

BULLETIN

Celebrate



PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE



FROM THE RABBI

RABBI NEIL ZUCKERMAN

The Promised Land

Every year before Passover, I reread Michael Walzer’s *Exodus and Revolution*. Walzer suggests that the Exodus narrative is not only a story and the basis for a family dinner that we will enjoy in a few weeks, but an influential force for shaping the world.

That is particularly true in music. From African American spirituals to their descendants – blues, jazz, gospel, reggae, and rock & roll – the Exodus has played a critical role in the fight for civil rights and societal transformation. Bruce Springsteen employs the language of redemption explicitly in his 1978 song, “The Promised Land.”

The song is the story of a young man working in his own personal “Egypt”: although he feels constrained by the narrowness of life, he tries to do the right thing. But reality gets in the way (transformation is difficult); he wants to break free and give up on his dream of arriving at the Promised Land. And yet, even though he knows he is chasing a mirage, he can’t stop believing in it:

*The dogs on Main Street howl
 'cause they understand
 If I could take one moment into my hands
 Mister, I ain't a boy, no, I'm a man,
 And I believe in a promised land*

This is the power of music. Whenever I listen to this song, I believe again in the message of the Exodus. A message that reminds us that Judaism’s vision of justice demands people be free from oppression, that there is a better and more just tomorrow than today. These are the building blocks of our tradition. I know we are not there yet. I don’t know when we will arrive, but I am lifted up by the song and by the closing words of Walzer’s book:

“We still believe . . . First; that wherever you live, it is probably Egypt; second; that there is a better place, a world more attractive, a promised land; and third, that the way to the land is through the wilderness. There is no way to get from here to there except by joining together and marching.”

As we approach Passover, let’s ask ourselves: What elements of our society are Egyptian? What is my vision for a promised land? Who are my marching partners? When we answer these three questions, I believe we will be one step closer to the promised land.

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PARK AVENUE
 SYNAGOGUE

WITH YOU ON YOUR JEWISH JOURNEY

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, the morning service, 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 at 9:00 am

Mar 10, Purim / Apr 8, Erev Pesach / Apr 13-14, Hol ha-moed Pesach / 7:00 am

MINHA/MA'ARIV

Sun-Thu at 5:45 pm

Apr 8, First night of Pesach / 6:30 pm

Apr 9, Second night of Pesach / 6:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

ALTERNATE SERVICES

Shabbat Shalom u-L'chaim

RAMAH MINYAN / Fri / Mar 6, Apr 3 / 6:45 pm

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

Shabbat in Fellowship

HAVURAH / Sat / Mar 14, Apr 18 / 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 or x123.

Visit 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:
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CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL, p. 21.
YOUTH/TEEN, p. 22.

FRI / MAR 6 / 10 ADAR

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat
 6:45 PM Ramah Minyan

SAT / MAR 7 / 11 ADAR

T'tzavveh/Shabbat Zakhor
 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
 9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua
 9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bnei Mitzvah of James Nejat and Hannah Raskin
 30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha
 5:00 PM Minha with Bar Mitzvah of Oliver Goldin

PURIM 5780

MON / MAR 9 / 13 ADAR

Fast of Esther/Erev Purim
 6:04 AM Fast begins
 7:15 AM Morning service will include Torah reading for a public fast day.
 7:00 PM Purim Spiel: *MEGILLAH: The New Adventures of Esther*
 8:00 PM Megillah Reading

TUE / MAR 10 / 14 ADAR

Purim
 7:00 AM Morning Minyan: Shaharit with Torah reading and Megillah

FRI / MAR 13 / 17 ADAR

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Honoring New Members and PAS Membership Anniversaries of 5 and 25 Years and Honoring Kol Nidrei Appeal Ambassadors

SAT / MAR 14 / 18 ADAR

Ki Tissa/Shabbat Parah
 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
 9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua and Havurah
 9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Hecht
 30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha
 3:15 PM Minha with Bat Mitzvah of Eliza Keller

FRI / MAR 20 / 24 ADAR

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

SAT / MAR 21 / 25 ADAR

Va-yak-hel-P'kudei / Shabbat HaHodesh
 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
 9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua
 9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bat Mitzvah of Taylor Guberman
 30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

THU / MAR 26 / 1 NISAN

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

FRI / MAR 27 / 2 NISAN

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

SAT / MAR 28 / 3 NISAN

Va-yikra
 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
 9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua
 9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bat Mitzvah of Tanys Mayman
 30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

FRI / APR 3 / 9 NISAN

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat
 6:45 PM Ramah Minyan

SAT / APR 4 / 10 NISAN

Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol
 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
 9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua
 9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Zuckerman
 30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha
 5:00 PM Minha with Bar Mitzvah of Max Weiss

PESACH 5780

WED / APR 8 / 14 NISAN

Erev Pesach / Fast of the Firstborn
 7:00 AM Morning minyan and Siyyum / Last opportunity to sell hametz. (See pasyn.org/pesachresources.)
 10:47 AM Latest time to eat hametz
 11:52 AM Sale or disposal of hametz must be completed
 6:30 PM Festival evening service / No service at 5:45 pm
 7:00 PM Congregational Seder (p. 4)

THU / APR 9 / 15 NISAN

Pesach, 1st day
 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
 9:45 AM Festival morning service with Tal, the prayer for dew
 30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha
 6:00 PM Festival evening service / No service at 5:45 pm
 6:30 PM Congregational Seder (p. 4)

FRI / APR 10 / 16 NISAN

Pesach, 2nd day
 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
 9:45 AM Festival morning service
 30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha
 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

SAT / APR 11 / 17 NISAN

Shabbat hol ha-moed Pesach
 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
 9:00 AM Parashat HaShavua
 9:45 AM Shabbat morning service
 30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

SUN / APR 12 / 18 NISAN

Hol ha-moed Pesach
 9:00 AM Morning minyan with Hallel, Torah reading, and Musaf
 5:45 PM Evening minyan

MON / APR 13 / 19 NISAN

Hol ha-moed Pesach
 7:00 AM Morning minyan with Hallel, Torah reading, and Musaf
 5:45 PM Evening minyan

TUE / APR 14 / 20 NISAN

Hol ha-moed Pesach
 7:00 AM Morning minyan with Hallel, Torah reading, and Musaf
 5:45 PM Minha and Festival evening service

WED / APRIL 15 / 21 NISAN

Pesach, 7th day
 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
 9:45 AM Festival morning service
 30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha
 5:45 PM Minha and Festival evening service



THU / APR 16 / 22 NISAN

Pesach, 8th day

- 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
- 9:45 AM Festival morning service with Yizkor

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

- 5:45 PM Minha (no Ma'ariv)
- 8:19 PM Pesach ends. OK to purchase and eat hametz. Hametz sold through PAS may be eaten after 9:20 pm.

FRI / APR 17 / 23 NISAN

- 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

SAT / APR 18 / 24 NISAN

Sh`mini

- 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
- 9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua and Havurah
- 9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bnei Mitzvah of Gideon Grinberg and Jake Moalemzadeh

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

- 5:00 PM Minha with Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Stegman

FRI / APR 24 / 30 NISAN

Rosh Hodesh

- 7:15 AM Morning service will include Hallel, Torah reading, and Musaf.
- 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

SAT / APR 25 / 1 IYYAR

Tazria-M'tzora/Rosh Hodesh

- 7:30 AM Hashkamah Minyan
- 9:00 AM Shaharit & Parashat HaShavua
- 9:45 AM Shabbat morning service with Bar Mitzvah of Bennett Gorman

30 MINUTES AFTER SERVICES Minha

- 5:00 PM Minha with Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Sanders

TUE / APR 28 / 4 IYYAR

Yom HaZikaron

- 7:15 AM Morning service will include memorial prayers.

WED / APR 29 / 5 IYYAR

Yom HaAtzma'ut

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

CARING NETWORK

Life has ups and downs. The Caring Network supports individuals and families come what may – during times of illness, suffering, loss, and grief and also during joyful transitions of birth, adolescence, marriage, and beyond. Our “What Matters: Caring Conversations About End of Life” initiative offers guidance about advance care planning, helping participants clarify their wishes and talk with their families about their choices for future healthcare. For information about volunteer and professional support, support groups, and educational opportunities, visit pasyn.org/caringnetwork. If you or anyone you know could benefit from the Caring Network, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Rabbi Zuckerman at nzuckerman@pasyn.org.

Be Happy, It's Adar!

On Purim our world is topsy-turvy. We dress as something we are not, read the story of Esther from the Megillah, and tell it again as a musical spoof, a Purim Spiel.

Mon-Tue / Mar 9-10

MEGILLAH
THE NEW ADVENTURES OF ESTHER

Coming to a Shul Near You

PURIM SPIEL 5780

Caught up in the superhero movie craze, our Purim Spielers asked: "What if the creative geniuses at Marvel or DC wrote the megillah story?"

Indeed, it's surprising that they haven't. So we took the liberty of doing it for them!

The script contains all the elements we're accustomed to in an Avengers, Iron Man, or Wonder Woman movie: a megalomaniac who wants to rule the world, a dastardly plot, and a team of superheroes who save the day.

And . . . to keep things interesting, the despicable deeds and the righteous rescues take place to some of your favorite tunes from the 1980s.

Be there on Erev Purim, March 9, at 7:00 pm, and be sure to wear a superhero (or super villain!) costume.



Jump into a Phone Booth!

INSTANT SUPERHERO COSTUME

MATERIALS

- 1 bandana, dishtowel, or scarf (depending on the size of the superhero)
- Safety pins
- Fabric markers
- Face paint
- (Optional) 25" strip of stiff paper & tape
- (Optional) stick-on mustache
- You, dressed in a t-shirt and tights, leggings, or whatever's comfortable

PROCEDURE

- Cape: Pin the fabric to the back of the t-shirt
- Insignia: Fabric paint on the t-shirt
- Mask: Face paint
- Crown (optional): Cut from the long strip, tape to size

OH, YOU'RE A VILLAIN?

As above, plus a nasty mustache or leer

Pesach Sameach!

Jews everywhere have a seder (or two) and eat ceremonial foods, but depending on where you're from and where you're headed on your Jewish journey, the details differ. How will you tell the story? What will you eat? Wed evening, Apr 8–Thu, Apr 16

Exit Egypt in Community

PAS CONGREGATIONAL SEDERS

FIRST SEDER

Wed / Apr 8 / Rabbi Zuckerman and Cantor Brook

6:30 PM Festival Evening Service

7:00 PM Congregational Seder

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SECOND SEDER

Thu / Apr 9 / Rabbi Witkovsky and Cantor Schwartz

5:45 PM Festival Evening Service

6:30 PM Congregational Seder
Beginning earlier than the first night, this evening's seder will accommodate families who want a seder experience for children.

\$ RSVP

What If You Didn't Leave Egypt?

MEMORIES FROM
NADINE HABOUSHA COHEN

I grew up in Egypt, but our family ancestry is Babylonian, from Baghdad. My grandparents emigrated to Cairo early in the 20th century and preserved our Babylonian/Iraqi customs and rituals. Our Haggadah is in Hebrew and Judaeo-Arabic—Arabic words written in the Hebrew alphabet the way that Yiddish is a Germanic language written in Hebrew characters.

The youngest child at our seder has a starring role not at the Four Questions, but a page earlier. Just after we break the middle matzah to make the afikomen, before we say *Ha Lahma Anya*, “this is the bread of poverty,” the afikomen is wrapped in a cloth and tied around the child's shoulder like a backpack. Then everyone quizzes the child, who has to answer, in Hebrew, of course:

Where are you coming from? *Egypt*
What are you carrying? *Matzah!*
Where are you going? *Jerusalem*

I was the youngest for six years, and I dreaded this re-enactment every year!

Our food is different, too. Rice is a staple during Passover as it is year-round. We use romaine lettuce for *maror*, celery leaves for *karpas*, and lemon juice in place of saltwater. The centerpiece of our seder table is the *haroset*. No chopped apples here! Our sweet thick spread is made with dates, cooked to a paste and covered with chopped walnuts when served.

Each year as we celebrate our heritage, we talk about our own pilgrimages and those of our ancestors and even disagree about them – most especially after that fourth cup of wine.

FOR THE FULL PESACH SCHEDULE, SEE PAGE 4 OR VISIT PASYN.ORG/PESACH5780
FOR SEDER REGISTRATION AND PASSOVER RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE SALE OF HAMETZ, DONATIONS TO THE WELFARE FUND, AND COUNTING THE OMER, VISIT PASYN.ORG/PESACHRESOURCES.

SYNAGOGUE FAMILY

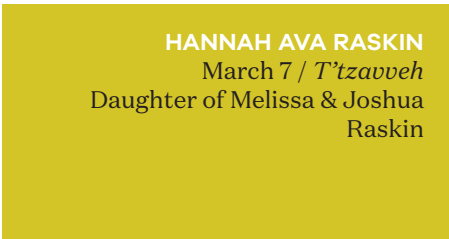
Bnei Mitzvah



JAMES PIERCE NEJAT
March 7 / *T'tzavveh*
Son of Tiffany & Richard Nejat



DANIEL SOLOMON MERO
March 16 Israel / *Va-yak-hel*
Son of Norma & Scott Mero



HANNAH AVA RASKIN
March 7 / *T'tzavveh*
Daughter of Melissa & Joshua
Raskin



TAYLOR AVERY GUBERMAN
March 21 / *Va-yak-hel-P'kudei*
Daughter of Stephanie & Laurence
Guberman



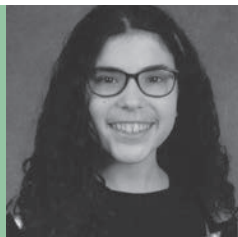
OLIVER NOAH GOLDIN
March 7 minha / *Ki Tissa*
Son of Daniela & Daniel Goldin
Grandson of Diana & Jay Goldin



TANYS JADE HARPER MAYMAN
March 28 / *Va-yikra*
Daughter of Alana Serota & David
Mayman



GABRIELLE LEAH HECHT
March 14 / *Ki Tissa*
Daughter of Anna & Daniel Hecht



SOPHIE MICHAL ZUCKERMAN
April 4 / *Tzav*
Daughter of Rabbi Rachel Aranoff
and Rabbi Neil Zuckerman



ELIZA RACHEL KELLER
March 14 minha / *Va-yak-hel*
Daughter of Stacey Berg Keller &
Jeffrey Keller



MAX WEISS
April 4 minha / *Sh'mini*
Son of Frida & Marc Weiss

GIDEON ASHER GRINBERG
April 18 / *Sh'mini*
Son of Lisa & Alexander Grinberg



BENNETT ELI GORMAN
April 25 / *Tazri-a-M'tzora*
Son of Stephanie & Les Gorman



JAKE KAVEH MOALEMZADEH
April 18 / *Sh'mini*
Son of Sherie & Shary
Moalemzadeh



GABRIELLE SARA SANDERS
April 25 minha / *Aharei Mot*
Daughter of Randi & Adam Sanders



ISABELLA JANE STEGMAN
April 18 minha / *Tazri-a*
Daughter of Carrie & Zeev Stegman



“Those who teach their children teach not only their children, but their children’s children.”

BABYLONIAN TALMUD, KIDDUSHIN 30A

VISIT [PASYN.ORG/SHAPIROAUDIOARCHIVE](https://pasyn.org/shapiroaudioarchive) TO HEAR BNEI MITZVAH RECORDED IN THE SANCTUARY FROM 1954 TO 2004. YOU CAN ALSO HEAR SERMONS, MUSICAL SERVICES, LECTURES, CONCERTS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS, OR JUMP TO THE FULL DATABASE TO FIND RECORDINGS THAT INTEREST YOU.

Mazal tov

BRITTNEY & HOWARD SOBEL on the birth of a daughter, Sloane Izzy Sobel, and to older siblings Jake and Sienna

BECKY MALINSKY & THOMAS SHIAH on the birth of a son, Thomas Samuel Shiah

ERIN BESER & RABBI ETHAN WITKOVSKY on the birth of a daughter, Sage Margaret, and to big brother Aldo

RONYA GORDON & MICHAEL ROTH on their marriage

LEORA & BEN ROZIN on the birth of a daughter, Perla Hope Rozin, and to big brothers Mischa and Evan

KARRIE & RON BELLDEGRUN on the birth of a daughter, Zoa Pola Belldegrun

DANA & DAVID SHANI on the birth of a granddaughter, Ruby Aviv Solomon, and to her parents, Talia Shani & Tim Solomon

ANNE & PAUL CORWIN and **LYNNE & JOEL MESZNIK** on the birth of a grandson, Gideon Irving Mesznik, and to parents Rebecca & Jared Mesznik

NICOLE LUSTIG PASTERNAK & MERIN PASTERNAK on the birth of a son, Brennen Phillipe Pasternak, and to grandparents Andrea Baumann Lustig & Ivan Lustig, and Saree Ptak

DANIELLE & SLOAN EDDLESTON on the birth of a son, Noah Asher Eddleston, and to big sister Ariella



YASHER KOACH TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF SYNAGOGUE

PROGRAMMING AND ADULT EDUCATION on receiving the 2020 Florence Melton Award! The award is given each year to one Melton School to honor outstanding achievement and exemplary practices.

The award was presented during the 25th Annual International Directors Conference, held in January here in NYC. The PAS Melton School accepted the award in memory of Ed Cohen, ז"ל, who served as PAS Melton Advisory Chair until his passing last year. One of the first cohort to take Melton at PAS, Ed was a steadfast supporter and ongoing student. PAS was represented by Mara Bernstein, Rabbi Zuckerman, Adult Education Co-chair Erica Friedman, and by Ed's wife, Nadine Habousha Cohen, and their sons, Reuben and Daniel.

TO MAKE A CELEBRATORY OR MEMORIAL DONATION TO PAS, PLEASE VISIT [PASYN.ORG/GIVING](https://pasyn.org/giving), OR CALL THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AT 212-369-4900, X101.

Shalom

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

COURTNEY LYNFIELD & MICHAEL DORNBUSCH
 PATRICIA & JAMES FINGEROTH
 SAMANTHA & JONATHAN FIRESTONE
 RAQUEL & ZACHARY FISCHER
 ERICA & JOSEPH KOICIM
 ROBIN & STANLEY LEVIN
 JAMIE & DAVID MANNING
 SUSAN & ALAN RAPHAEL
 LEXIE & JONATHAN ROSEN
 FLORINA KLINGBAUM & MARK STRAUSS
 MERRYL & JAMES TISCH
 DANIELA & BENJAMIN TISCH
 ALICE & THOMAS TISCH

“ Rabbi Nehorai taught: *Relocate yourself to live in a community where Torah is studied.* ”

PIRKEI AVOT 4:18

CONDOLENCES

Stanley Kreinik, husband of Jane Kreinik

William Goldstein, father of Sandy Davis (Michael)

Eugene Botel, father of Lawrence Botel (Vicki)

Lillian Hirschfeld, mother of Alan Hirschfeld (Emily Roberts)

Fern Schless, mother of Lauren Geller (Marty)

Myrna Maryanov Axelrod, mother of Phyllis Mack (William)

Eva Bassini, mother of Emilio Bassini (Reina Marin Bassini)

Alice Rubinstein, mother of Ethel Rubinstein (Elias Feuer)



*Hamakom
y'nahem
etkhem*

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

MARCH & APRIL AT PAS



Shalom. Namaste.

WOMEN'S NETWORK MORNING YOGA CLASS

Tue / Mar 3 / 9:30 am / Abigail Stevenson / PAS@87th

Recalibrate your body and mind through yoga poses, breath work, and meditation. Bring your own mat for an hour of restorative practice. Abigail Stevenson is a teacher and practitioner of Thyroid Yoga.

RSVP / Open only to members of Women's Network



Why Do a Mitzvah?

MASTER CLASS WITH RABBI COSGROVE

Tue / Mar 10, 17, 24 / 6:30 pm / PAS@87th

On Yom Kippur, Rabbi Cosgrove urged the community to take on mitzvot in our lives. In this course, we will dive into the biblical, rabbinic, and modern arguments for a life of mitzvot, with the aim of formulating a personal theology of observance.

\$ RSVP



The Fork in the Road

MIDTOWN LUNCH AND LEARN

Wed / Mar 4, 18, 25 / 12:30 pm / Rabbi Savenor / Location provided upon RSVP

At pivotal moments in Jewish history, passionate leaders have advocated for one way forward, only to be confronted by equally passionate peers with other ideas. Learn about controversies that have shaped what Judaism looks like today. Some are still being debated.

RSVP



From Mah Nishtanah to Afikomen

PRE-PASSOVER LEARNING

Tue / Mar 31 / 7:00 pm / Rabbanit Adena Berkowitz / PAS@87th

Explore what biblical and rabbinic sources teach us about the development of the Passover Seder and the haggadah from ancient rituals to today's practices.

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Good Enough for Elijah

MEN'S CLUB PASSOVER WINE SALE

Tue / Mar 31 / 6:00–9:00 pm / PAS@87th

Stock up for the four cups and more at our annual wine sale! Taste the latest in kosher wines and get recommendations for pairing with everything from brisket to macaroons. Stop in before or after the pre-Passover learning with Rabbanit Adena Berkowitz to place your order, or order online at pasyn.org/mensclub.



Never again. Never Forget.

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

Mon / Apr 20 / 6:00 pm / PAS@87th

We mark this day by lighting candles to honor the memory and legacy of victims and survivors of the Shoah. Congregational School students in the Hey class (Gr 5) will participate in a multigenerational service of reflection, prayer, and song.



The Shul Sisters

A CONCERT CELEBRATING WOMEN IN THE CANTORATE

Thu / Apr 2 / 7:00 / PAS@87th

Cantor Rachel Brook in concert with Cantor Laurie Akers and Cantor Rachel Goldman. Followed by a reception.

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Taffeta. Tulle. Twirl!

PROJECT PROM

Wed-Thu / Apr 22-23 / Temple Emanu-El, 1 E 65th St

At prom time, we dance with Temple Emanu-El! We are pleased to partner with them again on Project Prom. In advance of the event, donate new shoes or gently used or new dresses. During the shopping days, help girls select their ensembles.

Sign up for a volunteer slot at pasyn.org/womensnetwork.



Israel at 72!

YOM HAATZMA'UT 2020 AT PAS

Tue / Apr 28 / PAS@87th

After a year of contentious elections, economic challenges, military threats, and political ambiguity, we take a breath, smile, and celebrate Israel at 72!

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Let My People Read

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Moses: A Human Life by Avivah Zornberg takes us beyond the Bible to discover the life of our greatest prophet and teacher.

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Order online at jewishlives.org and use the promo code **mosesclub**.



Moses: A Human Life

AN EVENING WITH AVIVAH ZORNBERG

Thu / Apr 23 / 7:00 pm / PAS@87th

Torah commentator extraordinaire Avivah Zornberg, author of six books, with a Cambridge PhD and a grand rabbinical heritage, finds the human side of our greatest biblical figure. Moses’s fundamental sense of himself as “not a man of words” comes to a poignant consummation in the long speeches he makes to the people before he dies. What does it mean to learn to speak?

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Moses Meets Melton

PASSOVER MELTON

Tue / Apr 14 / 12:00 pm / Rabbi Zuckerman / PAS@87th

Rabbi Zuckerman’s annual text-based, Melton-style Passover class will take on the subject of our spring read, the hero who’s absent from the Haggadah. Open to everyone – current, past, and possible future Melton students.

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Midday Moses

POST-KIDDUSH BOOK DISCUSSION

Sat / Mar 28 / 12:45 pm / Rabbi Cosgrove / PAS@87th

You heard Moses’s voice in the Torah reading. Continue the saga after bagels and lox.



Early Morning Moses

ESSENTIAL ESSAYS: GIVE EAR

Tue / Mar 24, 31; Apr 7 / 8:00 am / Rabbi Cosgrove / PAS@87th

Our weekly discussion of Jewish philosophy, theology, and thought turns to *Moshe Rabbeinu*, our first teacher.

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PAS Gala 2020

6:30 PM / PAS@87TH
HONORING
ART PENN



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RSVP = Registration required.

\$ = There is a cost for the class.

Closed = Registration has closed.

Classes meet weekly unless indicated.



SUNDAY

BEYOND DISPUTE: DEBATES THAT SHAPE JEWISH LIFE

Jewish Theological Seminary Curriculum / Mar 29 / 10:00 am / Rabbi Zuckerman / PAS@87th
Closed

MONDAY

KABBALAH: BECOMING OUR BEST SELVES

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

Apply the wisdom of Kabbalah to the complexity of daily life. Open to new and returning students.

\$ RSVP

HAFTARAH TROPE

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

Closed



NEW!

CONVERGE

Interfaith Couples Conversations / Mar 2, 16, 23; Apr 6 / 7:00 pm / PAS@87th / Rabbi Philp

Interfaith couples face unique challenges, in and outside the synagogue. These four-sessions will provide a welcoming, nonjudgmental space to address some of these obstacles. Through text study, personal exploration, and guided conversation, we will uncover how our differences can become opportunities for strengthening our relationships and engaging more deeply in community.

TUESDAY

ESSENTIAL ESSAYS

Mar 10, 17, 24, 31; Apr 7, 14, 21, 28 / 8:00 am / Rabbi Cosgrove / PAS@87th

CONTEMPORARY JEWISH THOUGHT

Mar 3, 17, 24, 31; Apr 7, 21, 28 / 12:00 pm / Rabbi Zuckerman / PAS@87th

PATHWAYS

An Introduction to Judaism / Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Apr 7, 21, 28 / 6:30 pm / Rabbi Zuckerman and Rabbi Philp / PAS@87th

WEDNESDAY

DAF SHEVUI

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr 1, 8, 22, 29 / 8:30 am / Rabbi Witkovsky / PAS@87th

The April 8 session will be the Siyyum for the Fast of the Firstborn.

MELTON YEAR 1

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr 1, 22, 29 / 7:00 pm / Rabbi Witkovsky and Rabbi Joel Shaiman / PAS@89th
Closed

NEW YORK JEWS AND THE MAKING OF AMERICAN POP CULTURE

PAS Graduate Class / Mar 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr 1, 22, 29 / 7:00 pm / Dr. David Kaufman / PAS@89th
Closed

JEWISH MYSTICISM: TRACING THE HISTORY OF KABBALAH

Rachel Wasserman Scholars Curriculum / Mar 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr 1, 22, 29 / 7:00 pm / Rabbi Shmuel Afek / PAS@89th
Closed

THURSDAY

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA: THE SIXTH BOOK OF THE TORAH?

PAS Graduate Class / Mar 5, 12, 29, 26; Apr 2, 23, 30 / 9:15 am / Rabbi Savenor / PAS@89th
Closed

MELTON YEAR 2

Mar 5, 12, 19, 26; Apr 2, 23, 30 / 9:15 am / Rabbi Zuckerman and Rabbi Philp / PAS@89th
Closed

SOCIAL JUSTICE: THE HEART OF JUDAISM IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

Melton Scholars Course / Mar 5, 12, 29, 26; Apr 2, 23, 30 / 9:15 am / Rabbi Witkovsky / PAS@89th
Closed

ADULT BNEI MITZVAH CLASS

Mar 5, 12, 19, 26; Apr 2, 23, 30 / 12:00 pm / PAS@87th
Cantor Brook and Rabbi Zuckerman
Closed

INSIGHTS FROM ISRAEL

Mar 12, Apr 23 / 12:00 pm / Rabbi Michael Graetz (by Skype) / PAS@89th

SHULHAN IVRIT

Mar 19; Apr 13 / 7:15 pm / PAS@89th

FRIDAY

TALMUD TORAH

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27; Apr 3, 17, 24 / 8:00 am / Rabbi Witkovsky / PAS@87th

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Mar 20, Apr 24 / 9:15 am / Debbie Cosgrove / PAS@87th
\$RSVP

SATURDAY

PARASHAT HASHAVUA

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

**WINDOW ON ISRAEL**

Mar 28 / 9:00 am / Rabbi Zuckerman and Alon Wald / PAS@89th

Alon Wald is the Director of Operations at Jerusalem's Ammunition Hill monument and was instrumental in creating the new, interactive museum. He is the son of Rami Wald, an IDF captain who fell in the battle of Ammunition Hill during the Six-Day War.

ANYTIME

STUDY CIRCLES

Want to study with friends? Start a Study Circle! / Please contact Rabbi Witkovsky at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org.

"My library is my garden and my orchard." —Judah Halevi

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.

YOUTH EDUCATION & EVENTS

Be Happy!

It's Adar, and we're being silly whenever we can. And then, oh joy, comes Spring! And Pesach!

YOUNG FAMILY EDUCATION

For up-to-date information, sign up to receive YFE email: visit pasyn.org/emails/signup. Want to register? Have questions? Visit pasyn.org/yfe or contact Jamie Diamond, Director, at jdiamond@pasyn.org or x140.

LET'S LEARN TOGETHER

Baby & Toddler Classes / Visit the website to see all the options for summer and fall. Bring your friends and meet new ones!

RUNNING OUT OF HANDS?

Second Time Parents Group / Tue / Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 / 11:00 am / PAS@89th / Patti Sayre, LCSW
RSVP

BE HAPPY, IT'S ADAR!

Purim at PAS for Families with Young Children / Sun / Mar 8 / PAS@87th
11:00 am / YFE Purim Service / Wear costumes! Adults, too!
11:30 am / Quiet Purim Carnival
12:00 pm / Purim Carnival / Buy tickets online and don't wait in line!

PRAY AND PLAY

Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat Dinners in Homes / Fri / Mar 20 / 5:00 pm, Service with Rabbi Witkovsky and Josh Rosenberg. / PAS@87th
Dinner in families' homes afterwards.

SING A SONG OF SHABBAT

Shirat Shabbat / Fri / Mar 27 / 9:10 am / For toddlers 3 and under with an adult / Josh Rosenberg / PAS@89th

TOT TEFILLAH

Young Family Shabbat Morning Service / Sat / Mar 28 / 11:15 am-12:00 pm / Cantor Brook / PAS@87th

PRAY AND PLAY

Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner for Families with Young Children / Fri / Apr 3 / 5:00 pm / Rabbi Witkovsky and Josh Rosenberg / Dinner featuring music with Joanie Leeds / PAS@87th
\$ RSVP

SPRING INTO PASSOVER

Passover Art Workshop / Sun / Apr 5 / 10:30 am / Families with children ages 3-5 / Ellen Alt / PAS@87th
Personalize your Pesach! Our artist-in-residence will help you create items to use at your Seder.
RSVP

CAMP KESHET SUMMER 2020

Summer is a comin' in...

Register now for Camp Keshet and Taste of Keshet! Splash in our rooftop pool, play sports, make art, sing, and do Jewish. For details, visit pasyn.org/keshet.



PENN FAMILY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



For information, visit pasyn.org/ecc or contact Pamela Schwartz, Director, at pschwartz@pasyn.org or x150.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Mon / Mar 2 / All Day

PURIM FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Sun / Mar 8 / PAS@87th
 11:00 am / YFE Purim Service / Wear costumes! Adults, too!
 11:30 am / Quiet Purim Carnival
 12:00 pm / Purim Carnival / Buy bracelets online and don't wait in line!

PURIM DRESS-UP DAYS

Mon / Mar 9 / Mix & Match
 Tue / Mar 10 / Thankful Tuesday
 Wed / Mar 11 / Wacky Wednesday
 Thu / Mar 12 / Topsy-Turvy Thursday
 Fri / Mar 13 / Funny Friday

PARENT COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Fri / 9:15 am / PAS@87th
 Mar 13 / Debbie Cosgrove / Mindful Parenting
 Mar 24 / Penn Family ECC Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist & Social Worker
 April 24 / Rachayl Reznik and Katie Levine / Mindfulness in the Classroom

PARENT CONFERENCES

Wed / Mar 18 / School closed

CLASS VISIT

Orange Room Parents / Fri / Mar 20 / 9:00 am

PESACH SEDERS

Red Room / Thu / Apr 2 / 1:30 pm
 Blue Room / Thu / Apr 2 / 2:00 pm
 Orange Room / Mon / Apr 6 / 11:30 am
 Green Room / Mon / Apr 6 / 1:30 pm
 Purple Room / Tue / Apr 7 / 11:30 am
 Yellow Room / Tue / Apr 7 / 12:30 pm

PASSOVER BREAK

Wed, Apr 8 – Fri, Apr 17 / School closed

SPECIAL VISITORS DAY

Red Room / Mon / Apr 20 / 1:30 pm
 Blue Room / Mon / Apr 20 / 2:00 pm
 Orange Room / Wed / Apr 22 / 11:30 am
 Green Room / Wed / Apr 22 / 1:30 pm
 Purple Room / Thu / Apr 23 / 11:30 am
 Yellow Room / Thu / Apr 23 / 12:30 pm

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

Fri / Apr 24 / 5:00 pm / PAS@87th



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. For up-to-date information about the school schedule, please rely on the weekly newsletter. Questions? Contact Jennifer Stern Granowitz, Congregational School Director, at jgranowitz@pasyn.org or x139.

SHABBAT SHALOM LA-YELADIM!

Shabbat Experience Programs for Students
Sat / Mar 7, 28; Apr 4, 25 / 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 Services
Sat / Mar 7, 28; Apr 4, 25 / 11:00 am-12:00 pm / PAS@87th

THE WINTER IS PAST . . . FLOWERS APPEAR ON THE EARTH

Closed for Spring Break / Sat-Sat / Mar 14-21
Classes Resume / Mon / Mar 23

B'TE'AVON! ENJOY THE MEAL!

Shabbat Dinner for Gimel & Dalet (Gr 3-4) Families
Fri / Mar 6 / After Kabbalat Shabbat / PAS@87th

BE HAPPY, IT'S ADAR!

Purim Carnival
Sun / Mar 8 / PAS@87th
11:30 am / Quiet Purim Carnival
12:00 pm / Purim Carnival / Buy bracelets online and don't wait in line! / Wear costumes! Adults, too!

BE MORE HAPPY, IT'S STILL ADAR!

Purim
Mon / Mar 9 / PAS@87th
6:00 pm / CS Pre-Purim Pizza
7:00 pm / Purim Spiel & Megillah (p. 4 & p. 6)

SEVEN DAYS YOU SHALL EAT MATZAH

Closed for Passover / Tue-Sat / Apr 7-18
Classes Resume / Mon / Apr 20

ZAKHOR, REMEMBER

Hey (Gr 5) Participation in Synagogue Yom HaShoah Commemoration
Mon / Apr 20 / 6:30 pm / PAS@87th

TRAIN UP CHILDREN IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO

Vav (Gr 6) Bnei Mitzvah Family Programs
Wed / Apr 22 / 5:45-7:00 pm / PAS@87th

TEEN REPORT



On January 11-12, PAS 8th graders took to the road and made a splash on a two-day trip to the 79,000 sq. ft. water park at Great Wolf Lodge.

“My favorite part was the lazy river. (It was also fun to stay up all night.)”

LEX GOODMAN

“I can't wait to go on another trip with PAS!”

EMILY WEIDMAN

PAS YOUTH

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

3RD-7TH GRADERS

One-on-one

CHAT WITH CHLOE

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

Grades 3-5, Nosh on hamantaschen!

HAMENTASCHEN BAKE

Sun / Mar 1 / 11:00 am / Home of Lizzy & Bryce Markus

RSVP to Chloe for address

Be happy, it's Adar!

PURIM CARNIVAL

Sun / Mar 8 / PAS@87th
11:30 am / Quiet Carnival
12:00 pm / Carnival for all

Wear costumes! (Adults too!) Win prizes, make music, eat hamantaschen, play games, and bounce away. / Grades 3 to 5 must attend with an adult / Buy tickets online and don't wait in line!

Always mitzvah season

MET COUNCIL MITZVAH PROJECT

Sun / Apr 26 / 10:30 am-12:30 pm / PAS@87th

Do a springtime mitzvah project with Met Council. Parents and children of all grades are welcome. Details TBA.

PAS TEENS

For up-to-date information about teen programming, sign up for the monthly teen email or visit pasyn.org/teens. Have questions? Contact Niki Fleishman at nfleishman@pasyn.org or x147.

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

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

PAS teens study, travel, mentor younger students, play music, sing, and care for our community by packing food every Wednesday and distributing it at the PAS Food Pantry every Friday. Visit pasyn.org/teens for details and sign-ups.

MAR-APR TEEN HIGHLIGHTS

Grades 8-10, Shabbat shalom, b'teiavon

SHABBAT DINNER WITH RABBI WITKOVSKY & ERIN BESER

Fri / Mar 6 / 7:30 pm / Rabbi Witkovsky's home

Post-Bnei Mitzvah students & parents PARENT/TEEN STUDY CIRCLE WITH RABBI COSGROVE

Sat / Mar 7 at 3:30 pm / Apr 4 at 4:00 pm / Rabbi Cosgrove's home

Be happy, it's Adar!

PURIM CARNIVAL TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Sun / Mar 8 / 9:00 am-2:00 pm / PAS@87th / Run carnival booths, paint faces, distribute candy and prizes, and more!

Crash the boards!

MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL SCREENING

Wed / Mar 11 / 7:00 pm / PAS@87th
Join our March Madness league; brackets are due March 15. Watch games together in the Youth Lounge.

Become a leader!

APPLY TO JOIN THE PAS TEEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sun / Mar 8 / Deadline to apply
Wed / Apr 22 / Candidates' presentations
Questions? Email Rabbi Witkovsky.

Mental health matters

SPEAKER FROM HERE.NOW.

Wed / Mar 18 / 6:00 pm / PAS@87th
Pam Schuller discusses teen mental health.

Bake tonight, brachot tomorrow

CHALLAH BAKE

Thu / Apr 2 / Time TBA / PAS@87th
Roll it, and braid it, and paint it with egg. Home-made challah for the Teen Appreciation Shabbat Dinner!

#Neverforget

SPEAKER FROM THE BLUE CARD

Wed / Apr 22 / 6:00 pm
A Holocaust Survivor shares her story.

Time to do good!

MIDNIGHT RUN

Sat / Apr 25 / 8:30 pm / PAS@87th
Make sandwiches, then distribute food and clothing. See the website for info on donating clothing and toiletries in advance.



PAS TEENS ARE ON SNAPCHAT AND INSTAGRAM! PAS_TEENS

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

Out of sight,
but not out
of mind



[PASYN.ORG/COLLEGECONNECTIONS](https://pasyn.org/collegeconnections)

Our college students are part of the PAS community, even while they are away at school. Our clergy send emails from with words of wisdom, holiday messages, and even a joke or two, and every so often, we send a care package. To include your student(s) in this program, please visit pasyn.org/collegeconnections and make certain we have their current contact information.

Summer job opportunity

CAMP KESHET TEEN COUNSELORS

Jun 22–Jul 31

Work at PAS camp, where children ages 2 to 5 enjoy swimming, art, music, yoga, sports, Jewish learning, and more. We are looking for teens who can work all six weeks. Questions? Contact Jamie Diamond, jdiamond@pasyn.org.



Kabbalat Shabbat celebrating PAS Teens, featuring the Teen Rock Band and Parkapellas. All teen families invited!

TEEN APPRECIATION SHABBAT

Fri / Apr 3 / [PAS@87th](mailto:pas@87th)

Celebrate the collaboration and efforts of all PAS Teens and honor our seniors.

6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat

7:30 PM Family Dinner Honoring Teens

8:30 PM Dessert Oneg and Teen Game Night

20S & 30S AT PAS

For more information, visit pasyn.org/20s30s or contact Rabbi Witkovsky at ewitkovsky@pasyn.org or Rabbi Philp at sphilp@pasyn.org

2020 VISION

Eat, Pray, Learn

Fri / Mar 27 / 7:30 pm / [PAS@87th](mailto:pas@87th)

With the presidential primaries in full swing, hear from experts in the field about what we can expect – and what might surprise us – in the 2020 election. Join the PAS community for Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:15 pm or catch us afterward for dinner and conversation.

\$ RSVP

UES EXODUS

A Post-Passover Party

Thu / Apr 23 / 6:00 pm / [PAS@87th](mailto:pas@87th)

Like Moses leading our people through the wilderness, Rabbi Witkovsky and Rabbi Philp will guide us across the Upper East Side as PAS board members open their doors to this group of wandering Jews. Meet the lay leadership of our community, enjoy a little food, and connect with each other outside the synagogue. Space is limited!

RSVP



DINE & DANCE

PAS Gala 2020

Thu / May 7 / 6:30 pm / [PAS@87th](mailto:pas@87th)

Dress up and be festive on a weekday! Join our 20s and 30s at our annual gala. Save the date! More details to come.

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**Stanley Kreinik, z"l, passed away in January, six weeks after his 90th birthday.*

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Purim sameach!



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On 87th Street, we may be far-off-off-Broadway, but our theatricals get rave reviews, thanks to the lively ingenuity of Arthur Gurevitch and Ilisse Perlmutter.

The creative twosome have been devising our Purim spiel for the past few years, inspiring a whole team of congregant musicians, choreographers, costumers, actors, and dancers.

Spiel creator Arthur Gurevitch takes pains to point out that “I am completely unqualified to develop Purim spiels. My education was in Evolutionary Biology and Ecology, and I make my living (such as it is) as a data scientist in commercial casualty insurance. A few years ago we had a weak script. Much to my amazement and chagrin, I discovered my hidden talent when I undertook the rewrite.”

Lyricist Ilisse Perlmutter, by contrast, began adapting songs for shows as a teenager at camp and went on to create parodies for the Sea Explorer Scout troop she led, then for her med school classmates, and eventually, to entertain American Board of Psychiatry/Neurology Exam teams. Parodies work best when listeners have an “aha” moment as they recognize the

source and are amused or amazed by the rewrite. Ilisse loves seeing how closely she can maintain an original song yet totally change what it says. Writing Purim spiels is the crowning glory of her oeuvre: not just one or two songs, but an entire show!

Arthur says: “It takes a while to transform an idea into a spiel. Last year’s *Megillah U* took two years to develop. This year’s superhero story has been brewing for a while.” Arthur strives to stay true to the Megillah as well as to incorporate both traditional and modern commentary. The classical *midrashim* (Rabbinic commentaries) offer a plethora of personality descriptions, innuendo, and backstory, all ripe for parody. The team also sets a high bar for creating real musical theater by weaving the music into the script so the songs move the action along and contribute to the storytelling. Arthur continues: “The greatest challenge in spielwriting is to be entertaining and engaging for the entire community. Our spiels are neither children’s plays, nor targeted only to adults. We love it when kids and their grandparents

laugh during the same scene, but at different places and for different reasons.”

Ilisse adds that after months of sitting with sheet music, YouTube, and her piano: “I get chills and a frisson of delight at the first rehearsal when I hear the songs live for the first time. I never could have imagined that my love of wordplay and musical talent would morph into a major contribution to the synagogue. It’s unfailingly gratifying, and an honor, to be able to entertain and excite our congregation in this way.”



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