@89th

**New!****THE BOOK OF JOSHUA: THE SIXTH BOOK OF THE TORAH?**

*PAS Graduate Class* / Begins Feb 27 / 10 sessions / 9:15 am / Rabbi Savenor / PAS@89th

The Book of Joshua is the world's first sequel, inviting the question of how it continues and departs from the Five Books of Moses. This study of the biblical classic will explore issues of leadership transitions, the quest for national sovereignty, and the mixed blessings when your dreams, even covenantal ones, come true.  
\$ RSVP

**New!****SOCIAL JUSTICE: THE HEART OF JUDAISM IN THEORY AND PRACTICE**

*Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum* / Begins Feb 27 / 10 sessions / 9:15 am / Rabbi Witkovsky / PAS@89th

Exploring how social justice work goes beyond addressing short-term needs, this new Melton course draws from text and history to look at structural causes of injustice today. Topics will include poverty, immigration, and environmental degradation. In addition, participants will identify issues of importance to PAS and to other facets of their lives and the class will explore those issues at greater depth.  
Closed

## FRIDAY

**TALMUD TORAH**

Resumes Jan 10, meets weekly / 8:00 am / Rabbi Witkovsky / PAS@89th

**WOMEN IN THE BIBLE**

Jan 10, Feb 7 / 9:15 am / Debbie Cosgrove / PAS@87th  
\$ RSVP

## SATURDAY

**PARASHAT HASHAVUA**

Every Shabbat / 9:00 am / PAS Clergy / PAS@87th

**WINDOW ON ISRAEL**

Jan 25 / 9:00 am / Rabbi Zuckerman with Shabbaton Keynote Speaker Rabbi Sharon Brous / PAS@89th

## ANYTIME

**STUDY CIRCLES**

Days, dates, and times vary by group / For more information, please contact Rabbi Witkovsky at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.

*"Make books your companions."*  
—Judah ibn Tibbon

**LIBRARY AT PAS**

Until the PAS Library reopens on the 3rd floor of 87th Street, visit the online catalog at pasyn.org/paslibrary to find out what new books we have. To check one out, contact Marga Hirsch, Library Director, at mhirsch@pasyn.org.

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# YOUTH EDUCATION & EVENTS

## Shep Nachas

Their lifelong Jewish journey starts here. Full of wonder and possibilities, woven through the rhythms of the Jewish calendar.



### YOUNG FAMILY EDUCATION

For the latest information, sign up to receive YFE email at [pasyn.org/emails/signup](mailto:pasyn.org/emails/signup). For more details or to register for programs, visit [pasyn.org/yfe](http://pasyn.org/yfe) or contact Jamie Diamond, Director, at [jdiamond@pasyn.org](mailto:jdiamond@pasyn.org) or x140.

#### PRAY & PLAY

*Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner for Families with Young Children* / Fri / Jan 10 / 5:00 pm Service with Rabbi Witkovsky and Josh Rosenberg / 5:30 pm Pizza Dinner & Music with Joanie Leeds / PAS@87th  
Fri / Feb 7 / 5:00 pm Service with Rabbi Witkovsky and Josh Rosenberg / 5:30 pm / Pasta Dinner & Music with Shira and Friends / PAS@87th  
\$ RSVP

#### TOT SHABBATON

*Kabbalat Shabbat for Families with Young Children* / Fri / Jan 24 / 5:30 pm / Welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Witkovsky and Josh Rosenberg / PAS@87th

#### SHALOM SHABBAT

*Havdalah for Families with Young Children* / Sat / Feb 1 / 5:00 pm / Josh Rosenberg / PAS@87th

#### SING A SONG OF SHABBAT

*Shirat Shabbat* / Fri / Feb 14 / 9:10–9:35 am / For toddlers 3 and under with an adult / PAS@89th

#### YOUNG FAMILY SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

*Tot Tefillah* / Sat / Feb 29 / 11:15 am–12:00 pm / PAS@87th

#### LET'S LEARN TOGETHER

*Baby & Toddler Classes* / Music, movement, art, Hebrew! Choose from a variety of classes for babies, toddlers, and young children. Bring your friends and meet new ones! Classes begin the week of January 2, but there may be spots open after that.

#### CAMP KESHET SUMMER 2020

*Summertime,  
and the livin'  
is easy*

Camp Keshet and Taste of Keshet are back! Splash in our rooftop pool, play sports, make art, sing, do Jewish, and more! For details and registration visit [pasyn.org/keshet](http://pasyn.org/keshet).



# PENN FAMILY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



For information, visit [pasyn.org/ecc](http://pasyn.org/ecc) or contact Pamela Schwartz, Director, at [pschwartz@pasyn.org](mailto:pschwartz@pasyn.org) or x150.

## Class Visits

### YELLOW ROOM PARENTS

Tue / Jan 7 / 9:00 am

### PURPLE ROOM PARENTS

Tue / Feb 4 / 9:00 am

### ADMISSIONS PLAY SESSION

Fri / Jan 10 / School Closed  
Fri / Jan 24 / Make-up Play Session

### RAINBOW TIME

Wed / Jan 15  
Mon / Feb 10 / Tu BiShvat

### PARENT COFFEE & CONVERSATION

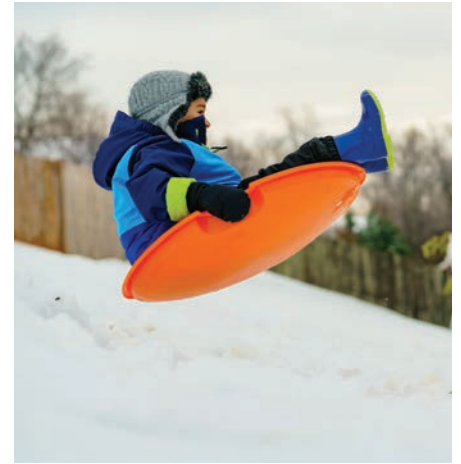
Fri / Jan 17 / 9:15 am / Speaker/Topic TBA  
Fri / Feb 28 / 9:15 am / Debbie Cosgrove on Mindful Parents

### PENN FAMILY ECC BENEFIT

Thu / Jan 30 / 6:30 pm / PAS@87th

### PHOTO DAY

Wed & Thu / Feb 5 & 6



### SCHOOL CLOSURES

Fri / Jan 10 / Admissions Play Session  
Mon / Jan 20 / Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Feb 17-21 / Presidents Week



“Coming in to the ECC every morning is like getting a warm hug.”

JENNIFER LEITMAN BAILEY, ECC PARENT

# CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL

The school office is in the Eli M. Black Lifelong Learning Center (PAS@89th). Congregational School classes and tutoring take place at PAS@89th and PAS@87th. For the full calendar, please visit [pasyn.org/congregationalschool](http://pasyn.org/congregationalschool). For the most up-to-date information about the school schedule, please check the weekly newsletter. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Stern Granowitz, Congregational School Director, at [jgranowitz@pasyn.org](mailto:jgranowitz@pasyn.org) or x139.

**HI-HO, HI-HO, IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL WE GO!**

*Classes Resume / Mon / Jan 6*

**SHABBAT SHALOM LA-YELADIM!**

*Shabbat Experience Programs for Students*

Sat / Jan 11, 25; Feb 1, 8, 29 / 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Gimel, Dalet & Hey (Gr 3-5) / PAS@89th  
Vav (Gr 6) / PAS@87th

**SHABBAT SHALOM L'KULAM!**

*Gan, Alef & Bet (K-2) Family Shabbat Programs* / Sat / Jan 11, 25; Feb 1, 8, 29 / 11:00 am-12:00 pm / PAS@87th

**YASHER KOACH! WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!**

*Milestone Moment for Alef & Bet (Gr 1 & 2)* Sat / Feb 1 / During the Family Shabbat Experience program

**PREPARING TOGETHER**

*Vav (Gr 6) Bnei Mitzvah Family Programs*

Tue / Jan 28 / 5:45-7:00pm / PAS@87th  
Fri / Feb 28 / 5:00-6:00pm / PAS@87th

**B'TEI'AVON! ENJOY THE MEAL!**

*Shabbat Dinner for Hey, Vav & Zayin (Gr 5-7) Families* / Fri / Feb 28 / After Kabbalat Shabbat services / PAS@87th / Look for signup information in the weekly newsletter

POSTCARD FROM CAMP



It's the dead of winter, and that means it's time for parents to consider summer camp options! PAS members who send their children to Jewish overnight camp find it has a meaningful impact.

“Sending our girls to Camp Ramah in New England was the best parenting decision we have made. It is truly a special place where Jewish identities are formed.”

LINDA DASHEFSKY

# PAS YOUTH & TEENS

For up-to-date information about youth programming, sign up for the monthly youth email or visit [pasyn.org/youth](http://pasyn.org/youth). Have questions? Contact Chloe Jacobs, Youth Coordinator, at [cjacobs@pasyn.org](mailto:cjacobs@pasyn.org) or x113.

For up-to-date information about teen programming, sign up for the monthly teen email or visit [pasyn.org/teens](http://pasyn.org/teens). Have questions? Contact Niki Fleishman, Director of Youth Programming & Engagement, at [nfleishman@pasyn.org](mailto:nfleishman@pasyn.org) or x147.

## A Place at the Table

### TEENS AT SHABBATON

*Grades 8-12*

**FRI / JAN 24**

**5:45 PM** Exclusive with Shabbaton keynote speaker Rabbi Sharon Brous

**7:30 PM** Shabbat Dinner / Let parents sit by themselves! Sit with your friends at the Shabbaton community dinner. Enjoy the meal, listen to Rabbi Brous, and wave your hands to raise provocative questions.

**SAT / JAN 25**

**6:00 PM** Teen Havdalah and Beit Café / PAS@87th / Bid Shabbat goodbye with spices, light, and singing. Then show off your talents. Do you sing? Play an instrument? Juggle? Do magic tricks? Stand-up comedy? Gymnastics? Anything goes! Come to perform, applaud, and nosh. Don't miss cameo appearances by PAS clergy and staff. To perform in the beit café (or to nudge someone else to perform), contact Josh Rosenberg.

### 3RD-7TH GRADERS

*Grades 3-7*

#### CHAT WITH CHLOE

Anytime / Meet Chloe for a treat and a chat. Contact her to set a time.

*Grades 3-5, Warm up for Shabbaton*

#### YOUTH SHABBAT SHMOOZE

Fri / Jan 24 / 5:00-6:15 pm / PAS@87th / Shmooze, nosh, score points, and win prizes playing games with Chloe before Kabbalat Shabbat.

*Grades 3-5, Wiggle your green thumbs!*

#### TU BISHVAT PLANT POTTING

Tue & Wed / Feb 4 & 5 / PAS@89th / Never mind the weather, think spring! Chloe will visit Congregational School classes to plant seedlings ahead of the New Year of the Trees the next week.

*Grades 6-7, Trees & Treats*

#### PURIM INSPIRED BY NATURE

Fri / Feb 7 / 5:00-6:15 pm / Ellen Alt / PAS@87th / Looking ahead, we'll make art for Purim *mishloach manot* with a theme of trees in honor of Tu BiShvat, the Birthday of the Trees.

*Have you ever been hungry?*

*Grades 6-8*

#### VISIT THE PAS TEEN FOOD PANTRY

Fri / Jan 24 / 3:45-5:00 pm / PAS@87th / See what the Food Pantry is all about! Every week we distribute over 250 bags of food to needy and homeless families.



PAS TEENS ARE ON SNAPCHAT AND INSTAGRAM! [PAS\\_TEENS](https://www.instagram.com/pas_teens)

# Let's Learn Let's Go Let's Lead Let's Do!

## RABBI JUDAH NADICH HIGH SCHOOL (8TH-12TH GRADERS)

PAS teens take classes, travel together, fill leadership positions, perform music, and make the world better by packing food every Wednesday and distributing it at the PAS Food Pantry every Friday. Visit [pasyn.org/teens](http://pasyn.org/teens) for details and sign-ups. Questions? Email or call Niki.

## TEEN JAN-FEB HIGHLIGHTS

*Post-Bnei Mitzvah students & parents*

**PARENT/TEEN STUDY CIRCLE WITH RABBI COSGROVE** / Sat / Jan 11, Feb 8 / 4:00 pm / Rabbi Cosgrove's home / RSVP to Niki Fleishman for address

*Grades 10-11, Teen Travel with PAS*  
**BERLIN TRIP INFO SESSION** / Tue / Jan 28 / 6:30 pm / RSVP for location / PAS Teens who will be in 11th and 12th grades next year are taking off for Berlin, Germany in February 2021. Avoid FOMO. Come learn all about the trip.

*Grades 8-12*  
**NOSH WITH NIKI** / Anytime / Meet Niki for a treat and a chat. Contact her to set a time.

## COLLEGE CONNECTIONS



Absence  
makes  
the heart  
grow fonder

### GOODIES FOR STUDENTS

Our college students are part of the PAS community, even while they are away at school. Our clergy keep in touch via a monthly email, and we'll soon be sending treats for a winter Shabbat. To include your student(s) in this program, please visit [pasyn.org/college](http://pasyn.org/college) connections to submit their contact information. Note: We update our list every school year, so if you've not yet submitted your student's name this school year, please fill out the form even if a student has been included in past years and even if their address has not changed.

## 20S & 30S AT PAS

For more information, visit [pasyn.org/20s30s](http://pasyn.org/20s30s) or contact Rabbi Witkovsky at [ewitkovsky@pasyn.org](mailto:ewitkovsky@pasyn.org) or Rabbi Philp at [sphilp@pasyn.org](mailto:sphilp@pasyn.org)

### RAMAH MINYAN

Fri / Jan 11, Feb 8 / 6:45 pm / Note new time! / Bring in Shabbat with spirit and song, and stay for Oneg Shabbat drinks and schmoozing.

### DESIGN ON A DIME

Watch your email! Date, time, and location TBA / So, you've framed the posters you bought in college, but maybe it's time to put some real art on your walls. Learn from a former gallery owner and curator how to start collecting masterpieces on a limited budget, with wine and cheese, of course.



### STATE OF MIND: A CONVERSATION WITH STEPHEN FRIED

Sat / Feb 8 / 5:00 pm / PAS@87th / Explore the complex reality of mental health in America with *New York Times* bestselling author and investigative journalist Stephen Fried. Drawing from the stories and experiences of people he has spoken to, he will discuss how this issue disproportionately impacts individuals in their 20s and 30s. Refreshments will be provided.  
RSVP

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October 4–November 1, 2019

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# FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

A trip with PAS is always remarkable, although there rarely is a co-chair living at the destination. Alison Abovsky reports from a unique perspective.



**I**n November, I had the good fortune of welcoming 112 fellow congregants to St. Petersburg and Moscow for an eye-opening, community-building week that was also a whole lot of FUN. Many of our multi-generational group had family roots in Russia, and together, our personal connections told the story of Soviet Jewry.

As a child of the 80s, I symbolically shared my bat mitzvah with a Soviet “twin.” Almost 20 years later, I married an immigrant from Odessa who never planned to return to the FSU, but in 2015, we moved to Moscow for his job. Our kids were just over 2 and 4 and we had been actively engaged in the amazing PAS community. We didn’t know many people in Russia, certainly none who were involved in Jewish life. I soon realized that it is quite complex, but passion-filled, vibrant, and undeniably strong.

For a week in November, I was lucky to share what I’ve learned with the PAS travelers as well as to have experiences with them that I could not have had on my own. I co-chaired the trip with the stellar Judy Goodman and Alan Levine. Led by

Rabbi Cosgrove and Rabbi Savenor, Cantor Brook and Beryl Chernov, we were awed by Catherine’s Palace in the snow, enjoyed special early entry to the Hermitage museum, and were impressed with the Kremlin Armory, Red Square, the Moscow Metro, and the Jewish Museum of Tolerance. But as with other wonderful PAS trips, the highlights were in special moments with the locals, when we bore witness to incredible stories of survival, bravery, and hope.

We met with the director of Yesod, a large, state-of-the-art community center which is a hub of Jewish life in St Petersburg boasting a kindergarten, a gym, art and music classes, a library, a singles group (with a matchmaker!) and consistent Shabbat and holiday meals. The director told us their mission isn’t about rebirth, since that happened 30 years ago, but about growing the community and supporting them with the tools they need to continue their Jewish life.

We spent Shabbat at Moscow Choral Synagogue, sitting where Golda Meir sat in 1948 as the first representative from Israel to the Soviet Union. It was the first time in Choral’s history that a Conservative Synagogue had shared a Shabbat with them! Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt led prayers along with a beautiful choir. At dinner, we heard poignant stories including from our

Russian-born guide, who brought in the kippah given to her late father by Golda Meir at his bar mitzvah at Choral. Our guide had immigrated to Israel as a young girl and had never returned to Choral until that very night with us.

We concluded Shabbat with an informal teatime, hosting over 40 Muscovites ranging from the heads of Hillel, JAFI, and Limmud to students and business leaders who are active in everyday Jewish life. During our small group conversations, we bonded over our shared commitment to Jewish identity. It was incredibly uplifting to see firsthand Russian Jews openly celebrating being Jewish.

The PAS travelers will agree that our most fun evening was taking a Moscow Boat Cruise, tasting caviar and vodka, enjoying the beautiful city all lit up, and dancing until midnight with a fantastic DJ.

Thank you to everyone who planned and coordinated the trip and thank you to everyone who shared in this memorable experience! And please, come back and visit us soon!



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