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## Beyond The Looking Glass Of Antisemitism

By Leah Soibel

What is antisemitism? Who are the Jews and what is their connection to Israel? These seem like simple questions, but most Americans couldn't answer them when polled in a major US public opinion study recently.

My organization, Fuente Latina, commissioned the research in English to better understand what went wrong in May 2021, and how to change course in the future for partner groups that engage non-Jewish audiences.

Before I delve into the findings, let me just say that I'm not easily shocked. But the social media backlash against Israel and Jews witnessed over the latest Gaza conflict hit different.

It wasn't so much the venom of anti-Israel and antisemitic comments or the scope of their influence, but rather the total rejection of messages communicated by Israeli officials and Jewish influencers through traditional outlets (TV, radio, print) and social media platforms.

For a deeper understanding, Fuente Latina took action to determine why old methods of communication don't work now.

The research is significant because it was conducted beyond the walls of our community's echo chamber.

We decided to take a different approach compared to other Jewish organizations surveying non-Jewish American perceptions by contracting a non-Jewish Democratic public opinion expert and media analyst.

Fernand Amandi, managing partner of Miami-based Bendixen & Amandi, conducted 14 virtual focus groups (98 participants) as well as a national poll (n=1,000). Our study focused on Democrat and Independent non-Jewish Americans (whites, African Americans, Asian Americans and Latinos), ages 18-35, because according to a 2021 Pew study these audiences are the most active on social media. These groups were the loudest during the May 2021 Gaza conflict.

Also, we tested social media videos produced by several Jewish groups that garner a lot of fanfare and views within the community to determine if they also resonate with non-Jewish audiences.

The findings were eye-opening.

1. Discrimination against Jews is not considered a major problem, especially when compared to other minority groups. Why? Because Jews are considered a religious group not a race and therefore are considered less

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 Congregation Schomre Israel  
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**First Woman Rabbi in USA to Speak** *submitted by Vassar Temple*

Please join us Sunday, May 15, at 4:00pm for the Fannie and Doris Berlin Lecture, when we are honored to present special guest speaker Rabbi Sally J. Priesand, the first American woman rabbi, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

Rabbi Priesand was a genuine trailblazer, as there were no precedents for female students following this track at the seminary, being ordained as a rabbi in the USA, or embarking upon the career path of a congregational rabbi. She will speak about her challenging journey, as she helped shape and reshape attitudes from academia to the rabbinate to grassroot congregations and became a role model for Jewish women of the future.

You can choose to view Rabbi Priesand’s Zoom presentation on the large screen at Vassar Temple, where refreshments will be served, or you can participate at home on Zoom. A discussion, led by Rabbi Renni S. Altman of Vassar Temple, will follow. Please RSVP to [priesand@vassartemple.org](mailto:priesand@vassartemple.org), indicate if you plan to attend in person or remotely, and further information will be sent to you. The Fannie and Doris Berlin Lecture is brought to the community under the auspices of Vassar Temple Sisterhood.

Upon ordination in 1972, Rabbi Priesand accepted a position at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City where she served first as Assistant Rabbi, then as Associate Rabbi, finally becoming the rabbi of smaller congregations in New Jersey and retiring as Rabbi Emerita in 2006. Rabbi Priesand’s commitment to the cause of justice and peace, to equal opportunity for women, and to the survival of Israel is reflected in her many organizational affiliations. Additionally, she was a Founding Member of ARZA, has served on the Executive Board of both the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union for Reform Judaism, and served as a member of the Board of Governors of HUC-JIR. She has contributed to many publications and received many honors.



**2022 OFA PICNIC SEASON COMING SOON** *Submitted by Brian Jones Outreach Coordinator, Dutchess County OFA*

The Office for the Aging is putting the finishing touches on the 2022 schedule of OFA Picnics along with the reminder cards that we send every spring and summer to tens of thousands of older adults throughout the county. This will be our 30<sup>th</sup> year of picnics!

For those of you who are new to the OFA Picnic program, a quick rundown: Our picnic season takes place between Memorial Day and Labor Day with a total of 12 picnics that cover every community in Dutchess County. Every county resident over age 60 is eligible for one free meal at the picnic that serves their home community.

We start taking reservations in mid-April. That is when we publish the picnic schedule and start mailing picnic reminder cards to all households with at least one registered voter over age 60. You do not need to get a reminder card to make a reservation, but reservations are required for all picnics.

For the past two summers the picnic has been held in drive-through format, last year with optional seating for picnic guests. For 2022 we are hoping to be able to return to the traditional sit-down outdoor picnic format where you can enjoy a hot lunch, along with live music and companionship. You can also speak directly with your community’s elected officials and visit with local businesses and non-profit organizations that serve Dutchess County seniors. We will keep the drive-through option “in our back pocket” if pandemic safety necessities should require it, and hopefully we won’t.

Visit [dutchessny.gov/OFAPicnics](http://dutchessny.gov/OFAPicnics) for a look at previous years’ picnics.

**SPRING 2022 “SPOTLIGHT” PUBLISHED**

The Spring 2022 edition of our *Spotlight on Seniors* newsletter has been arriving in mailboxes throughout Dutchess County in recent weeks. Including information on an April 26<sup>th</sup> OFA event for older adults with arthritis, an item on the exercise benefits of gardening, and a clip-and-save item on tech safety for older adults. You can find copies of the *Spotlight on Seniors* at libraries, municipal buildings throughout Dutchess County, and online at [www.dutchessny.gov/aging](http://www.dutchessny.gov/aging).

If you do not have internet access and would like future issues of the *Spotlight* mailed to you, contact the Office for the Aging at (845) 486-2555 or email [ofa@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov) to be added to the mailing list.

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# The Harding Club



The Harding Club wishes the entire community a very healthy and happy and meaningful Passover. In troubled times such as ours, it is wonderful to find and to experience comfort in our traditions. We hope you find love and joy in your fabulous families and support in our caring community.

As these words are written, war has broken out in Europe. By the time these words are read, it is sincerely hoped that the terror of wartime will have long since ended and that people are will be living their normal lives. Ukraine is home to a very large Jewish population, and its government is headed by Volodymyr Zelensky, who is Jewish. For Jews and non-Jews alike, we wish for peace to come soon and to be long lasting.

More locally....

The Harding Club's Board of Directors has voted to resume, on a trial basis, in-person meetings. These will begin in April and will offer members the choice of either attending meetings at the restaurant to enjoy dinner, socialization, and a speaker or to stay home and use Zoom to hear and see the speaker.

The Harding Club is ninety nine years young. Since 1923 it has been a part of Jewish life in Poughkeepsie, and it remains as strong as ever. Plans are under way for our Centennial celebration next year. The club not only is a social outlet for its members, but the club also gets involved in many philanthropic projects in our community, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

If you are interested in membership, we welcome you to come to a meeting – live or on Zoom – to try us out. We actually are quite friendly. Contact information is below, and we hope to hear from prospective members.

The Harding Club:

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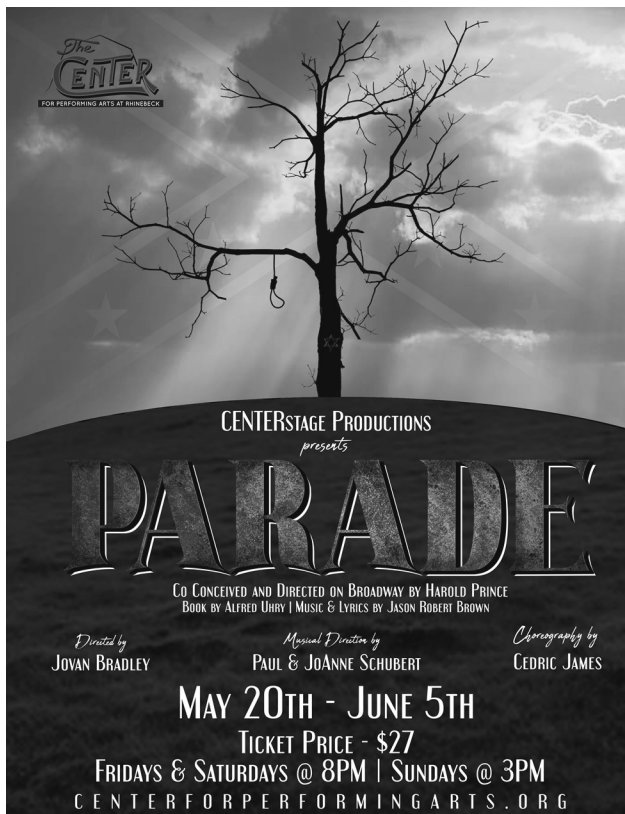


Left to right: Jeff Lash, Lou Newman, Ron Rosen, and Victor Stern.

**Parade** is about the 1913 trial of Leo Frank and his lynching in 1915. Leo Frank was a prominent Jewish factory manager in Atlanta who was arrested for the rape and murder of a 13-year-old factory employee, Mary Phagan. Leo Frank was arrested largely because of the strong anti-Semitism in Georgia at the time. Convicted, his death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment because Georgia's governor found many irregularities in the trial transcripts.

In 1915, Leo Frank was dragged from his cell in Midgeville, Georgia by a mob and transported to Marietta, Georgia—Mary Phagan's home town. In Marietta, he was lynched from an oak tree.

Frank's trial, conviction, and lynching led to the resurgence of the KKK nationwide and, interestingly, the birth of a new Jewish organization: the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).



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# Passover Blessings



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### The New Girl By Alyssa Kogon



Maya Wilson

Maya Wilson is not your run of the mill college student. The twenty-two year old Vassar coed is not only busy with an active on campus life, but she has boldly chosen to be an intern for the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. While Maya may have started out as a New York City girl, life for her went international at a very young age. Her childhood included stints in the Empire State, Michigan, Spain, and at age seven, the Dominican Republic where her family moved permanently and she did not yet speak Spanish.

The self-described “nerd” excelled in school (skipping a grade) and found herself bored in a regular classroom. By high school she chose to attend the prestigious Portsmouth Abbey School in Rhode Island. That educational facility is rated as one of the top 50 elite boarding/day schools in the country.

Admitted to Vassar College at age 17, Maya is a drama major and education minor. A shy introverted child, her parents wanted her to come out of her shell and introduced Maya to theater. She went on to become a professional child actress in the Dominican Republic and starred in many productions there.

While Maya says she is famous for being a homebody, she does love hanging out with friends and is thankful that her school has done such a good job protecting students from the pandemic while allowing them to socialize safely. Covid affected Maya's college experience especially when, she was forced to live for three months without her belongings at the onset of Covid.

What you may be surprised to find out is that Maya is not Jewish. She did grow up in a diverse community with many Jewish friends. “I may not be a part of the religion, but I feel peripherally part of it,” she explains. As a bi-racial woman, Maya feels it is important to be part of a community and chose the JFED internship for that camaraderie. Her goal while helping Executive Director Karen Hochhauser and other staff and board members with things such as social media is to “learn lots of stuff and meet new people”. She is excited to be part of the JFED and the JFED is just as excited that she chose to be part of them.



Dear Seder Maker,

You can always make it more interactive and fun for kids by adding something that they can touch. You can make “tangible plagues” for example! Use a small stuffed animal to represent wild beasts, throw ice cubes for hail, pass around tinted sunglasses for darkness, be creative. Kids will not only be entertained, but they'll remember the interactions!

Shoshana

## Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Shlomo Krasner*

Pesach is here. *Chag Cheiruseinu*, the Celebration of our Freedom. It is a time to take a step back and to fully appreciate the wealth of life which freedom provides us. We eat the matzah of poverty mixed with the Pascal Lamb of royalty together with the bitter herbs bringing to life our freedom from our origins of slavery. And, we conclude the night with singing praises of thanksgiving to Hashem. We anticipate this holiday not only to enjoy our special bond with He who gave us our freedom but in order to appreciate fully this amazing present that he has given us.



Rabbi Shlomo Krasner

Yet the Torah requests, even demands, that beyond simply enjoying and celebrating this freedom from slavery we change our attitude and our mindset to understand what freedom truly means. It is not enough that we are free; we must become people who care for those who are starting their own lives of freedom, uphold justice for the destitute, as well as ensure that they are financially taken care of with their dignity intact.

As I am writing this, I am shocked at the atrocities that are being perpetrated against the sovereign nation of Ukraine and against the people of Ukraine as well. I was stunned as I read how the security forces in Kyiv advised the rabbis to flee as Russia had just sent in a large force of extremist Chechens. In tears the rabbis and rebbetzins left their flock, many elderly and youth who could not leave themselves, as they were told that if they were to stay, they would be placing their entire congregations at risk. As evil never takes a rest, it is incumbent on us not to remain silent and to stand up against that evil.

The notion of taking a stand for justice and against persecution is intertwined with the roots of the story of our redemption. When Moshe was just three months old, his mother in an attempt to save his life placed him in a basket at the edge of the river. When the daughter of Pharaoh went to bathe in the river, she saw the basket, realized that he was Jewish, and raised him. The daughter of Pharaoh, as the Talmud explains, was bathing in order to convert to Judaism. She looked at what her father stood for, enslavement and genocide of wickedness, and she looked at the Jewish people, a proud and dignified nation with a heritage of purpose. They were a people who were subjected and tortured for no reason. She understood this and said, "I cannot remain silent anymore, it is time to rebel against all that which is wicked." She saw the basket of a Jewish child beyond her reach, and she stretched as far as she could, catching the basket with her fingertips. She raised him as a Jew, with the understanding of who he really was and the concern that he must give his brothers and sisters in slavery. She is credited as being the "mother" who raised Moshe into the caring Jewish leader that he became because she refused to ignore evil. She stood up and rebelled against her own father and raised Moshe to be the reverse and contrast of that evil, into becoming the savior and shepherd of the Jewish people. And in doing so, she herself is referred to in the Torah as Basyah, the daughter of Hashem, and is the epitome of one who rebelled against tyranny and one who stood up for justice.

I would like to relate a more recent story of someone who refused to remain inactive in the face of evil. Dr. Jacob Birnbaum grew up in battle-worn England and understood the sufferings that evil can inflict. He watched as three million of our brothers and sisters languished behind the Iron Curtain. They were degraded as second class citizens, living with the fear of being killed or sent to Siberia just for being Jewish. The Russians refused to allow them to show any Jewish pride, yet at the same time the Jews were refused the ability to immigrate to a place where they would be able to live. Jacob could not bear their suffering and urged the Jewish leaders to take up their cause. Whether it was from fear of harsher persecution from the Soviets or from apathy or ignorance, many refused to heed his call. Jacob refused to remain silent and decided that it was time to take matters into his own hands. He went to Yeshiva University and knocked on each door, imploring them to take action. They organized rallies throughout New York, bringing out the Torah scrolls and shofars. They called in the media to act as witnesses for their cause and for justice. "Thousands shouting no, let my people go, enough of the bluff and the hurting." This progressed into a crescendo, and, when in 1987 Gorbachev met Reagan at the White House, he was greeted by tens of thousands of Jewish people demanding that he allow the Soviet Jews their freedom. This movement not only gave great hope to our brothers and sisters behind the Iron Curtain, it is credited as helping topple this evil regime, allowing our Jewish brethren finally to attain freedom. All because one man refused to remain silent in the face of evil.

So, as we sip on the four cups of freedom, we must remember to appreciate every aspect of freedom that Hashem has given us and to sing praises and thank Him. Yet we must also remember it is now that our mission is to ensure justice, charity, and action for those who need their personal freedom as well.

L'Chayim



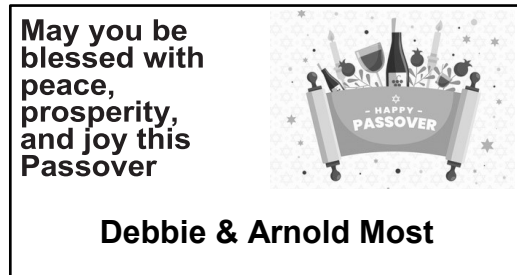
## Meet Your Neighbor *By Karen Hochhauser*

Each month, we ask a Member of the Tribe (MOT) the following questions and feature their answers for a fun and insightful way to meet your neighbors. This month, Susan Hecht took time from being an estate planning attorney and taking care of her kids to speak with us.



Susan Hecht

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**  
Favorite: *Spring*  
Least Favorite: *Ticks*
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**  
*Prayer and meditation.*
- 3. What is your favorite song?**  
*"Fly Robin Fly."*
- 4. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*Stonewall building/masonry.*
- 5. What profession would you not like to attempt?**  
*Computer Programming.*
- 6. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**  
*Cholent and babka.*
- 7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**  
Like: *My Spirit.*  
Dislike: *My lack of self control for challah.*
- 8. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**  
*I would like to be able to spin a web like Spiderman.*
- 9. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**  
*My beautiful family.*
- 10. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**  
*I want to go RVing.*
- 11. If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**  
*Take the best care of our planet.*
- 12. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**  
*I completed three Iron Man Triathlons (Kentucky, Arizona, and Wisconsin).*
- 13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**  
*The large seders my parents used to host.*
- 14. What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**  
*There are a million, by my bat-mitzvah on Masada 40 years ago stands out in my memories.*
- 15. In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**  
*Because our towns in Dutchess County are spread out, it is wonderful that JFedDC gives us opportunities to get to know each other and connect. The Purim Carnival was awesome!*
- 16. What is your most and least favorite part of being Jewish?**  
Most: *Getting to celebrate Shabbos every week with the family.*  
Least: *Being limited by few kosher options locally.*
- 17. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
*Welcome! I'm sure you will find it very comfortable here.*
- 18. What question do you wish we asked and what would be the answer?**  
Q. *What do you like most about living in Dutchess County?*  
A. *The people. The calm. The space.*





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Sue Turrisi

HAPPY  
  
 PASSOVER!  
 Dr. and Mrs. Michael Muffs

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Rabbi Ellen & Judge Jonah Triebwasser

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 Phyllis & David Miller

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Best wishes from Mort and the late Rita Alterman

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Barbara (z"l) & Lou Newman and Family

HAPPY  
  
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Leona & Irvin Miller


HAPPY  
  
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# PERSONAL HOLIDAY GETTINGS


Happy Passover  
  
 Ann & Jeffrey Gross


Happy Passover  
  
 Deanie Gordon and the Israel, Levine & Gordan Families


Happy Passover  
  
 Sandy & Jerry Goldberg

Happy Passover  
  
 Judy & Michael Elkin


Happy Passover  
  
 Amy, Steve, Lindsay & Hannah Effron

Happy Passover  
  
 Barbara & Bernie Cohen

Happy Passover  
  
 Nancy & Sandy Bernstein

Happy Passover  
  
 Pam & Richard Berman

Happy Passover  
  
 Jill & Ira Auerbach

Happy Passover  
  
 Marianne & Bob Abrams and Family

*Passover Blessings*

**Frieda & Ed Gershuny**

HAPPY  

 PASSOVER!  
**Helen Bernstein and Family**

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

**Rabbis Miriam Hyman & Michael Fessler and Family**

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

**Doris & Bob Haas**

Peace to you this Passover!

**The Breslow/Glassman Families**

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

**Roberta & Len Grosman**

Happy Passover

**Evelyn & Oscar (z"l) Weiss**

*Passover Blessings*

**Nina & Russell Rothman**

HAPPY  

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**Judy & Herb Dym**

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Happy Passover

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Happy Passover

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**Beth & Les Richardson**

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**Beth & Alan Haber**

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**Roni & Charles Stein**

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**Marian & Ralph Schwartz**

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Happy Passover

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HAPPY  

 PASSOVER!  
**Linda & Eric Perfecto**

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

**Barbara Scheer & Family**

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

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Happy Passover

**Jane & Steven Idell**

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

**Pam & Sol Resnikoff**

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

**Sandra & John Blair**

Happy Passover

**Suzanne Horn**

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**Barbara & Harvey Katz and Family**

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

**Lydia Bauman and Family**

Happy Passover

**The Hentel Family**

## PJ Library Winter Program Highlights! *By Kimberly Ritz, PJ Library Program Director*

This past winter was a continued challenge for our PJ Library and PJ Our Way Community as we all continued to try and stay safe together! Your PJ Library Team was dedicated and committed to keeping our community together and continued to offer fun, engaging programs to get families outdoors and safely indoors all winter long! Here are some of the highlights that kept us sane, grateful, and connected!

- **Generation Gratitude-Gratitude in the Neighborhood:** Tamatha Williams, our PJJ Parent Connector has gathered **16 families for 15 programs (from July-March 2022)** to celebrate moments of gratitude together! Resulting in **51 shared moments of gratitude together!**
- Tamatha's engaging, high quality programs even enticed **4 new families** to meet up for one of 5 **Winter Neighborhood Meet Ups** (during a pandemic) including: Home-hosted crafting, sledding in Millbrook, family bowling at *Spinsbowl*, family yoga with *Mindful Yoga with Liz* (sold out program), and Meet the Baker at *Sweetbakes Cafe!*
- **PJ Our Way Mensch Club (for 9-12 year olds) was sold out in February!** 19 PJ Our Way kids & their siblings enjoyed a free hour of laser tag and learned about Sportsmanship with PJOW Program Director Suzanne Turrissi-“how to be a mensch when playing a sport”. We welcomed a new PJ Our Way family who was referred by an existing Mensch Clubber.
- **PJ Virtual Mom's Coffee:** This program was launched in July 2021. Since then, 4 PJJ Parents from 3 different neighborhoods (Rhinebeck/Hyde Park/Poughkeepsie) **have met monthly consecutively for over 6 months** to schmooze, share, and learn about the Jewish Calendar. All 3 parents have been featured in “PJ Family of the Month”, and have enjoyed connecting at local PJJ programs in person.
- **Community Partner Programming:** We partnered with Beacon Hebrew Alliance in February for a **Purim Katan Program**; and in March, with the BHA Preschool to celebrate Purim Together with stories and Courage Crowns! We were so excited to co-host our 1st program with Rishe Groner, Education Director, and be a special guest at the outdoor preschool classroom!

I'm also feeling very joyful and grateful that our Community Partners (Jewish Federation, Vassar

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## Bat Mitzvah

**Brielyn Freedman, Congregation Shir Chadash April 23, 2022**  
**Daughter of Wendy and Ian Freedman**

Brielyn is an enthusiastic, caring and creative 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Todd Middle School. For her Bat Mitzvah project, she wanted to provide assistance for victims of domestic violence in the local community, so she collected donations and personal-hygiene supplies, which she brought to the Grace Smith House in Poughkeepsie.



Brielyn channels her creative energies into videography, digital design and especially photography, where she loves capturing nature's beauty. Brielyn also enjoys playing board games and video games, and is happiest when spending time with friends and family.



Everyone at Vassar Temple, from tots to teens, pitched in to help the Sisterhood make hamantaschen to share with the homebound, send to college students, and munch at Temple after the Purim Spiel.

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Bi-monthly Saturdays, 9:15am followed by Torah Service, 10:30am For info contact Cantor Gail Hirschenfang: [polishfang@optonline.net](mailto:polishfang@optonline.net)

### TEMPLE BETH-EL

The Temple Beth-El Education programs for kids Pre-K through High School provide an engaging learning environment. Students explore Jewish tradition, history, and culture through art, music, movement, and text.



Classes have resumed in person, with a hybrid option. Please contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman for the current school schedule at (845) 454-0570 or [education@tbeny.org](mailto: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."

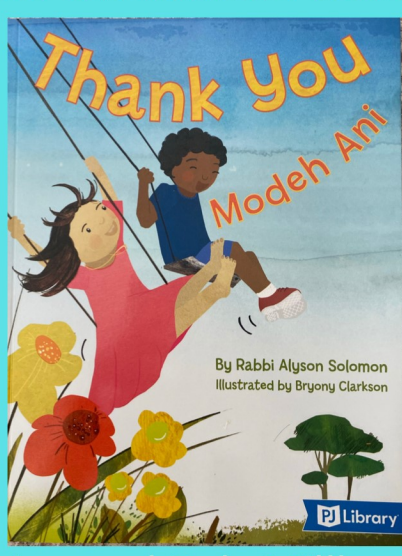
The Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School for grades K-7 meets Sunday mornings. The Hebrew School, which meets Wednesday afternoons, offers innovative individualized Hebrew language instruction and bar/bat mitzvah preparation for those in grades 4-7. We also have a special religious education program for grades 8-up. Teens may prepare for Confirmation during 10th grade and may work as madrachim (teacher aides) in the Sunday school.

New enrollments are welcome throughout the year. The religious school and Hebrew School at Vassar Temple are directed by our Rabbi Renni S Altman, D.D. For more information, please contact her at [rsdirector@vassartemple.org](mailto:rsdirector@vassartemple.org) (845) 454-2570.

**PJ Library Presents**

## Gratitude IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



4/3 Ponies and Pals Millbrook, NY  
 4/10 Soccer & Slides Stringham Park  
 4/24 Making Memories At the Museum Poughkeepsie NY

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*Thank you!*



# הגדה Haggadah telling

Here's a fun and easy craft to make: **LEANING CUSHION** - from PJ Library and [frugalfamilyhome.com](http://frugalfamilyhome.com)

Passover celebrates the transformation of the Jewish people from slavery to freedom. To commemorate this freedom, it is traditional during the seder to treat yourself like royalty. We drink wine/grape juice while reclining. We also lean back onto a cushy pillow for extra comfort. Make a pillow to use as your own leaning cushion. You can make one from an old t-shirt. This is also a mitzvah for recycling!!

Materials you'll need:

- Stuffing
- Matching Thread
- Old t-shirt
- Scissors



1. Cut the sides of the shirt off. If it has a design like the one I made, you'll want to cut up the sides to leave the design in the center of the square or rectangle .

2. Once the sides and sleeves are cut off, it's time to remove the top. I cut down just enough to remove the collar but leave the wording on the front. Now you should have a front and a back piece of the pillow that are separate from one another. The bottom hem of the t-shirt should still be intact.

3. Now flip the front and back pieces of the pillow so that the right sides are facing each other, and pin around the edges to hold it in place as you sew.

4. Sew around the cut edges leaving a margin of 1/2 inch. Leave the bottom edge or hemmed edge of the t-shirt open for stuffing.

5. Stuff with stuffing, Turn the pillow right-side out and stuff with stuffing as full as desired.

6. Stitch the bottom closed. Since we left the hemmed edge at the bottom intact, you can just sew across the bottom on the right side of the fabric about 1/4 inch from the bottom edge.



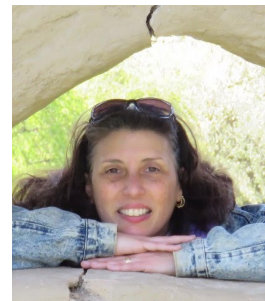
Kim



Tamatha



Suzanne



The Haggadah is what we use to tell the story of Pesach, or Passover. The Haggadah serves as a guide for the Seder, a ritual meal held in most Jewish homes on Passover. We tell the story of our exodus from bondage in Egypt. We tell the story of our freedom. What does it really mean to tell our story? What happens if you don't?

Your story matters. It's what makes you, you! When we tell our story, it's as if each of us has come from Egypt. When we tell our story, it's a connection to our ancestors. When we tell our story, we bear witness to our history.

By: Suzanne Turrisi, Assistant PJ Library Program Director

**(PJ Library Winter Program Highlights Continued from page 8)**

Temple, Temple Beth El, Congregation Schomre Israel, Chabad Mid-Hudson Valley, Shir Chadash, and PJ Library) were able to put on a very lovely Community Purim Carnival for over **122** people (47 adults/52 kids/23+ volunteers)!! Everyone enthusiastically enjoyed the magic show by *Zaritsky Family Magic*, along with carnival games, face painting, and costume contest!

Lastly, a special thanks to the **Parsons, Gold, Swartz, Ritter, Cruz, Geva, Williams, Ritz and Blachman, and PJ Library/PJ Our Way families** who all helped in decorating 99 Purim coloring sheets to be included in our Jewish Family Services Purim Care Package going to our local seniors, as well as shopping and packing! And a big shout out to our PJ Our Way helpers who assembled 75 mischloach manot for the Purim Carnival! Your support is deeply appreciated! If you have tweens/teens who need community service hours, please contact me at: [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org).

Looking forward to spring and celebrating Passover with you all at Vassar Temple Tiny Temple on April 3rd, gathering for moments of gratitude at upcoming Generation Gratitude Programs, and hiking with our PJ Our Way Mensch Club! Please email [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org) for more information.

**Adventures in the Neighborhood with Generation Gratitude**

by Tamatha Williams

What better way to feel gratitude for our bodies than with a special meetup with Liz from *Mindful Yoga with Liz* and our Generation Gratitude families! As we walked into the tranquil studio, her warm, wide smile welcomed us. We began our meetup with a PJ Library storybook *Modeh Ani Thank You* by Rabbi Alyson Solomon. We explored the concept of gratitude focusing on gratitude through movement. As we crafted hand puppets and pretended to be puppeteers, we marveled at the power of our bodies. Pastel buttons, soft fuzzy yarn hair, vibrant feathers, and loads of creativity engulfed the room. After the guided yoga class with Liz, we took our adventure outside for a short, brisk walk to enjoy some schmoozing and tasty treats.



Our next meetup in the neighborhood was extra sweet despite the stormy weather. We met at *Sweetbakes Cafe*, a most delicious bakery where the aroma of pastries made our senses dance with enthusiasm. Our Generation Gratitude families had the privilege of meeting some of the bakers, learning about their Culinary Institute backgrounds, and even discovering some of the bakers' favorite desserts! The children had the opportunity to learn about the science of baking while tasting their delectable cupcakes. After our sweet treats, story time consisted of the PJ Library book *How Kind* by Mary Murphy, a story of being sweet and thoughtful to one another. As we wrapped up our rainy day outing, we reflected on gratitude for the kindness of the Sweetbakes Cafe bakers and for the sunny moments of our rainy day together.

Interested in joining us for these types of family adventures and gratitude moments? Please email [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org) for further information

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**Babies & BAGELS**  
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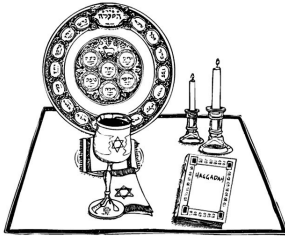
**The ROMEOS**  
(Retired Older Men Eating Out)  
**Best wishes for a ziesen Pesach!**

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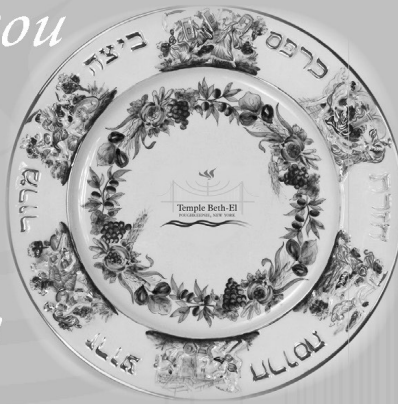
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# Passover Events

## Congregation Schomre Israel

### Friday, April 15

**Community Seder** following 7:00pm services. Rabbi Krasner invites the community to community seders at the synagogue. For information and to RSVP contact the synagogue.

### Saturday, April 16

**Community Seder** following 9:30pm services. Rabbi Krasner invites the community to community seders at the synagogue. For information and to RSVP contact the synagogue.

## Temple Beth-El

### Friday, April 15, Erev Pesach

Morning minyan + Fast of the Firstborn, Siyyum: 8:00am

### Saturday, April 16,

1st Day of Pesach Service 10:00am, includes Song of Songs

### Sunday, April 17, Pesach Day 2

2nd Day Pesach Service 10:00am

### Monday, April 18 - Thursday April 21

**Pesach Days 3 through 6 (Chol Hamo'ed)**

Morning minyan with Torah reading/Half Hallel: 8am

### Friday, April 22, Pesach Day 7

Morning Service: 10:00am

Evening Service with Yizkor: 8:00pm

### Saturday, April 23: Shabbat/Pesach Day 8

Morning Service with Yizkor: 10:00am

Morning minyan services will be hybrid (in person + zoom)

Holiday services will be in person, with a livestream option

## Vassar Temple

### Friday, April 15

**First Night Seder via Zoom** hosted by Vassar Temple's Ritual Committee 5:30pm. If you'd like to attend, please contact Ron Rosen at [seder@vassar temple.org](mailto:seder@vassar temple.org) for a copy of the hagaddah. We'll have some introductory entertainment. The Hagaddah reading will start around 5:50 and end around 6:30. All the reading will be done BEFORE your dinner, so you can choose to stay online and chat at that time or you could begin eating your meal. And if you'd like to be a reader or help lead the singing, please let Ron know!

## Rhinebeck Jewish Center

### Friday, April 15—First Night Seder - 7:00pm

### Saturday, April 16—Second Night Seder—8:30pm

To RSVP call (845) 876-7666 or [RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto:RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)



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## The Federation Board's Voice



### My Jewishness

How do we define our Jewishness? Is it knowing how to wrap T'fillin or shake a lulav? Reading Hebrew or attending services? Morning minyan? I know statistically that only a small fraction of those people identifying as Jewish attend services regularly. Many young families have decided not to join a synagogue and do not have many opportunities to share in Jewish culture. Although many events are open to the public, such as lectures and Purim festivities, most unaffiliated families are unaware of what is available, especially if they do not already read the Voice! In Dutchess County, many young families participate in the PJ Library program which facilitates connections between young Jewish families nearby.

Russel Rothman

For knowledgeable Voice readers, they are already aware of our monthly Jewish Movie Night In and know that the March movie was *The Mighty Atom*, a documentary about an incredible Jewish strongman who performed in the US in the early 20th century. My dad used to tell me stories of his feats that he saw when he was a kid on the Lower East Side, pulling trucks and airplanes with his teeth or hair. My dad felt great pride in knowing that this short Superman was Jewish (possibly the inspiration for the DC comic hero).

Jews are also guided by Tikkun Olum, the act of repairing the world. Some of us do this by volunteering as a coach, a member of the PTA, a volunteer at a hospital or local food bank. In Dutchess County, there are many ways to help others. The Harding Club, a Jewish men's service club, has been helping the Dutchess community for over 98 years, in many volunteer opportunities.

But of all the ways to celebrate one's Jewishness and understand the roots behind our ancestral history is to visit Israel. Most Israelis are unaffiliated, hardly ever setting foot in a synagogue, and yet they live and breathe their culture and Jewish soul every day. The Dutchess County community will have an opportunity to visit Israel this October with family and friends. Your local Federation has put together an exciting trip in partnership with the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI), Israel's oldest and largest conservation organization. This amazing adventure will include all of the usual "ooh and ahh" places but will include sites and activities often missed by other tours. I have taken some of my Israeli cousins to some of these places, and they had never been there or even knew about them! I urge you to visit the JFEDDC website and see for yourself. We often say "Next Year in Jerusalem" but this is the year to say "This is the year!"

*(Beyond the Looking Glass of Antisemitism Continued from page 1)*

"other" looking. When polled, 39% said Jews are white or not a minority, 23% said people don't talk about Jews in the media, and 16% said antisemitism isn't a problem anymore.

2. Current messaging attempting to draw attention to the rise of antisemitism and Israel's right to defend itself is largely ineffective. We tested dozens of popular videos, most of which received low scores by the non-Jewish respondents.

3. Millennial and Gen Z participants had difficulty defining antisemitism and identifying it. Social media posts considered antisemitic within the Jewish community were viewed as "bullying" but not discriminatory.

4. Perceptions of Jewish identity in the US are seen as independent from those in the state of Israel. This means that Americans polled didn't see a connection between antisemitism and anti-Zionism. They believe they can criticize Israel without being bigots against American Jews.

But it's not all doom and gloom.

The survey revealed that non-Jewish Americans don't hate Israel or Jews, they just don't know us. A big takeaway was that much of the sentiment toward Jews and Israel is rooted in a very simple position: Despite easy access to more data than any generation before, this demographic has little real information about Jews or Israel and seldom interacts with our community.

Some lessons learned as we move forward:


1. It's time we started telling our story to this audience ourselves instead of letting others tell their version of our story according to their narrative.

2. There is a glaring need for a significant and sustained commitment to create new and compelling video content, featuring a fundamental change in the tone of Israel and antisemitism messaging, suitable for the social media age and focused on the unique perceptions and sensibilities of non-Jewish American youth.

3. Specific and proactive strategies are needed to directly engage US minority populations, specifically Latinos, African Americans and Asian Americans, with culturally competent messages, diverse messengers and tailored digital content.


*For a more in-depth understanding of this study and why it is so critical for media professionals in the Israel-Jewish space going forward, visit [www.fuentelatina.org](http://www.fuentelatina.org). Leah Soibel is CEO & Founder of Fuente Latina. FL is a non-profit, nonpartisan media organization that empowers global Spanish language media and influencers to cover Israel and the Jewish world accurately.*

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



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## Our Executive Director



### GARDENER OF MANY GARDENS

During a recent dialogue with one of my children (some may say a disagreement or even fight), I had a great epiphany. I realized that the approach and communication I use with one child, does not per se work with the others. This is not rocket science, obviously, but it was that moment that I realized I am a "Gardner of Many Gardens".

With spring now upon us and the planting season here, I thought this was more apropos than ever. When we think about children as different plants, it is a fascinating concept. One may be my tomato plant that needs particular watering and pruning; while another may be my cactus, a little more prickly and requires different levels of attention and water (and communication style) but still has some needs and is ultimately as strong, sweet, and independent as my tomato plant. Each of my three plants just needs different things from me. This concept hit me profoundly, particularly as I do love how my porch vegetable garden grows and produces from seedlings to harvest, just as I love watching and value how my boys are developing and growing into the fine young men they are becoming. Now why this took me so many years to come to this realization is probably the most shocking part of it all.

I then realized this same concept is applicable to my work environment: what one member needs is not per se that of another and what one part of the community needs differs from the other. In all that I (and we) try to do at Federation is to be a **Gardner of Many Gardens**. As we work to determine which plant needs what, we encourage you (figuratively) to grab your watering can and gloves and come help us this spring and summer to ensure a robust harvest this fall and winter. Give us a call at the office or email us and get involved.

Happy Gardening and Chag Sameach,  
Karen Hochhauser

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# JEWISH FOOD

Connecting our Community through food

Send us your favorite Kosher recipe so we can share it.

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Are your Seder desserts as dry as the Sinai? Try this recipe and make your meal more festive.

Taken from : <https://www.tabletmag.com/recipes/perfect-passover-cake-leah-koenig>  
By Leah Koenig

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 3/4 cup roughly chopped roasted, unsalted almonds
- 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups almond flour
- 2 tablespoons potato starch
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 medium Bosc pears, peeled, quartered and cut into 1/2 inch pieces

**Monthly Kosher Food Delivery From Evergreen—First Tuesday of the Month**

Congregation Schomre Israel has organized a monthly Evergreen delivery program. All orders should be placed no later than midday Monday prior to the scheduled delivery day.



**(April 5 delivery of Passover items to the synagogue. Orders must be received before noon on Monday, April 4.)**

Evergreenkosher.com offers an amazing variety of items for Passover. You can order online and pick up your items at Schomre Israel. Deliveries are scheduled to arrive via Evergreen truck at the synagogue early afternoon on the **first Tuesday of each month**.

If interested, call the synagogue at (845) 454-2890 or email Rabbi Shlomo Krasner at [rabbishlomok@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com)

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees and line a 9-inch round springform cake pan with parchment paper; set aside.
2. In a bowl, stir together the chopped almonds, brown sugar, cinnamon and chocolate chips; set aside.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk together the almond flour, potato starch, baking powder, and salt; set aside.
4. Crack the eggs into a large bowl. With an electric mixer set on medium high speed, beat eggs until well combined and bubbly, about 1 minute. Add sugar, beating until mixture is pale yellow and billowy, 2 to 3 minutes. With the still beaters on, slowly pour in the oil, followed by vanilla, beating until combined. Use a spatula to gently fold the almond flour mixture into wet batter until just combined.
5. Pour half of the batter into prepared pan. (It will probably seem like too little batter at this point, but it swells in the oven.) Top evenly with half of pears, followed by half of the almond-chocolate mixture. Add remaining batter, using a spatula to smooth. Sprinkle with remaining pears and almond-chocolate mixture.
6. Bake until a tester inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes. If the top of the cake is browning too quickly, drape it loosely with aluminum foil. Remove cake from oven and set pan on a wire rack. Let cool completely before slicing and serving.

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### Weekly Services:

Shacharis 7:00am (weekdays)  
Shacharis 8:30am (Sunday & holidays)  
Maariv: 6:40pm (winter weekdays)  
Friday Kabbalat Shabbat: around candle lighting times

### Adult Education:

**Sunday**  
**Talmud Studies with Rabbi Krasner**  
Sunday morning after service - topics in the Talmud of Rosh HaShanah.

**Tuesday**  
**The Book of Daniel** 10:30am. This class is completing the study on the Book of Daniel. In May the class will study *The Collected Writings of Maimonides*.

**Thursday**  
**Learning to Lein** 7:00pm. Learn to brush up on reading from the Torah with cantillation.

### Other Events:

**Sunday**  
**Hands-on-Judaism** April 3, 10:00am—How to Kasher a Kitchen for Passover. Learn and understand what it takes to kasher a kitchen. This will be a demonstration of koshering using the kitchen at Schomre Israel.

**Friday**  
**Burn Your Chometz Bonfire** April 15, 8:30pm. Join in this traditional way to get rid of the last bits of your chometz.  
**Community Seder** April 15, following 7:00pm services. For info and to RSVP, contact the synagogue.

**Saturday**  
**Rosh Chodesh Kiddush** April 2, following Shabbat morning services to usher in the month of Nissan.  
**Community Seder** April 16, following 9:30pm services. For info and to RSVP, contact the synagogue.

### Flower Centerpieces for Passover

We will be ordering centerpieces from Hudson Valley Gardens and Florist for Passover for all members and non-members in the community who wish to have a beautiful floral centerpiece for the Holiday. The cost per centerpiece will be \$25.00

Prepaid orders should be made no later than April 7, 2022. Please complete the form below and mail with your check (payable to: Schomre Israel Sisterhood) to the shul at 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Pick up will be at the shul on Friday, April 15, 2022, 9:00-10:00am

**Contact:**  
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### Weekly Services:

Fridays: 7:30pm In-person & Zoom  
Saturday: 9:15am In-person Bi-monthly children's religious school  
10:30am In-Person Torah Service  
All welcome to attend.

### Adult Education:

**Saturday**  
**Torah Study** April 2, 23, 30, 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish. Available via Zoom. Contact the office for more info or Zoom Id.

### Other Events:

**Sunday**  
**Rosh Chodesh Reading Group**  
Those interested in reading are invited, (virtual as of press time)-- interesting and provocative discussions. Dates & times TBD. 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 topic suggestion, please let us know! For more information, please contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)

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## Temple Beth El

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All services are egalitarian & inclusive. Join us!

### Weekly Services:

Friday & Saturday Shabbat Services alternate between in-person and Zoom. Call the Temple Beth-El office for the current schedule.

### Adult Education:

For information about ongoing Adult Education at Temple Beth-El, please contact the synagogue office : (845) 454-0570.

### Other Events:

**Sunday**  
**Temple Beth-El Serves at Lunchbox** 2nd Sunday, volunteers are needed to help serve a meal at Lunchbox at Dutchess Outreach. You can also help by making a donation to help cover the cost. Contact Nancy Judson to get involved at (845) 216-7563.

### Wednesday

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### Weekly Services:

**Friday**  
**Shabbat Evening Service** (hybrid)  
April 1, 8, 22, 29 7:30pm.  
**Yizkor Service for Passover** April 22, 10:30am  
**Saturday**  
**New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship**  
April 9, 23, 10:15am (via Zoom).

### Adult Education:

**Wednesday**  
**Scouts, Trailblazers, Pathfinders, Explorers: A History of Women Rabbis** every other week April 6 -May 4, 7:30pm, via Zoom. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Sally J. Priesand, the first woman publicly ordained as a rabbi. Yet, her groundbreaking ordination, which opened the door for subsequent generations of women, was preceded by the impactful lives of other, lesser-known female scholars and community leaders. We'll be utilizing a curriculum created by the Women's Rabbinic Network. It is recommended, but not required, to attend all sessions. For further study, you could read the book *The Sacred Calling, Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate*. Contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) for the Zoom link. Special note: The timing of this series was designed to lead into our special Fannie Berlin Speaker on Sunday, May15: Rabbi Sally Priesand!

**Thursday**  
**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text** April 7, 21, 12:00pm, via Zoom. Taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. For info and sheets: [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net).

**Saturday**  
**Torah Study** 9:00am, (no class 4/30) via Zoom. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah. Led by Rabbi Renni S Altman, D.D. New attendees should contact: [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org) to be placed on the class email and for study sheets.

### Other Events:

**Thursday**  
**Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club** April 21, 2:00pm, via Zoom. We will discuss *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfour, an extraordinary novel about a gifted architect who reluctantly begins a secret life devising ingenious hiding places for Jews in World War II Paris.

Muriel Lampell will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or for information, please contact Linda Babas at [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org).

**Saturday**  
**Healing Service** April 2, 10:30am, via Zoom. Led by Rabbi Altman and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann. The beautiful service is designed for anyone praying for healing of the body, soul, or spirit for themselves or others, for caregivers, and for anyone in need of spiritual strength. Watch temple emails, contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org), or (845) 454-2570 to see if there will also be in-person attendance option.

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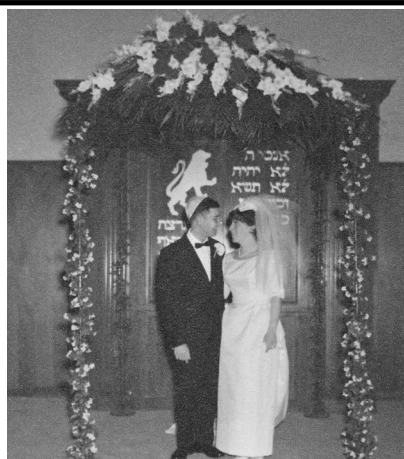
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## The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

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### Weekly Services:

Fridays: Call for time.  
 Saturdays: 9:30am

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## Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

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### Weekly Services:

Fridays: Call for times.  
 Saturdays: 10:00am

### Adult Education:

#### Wednesday

**Torah Class: Discover the World of Prayer** 11:00am, 36 Pleasant Ridge Drive. Class led by Hindy Borenstein. Indulge your body with thought-provoking insights from the weekly Torah portion and other contemporary issues, and indulge your body with a light and healthy lunch.

### Special Events:

#### 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.

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## Beacon Hebrew Alliance

(Conservative)  
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### Weekly Services:

Fridays, 7:30pm  
 Saturdays: 9:30am alternating weeks

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## Congregation Beth David

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### Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:00am (twice monthly)  
 Call for schedules.

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## Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Ave, Poughkeepsie  
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 Rabbi Bryan Mann  
 Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College  
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### Weekly Services:

Fridays: 6:00pm  
 7:00pm dinner when school is in session

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 Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102  
 Rabbi Yael Romer: [RabbiYael@cehv.org](mailto:RabbiYael@cehv.org)

### Weekly Services:

#### Friday

**Family Kabbalat Shabbat** April 1, 6:00pm.  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:30pm.  
**Tot Shabbat** May 6, June 3, and July 1, 5:30pm

#### Saturday

**Morning Minyan** 10:00am.  
**Tot Shabbat** April 9, 9:00am

### Education:

**Rhinebeck Mediation & Torah Study** Tuesday, 8:45am  
**Religious School** Sunday, April 3, 10, 12:30pm  
**Hebrew Trope** Wednesday, April 6, 13, 12:30pm  
**Conversational Hebrew** Wednesday, April 6, 13, 4:00pm

### Other Events:

#### Sunday

**Women's Seder** April 3, 4:45pm

#### Tuesday

**Monthly Brotherhood Meeting** 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

#### Thursday

**Coffee Chai with the Rabbi** 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 8:45am

**Monthly Sisterhood Meeting** 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00pm

#### Friday8

#### Saturday

**Passover 2nd Night Seder** April 16, 4:45pm

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## April

### Candle Lighting Schedule

April 1	7:03pm
April 8	7:11pm
April 15	7:18pm
April 16	8:21pm
April 21	7:25pm
April 22	7:26pm
April 29	7:34pm



## ★ Jewish Trivia ★

**Q:** Why Did Jack Benny write his Autobiography in the 1960's then buy the rights back from his publisher and hide the book?

**A:** His daughter Joan says she found the manuscript after her mother died in 1983... the story that she heard, was that Jack's wife (Sadye Marks) "Mary Livingstone" objected because Jack included so many stories of his old girlfriends in it! Joan published it.

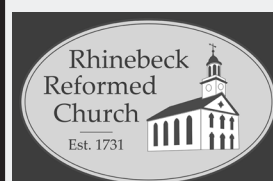
### Coffee & Chat North

(formerly Lunch & Learn North)

**The Modern Politics of Herod the Great with Dr. Bruce Chilton of Bard College, IAT**

**Sunday, April 3, 1:00pm**

*The Jewish Empress in Waiting:* The little known story of Herod's great-granddaughter Berenike, who rose so far in the hierarchy of Rome that many people in the Empire saw her as the power behind the throne.



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### The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the U.S. Military (active, Reserves, or National Guard) or any person who wishes to support veterans are invited to attend Post meetings.

We will be in person at Schomre Israel. The next meetings will be April 3, May 15, at 9:30am (schmooze at 9:00am). The Post will supply nosh stuff, coffee, and it will be strictly kosher. Masks are optional.

If you wish for more information, please contact Post Commander Schwartz at (845) 849-0025 or [Rschwa9881@aol.com](mailto:Rschwa9881@aol.com)



Senator Sue Serino presented a proclamation in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States to representatives of local JWV Post 625. The JWV is the oldest active veterans organization in America. Serino declared the event "an important reminder of the incredible sacrifices so many Americans have made throughout the years". Shown are Post Officers Ralph Schwartz, Martin Hochhauser, Sen Serino, Post Commander Ron Markowitz, and Post Officer Robert L. Morrison, flanked by 2 of Serino's aides, one a Naval veteran(L) and the other a member of Marist College ROTC. Sen. Serino concluded, "May we remain forever grateful for their service and dedication to our country, and our community".



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**Cecelia Morris**

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Co-Sponsored by:

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
at  
(9 PM EDT/ 8 PM CDT/ 7 PM MDT/ 6PM PDT)

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Bestselling author of *The World is Flat* and *New York Times* foreign affairs columnist Tom Friedman is renowned for his direct reporting and accessible analysis of complex issues shaping the world. According to *Foreign Policy* magazine, "Friedman doesn't just report on events; he helps shape them." Winner of three Pulitzer Prizes, he has covered the monumental stories from around the globe for *The New York Times* since 1981. *Vanity Fair* called him "the country's best newspaper columnist."

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**Join us for a Movie Night Out**  
**In-Person at the Boardman Road Library**  
**141 Boardman Rd**  
**Monday, April 25 at 7:00PM**  
**The Grey Zone**

Based on actual events, *The Grey Zone* is the staggeringly powerful story of the Auschwitz's twelfth Sonderkommando -- one of the thirteen consecutive "Special Squads" of Jewish prisoners placed by the Nazis in the excruciating moral dilemma of helping to exterminate fellow Jews in exchange for a few more months of life. From inside the working organs of the infamous Auschwitz death camp, this film asks to what terrible lengths we are willing to go to save our own lives. (Rated R strong holocaust violence, language, and nudity)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Werner Steger, Professor of History at Dutchess Community College

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