From your editor:

I was so saddened that it does not seem to be safe to go to a synagogue in the United States any longer. My Italian class, which takes place in a synagogue, our library being closed for renovation, yesterday was sparsely attended; the French class was cancelled. Let us pray for better days.

We had a very successful Seder, well attended and well directed by Rabbi Tamburello. Our programs are taking shape. On May 11, for the Holocaust Commemoration, we are presenting a film “Disobedience, The Sousa Mendes Story,” the Portuguese consul in Bordeaux in 1940 who issued visas to fleeing Jews. Shavuot will be on June 8, with a talk about Grace Paley. The Members’ luncheon will take place on June 22 at 1pm. The place has not been decided yet, but most likely, it will again be at the North Street Tavern in White Plains. On August 10, we will have our regular Havdalah Under the Sun, outdoors at CUUC, weather permitting. Just before the High Holidays, on September 7, an Open House will discuss what Humanistic Judaism is all about. This membership drive will explain the advantages of joining WCHJ. We are also planning for some excursions. One in Brooklyn to discover the Mountain Jews, who come from areas like Dagestan and Chechnya. It sounds fascinating. Verdi's "Nabucco" is playing at the Center for Jewish History (15 West 16th Street, New York, New York 10011). A few of us will attend on June 2 at 6 pm.
Rabbi's Corner

CHANGING
"Change is often threatening. Routine provides the comfort of the predictable. Familiar pain is, for many of us, more desirable than unfamiliar pleasures.

But life is change. Every day makes us different. No matter how hard we hang on to summer, autumn overtakes us. No matter how hard we cling to youth, aging captures us. No matter how hard we try to lose ourselves in the past, the present confronts us.

Nothing stands still; everything is in motion. If we do not accept change, we resist reality. We turn the moment into eternity. We freeze our talents. We never grow, we never learn.

If we accept change, we embrace reality. We turn the present moment into an opportunity for the future. We unleash our talents. We grow with grace. We are always learning.

In the never-never land of our fantasies, nothing changes. But in the natural world of our day-to-day living, change is the stuff of existence. Making it useful is the test of our strength."

Rabbi Sherwin Wine

The History Buffs Book Group is reading The Book of the People by Geraldine Brooks. The group will meet on Saturday, June 15 at 10:00 at the home of Judy North and Jack Billig to discuss the book.
Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism presents

Holocaust Commemoration

We will present a special screening of the film "Disobedience: The Sousa Mendes Story", which tells the story of Aristides de Sousa Mendes, the Portuguese Consul General stationed in Bordeaux, France, during World War II who defied orders from his government and issues more than 30,000 visas to people fleeing the Holocaust.

Saturday, May 11 starting at 2:30pm

The Westchester Community for Humanistic Judaism invites all to come to this exciting program. The film showing will be followed by refreshments and discussion, and a Havdalah service. There is no admission fee (donations are welcome). The facility is wheelchair accessible.

Address: Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation
468 Rosedale Avenue, White Plains

Please visit http://www.wchj.org for more information
After Synagogue Attack, a Shared Belief: Protect Sacred Places.

Just like school principals across the country, religious leaders now must take measures to prepare for the horrors of mass shootings. As recent attacks have shown, prayer services are increasingly vulnerable.

As hate-filled screeds spewing white nationalist conspiracy theories have ricocheted around the internet, hate crimes have increased in the past few years, according to the FBI. And all over the country and the world, houses of worship have tightened security in response to terrorist attacks.

Since the October attack, two of the congregations that had met at Tree of Life [in Pittsburgh] have been meeting in chapels at a synagogue nearby—and armed security guards now greet people at the doors. This heightened security protocol does come with a steep price. Two security guards for 13 hours costs more than $1,000 a day, a cost prohibitive for many congregations, especially smaller ones. This is particularly demanding these days, when membership at churches and synagogues nationwide are dwindling in numbers and resources.

Since the Pittsburgh attack in October, the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York has conducted over 200 security assessments of synagogues by request and has received inquiries from additional synagogues since Saturday.

Eric L. Adams, the Brooklyn borough president and a retired captain of the NYPD, said:” Now that we have a new level of clear targeting of houses of worship we have to step outside our box and reshape how we think proactively about security.”

Louis Keene, Jennifer Medina and Elizabeth Dias, New York Times, April 29, 2019
Rabbi Frank Tamburello

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Here is a list of tentative dates for the coming year, both for celebrating the Holy Days and for programs:

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(468 Rosedale Ave. White Plains, NY 10605)
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  or
Take Hutch to Mamaroneck Avenue toward White Plains. Take right on Rosedale Ave. About one mile to white sign. Turn left on Sycamore Lane to parking lot.