



Dear Fellow Readers:

I want to take a moment as President of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County to share some thoughts with you. These are challenging times for all of us. I want to reemphasize that Federation is here; we are here to help in any way that we can. Staying positive is an essential ingredient in the recipe for successfully coping with the stress that is inevitably associated with a crisis. It is important to recognize that this is a time for each of us as individuals to be proactive and to create those small moments of good cheer in the world around us.

In this vein, our extraordinary Executive Director, Karen Hochhauser, and our outstanding Administrative Assistant, Nancy Fay, have developed a Mitzvah Now project. You may already be reading about this project by the time this paper reaches you. The project focuses on our responsibility as individual members of the local Jewish community to come together and support one another. Please take a moment to think about the ways in which you can make a difference. You can make a phone call to someone who will be happy to hear from you; you can share Facetime with someone who will be pleased to be remembered by you; you can offer to help with basic grocery shopping for someone who may be reluctant to visit the stores. There are so many little things that you can do that can make a big difference in someone's life. Please think about it and then take the initiative: do it now.

My wish for each of us is to be safe, to remain healthy, and to stay positive.

Betsy Kopstein-Stuts,
 JFedDC Board President

The content for the paper was received March 1. As we are in very unique times, please check with the organizers' or JFedDC's website to confirm event status and updates.
www.JewishDutchess.org

Caring in the age of Corona Virus - Mitzvah Now Project



We're all feeling the uncertainty and anxiety of this moment and are grateful to belong to a community that cares for one another.

As we move through the days and possibly weeks ahead, we are implementing a system for any member of the community to **receive or provide a helping hand.**

For community members who are at high risk, in self-quarantine or just not feeling well, we are here to offer a little extra TLC. Whether you need a delivery of food or supplies, would like to set up a weekly (or daily) check-in call, or might enjoy a "virtual friendly visit", we have community volunteers who are able and ready to help. We can also arrange a supportive conversation with a clergy member.

If you don't need help but are able and willing to volunteer to help someone else, we need you too! Let's stay healthy and safe together!
 Visit www.jewishdutchess.org/coronavirus-helping-hand or call (845) 471-9811 to get involved

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- April 8** Off for Passover
- April 15** Off for Passover
- April 22** **Joys of Yiddish:**
Yiddish words, phrases, and humor with Arie Neuwirth
Menu: Salad Fiesta: egg salad, potato salad, tuna salad, coffee/tea, dessert
- April 29** **Learning about the Holy Month of Ramadan**
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The Blessings and Destinies of the Twelve Jewish Families Tuesdays, 10:30am, (No class in April) This class will provide an in-depth analysis based on the Talmud and Midrash of each of Jacob's 12 sons and the families they built.

Timeless Thoughts on the Parsha with Rabbi Krasner Thursdays, 7:00pm, (No class in April).

Hands on Judaism Workshop Thursdays, May 7, 6:00pm-8:00pm. Royal Clothing, the Mitzvah of Tzitzit , more info on page 14.

Talmud Class with Rabbi Kasner Sunday mornings following morning services.

Pre-Passover Class Thursday, April 7:00pm Rabbi Krasner will be sharing Pesach pointers and steps on how to make this year's Seder the most enjoyable ever! All are welcome to attend.

Classes are free. All are welcome. View website at www.schomreisrael.org for recordings of previous classes. For information on cancellations and class schedules, visit www.schomreisrael.org or call (845) 454-2890.

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple (please check website for updated information)

Sacred Eating: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic Postponed please check Vassar Temple website for updated information.

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text Thursday, April 16, 12:00-1:30pm. A monthly class taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. Please call to confirm date.

Torah Study Saturday, 9:00am. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah, led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D. Please check Vassar Temple website for updated information.

All are welcome to come and join in all the classes- -no previous training required! No charge to attend. Questions? Rabbi Altman: rabbai@vassartemple.org, Rabbi Golomb pjgolomb@verizon.net, or (845) 454-2570.

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El (please check website for updated information)

Metaphors for the High Holiday Experience with Rabbi Daniel Victor Thursdays, 9:30am at The Crafted Kup. There you can purchase a coffee and meet with us in the back room at 44 Raymond Ave, Poughkeepsie.

Adult Discovery Course Wednesdays, 8:00pm. Temple Beth-El continues this class which for many will conclude with a formal commitment by the student to embrace Jewish life. Classes are on specific Wednesdays and run approximately every two weeks through September. For more info, contact Rabbi Daniel Victor at rebvictor@tbeny.org or (845) 454-0571.

All welcome. Details at Temple Beth-El www.tbeny.org, or call (845) 454-0570, or email info@tbeny.org.

Chabad Center Classes (please check website for updated information)

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Please visit our website www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com.

Congregation Shir Chadash (please check website for updated information)

Torah Study: Saturday, April 4, 18, 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish while enjoying a light breakfast. Everyone has a chance to participate. No Hebrew expertise or knowledge is needed - just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts. All are welcomed to attend.

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Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

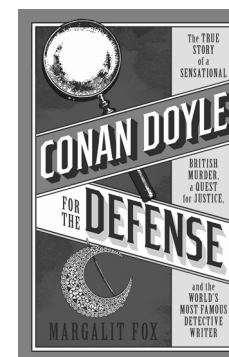
Those interested in reading are invited to the Rosh Chodesh Reading Group - a potluck brunch and discussion. Participants meet to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry, and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest. Have a suggestion, please let us know!



Time TBD. For info contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, info@shir-chadash.org, or www.shir-chadash.org

Vassar Temple Book Club to Discuss

We will discuss *Conan Doyle for the Defense*, a true story written by award winning New York Times journalist, Margalit Fox. The author immerses readers in the science of Edwardian crime detection, and opens up a moment in history when perjury, prejudice, and anti-Semitism began to be replaced by reason and scientific method. After a wealthy woman was brutally murdered in her Glasgow home in 1908, the police found a convenient suspect in Oscar Slater, an immigrant Jewish gambler from Germany. Though innocent, Slater was tried, convicted, and sentenced to life at hard labor. Many years later, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle applied the techniques he created for his fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes, to try to overturn the conviction. This book is available in paperback and through the local library system. Banna Rubinow will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome.



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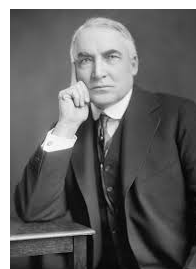
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Harding Club News

The Harding Club wishes all of our friends, families, and community members a very joyous and fulfilling Passover.

As spring arrives, Harding Club continues to do the things it has done for nearly 100 years. The club is ever devoted to its mission: Since 1923, a Jewish social club for men interested in camaraderie, community, philanthropy, good food and Jewish culture and there is room for new members.



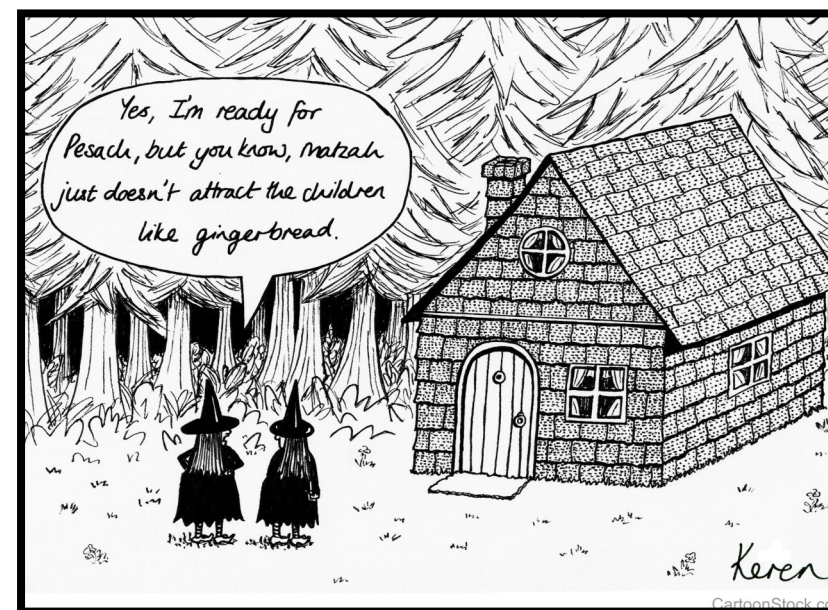
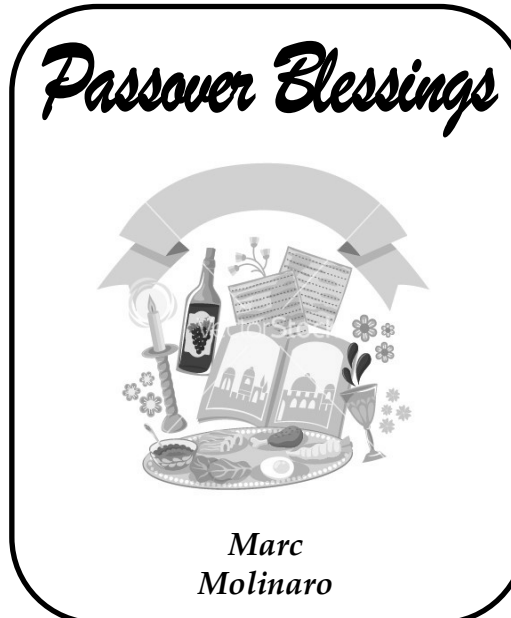
Join now, and you will avoid dues obligations until the fall. It's a sale! Harding Club meets once or twice each month for a dinner meeting. Good friends gather together to enjoy each other's company and to hear a stimulating speaker.

Since my last column, members have enjoyed several notable activities. Our member Russell Rothman spoke about wolves in February. In March we went "on the road" to the Scratch Lounge Billiards Hall in Wappingers to enjoy an evening of billiards, food, and the usual banter between members. Harding Club also is proud of its ongoing philanthropic and service programs which benefit many local children and adults.

Looking forward, Harding Club members anticipate a great Spring. In late April we will visit the Fishkill I-Park and enjoy food and drink at the Sloop Brewery. And Kosher Deli Night is coming.

If you are interested in joining, check out our website Harding.jigsy.com and/or send us an email Hardingclub1923@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you.
Alan Fox, Harding Club President



Pandemic Spreads Much More Than Germs by Stacey Platt

There is absolutely no doubt that this Coronavirus [Covid-19] is serious, that it is dangerous, that it has disrupted life as we know it, and that there is much that we will learn from it about contagious diseases and preparedness; however, there is much more that this virus has spread than germs, frustration, and anxiety. Other conditions, often thought to be rare or nearly extinct have started to surface. Be wary as thoughtfulness, generosity, and selflessness have started to go viral. The best of mankind is beginning to show itself in abundance, and it is about time. Why does it take a crisis for this spike?

Examples of small gestures of one person helping or connecting to another as well as large organizations assisting communities are now seen regularly on the news. Community sewing circles are stepping up to make masks and other PPE materials for health care workers, a pizzeria in Goshen is offering take-out under the honor system "Eat Now, Pay Later", and large companies are providing such things as temporary free internet access and free subscriptions for online learning platforms for students and educators. Creativity, ingenuity, and solutions are rapidly increasing. Donations are being made to help feed and provide basic supplies to families who are now without regular paychecks. Some people are using their celebrity status to send wise social distancing messages to fans who have been ignoring warnings while other celebrities are connecting with young children across the world. Humorous postings are all over the internet and social media, and do we need humor now! (As a former teacher, I find some of the anecdotes about parents thrust into home schooling absolutely hysterical.)

People, in real time, are making the silver lining for this cloud. If you resent being cooped-up at home, try looking at the situation as a gift; embrace it. You have the opportunity to be a positive role-model and to live guilt-free for not spreading the virus. Hopefully, you are and will stay healthy. You just received the time off that you always wanted from work to clean out that closet, paint that fence, or read that book. And, if you are

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August	July 1



Dear Rice Eater

A few years ago, there was a significant change in Passover guidelines for Conservative Jews. Based on revised conservative interpretation, kitniyot is now considered kosher for Passover. This means that rice, corn, soy, millet, beans, peas and pretty much any other legume is no longer prohibited on Passover. Years ago, any type of grains were strictly off limits to Ashkenazis. Nowadays, rice is acceptable. While you should do what makes sense for you and your family, rice- it isn't just for Sephardics anymore.

Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein*

WE'RE ALL CONNECTED

Dear friends,

As Jews all over the world begin preparations for the Holiday of Passover, the entire world seems to have gone mad. We are dealing with an epidemic the likes of which we have not seen in our lifetime. Fear and panic is everywhere, kids are home from school, airports and countries are shutting down, people hoarding supplies and food, with fears mounting about a shortage of available Passover necessities.



Rabbi Borenstein

While bemoaning the loss of life, the many suffering from illness, and the tremendous financial loss to millions, it is the Jewish way to always attempt to find the light in the darkness and to seek to find the positive in challenging times and situations.

Some of the lessons we can learn from this outbreak:

We tend to feel that we are in control of our destiny, and we are in control of many of the choices we make. However, the wild spreading of the coronavirus and its many earth shattering effects, makes us realize that there is so much that is not in our control, and that there is a Divine hand orchestrating events that we are truly powerless to control. We also clearly see the power of one individual and how one person can affect (and infect) hundreds, if not thousands. One individual, whether in China or Westchester, gets infected, and ends up infecting thousands.

Maimonides teaches us: "One should always see the entire world as half meritorious and half non meritorious. If one does one good deed, he can tip the entire world over to the side of merit, and likewise the opposite G-d forbid". From recent events we see the power of one individual to affect the lives of so many. Torah teaches us that good is always more powerful than bad. If one individual can cause so many people to be infected and cause so much confusion and pandemonium, how much more so can one good deed, or Mitzvah, done by one person, have a positive effect on so many people, and by extension, the entire world. We also see from recent events how we are all truly connected. "No man is an island", applies to all human beings, especially to our fellow Jews, for Jews are "one complete body" and "are responsible for one another". Every action we do affects not just ourselves, our families and our communities, but the entire world.

As we approach the Festival of our redemption, we must remember that the Exodus from Egypt came about through Divine intervention, and not through our own efforts. And while we must follow all protocol and guidelines of the medical professionals, it is to the Healer of all flesh that we must ultimately put our trust in. As we remember to wash our hands, we need to remember in whose hands we are, have always been, and will continue to be.

A joyous, healthy and kosher Passover to all!

Office of the Aging

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau does its biggest job: tallying every person living in the United States. Our entire representative democracy works best with an up-to-date and accurate count of people, so that each community is represented properly in federal and state government.

The census also helps ensure that \$675 billion in federal funds is equitably distributed, including programs of specific interest to seniors. Dutchess County has one of the fastest-growing senior populations in the state, and it will be of utmost importance to get as many of our seniors counted as possible.

Medicare has been accounting for an increasing share of total national health spending. 2018 net federal Medicare outlays were \$605 billion, or 15 percent of the federal budget. That percentage is going to keep growing as more of the baby boom generation become Medicare-eligible, and there are proportionately more baby boomers and older seniors here in Dutchess County than in both New York State and the nation. Your household should receive its first invitation to take part in the census between March 12th and March 20th. Households will be able to respond to the census online, over the phone, or through a paper questionnaire.

Why should I bother?

When communities are undercounted, it means they'll be underfunded by government and underrepresented in Congress and the state legislature.

Outside of government, many businesses base their plans on census numbers. For example, if a grocery store is considering expansion to a location near you, it may not choose to expand if there's a census undercount. They won't know that the population in your area has grown and can support a grocery store. The undercount becomes a missed opportunity for them and you alike.

Any questions about the role of the Census in the lives of Dutchess County seniors can be sent to completecount@dutchessny.gov. You can also call (845) 451-4241.

Inside the Jewish Studio By Karen Hochhauser

This questionnaire originated in the French series, *Bouillon de Culture*, better known as the closing questions asked by James Lipton on the celebrity interview TV show, *Inside the Actor's Studio*. The questions are re-adapted for this column.

Each month, we ask a MOT* these questions and feature the answers.

This month, our special guest is Beth Richardson who found time from teaching at the Sunday School and cooking for the Geshet Program to join us in answering our questions...



Beth Richardson

- 1. What is your favorite word?**
Volunteer
- 2. What is your least favorite word?**
I can't
- 3. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
Creatively, I like word puzzles.
- 4. What sound or noise do you love?**
Animals in the yard. I like to listen to the birds and the hawks flying around the house.
- 5. What sound or noise do you hate?**
People arguing.
- 6. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
I have always hated women's bathrooms in airports. So I want to design women's bathrooms for airports. I have been in a lot of airports and they are so badly designed. The women's line is always our the door and there is nobody on the men's line. It drives me crazy.
- 7. What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
Being a lawyer.
- 8. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: I like the fact that I like volunteering and am willing to do a lot of things.
Dislike: I am not artistic in any way, shape, or form. I don't want to change it. It is what it is.
- 9. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I grew up outside of Washington DC and we used to call the Washington Monument, the "Big Pencil".
- 10. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
I have always wanted to go to the Grand Canyon and Vancouver. Mostly places to visit. I want to drive up the Pacific coast highway—but only going north as I don't want to be on the edge of the cliff.
- 11. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
Well it would be when I was 22, because that is when I converted, going to a class for a year and then going to mikvah.
- 12. What is your most favorite Jewish Memory?**
I think celebrating the holidays with my children as they were growing up and watching them grow up into Jewish adults.
- 13. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
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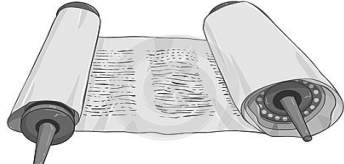


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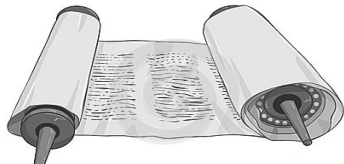
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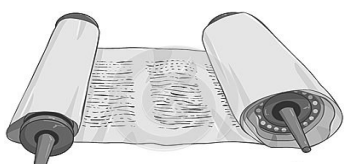
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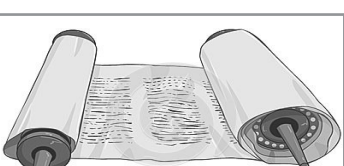
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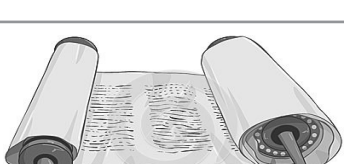
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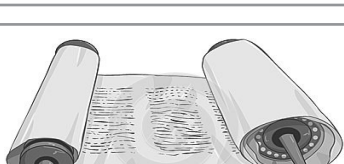
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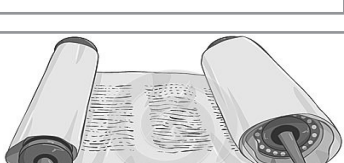
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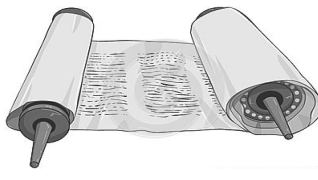
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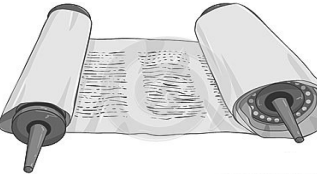
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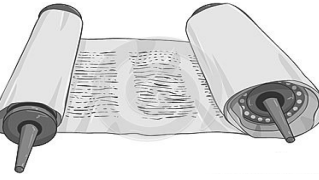
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Rebecca & Bert Cohen

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Ellen, Barry & Matt Rosenberg

The Diary Project: Beyond Anne Frank
By Cantor Devorah Gartner Temple Beth-El Youth & B'nai Mitzvah Director

Each year for the past three years, the **Temple Beth-El Youth Group** and students from the **Gesher Hebrew High School** have chosen a topic to study that inspires them, with the help of their teachers, to create the program for the annual Community Holocaust Commemoration. They have brought topics such as the writings of the children of Theresenstadt, the art, music and drama of the Holocaust, and anti-semitism as seen through both the lens of Germany in the 1930's and the present day. Each program has been uniquely moving.

This year, the students have chosen to explore, and then share, diaries of the Holocaust written by teenagers very much like themselves. They are also partnering with members of the Poughkeepsie Second Generation group to share the stories of those who perished, as told to them by those who survived.

With the assistance of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council and area clergy, the **Youth Group** is reaching out to invite youth groups of all faith traditions to attend this year's commemoration. We cannot hope keep the promise of "Never Again" all alone. Therefore, we must share what we have learned about all that occurred, in order to prevent it from happening again in our time.

Due to Covid-19 this event will be rescheduled for later in the year.



Having fun at PJ Library events

Shabbat Y'ladim (Children's Shabbat)

All young children, from birth to 1st grade, are invited to bring their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and/or friends to Vassar Temple. Join Rabbi Altman and music teacher, Olivia DiLorio, for this new Shabbat celebration.

Rabbi Altman's stuffed bear friend Kachol v'lavan will be there to take part in the singing, stories, and marching with the Torah. After this brief, child friendly, Shabbat service, we will celebrate with yummy challah and juice!



DETAILS
Saturday, TBD 10:30-11:00am. For questions about this program, contact: rabbi@vassartemple.org or website www.vassartemple.org or on Facebook



Though Mitzvah Day is cancelled you can still do a Mitzvah every day.

Check out the website to volunteer to do a Mitzvah:

www.jewishdutchess.org/coronavirus-helping-hand

Reach out to family members you haven't spoken to in awhile

Make some greeting cards to be sent to people in nursing homes or rehabilitation centers as part of our Shabbat Care Package Program.

Going stir crazy in your house...reach out to PJ Library for a number of activities to help everyone through this trying times. See PJ Library Digital Resources

PJ Library Digital Resources

- Family Activities**
pjlibrary.org/familyactivities
- Storytimes and Craft-Alongs**
every weekday at 11am, 1pm, and 4pm (Eastern)
- Virtual Field Trips**
Noon every day (Eastern)

Follow for virtual author visits, classes, sing alongs and more!

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For information contact Hindy Borenstein, Director (845) 463-5801
chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net

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Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm

For information www.mypardess.org/JSA

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Monday, 4:00-5:30pm
Tiny Tots Division (ages 1-5)
Intermediate Division (ages 6-10)
Bar and Bat Mitzvah (ages 11-13)

For information, contact Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht, Director (845) 876-7666 or tziviehecht@gmail.com

CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH

The programs focus on G-d & Prayer, Jewish History, and the concepts of Tzedakah, G'milut Chasadim and Tikun Olum. No charge for pre-school children. Open registration. Tots classes through b'nai mitzvah classes are offered. Classes meet two Saturdays a month, at 9:00am.

For information, contact (845) 723-4045, info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org

TEMPLE BETH-EL

At Temple Beth-El, education is something truly celebrated! From kindergarten through the last year of high school, Temple Beth-El instills a love of Judaism and a lifelong hunger for Jewish learning.

Tuesday, Ivrit (Hebrew) School
4:30-6:30pm, grades 3-7

Wednesday, Gesher Youth Program
6:30-8:30pm, grades 8-12

Saturday, B'Nai Mitzvah Class
9:30am-12:30pm, grade 7

Sunday, Judaic Studies
9:30am-12:30pm, grades PreK-6

For information, contact (845) 454-0570 or education@tbeny.org

VASSAR TEMPLE

Vassar Temple provides a program of Jewish education within the Reform Movement's guidelines, which deepens a student's Jewish experience and knowledge in an accepting and stimulating learning environment. Our philosophy of Jewish learning is based on the quotation from Pirke Avot, "The world depends on three things: on Torah, on worship and on deeds of loving kindness." Temple membership not required.

Sunday Religious School
Sundays, 9:00am-12:00pm, grades K-7

Hebrew Language School
Wednesdays, 4:30pm-6:30pm, grades 4-7

Gesher Program
Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm, grades 8-12

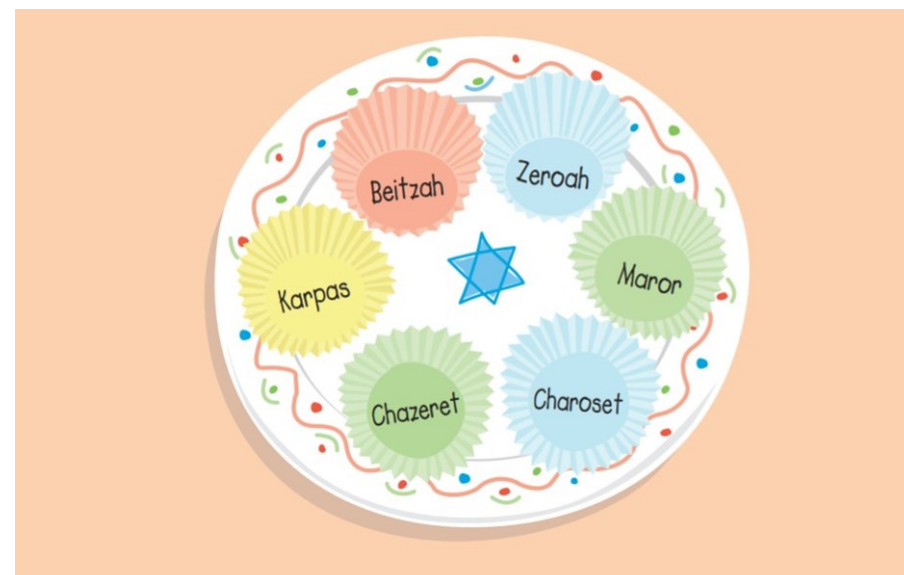
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How to Make Your Own Seder Plate

taken from:
<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/february-2019/how-to-make-your-own-seder-plate#supplies>



It's almost time for Passover (<https://pjlibrary.org/passover/>)! If you're hosting the seder, a festive meal that kicks off Passover this year, you'll need a special centerpiece – your very own seder plate.

A seder plate holds symbols of the Passover story. *Karpas* — a green vegetable, often parsley — is dipped in salt water to remind us of the tears of the enslaved Israelites. A sweet fruit paste called *charoset* (from the Hebrew word *cheres*, "clay") is like the mortar that the Israelites used to construct buildings for the Egyptian empire. *Maror*, a bitter herb (usually horseradish), recalls the bitterness of slavery. It is sometimes joined by *hazeret*, a second bitter herb. A roasted lamb shank bone, *zeroah*, is a reminder of the offering the Jews made before leaving Egypt. (Vegetarian families will sometimes use a beet instead). Lastly, the *beitzah* — a roasted or hard-boiled egg — stands for the offering made on every holiday in the days when the Temple stood. That's one powerful centerpiece!

SUPPLIES:

- Large paper plate
- 6 mini cupcake liners
- Glue
- Markers

DIRECTIONS:

- Glue the cupcake liners around the edge of the paper plate
- Use the markers to label each liner with the name of one of the seder plate items, and add colorful drawings around the rest of the plate (this is a celebration, after all)
- Fill the plate with the seder items
- Display proudly at your family's seder

Jewish Early Childhood Programs at Temple Beth-El

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Register Today!
 Contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman at:
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Kim



Lucia



The word "seder" comes from the Hebrew word for "order". Israelis often say "Kol b'seder" which means everything is fine, but it also implies everything is in order. American Jews are always asking around this time of year "What are you doing for Seder?" With Passover less than a month away we all are looking forward to celebrating it over a seder meal filled with rich stories, food and traditions.

However, when we use the Haggadah to tell the story of our freedom from slavery in the Exodus do we ever think about "the order" in our own personal lives? Is it "kol b'seder"? Are we putting what we value most first? Or are we busy with the daily mundane tasks that seem to keep us racing and out of sorts. This Passover when you are running around trying to get everything in order take pause and really think about the order in your life and in the life of your family. Passover is also known as the "Festival of our Freedom" and is an ideal time to try and connect with our own personal and intimate view of freedom by evaluating and putting what is most important in our lives in order.

PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley Happenings: "Newish and Jewish"

Come join us for local Passover happenings at our local community partners by checking out our PJ Library monthly emails, and our Facebook page: PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley. **PJLMHV Facebook Events** not to miss this month: Pre-Passover Seder at Schomre Israel and Passover Interactive Story Time at Vassar Temple. Both events for all ages.

PJ Library also has you covered for everything Passover! Check out various ways you can celebrate Passover with your family at the PJ Library Passover Hub, including the activity included below:

<https://pjlibrary.org/passover>

PJ Library Passover Activity:

Courtesy of PJ Library: "How to make your own seder plate":
<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/february-2019/how-to-make-your-own-seder-plate>

PJ Library Family Haggadah: Make sure to unpack yours from last year or order extras on Amazon.com at:
<https://www.amazon.com/Every-Generation-Library-Family-Haggadah/dp/1734345020/>

Would you like to host a Passover Get together with 2 other Jewish Families? Make matzah or plant parsley together for the seder? Register at www.pjlibrary.org/gettogether. PJ Library will cover up to \$100 of the costs!



Everyone at Vassar Temple makes hamantaschen for those in need.



Teens from Vassar Temp and Mid Hudson Islamic Association learn religious teachings about helping others from their Imam and Rabbis as the do Lunch Box together

Not a part of PJ Library yet?

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 Contact: (845) 471-9811 or PJLibrary@JewishDutchess.org

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Thank you!

The Federation Board's Voice



Alyssa Kogon

The Kinder Side of Corona

In these days of angst ridden fears, there are still a few moments that can make one believe that just maybe angels do exist. Certainly, we have all seen the story of the young woman visiting her local grocery store. Suddenly, she is beckoned over to a parked car where an elderly couple implore her to purchase their groceries. They crack their car window to hand her a shopping list with a \$100 bill. She agrees and saves the seniors from a fearful experience. Italians singing and playing instruments from their balconies while in quarantine make you almost want to join in their chorus. Finally, nineteen year old professional basketball player Zion Williamson is covering the salaries for the New Orleans Pelicans arena staff during the NBA suspension for the next 30 days.

Locally, we have our own good Samaritans. Everyone knows community volunteer Frankie Flowers. He has joined together with Queen City Tattoo in the City of Poughkeepsie to provide bagged lunches to area children for the next two weeks. Several Dutchess County restaurants are following his lead. Mama Musetti's in Wappinger Falls, Sinapi's Pizza in Poughkeepsie and Publick House in Pleasant Valley are helping to feed local youth with free meals. Those in need may contact them for more information. Many school districts are promising both breakfast and lunch in a grab and go fashion including the Beacon Central Schools. A group of grocers have introduced special shopping times restricted to senior customers or immune compromised families.

While we may think of Facebook as just a gossipy pastime, regular citizens have taken to the platform to offer everything from a roll of much coveted toilet paper to running errands for the homebound. One group, COVID19 Dutchess County and Ulster County Resources has been a harbinger of kindness. Dutcher Martial Arts Day Camp in Kingston will provide free daycare for the children of law enforcement and medical professionals during the two week school hiatus. Those lacking hard to find items often post their needs with dozens of offers pouring in. A woman with diabetes was out of alcohol wipes and was distressed about giving herself injections without them. Some were delivered to her within hours by a neighbor who saw her plea. Scanlon's Laundry Service has taken to the airwaves to offer free pick up and delivery service for their customers so they may avoid unnecessary physical interaction. The list is endless.

While none of us know how deep or how long the COVID-19 Virus will run, we do know that a little empathy goes a long way. Don't buy items from the grocery or drug store unless you absolutely are in need of them. Check on neighbors. Have your children make colorful cards to send to local nursing homes to brighten their day. Skype with someone who is home alone. Read, bake, watch a movie or just hang out with your family. Lastly, keep a quarantine diary. It just may be interesting to read it in a few years



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fortunate to be "stuck in the house" with family members and not be alone for weeks on end, you have the precious gift of time with one another. Get to know each other again, play games, have a conversation with eye contact.

I, personally, do not believe that G-d sent this virus as a punishment for nor as a challenge to mankind, but I do strongly believe that he is watching very closely to see how we are responding:

- who is helping and who is not
- who is giving selflessly and who is ignoring warnings
- who is staying at home and who is recklessly contaminating others
- who is sharing and who is hoarding
- who is donating and who is price-gouging
- who is looking out for friends and neighbors and who is still gathering in social groups
- who is trying to rely on facts and who is spreading false information

Who are you?

When this passes, there will be many pieces to pick up and to repair. Among them will be: catching up on all the non-Covid-19 health issues, postponed procedures, and surgeries in a well-strained medical system with exhausted health-care workers (who need serious vacations themselves); conducting over-due funerals and memorial services; resolving the numerous educational repercussions of extended mass school closings; and getting the general workforce and economy rolling again. Will the resurgence of kindness, thoughtfulness, and a slower-paced "lifestyle" continue?

Covid-19 made its Grand Debut late in 2019 and did its best to devastate 2020, but hopefully the world will soon unite, or perhaps on New Year's Eve 2021, to celebrate its defeat, to recognize those who worked so hard and gave selflessly to defeat it, and to honors those who did not survive it. I want to see fireworks that recognize such people as healthcare workers and first responders, to enjoy media montages of the many positive things that people did and that represent the creative ways people solved problems and social distancing issues, and to celebrate the beginning of a new era - an era in which we have learned to live without the greed, self-centeredness, and hectic pace of the past but instead to appreciate time, our family and friends, and the simple joys of life.

As we work to flatten the curve of the Covid-19 virus, let us not let the positive spike in human kindness, compassion, and a slower-paced lifestyle flatten with it. Tikun Olam

Our Executive Director



Life is never what we expect it to be. Sometimes for the better. Sometimes for the worse. My family and I lived in Hong Kong during SARS. We lived in Bangkok during multiple coups, tanks rolling down main highways, flames engulfing shopping malls in the central business district, floods that not only devastated the supply chain and prevented food and water from being delivered to stores, but also had the potential to shut down the airport and prevent us from being able to leave the country...and somehow we all survived. Sometimes survival is the best we can want and hope for at that moment.

Yet here we are today with something completely new and different. A challenge unlike anything seen, at least in our lifetimes. An invisible threat, yet one that is very real and potentially fatal.

During times of crisis, we sometimes see the best of people and the worst. As we at JFedDC/JFS started having to cancel all our events, we sat down and reevaluated what could we and should we be doing. First and foremost, we have decided to keep the Medical Loan Closet open with modified protocols to maintain social distancing. Through the Jewish Federation's network, we heard some interesting ideas and thought about what could be done here in our community. With that in mind, we launched the **MITZVAH NOW** ("Need a Hand"/ "Give a Hand") program to match those who need something (e.g. a wellness check-in call, virtual visit, medicine or groceries pick-up) with someone who would like to help. We also launched a Shabbat Care Package program, bringing Challah, Grape Juice, (battery run) Candles, "silver" kiddush cups, prayers and homemade Shabbat cards from our PJ Library team to those shut in at nursing/rehabilitation homes. We are also trying to be a resource center for virtual shabbat and daily services, activities for young families, information for businesses, and in general to let the community know that we are still here for everyone.

We have experienced adversity and challenges before and likely will again, but for now, please know that we are here for you and that as a community we will be strong together (albeit virtually for now).

So with the holiday of Passover approaching and how we may all be doing seders differently this year, try and reach out to others who may not be able to congregate. Wish them a Zissen Pesach and see how they are doing. Let us remember that we were once slaves and now we are free. We are currently social distancing, but in the near future we will hopefully be free again.

Chag Samech and wishing that you all remain safe and healthy.

Karen Hochhauser

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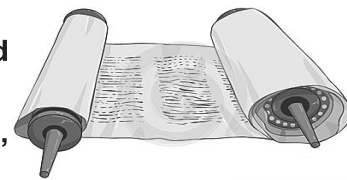
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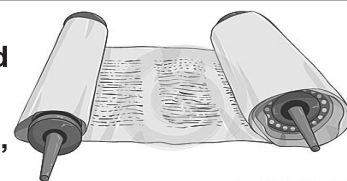
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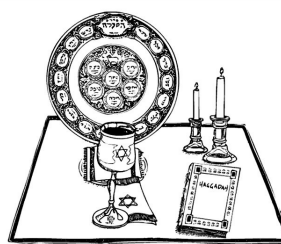
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Vassar Temple

Wishes you a Happy Passover

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Passover Recipes (for a Zissen Pesach):

Passover Pastry Delight

submitted by Barbara Dichter

Ingredients:

- 1/2 lb. butter or margarine
- 2 eggs
- pinch salt
- 1 c. sugar
- 2 c. cake meal
- 2 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 jar jam (any flavor, I like apricot)
- 1/4 c. lemon juice
- 1/2 c. chopped nuts

Directions:

1. Combine first 7 ingredients with a fork.
2. Spread 3/4 of crumbly dough into a greased 9x13 pan working up the sides.
3. Refrigerate remaining dough.
4. Bake at 325 degrees for 20 minutes.
5. Combine jam, lemon juice, and nuts.
6. Spread over hot dough.
7. Crumble remaining dough on top.
8. Bake at 325 degrees for 30-35 minutes more.
9. Cut when cool.



Chocolate Mousse Cake

submitted by Sandra Goldberg

Ingredients:

- 7oz. Semisweet chocolate bars
- 1/4 lb. margarine
- 7 eggs separated
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla

Directions:

1. Melt chocolate and butter
2. In a large bowl beat egg yolks and 3/4 cup of sugar until fluffy
3. Slowly add the warm chocolate mixture and vanilla
4. Beat egg whites and slowly add 1/4 cup sugar while beating until stiff peaks form
5. Fold chocolate mixture into the egg whites
6. Pour 3/4 of the batter into a greased 9 inch spring form pan
7. Cover the remaining batter and refrigerate
8. Bake cake for 35 minutes on 325 degrees
9. Remove from oven and cool (Cake will drop as it cools)
10. Remove outside of pan
11. Stir refrigerated batter to soften and spread it on top of cake
12. Then until firm or freeze

Chocolate Chip Cookies

submitted by Sandra Goldberg

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 3 1/3 cups very finely ground almonds
- 1 cup potato starch
- 1 bag chocolate chips
- 2 Tbsp vanilla

Directions:

1. Preheat oven 350 degrees
2. Cream sugar, eggs, and oil
3. Add vanilla, almonds, potato starch and chocolate chips
4. Mix well
5. Freezer batter for 10 minutes
6. Form small balls and place on parchment paper lined cookie sheet
7. Do NOT flatten the balls-they will spread in cooking
8. Bake for 15 minutes until they are lightly browned and crinkled



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New Paths Morning Worship

Join us in the informal, intimate setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. The moving liturgy of the *New Paths* prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English. You may bring supplemental materials to share. We take the time to let the service get through to us, rather than us get through the service.

Each service, whether lay-led or rabbi-led, provides a unique and thoughtful experience. A brief mini Kiddush follows.

DETAILS
Saturday, April 4, 18, 10:15am. For info, contact: Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Altman: rabbi@vassartemple.org, or call the Temple office at (845) 454-2570.

How to Get Rid of Your Last Bits of Chametz

The community is invited to participate in the ritual burning of chametz. Prior to Passover we get rid of all our chametz foods by consuming, donating, discarding or selling them. Any leftover Chametz is customarily burnt. For this purpose you may bring the leftover chametz items to the parking lot where we will have supervised and controlled burning of these items. Don't worry, this won't be a wild fire!

DETAILS
Wednesday, April 8, Congregation Schomre Israel parking lot. Check the website for the exact time: www.schomreIsrael.org.

Be a Golden Gelt Winner!

The Vassar Temple Golden Gelt Fundraiser is underway. Only 200 tickets will be sold for \$100 each to increase your chances of being a big winner.

There will be a drawing for 7 cash prizes: 1st Prize \$5000.00, 2nd Prize \$1000.00, 3rd Prize \$500.00, 3 prizes@ \$250.00 each

This is a major fundraiser for Vassar Temple and all proceeds go directly to the temple. Tickets may be purchased by credit card, cash or check. Purchases can be made via phone at the Vassar Temple (845) 454-2570, or through any temple member.

Local businesses are also encouraged to purchase tickets and we offer free advertising in the temple bulletin in return as our thank you. The drawing will be held on April 26 at 1:00pm in the Community Room at Vassar Temple and refreshments will be served.

For more info email project co-chairperson Gail D'Alessio at gaildalessio@yahoo.com.

Hands on Judaism

Rabbi Krasner of Congregation Schomre Israel has been presenting a monthly Hands on Judaism Mitzvah workshop. No workshop in April but will resume May 7.

Join us for a discussion about the mitzvah of Tzitzit ritual fringe. The hands on part of the program will consist of participants making the own pair of tzitzit either to use personally or to give to a loved one as a gift.

The 1st half of the program focuses on a more profound understanding of the mitzvah. The 2nd half will be the hands on experience. A light dinner will be served

DETAILS
Thursday, May 7, 6:00-8:00pm, Schomre Israel. Fee of \$10 for the cost of the materials. Please call to RSVP (845) 454-2890.

The Annual Holocaust Memorial Program

Emeritus Professor of English Richard Fein readings in Commemoration of the Holocaust and the Language of Yiddish.

Richard Fein will read from his translations of Yiddish poetry in his books. He will also read some of his new translations of Yiddish poetry as well as a number of poems in their Yiddish original.

DETAILS
Sunday, April 26, 2:00pm, Jewish Congregation of New Paltz Community Center, 30 N Chestnut St.

Yiddish Club Set to Meet

The 1st meeting of the Yiddish Club is scheduled. The group will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Although the meeting location is at Schomre, this club is for anyone interested in hearing a little (or a lot of) Yiddish, speaking a little Yiddish and learning about the Yiddish language and culture. Everyone from fluent speakers to no-speakers of Yiddish are welcome to join us.

DETAILS
Thursday, April 23, 10:00am, Schomre Israel

Raffle & Cocktail Party

Schomre Israel's annual raffle and cocktail party. Eight thousand in cash prizes will be given away during the course of the party and all participants will enjoy delicious food and libations.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for a donation of \$100 each. Prizes: Grand Prize—\$5000, Second Prize—\$1000, and 8 additional prizes of \$250 each. Please join us for an afternoon of good food, good company, and the possibility of coming away with some extra money in your pocket.

DETAILS
Sunday, June 28, 2:00pm. To purchase tickets contact Irwin Lifshy: (845) 797-0063

2nd Annual Mah Jongg Tournament

The Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library 2nd Annual Mah Jongg Tournament. Bring a non-perishable for item and receive one free raffle ticket. Items collected will be donated to Dutchess Outreach

Space is limited! Registrations are due by April 13.

DETAILS
Saturday, May 2, 9:30am—4:30pm, Boardman Road Branch Library, 141 Boardman Rd.. \$40 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and tournament play. For info contact Rose Shron:(845) 440-6950 or rosesny1@gmail.com

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will be holding monthly Post meetings at Congregation Schomre Israel.

All persons of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate. At each meeting we host an informal coffee and cake schmooze at 9:00am. Because the congregation is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the facility. Follow our Post on Facebook. We have your six.

DETAILS Sunday: April 5, May 3, June 7, 9:30am. 18 Park Ave. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin: qbee5@optonline.net

Healing Service

A Healing Service led by Rabbi Renni Altman and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann. This beautiful service is designed for anyone praying for healing of the body, soul and spirit for themselves or others, for caregivers, and for anyone in need of spiritual strength. The service will be held in the round, and will include prayers, reflections and songs that focus on healing and on Shabbat. There will also be a Torah reading. Everyone is welcome to attend.

DETAILS
Saturday, April 25, 10:30am, Vassar Temple. Please contact Rabbi Altman with questions rabbi@vassartemple.org or call (845) 454-2570.

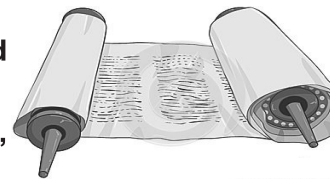
Flowers for Passover

Schomre Israel Sisterhood will be offering centerpieces from Hudson Valley Gardens and Florist just in time for your Passover table or as a gift to the host of the seder.

Creating a beautiful table with fresh flowers, although no mandatory for Passover, in an example of *hiddur mitzvah* or enhancing the mitzvah of participating in a seder.

DETAILS
\$25 per centerpiece. Prepaid orders made no later than April 1. Pick up the centerpiece at the synagogue on Wednesday April 8 between 9:00-10:00am. To place an order contact the synagogue (845) 454-2890 or schomre1@aol.com


May you be blessed with peace, prosperity, and joy this Passover



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Calendar

Sunday

Bagels, Lox, Torah (Tefillin too!) 9:00am led by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein. Morning minyan will follow Torah discussion on the coming week's Torah portion, upcoming holiday, or topic of Jewish interest.
Temple Beth-El Serves at Lunchbox Call Nancy Judson (845) 216-7563 to help in this mitzvah.
Congregation Schomre Israel 4K (Koffe, Kvetch, Kibbutz Klub) Meeting April 26, following morning services. We will talk about Israeli archaeology.
Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night April 26, 7:00pm. Popcorn, beverage, and movie. This month's film will be a Holocaust film. Suggested donation: \$5.

Monday

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas 11:30am. \$5 per session. All welcome.
Temple Beth-El Board Meeting 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees meeting.

Wednesday

Learn & Lunch Bunch Wednesdays, 11:00am-1:30pm. 118 So. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. Please RSVP each week by Monday so that we can prepare appropriate amounts of food. For information, menu, and program schedule; see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.
Vassar Temple Passover Yizkor Service April 15, 10:00am.
Congregation Schomre Israel Burning of Chametz April 8, see page 14 for more information.

Thursday

Yiddish Club at Congregation Schomre Israel April 23, 10:00am see page 14 for more information.

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service April 3, 17, 24, 7:30pm. Service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang followed by community oneg. All are welcome.
Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service April 3, 10, 17, 7:30pm. We will live stream see link available at www.vassartemple.org; check website for current information.
Vassar Temple Shabbat Dinner & Sisterhood Generations Shabbat Service April 24, 6:00pm dinner 7:30pm, service.
Temple Beth-El Evening Service each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian service. All welcome.
Congregation Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Service and Breakfast April 24 following morning services. Visit www.schomreisrael.org for the starting time of morning prayers.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs April 4, 18, 9:00am. This re-imagined, inter-generational school is totally new & different and Shir Chadash would like you and your family to experience. Registration for religious school is on-going. New members & non-members are encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation. Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays, and history while having fun and making friends. Bagels & juice at beginning of class. All welcome.. For more info visit www.shir-chadash.org. or call (845) 232-1029
Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program April 4, 18, 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult, learn through crafts, food, and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge.
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Study April 4, 18, 9:15-10:30am. While enjoying a light breakfast, engage in an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish.
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service April 4, 18, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome!
Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship April 4, 18, 10:15am.
Vassar Temple Healing Service April 25, 10:30am, see page 14 for more information.
Temple Beth-El Shabbat Morning Service Every week, 9:30am. Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.

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Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events
 243 Albany Ave, Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 www.templemanuelkingston.org.
 All services held in our chapel are available to live stream. Visit our website: www.cehv.org and click on the live stream link on the homepage. You can also view archived services and classes.

Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service Friday, April 3, (Family Kabbalat) 6:00pm, April 10, (Kabbaat Shabbat) 7:30pm, April 17 (with Yizkor at 7pm) with a symbolic oneg following.
Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation Friday, April 24, 7:30pm.
Tot Shabbat April 18, 9:00am. Introduce your tot to Shabbat through music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.
Religious School Saturdays 9:30am -12:30pm. (No classes April 11) Call Samara Genee (845) 338-4271 x110 for more information.
Saturday Morning Service 10:00am, Communal prayer, meditation, and Torah study.
Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi Hebrew Trope (Wednesdays 12:30pm); Torah Study, Intro to Judaism (2nd & 3rd Wednesdays 6:00pm); Beginner-Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew (Wednesdays 4pm)'. No classes April 1, 8. Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah, Private Conversation Tutorials, Adult B'nai Mitzvah. Check online for updates www.cehv.org
Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Tuesday, 8:45am, followed at 9:15am by Torah Study (No class April 28) Led by Rabbi Yael Romer. Designed to prepare participants to receive the day's blessings and explore Jewish traditions with a progressive, egalitarian approach. For directions call (845) 338-4271 x101 or email cehvoffice2@gmail.com
Lunch with Rabbi Romer and Guests Tuesday, April 7, 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Yael Romer for a hot luncheon with discussion following.
Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer Community Service, 9:00am & 12:30pm April 4, Shabbat Dinner 6:30pm, April 17, Attends YoHaShoah Commemoration 5:45pm April 20. Religious School registration required.
Second Nigh Seder April 9, 4:45pm. The topic will be "Asking the Hard Questions: Are We Doing Enough to Save the Earth for Future Generations?" Catered by Stone Soup Food & Catering. Ceremonial grape juice will be provided; participants are encouraged to bring a favorite wine to share. Adult members \$45; Adult non-members \$60; and children \$15. For reservations call (845) 338-4271.
Brotherhood monthly meeting April 14, 6:30pm, Dinner meeting at a restaurant to be announced.
Sisterhood Yard Sale Sunday, April 26, 9:00am-4:00pm. **Bag Sale:** 10:00am-2:00pm Monday April 27
Adult Education April 7, 14, 5:30pm. The Power of the Omer: Counting for Transformation, with Rabbi Romer
Yom HaShoah Monday, April 20, 5:45pm, Holocaust Memorial co-sponsored with Ulster County Jewish Federation

April

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Beacon Hebrew Alliance (Conservative)
 331 Verplanck Avenue, Beacon (845) 831-2012
 Rabbi Brent Spodek; Cantor Ellen Gersh; Education Director, Ashley Baker
 Website: www.beaconhebrewalliance.org
 Email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org
 Services: Fridays, 7:30pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit website for information about services, religious school, and community events

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley
 63 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie (845) 463-5801
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
 Website: www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com
 Email: ChabadMidHudsonVlv@prodigy.net
 Services: Fridays, call for time and Saturdays at 10:00am

Congregation Beth David (Reform)
 East Main Street, Amenia (845) 373-8264
 Rabbi Jon Haddon
 Website: www.CongBethDavid.org
 Email: JonRab33@gmail.com
 Services: usually Saturdays, 10:00am twice monthly except January and February; call for schedules

Congregation Schomre Israel (Orthodox)
 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2890
 Rabbi Shlomo Krasner
 Website: www.schomreisrael.org
 Email: rabbishlomok@gmail.com
 Services: Monday-Thursday, 7:00am, Sunday, 8:00am, Saturday, 9:00am Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm
 Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown

Congregation Shir Chadash (Reform)
 Interim: Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Lagrange (845) 232-1029
 Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang Website: www.shir-chadash.org
 Email: info@shir-chadash.org
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm; bimonthly Saturday children's religious school, 9:00am, Torah study, 9:15

Pardess Center for Jewish Life
 (845) 440-7592
 Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus
 Website: www.MyPardess.org
 Email: info@MyPardess.org

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center
 102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck (845) 876-7666
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht and Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht Website: www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
 Email: RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
 Friday services call for time; Saturday services, 9:30am

Temple Beth El (Conservative)
 118 So Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-0570
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 Email: info@tbeny.org
 Website: www.tbeny.org
 Services: Friday, 8:00pm, Saturday Shabbat service at 9:30am, weekdays, 7:30am daily

Vassar College Bayit
 51 Collegeview Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 451-3920
 Liz Aeschlimann, Rose and Irving Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College
 Email: eaeschlimann@vassar.edu
 Services: Friday, 6:00pm service, 7:00pm dinner when school is in session

Vassar Temple (Reform)
 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2570
 Rabbi Renni Altman Website: www.vassartemple.org
 Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or rabbiv@vassartemple.org
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah study Saturday, 9:00am. New Paths 1st and 3rd Saturday every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

April Candle Lighting

April 3 7:06pm
April 8 7:11pm
April 10 7:14pm
April 14 7:18pm
April 15 8:20pm
April 16 8:22pm
April 17 8:21pm
April 24 7:29pm

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Sandra Mamis conducts a challah baking workshop at Vassar Temple.



Vassar Temple Sisterhood and friends enjoying a Chai Noon Lunch at Paula's Runway Cafe



"Anti-Semitism & Hate: Addressing This Moment" presented by Jody Miller, D.C. Human Rights' Commission



Bakers of Schomre Israel displaying their hamantaschen. Over 8,900 hamantaschen were baked this year. Of this among more than 7,000 were sold and the others were donated and used for synagogue functions.



Rabbi Krasner of Schomre Israel displays his hamantaschen pinching skills



Rich Levine at a Harding Club outing to the Scratch Lounge



Jewish Professionals & Dutchess County officials Meeting including County Executive Marc Molinaro and County Representatives from Human Rights' Commission, Dept. of Behavioral & Community Health, and The Dept. of Emergency Response



Jewish Federation meeting with Dr. Eric Rosser, Poughkeepsie School District Superintendent



Barbara Strapholz, of Shir Chadash, leading the game of "Name that Oscar Winning Movie"



Pre-Oscar Party held at Congregation Shir Chadash with photos on the "red Carpet" L-R: Shir Chadash's late President, Wendy Bill (z"l) & Sue Marcoe

We at JFedDC & JFS will miss working with Shir Chadash's Board President, Wendy Bill (z"l). May her memory be for a blessing



Rabbi Altman's invocation at the State of the County Address



Dr. Andrew Delbanco Book Signing "The War Before The War" hosted by: FDR Library & Museum, Rhinebeck Reformed Church, JFedDC, and Mid-Hudson Anti-slavery History Project

HAPPY PASSOVER
 SENDING YOU PEACE,
 HAPPINESS, LOVE
 AND EVERY BLESSING
 FROM ABOVE.

Happy Passover from the Board and Staff at JFedDC and Jewish Family Services