L’Shanah Tovah!

From Rabbi Ephraim Pelcovits
Dear Friends,

Warm and very sunny greetings from the Holy Land! I am writing to all of you from my vacation in Jerusalem, where Rachel, Alexander, Lev, and I have been enjoying the last few days touring and visiting with family. How fitting it is to have this opportunity to write to all of you on this erev Shabbat, Parashat Re’eh, a Torah portion that opens with Moses' address to our ancestors:

See, this day I set before you blessing and curse.

Blessings and curses indeed!

On Tuesday night, just before getting into bed, Rachel and I were surprised by the sound of a "code red" rocket siren in Jerusalem. We scooped up Alexander and Lev from their beds and carried them several floors down to wait - as directed - in the lower floor stairwells with other tenants of the building for the all clear sound. The tenants seemed rather nonplussed by the alarm, and while their calm and friendliness reassured us, we were shaken by the experience. (I ended up staying up quite late trying to piece the news together on Israeli TV.)

Even more reassuring then our confident neighbors at midnight, were the crowds of locals and tourists whom we found the next day enjoying a day off at the Israel Museum, absolutely unfazed by the alarm the night before, or the continuing rocket fire in Ashdod and Ashkelon! In fact, the museum was so full that we could not even get tickets to the "Big Bambu" special exhibition, yet we had a lovely visit just the same.

Despite the curses of the rocket fire, and the continuing uncertainty about prospects for sustained peace and quiet here, I feel so blessed to be visiting Israel. I am blessed to have the opportunity to see family, and blessed to see the State of Israel and its citizens thrive and enjoy themselves, even in these scary times. And we are

Upcoming Events:

September 20th Selichot

October 8th Annual Sukkot Dinner

Study Opportunities
all blessed. Blessed to live in this era of a sovereign Jewish State, and as citizens of the amazing United States.

May we remain acutely aware of our blessings - even as we cannot forget our curses - and may all the citizens and residents of this Land be blessed with peace and security in our days!

Rabbi Ephraim Pelcovits

Rabbi and his family at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem

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**RABBI'S FALL-WINTER CLASS**

**Models of Jewish Leadership:**
Eight Biblical and Talmudic Teachers

Tuesday evening at 8:00pm

Begins October 28th

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**Mishnah Study Group**

Join the Rabbi every Thursday Morning for a Mishnah Study Group following the 8am morning minyan

9/4, 9/11, 10/2, 10/23, 10/30

Coffee & Light Breakfast Served

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**Pre-High Holiday Classes**

Liturgy of the High Holidays
with Hazzan Streigold
Tuesday, September 9th at 8:00pm

Torah Readings of the High Holidays
with Rabbi Pelcovits
Tuesday September 16th
at 8:00pm
Annual Sukkot Dinner

Wednesday
October 8, 2014
Services - 6:00pm
Dinner - 6:30pm
Kiddush in the Sukkah
$45.00 - Member
$55.00 - Non-Member

RSVP by Thursday,
October 2, 2014

Join us for

Selichot Services
& A Film

Saturday, September 20th
Evening Services/Havdalah 7:45pm
Film - The Band’s Visit - 8:30pm
Selichot Service - 10:00 pm

Winner of over 35 International Awards
Join the Rabbi & the Cantor for our monthly
Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service
with guest guitarist, Jordan Shaner
6pm Service followed by a light supper
November 14, December 12,
January 9, March 6,
April 24 and May 22.

Tot Shabbat
Join us for our monthly Tot Shabbat
10/25, 11/22, 12/20, 1/10,
2/21, 3/28, 4/25, 5/9
at 10:30am

Special Kiddushim
September 6
Sol Matsil is sponsoring the flowers and Kiddush
in loving memory of his wife Hermione

October 11
Natalie Katz is sponsoring the flowers and Kiddush
in loving memory of Murray S. Katz

October 25
Barbara Gerber-Krasner & Seymour Krasner
are sponsoring the Flowers and Kiddush
to celebrate Barbara’s Birthday.
President’s Message

As we begin the month of September, we bridge the Hebrew months of Elul and Tishrei, which include Slichot, prayers for forgiveness on September 20th, and the Yamim Noraim, Days of Awe, September 24-October 4, describing the interval from Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, through Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. We prepare ourselves by reflecting deeply on our past, strive to make amends for any misdeeds, and plan to fulfill more mitzvot in the coming year. These holidays motivate us to consider our behavior toward ourselves, family, society at large, and God.

The conflict in the Mid-East, particularly in Israel, and the increasing Anti-Semitism in Europe remind us of our place in the larger Jewish community. While we’d like to think that pogroms and genocide are in a distant past, the menace is ever-present. I hope that we will be able to achieve peace in the not-too-distant future. Rosh Hashanah celebrates the creation of the world, when our Torah tells us that God proclaimed everything “good.” It is up to human beings to continue God’s work, and that is what we are reminded of during the holidays.

In an effort to make your situation in our synagogue safe for worship, we have begun putting a new roof on the building and securing the fire escapes. After the holidays, we will begin the renovation of the main sanctuary. By Passover, more projects will be completed.

Tickets will be mailed during the first week of September. The schedule for the holidays is printed on them. The Book of Remembrance will be available in time for Yizkor on Yom Kippur.

Rabbi Pelcovits and Hazzan Streigold will be conducting classes to help our congregants understand the prayers and liturgy of the High Holidays. Check our Bulletin for the schedule.

We have also published a calendar this year that contains photos of Or Olam and lists our programs. Additional programming will be posted in our monthly Bulletins, on our website, and on our exterior bulletin boards. Programs afford us an additional means of getting to know each other and form new friendships.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to express my appreciation to all of you who have facilitated the operations of our synagogue, availed us of your creativity, and participated in our worship services during the year. The holidays are especially demanding of our administrative and maintenance staff, and they have been working diligently to prepare for them. Many thanks to Mary Boyle, Nadja Parker, and the Ibric family.

We are fortunate to have an effective and caring clergy. Rabbi Pelcovits, through prayer leadership, sermons, teaching, and spiritual guidance, has energized our congregation; Hazzan Bonnie Streigold chants the liturgy beautifully; and Sherry Fyman, our Baalat Tefillah, does a remarkable reading of the Torah on Shabbat and weekdays. We are certain to enjoy the worship services of all our clergy for the holidays.

L’Shanah Tovah Ti Kateivu.

Barbara Gerber-Krasner
High Holiday Service Times

SELICHOT
Saturday, September 20
Evening Services/Havdalah - 8:45 p.m.
Film - The Band's Visit - 8:30 p.m.
Selichot Service - 10:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH
Wednesday September 24
Evening Services - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday September 25
Morning Services - 9:00 a.m.
Tot Services - 11:30 am
Tashlikh (with Central Synagogue @ 56th Street and the East River) - 5:15 p.m.
Evening Services - 6:00 p.m.
Friday September 26
Morning Services - 9:00 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR
Friday October 3
Fast begins 6:18 p.m.
Kol Nidre - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday October 4
Morning Services (including Yizkor) - 9:30 a.m.
Yizkor Service will not begin before - 11:00 a.m.
Tot Service - 11:30 a.m.
Public Yizkor - 2:30pm
Study with the Rabbi - 3:30 pm
Ark open for private prayers - 4:30 p.m.
Afternoon Services/Ne'ilah - 5:00 p.m
Shofar Blowing and Havdalah - 7:20 p.m.

Welcome to New Members

Richard & Eleanor Brilliant

Jeffrey, Anjelika & Justin Goldman

Samuel, Bonnie, Emma & Caroline Waxman

Mazel Tov to
Meyer & Karen Gross on their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Happy Birthday to all our September Birthdays!
Beki Azaria, Philip Bauman, Brian Berke, Laurie Berke-Weiss, Bonnie Cooperman, Florence Diller, Anna Ganzarski, Seth Grossman, Melvin Maiman, Isabel Schein, Eva Shamah, Alan Weinstein, Anna Wolinsky

Happy Birthday to all our October Birthdays!
Samuele Azaria, Howard Babich, Karen Dine, Marilyn Gross, Richard Kaufman, Barbara Gerber-Krasner, Lynn Leff, Barbara Levine, Frank Mayo, Lois Moss, Amy Prager, Fern Schair, Vivian Schwimmer, Eva Young

Or Olam joins New York’s Stand with Israel Rally
July 28, 2014

Please note that any and all reservations for Kiddushim, Flowers, Haftorah Readings, Auf Rufs, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Brises, Baby Namings etc. must be made through the Office. Please email - office@east55.org or phone the office (212)752-1200 All requests must be received and confirmed by the office.
TODAH RABBH

We thank the following individuals for supporting our community:

GENERAL FUND
Mimi & Alan Frank, in honor of Harvey Katz’s Birthday
Elizabeth Gittman, in honor of Henny Weiss’s birthday
Suzanne Frankle & Jared Gross
Barbara Levine, in honor of Sandy Koppell’s birthday
William Pollack, in celebration of the birth of his granddaughter, Sadie Alexandra Massar
David Reitner, in honor of Henny Weiss’s birthday
Ruth, Seth & CJ Strudler, in thanks for an Aliyah
Barbara Weiss & John Finnerty, in loving memory of Irwin Weiss
Sara Weiss & Lawrence Weiss, in loving memory of Irwin Weiss
Esther Wertheim, in honor of Henny Weiss’s 75th Birthday
Esther Wertheim, in honor of the birth of the great grandson of Eva Young

YAHREITZ CONTRIBUTIONS
Beki Azaria, in loving memory of Rachel Salmana
Martin Begun, in loving memory of Michael Begun
Bernita Benson, in loving memory of Sidney Ofsowitz
Audrey Citak, in memory of William Kahn
Edith Claman, in loving memory of Gertrude Claman
Edith Claman, in loving memory of Lynette Mandel
Edith Claman, in loving memory of Charlotte Lewittes
Edith Claman, in loving memory of David Lewittes
David Cummins, in loving memory of Naomi Cummins
Ruth Davis, in loving memory of Fannie Davis
Rhonda DeFabritus, in loving memory of Jonas Bertan
Arlene Fein, in loving memory of Mollie Paticoff
Lloyd Feinberg, in loving memory of Harry Feinberg
Adrienne Fierman, in loving memory of Russ Fierman
Arlene Flohr, in loving memory of Eugene Flohr
Mimi & Alan Frank, in honor of Harvey Katz’s Birthday
Suzanne Frankle & Jared Gross
Gary Gaines, in loving memory of Benjamin Gaines
Gary Gaines, in loving memory of Gussie Gaines
Karin Goss, in loving memory of Lionel Katz
Heiman Gross, in loving memory of Rose Gross
Marilyn Gross, in loving memory of Joseph Wishik
Barbara Haar, in loving memory of Allan Karpman
Barbara Haar, in loving memory of William Karpman
Bernard Herold, in loving memory of Gussie Herold
Tressa Herold, in loving memory Dora Hoffspiegel
Pat Serby Hoxter, in loving memory of Hortense Serby
Jack Jacobs, in loving memory of Edith Jacobs
Claudia Justy, in loving memory of Jules Schapiro
Jacques Kellner, in loving memory of Arlene Kellner
Marcia Kerr, in loving memory of Steve Brian Kerr
Rochelle Kornreich, in loving memory of Rose Turetsky
Robert Kresch, in loving memory of Sylvia Kresch
Sheila Kresch, in loving memory of Sol Rosenberg
Jeffrey Leff, in loving memory of Barbara Leff
Jeffrey Leff, in loving memory of Martin Leff
Barbara Levine, in loving memory of Lawrence Levine
VAHRZEIT CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)
Peter Levine, in loving memory of Samuel Levine
Sol Matsil, in loving memory of Hermione Matsil
Madeline Mohr, in loving memory of Mildred Hall
Madeline Mohr, in loving memory of Patricia Hall
Madeline Mohr, in loving memory of Joseph Weinberg
Madeline Mohr, in loving memory of William Mohr
Evelyn Morgenstern, in loving memory of Louis Sperling
Evelyn Morgenstern, in loving memory of Stephen Sperling
Sharon Miller, in loving memory of Anna Stelzer
Robert Neidorff, in loving memory of Shirley Neidorff
Robert Nusim, in loving memory of Ranna Nusim
Sandra Ortner, in loving memory of Dora Moskowitz
Melvin Paradise, in loving memory of Jacob Paradise
Stanley Plotnick, in loving memory of Esther Plotnick
Stanley Plotnick, in loving memory of Harvey Plotnick
Gerald Pomper, in loving memory of Celia Pomper
Alan Resnick, in loving memory of Abe Resnick
Marshal Salant, in loving memory of Benjamin Salant
Edward Sandler, in loving memory of Edith Sandler
Fara Satin, in loving memory of Ruth Thall
Marilyn Schulder, in loving memory of Beatty White
Monroe Schulder, in loving memory of Mannie Schulder
Richard Sharken, in loving memory of Abraham Sharken
Sherrill Sigalow, in loving memory of Gloria Sigalow
Leon Reimer, in loving memory of Anna Reimer
David Sokol, in loving memory of Paul Sokol
Pam Weiss, in loving memory of Victoria Weiss

FLOWER FUND
Henny Weiss, to celebrate her 75th Birthday

KIDDUSH FUND
Harold & Sandra Block
Florence Kavaler, in loving memory of her father, Samuel Kavaler
Sol Matsil, in loving memory of Hermione Matsil
Rabbi Ephraim Pelcovits & Rachel Weber
Murray Rehner, in honor of David Reitner’s birthday
Henny Weiss, to celebrate her 75th Birthday

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
Arnold & Harriet Gussin, in honor of Henny Weiss’s 75th Birthday
Barbara Gerber-Krasner & Seymour Krasner, in honor of the Rabbi’s Birthday

In Memoriam
Joyce Costi
**PROGRAM FUND**
Barbara Gerber-Krasner & Seymour Krasner, in honor of the Birthday of Charlene Soltz-Etkes
Barbara Gerber-Krasner & Seymour Krasner, a refuah shlemah for Rose-Marie Glass
Barbara Gerber-Krasner & Seymour Krasner, in memory of Olga Becker, mother of Isabel Schein
Barbara Gerber-Krasner & Seymour Krasner, a refuah shlemah for Hy Gross
Ruth Oppenheimer, in honor of Sallie Soltz for a Healthy & Happy New Year
Charlene Soltz Etkes, in loving memory of Mike Claman
Charlene Soltz Etkes, in loving memory of Henry Oppenheimer
Charlene Soltz Etkes, in honor of her dedication to Or Olam
Charlene Soltz Etkes, in honor of Sandy Koppell’s 80th Birthday
Charlene Soltz Etkes, in appreciation of her work, Mary Boyle
Charlene Soltz Etkes, in appreciation of her work, Nadja Parker
Charlene Soltz Etkes, in honor of Pamela Pelcovits

**TREE OF LIFE**
Barbara Gerber-Krasner & Seymour Krasner, in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Meyer & Karen Gross
Barbara Gerber-Krasner & Seymour Krasner, in honor of Henny Weiss’s 75th Birthday
Audrey & Bert Citak, Hy & Marilyn Gross and Sandy & Leo Koppell, in honor of Henny Weiss’s 75th Birthday

**YIZKOR**
Laurie Berke-Weiss & Brian Berke
Burton & Brenda Fine
Janet Gordon
Vivian Lowitt
Joyce & Naftali Sabari
Women’s League Corner -

As we enter the month of Elul we realize our year is drawing to a close. We look back over the year with an eye towards where in our lives we want to be. We review our actions so we can be prepared for the holidays to come. We acknowledge our shortcomings and strengths and anticipate making this a better year.

In that light, we thank all of those who have helped make our Women’s League so very special. We are a caring community, having worked together to host and lead discussions for our book group, prepare Shalach Manot, share a Supper in the Sukkah and support Torah Fund. We were honored to host a Women’s League Shabbat. A special thank you to Marilyn Gross who hosted our August Book Group meeting.

In addition to all our usual projects, which we hope to continue, we have undertaken a new mitzvah this year. We will be walking with Sharsheret, an organization supporting women and families of Jewish background, facing cancer. We will join Team Sharsheret in the “Making Strides Walk” sponsored by the American Cancer Society on Sunday, October 19.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events:
- Supper in the Sukkah: Monday, October 13
- Making Strides Walk: Sunday, October 19
- Book Discussion: Monday, October 20 – *Between Friends* by Amos Oz

MetroNorth is hosting Paul Glaser at Sutton Place Synagogue. If you missed him when he was with us, this is an opportunity to hear this engaging speaker on Monday, October 21.

Women’s League Institute, a program for continuing Jewish education for men and women offered by Women’s League in conjunction with the Jewish Theological Seminary commences September 15. There are two classes. Wiping Away the Tears: Rethinking the Jewish Middle Ages taught by Rabbi/Dr. Barry Kenter and At Home in America? The History of Jews in the United States taught by Dr. Shira Kohn. These classes, held at the Jewish Theological Seminary, are always greatly anticipated and have a strong following in the Metropolitan area.

Please contact me at 212-758-7445 or safta18@aol.com for more information or any questions about our upcoming events.

We would love to have you join in our upcoming functions as well as become members of our Women’s League this year. Our membership campaign has begun, and many of you have already made a commitment for 5775. Dues of $25.00 can be left at the Synagogue office if you would like to join us. Our goal: every woman who is a member of Or Olam to become a member of our Women’s League this year.

From my home to yours, best wishes for the coming year.

B’Shalom,

*Sandy Koppell*

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**October 20-Monday:** *Between Friends* by Amos Oz

**December 11-Thursday:** *Dona Gracia of the House of Naxos* by Cecil Roth

This book is not available at the New York Public Library. A few of us will purchase the book on Amazon, very inexpensively and be willing to share. For information on copies available contact Edith Claman, emclaman@verizon.net, 838-2588 or Sandy Koppell safta18@aol.com, 212-758-7445
SHABBATOT for September

September 5-6  Ki Tetse
   Candlelighting: 7:03pm
   Torah: Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
   Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

September 12-13  Ki Tavo
   Candlelighting: 6:52pm
   Torah: Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
   Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

September 19-20 Nitsavim+VayeilekhKi
   Candlelighting: 6:40pm
   Torah: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30
   Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

September 26-27  Ha’azinu
   Candlelighting: 6:28pm
   Torah: Deuteronomy 32:1-52
   Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10 Joel 2:15-27

SHABBATOT for October

October 10-11 Hol Hamo’ed
   Candlelighting: 7:46 p.m.
   Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:26
   Maftir: Numbers 29:17-22
   Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

October 17-18 Bereshit
   Candlelighting: 7:37 p.m.
   Torah: Genesis 1:1-6:8
   Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10

October 24-25 Noah
   Candlelighting: 7:27 p.m.
   Torah: Genesis 6:9-11:32
   Maftir: Numbers 28:9-15
   Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24, 23

SHABBAT AND DAILY SERVICE TIMES

SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES
Kabbalat Shabbat  6:00 p.m.
Morning Service      9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY SERVICES
Morning Service (Monday-Friday)  8:00 a.m.
Evening Service (Monday-Thursday) 5:30p.m.

Please note:
September 1 - Morning Service at 9:00am