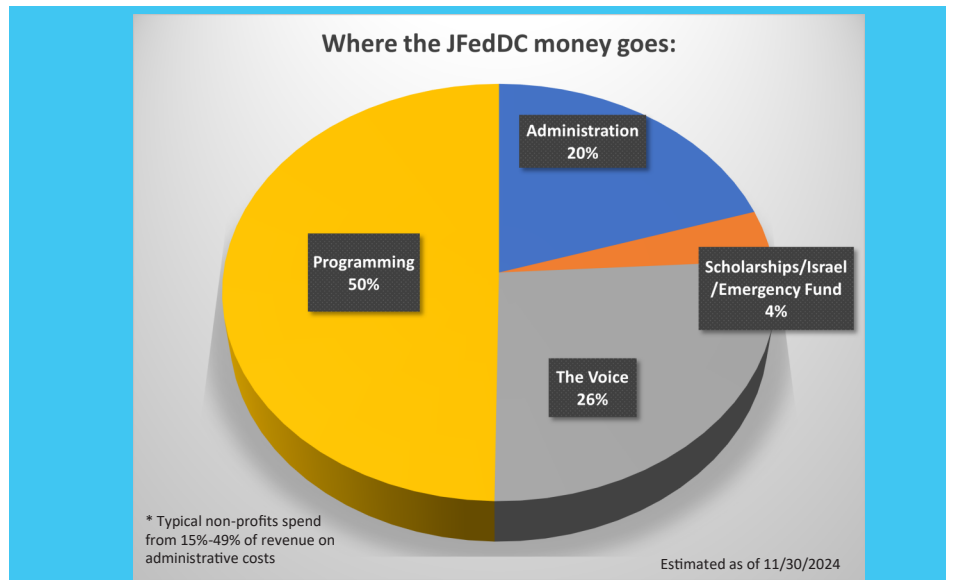


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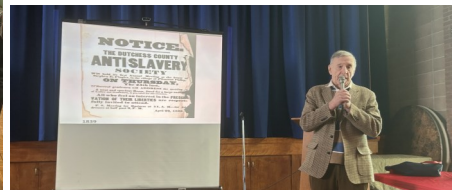
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## Office for the Aging submitted by Brian Jones, Outreach Coordinator, Dutchess County Office for the Aging

### Beat Scammers – By Thinking Like Scammers

Let's try a thought experiment: What if *you* were a scammer? What if scamming was your job, complete with a boss threatening you to keep the money coming in *or else*? Let's take a peek at the inner workings of so many scam operations.

### Who's Making That Annoying Call?

They could easily be a victim of human trafficking. Victims are targeted based on skills that can be exploited by scammers, like knowledge of English. The victims respond to fraudulent job ads and are kidnapped when they arrive at what they thought was their new job. The scam bosses typically set up shop in areas where they have bribed the local authorities to keep quiet.

### Which Scammers Are Most Successful?

When OFA gives presentations on scam prevention, this question tends to stump audiences. That is to be expected since they are not criminals. The answer is not "phone scams" or any specific type of scam, but *any* scam that goes undetected and thus can be successfully repeated.

Scammers who target Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurers do not try for one big score, but rather file vast numbers of false claims that look just like everybody else's legitimate claims: \$40 for routine blood work, \$200 for an X-ray, and so on. A local example: At a recent OFA scam prevention presentation, one Pawling resident mentioned having had over \$15,000 in fraudulent Medicare claims for catheters filed under their name. Their doctor had never placed the orders, and the resident notified Medicare of the fraudulent claims. The fake claims appear to be part of a nationwide pattern of fraudulent orders dating back to late 2022. Before that date, annual Medicare catheter claims stayed level at about 50,000 a year - and then skyrocketed to 450,000 by 2023. The total losses from Medicare catheter fraud alone stood at \$3 billion and counting as of 2024.

### How Do These Scams Get Started?

Investigators who spoke with those who reported fraudulent claims say that some reported having received phone calls asking for their Medicare ID number. Please remind yourself and your friends: **Medicare DOES NOT EVER cold-call people for any reason**, especially not to "verify" an ID. Other Medicare IDs were likely obtained through data breaches at health care providers.

If you suspect Medicare fraud, call **800-633-4227** or use the fraud reporting tool at [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov). A list of common scam prevention resources is at [dutchessny.gov/scamprevention](http://dutchessny.gov/scamprevention).



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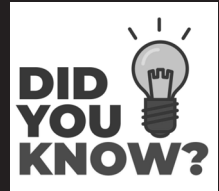
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Meanwhile, here's a new perspective. It's clear by now that the new administration in Washington intends to reduce the Federal Government's support for many long-standing commitments. Proposed cuts in many programs - Medicare, Medicaid, foreign aid, climate change, NIH, CDC, alternative energy, and more. - will have implications for the Harding Club and other philanthropic organizations.

The Harding Club, in addition to being a social club for members of the Jewish community, has also been a philanthropic organization supporting not just the Jewish community but also the wider community. An example of this has been our support in recent years of the Morse School - now renamed the Sojourner Truth School - in the City of Poughkeepsie. We continue to generously support the PJ Library program run by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. We have a Tzedakah committee which receives ideas from members on how to support other Jewish causes and non-Jewish organizations. And, as you read in this space last month, we have sent financial aid and emotional support to our brethren in Israel.

The Harding Club will continue its commitment to make positive contributions to our world and to our local community.

Our club is indeed working to make the world a better place.

But we are a social outlet for Jewish men as well. We meet twice monthly for lunch or dinner and an interesting speaker at a local restaurant. We enjoy the camaraderie of being together

Recently our member, Bob Haas, spoke about building bridges on hiking trails. We also heard from Dan Aymar-Blair, who gave an overview of his new job as Dutchess County Comptroller. New member Bruce Judson spoke recently on crypto currency.

Our speakers are indeed from a wide range of expertise.

If you are interested in membership, please contact one of us listed below. We would love to tell you more about our proud, 101 - year old organization.

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## 'Close call' vs 'call to action' A US Jewish threat detection system is urgent

by Mitchell D. Silber  
Taken from: [The Blogs: 'Close call' vs. 'call to action': A US Jewish threat detection system is urgent](#) | Mitchell D. Silber | [The Times of Israel](#)

*Local security initiatives have been effective at protecting the community, but trusting in luck is risky; we need a systematic network of protection.*

### A Community on the Edge

On Friday, February 14th, as Shabbat approached in New York City, the Jewish community stood on a knife's edge. Just an hour before candle-lighting, the Community Security Initiative (CSI) of Greater Metro New York issued an emergency "Be on the Lookout" (BOLO) alert for Luis Ramirez, a Marine officer candidate from Utah. Ramirez had publicly posted his intent to "pull up to Shabbat at Central Synagogue" and "kill you first."

The clock was ticking. The NYPD Intelligence and Counterterrorism Bureau, working closely with CSI, determined Ramirez owned multiple firearms and was actively tracking his progress across state lines — from Ohio to Pennsylvania, then into New Jersey, and on a direct path to Manhattan. By 5:15 p.m., just 45 minutes before Shabbat, he was at the city's doorstep.

CSI was in direct contact with Central Synagogue's security team, its senior rabbi, and NYPD leadership. The decision was made — Shabbat services would proceed under a phalanx of heavy NYPD protection. Meanwhile, the NYPD and Port Authority Police prepared to intercept Ramirez at the Lincoln Tunnel.

At 5:40 p.m., word came in — Ramirez had been arrested on the New Jersey side of the tunnel. A collective exhale rippled through the community. Only six hours from detection to disruption. The system had worked. But it had been far too close a call.

Ramirez may not have had firearms in his vehicle at arrest, but history tells us he did not need them. On New Year's Day, a vehicular attack in New Orleans killed 14 people. Had Ramirez accelerated into a sidewalk outside Central Synagogue on a crowded Friday night, the outcome could have been devastating.

### Unsettling Questions

What if the CSI analyst had missed those posts? Why was it a Jewish security team in New York that detected a cross-country threat, unnoticed by national Jewish security organizations and federal law enforcement?

This was no anomaly. In November 2022, a CSI analyst detected and investigated online threats against a Manhattan synagogue, triggering a police manhunt that led to the arrest of two heavily armed suspects at Penn Station. Their intent? A "Tree of Life"-style massacre in the heart of New York City.

### The New Normal: Jewish Communities under Siege

Since the 2018 Tree of Life massacre shattered the illusion of American Jewish security, threats have surged. In 2025, this alarming trend continues. Following October 7th, antisemitic incidents spiked, with the ADL recording over 10,000 cases of harassment, vandalism, and assault — the highest since tracking began in 1979.

The American Jewish community responded by strengthening security networks. In 2021, the Jewish Federations of North America launched "Live Secure," a \$62 million initiative to enhance security infrastructure nationwide. This effort has enabled local federations to hire security directors, expand training, and allocate vital resources.

Yet, recent incidents reinforce a crucial lesson: physical security alone is not enough. The goal must be proactive threat detection, investigation, and disruption before an attack materializes.

### A National Intelligence Gap: The Urgent Need for Investment

While New York's CSI has built a world-class intelligence operation, most major Jewish communities in the US do not have the resources to hire and build an intelligence team.

Yes, some communities — like Los Angeles and Ohio — have talented multi- person intelligence teams, and federations in Greater Washington DC, Southern New Jersey, and Detroit have begun investing in analysts. And yes, the ADL has its fantastic Center on Extremism, which specializes in research and tracking hate groups, and the Secure Communities Network (SCN) has a Duty Desk that serves as a useful information exchange center for security directors. But what about protecting South Florida? New England? The Bay Area? The Pacific Northwest? The Midwest?

The American Jewish community cannot afford blind spots. From CSI-NY's collaborations with Jewish security organizations in the UK, Australia, and South Africa, we know that dedicated threat detection efforts are well established.

The next frontier of American Jewish security must be the creation a network

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## Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Jon Haddon*

### Create Beauty

Although I have never been much of an artist, I have always admired great art. I recently learned that the great French artist, Renoir, suffered from rheumatism in his hands during the later years of his life. He painted by being placed in a chair which was moved as he directed. As he applied the paint to the canvas, he suffered intensely, perspiration covered his brow. Yet he persisted and continued to paint masterpieces. One day, Matisse, his greatest disciple, pleaded, "Why torture yourself to do more?" Gazing at his favorite canvas, Renoir replied, "The pain passes, but the beauty remains."



Rabbi Jon Haddon

With the true instinct of the artist, Renoir understood that the creation of beauty helps make life enduring and worthwhile. It is this basic understanding that makes us human. Our march toward civilization really began when men and women tried to scrawl pictures on the wall of the cave in which they lived. In this way, man/woman tried not only to depict their impression of the world but also to give those impressions enduring shape and meaning.

Through this attempt to express our deepest feelings about the world, we become more than mere mortals. The creation of beauty makes us feel noble and uplifted, and what is more is that it endures beyond any one lifetime. Beauty is created only through intense concentration, passionate devotion, and honest expression. As we think and feel at our highest level, we hallow this life of ours and draw closer and closer to the supreme Creator.

During this month of Nisan, as Passover draws near, let us commit ourselves to creating beauty wherever we can. Let us celebrate freedom by making our sederim eloquent and inspiring, and not just worrying about the food and the calories. During these difficult and tumultuous times in which we live, we survive and thrive by our own creations of beauty in whatever way we can create.



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*(Close Call Continued from page 4)*

of regionally focused, horizontally networked, real-time intelligence capabilities, which require significant philanthropic and federation investment.

### The Warning Light Are Blinking Red

In 2024 alone, CSI Intelligence detected 235 credible threats against Jewish communities across the US and beyond, leading to at least two dozen law enforcement interventions. And the threats keep coming:

- January 2025 — A well-armed man arrested in Massachusetts for planning an attack against the Beverly, MA Jewish community (detected by CSI-NY)
- January 2025 — A man arrested in Florida for planning an attack on an AIPAC office.
- December 2024 — An ISIS-inspired George Mason University student arrested for a planned terror attack on the Israeli consulate in NYC.
- September 2024 — A Pakistani man arrested in Canada attempting to enter the US to attack a Brooklyn Jewish center in support of ISIS.

### Now Is the Time to Act

Jewish philanthropists, federation leaders, and communal organizations must recognize this urgent moment. Investing in specialized regional intelligence analysts is not optional. It is essential.

By equipping every major Jewish community with real-time threat detection capabilities, we move from reacting to attacks to preventing them altogether.

For those who recite the Amidah as part of their daily prayers, there is a plea: "As for all those who plot evil against me, speedily nullify their scheme and disrupt their plot."

Prayer alone is not enough. The safety, resilience, and future of Jewish life in America depend on action.

## 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, we are excited to introduce Abby Auerbach who took time away from planning her Passover menu to answer our questions.



Abby Auerbach

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**  
Favorite: *Resilience.*  
Least Favorite: *Obstruction.*
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?** *The hopes and dreams of the next generation.*
- 3. What is your favorite song?**  
*"Shower The People" by James Taylor.*
- 4. What profession other than you own would you like to attempt?** *Architecture.*
- 5. What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?** *Law.*
- 6. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**  
Like: *My "can do" attitude.*  
Dislike: *The too many things I say I can do.*
- 7. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**  
*Mandelbrot.*
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**  
*I recently took up playing acoustic guitar.*
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**  
*Wave a magic wand to give children confidence.*
- 10. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?** *Raising smart, caring, adventurous, resilient sons.*
- 11. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**  
*Exploring my artistic interests.*
- 12. If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**  
*To truly put other people first.*
- 13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**  
*My youth group at Shelter Rock Jewish Center.*
- 14. What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**  
*Seder with my Uncle Joe.*
- 15. In what ways, does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish community?**  
*Provides connectivity and keeps our culture strong.*
- 16. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
*"You made a difference."*
- 17. What is one question you wished we had asked, and how would you answer it?**  
Q: *How do Jewish women inspire the next generation of Jewish Family life?*  
A: *Modeling the strong values that are integral to our celebrations and holidays.*

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**Paula & Azzy Reckess**

**Peace to you this Passover!**



**Pam & Sol Resnikoff, with our best wishes.**



**VanDodick Family**




**Molly & Dan Katz**




**Happy Passover from Kogon Blacktop**

**Peace to you this Passover!**




**Barbara (z"l) & Lou Newman and Family**

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



**Ellen & Victor Stern and Family**

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



**Gail & Sam Simon**

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




**Les Muldorf & Helene Winston**

**Peace to you this Passover!**



**Len Hyman**

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




**Betsy Kopstein**

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**Eleanor, Marty Elise, Rachel & Deena Korfman**

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**Sharon & Howard Lynne**

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**Sandra & John Blair**

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**Doris & Bob Haas**

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**Joe Kisch, Betsy Effron, & Jean Friedman**

**Peace to you this Passover!**




**Marian & Ralph Schwartz**

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**Jane Dworkin & Family**

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**Frieda and Edward Gershuny**

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**Peace to you this Passover!**




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**The Cutler Family**

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**Richard Berman & Annette Rodrigues**

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**We apologize in advance for any spelling errors in the Holiday greetings.  
To find the location of your greeting, visit:  
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Peace to you this Passover!



**Suzanne & Don Turrisi & The Cats**

HAPPY PASSOVER!



**The Bressman Family**

Happy Passover

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Happy Passover

**Deanie Gordon and the Levine, Israel & Gordan Families**

Peace to you this Passover!



**Ellen & Lawrence Danziger**

Peace to you this Passover!



**Muriel Lampell**

Peace to you this Passover!



**Judy & Herb Dym**

HAPPY PASSOVER!



**Beth & Les Richardson**


Happy Passover

**Sandy & Jerry Goldberg**

Happy Passover

**Judith & Michael Elkin**

Peace to you this Passover!




**Paul W. Annetts**

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HAPPY PASSOVER!




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**Ellen, Barry, & The Rosenberg Family**

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Happy Passover

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**Dana & Ira Effron**

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**Marilyn & Michael Schwartz**

Happy Passover

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Happy Passover


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*Passover Blessings*



**Team Silbergleit (Debbie, Jason, Zach, Colby)**

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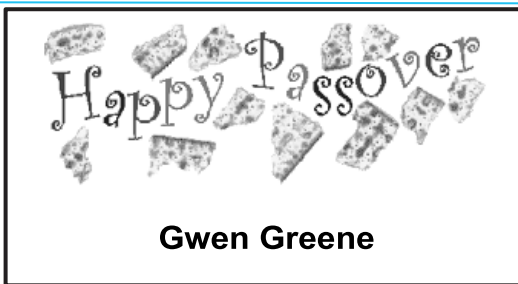
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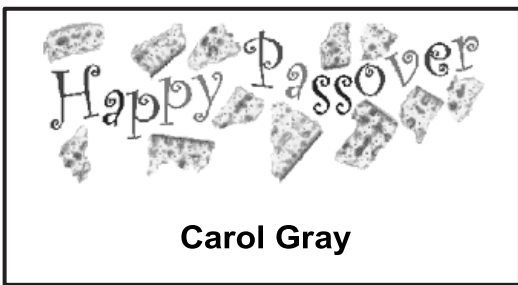
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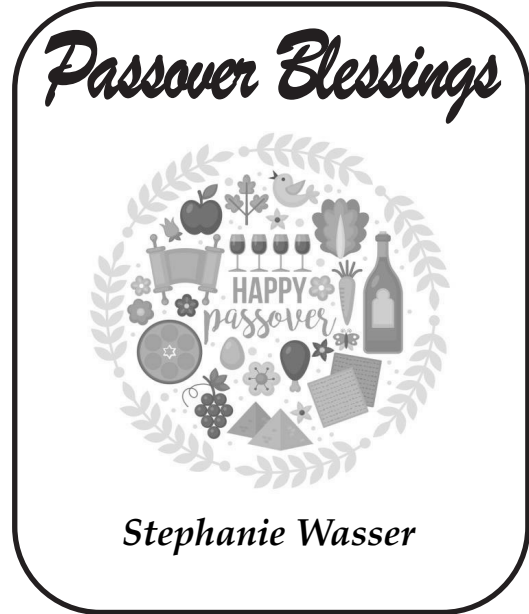
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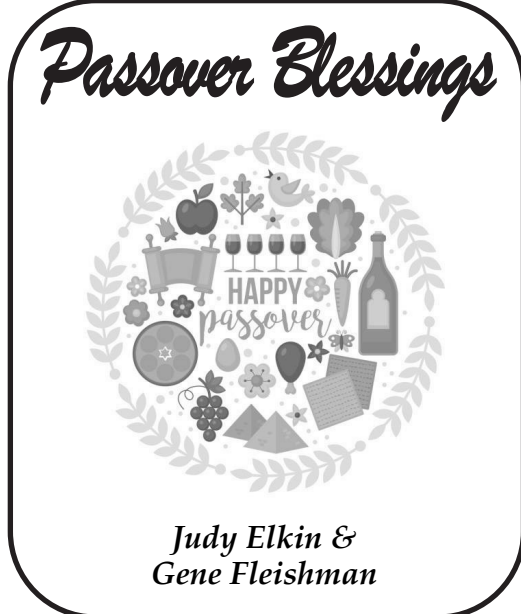
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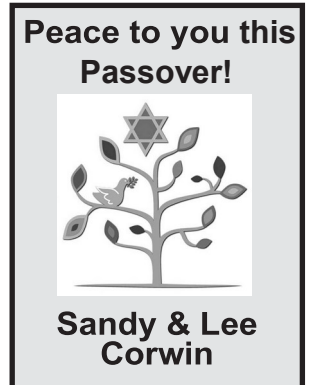
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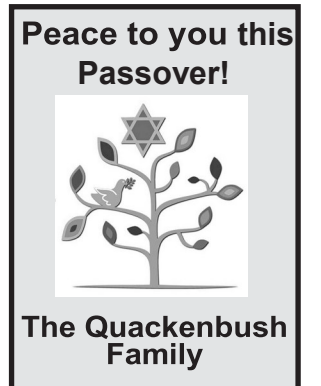
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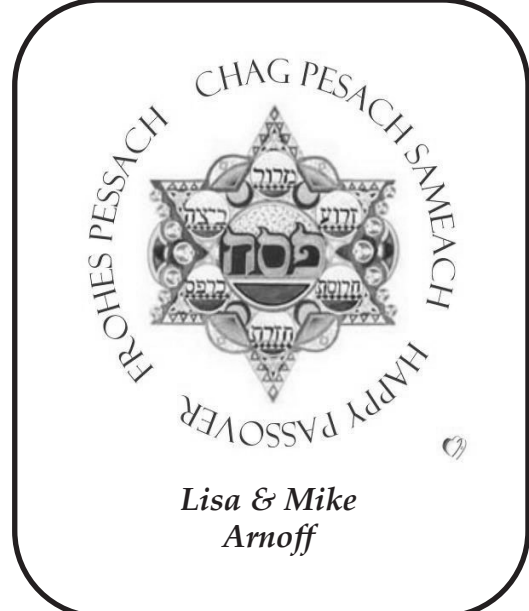
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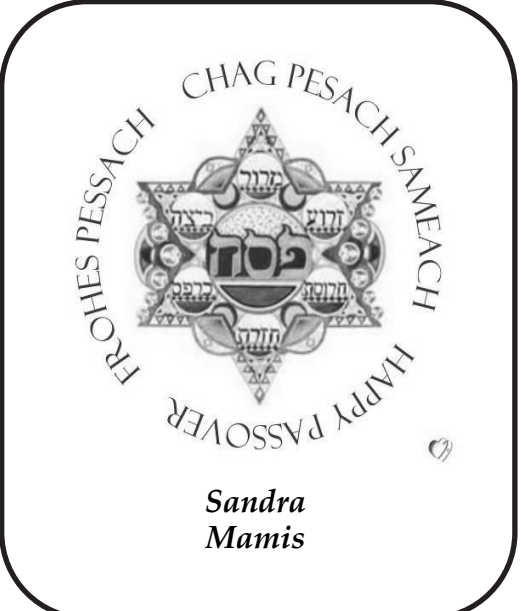
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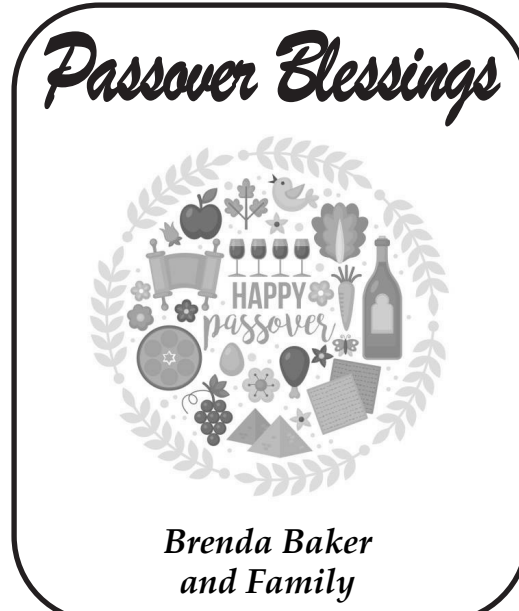
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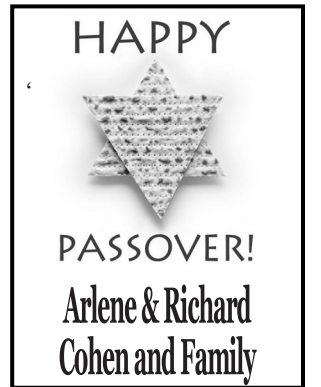
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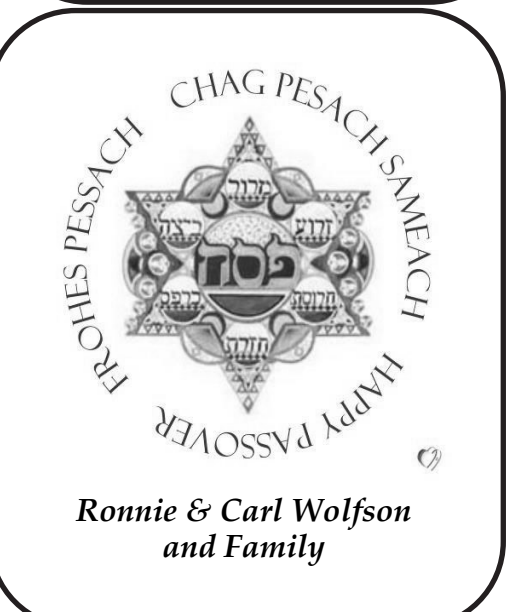
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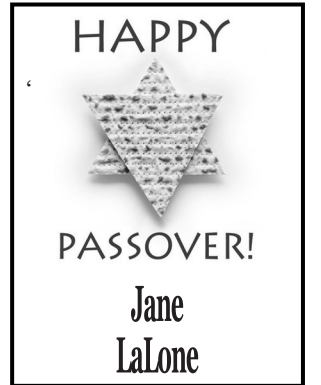
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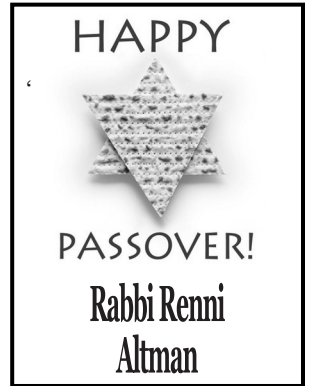
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Community Purim Carnival



Purim at Vassar Temple featured a spiel with a 1960's/ Beattle's theme.



Everyone at Vassar Temple, from tots to seniors, pitched in to make hamantaschen for community outreach and to serve at the Temple on Purim



Temple Beth-El and Congregation Shir Chadash celebrated Purim together. During the Megillah reading TBE and Shir Chadash spielers performed a hilarious rendition of the Purim story to the theme of Disney Pixar's *Inside Out*. Esther is surrounded by all her emotions as she gets up the courage to go to King Achashverosh and tell him about Haman's evil plan. Once again Esther saved the day and a good time was had by all.

# TOGETHER THIS MITZVAH DAY



In collaboration with Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, PJ Library, Congregation Schomre Israel, Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple, Beacon Hebrew Alliance, Jewish War Veterans & The Harding Club.

**5.4.2025**

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**Breakfast at 8:30 AM**

**HEADQUARTERS:  
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 18 PARK AVE POUGHKEEPSIE**

Partially underwritten by a grant from Ann & Abe Effron Fund. Donor advised of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. Sponsored by Jewish Family Services of DC, a program of JFedDC.

- 01 Children's Home of Poughkeepsie**  
 Location: 10 Children's Way, Poughkeepsie  
 Caring for flower beds, trail clearing, small repairs/painting of raised planters.

**Appropriate for all ages!**
- 02 Pershing Ave Historical Cemetery**  
 Location: 37 Pershing Ave, Poughkeepsie  
 Historical Cemetery clean-up

**Bring your favorite work gloves, rakes, etc.**
- 03 Lunch Box Activities**  
 A. Baking cookies for The Lunch Box at Temple Beth-El (118 S. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie)  
 B. Cooking/Meal Prep at The Lunch Box (Dutchess Outreach, 29 North Hamilton, Poughkeepsie)

**Donate your time today!**
- 04 Crafting Corner & PJ Library Station**  
 Location: Congregation Schomre Israel  
 Making blankets to distribute to cancer patients, crafting cards, and other engaging activities!

**Fun for families & appropriate for all!**
- 05 Cereal Counts Collection & Hygiene Products**  
 Location: Congregation Schomre Israel  
 Donate new boxes of cereal & new hygiene products for distribution to those in need.

**Donate today!**
- 06 Kindness & Companionship**  
 Location: Lutheran Care Center, 965 Dutchess Tpke, Poughkeepsie  
 Make a new friend while having fun sharing a game of Bingo & crafting with seniors.

**Fun for families & appropriate for all!**
- 07 Gift of Life Donor Program**  
 Location: Congregation Schomre Israel  
 Provide a swab sample to check for possible donor match.

**Donate today!**

## Passover by Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

Passover is the holiday of freedom, a time when we try to imagine what it must have felt like to have been in bondage. Passover is a celebration of the story of Exodus. We eat things in a certain order or seder. Is Matzoh the bread of slavery? Is it the bread of freedom? We were in such a hurry to leave Egypt that the bread didn't have time to rise. We baked it in slavery, but ate it in freedom! So which is it? What does it mean to be free? According to Janis Joplin, "freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose." What does that quote mean to you? Think for a moment: are you free? Is there something you need to lose? Is there something holding you back? This time would be a good time for self inspection. This is the season of our freedom.

## Bat Mitzvah

Please Note: In last months edition of *The Voice*, Sofia Parsons was listed from Vassar Temple but she is from Temple Beth-El. Congratulations on your recent Bat Mitzvah.



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE

Friday afternoons, ages 9-13 years  
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 311 Verplanck Ave, Beacon  
 Contact [celia@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto:celia@beaconhebrewalliance.org)

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[chabadmidthudsonvl@prodigy.net](mailto:chabadmidthudsonvl@prodigy.net)

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

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Classes meet:  
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 B'Nai Mitzvah class (grad 7 meets Saturday mornings.

For more info contact:  
 Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Education Director Temple Beth-El at [education@tbeny.org](mailto:education@tbeny.org)  
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For more information, [rsdirector@vassartemple.org](mailto:rsdirector@vassartemple.org) (845) 454-2570



Community Purim Carnival

PJ Library, a flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF), was launched with a humble beginning in 2005 in Western Massachusetts, sending children's books about Jewish holidays, culture, and values. Today, PJ Library has grown into an internationally recognized \$40M global cultural literacy venture that partners with philanthropists and Jewish communities around the world to provide families raising Jewish children ages 0-12 with the gift of free, high-quality, children's books and other resources that foster a deeper connection with Jewish life ([www.hgf.org](http://www.hgf.org)).  
**Thank you!**

**פסח**  
**Pesach**  
**Passover**

Here is a craft from PJ Library: Make Your Own Plague Props

**Supplies:**

- Blood : red craft paper
- Frogs: plastic or stuffed frog toys
- Lice: plastic bugs
- Wild Beasts: stuffed lion, tiger, or bear
- Cattle Disease: toy cow (put a bandage on it!)
- Boils: red dot stickers
- Hail: tennis balls, ice cubes
- Locusts: more plastic bugs
- Darkness: sunglasses or sleep masks
- Slaying of the firstborn: poison (skull and crossbones) symbols

Make and bring these props to your seder table. Pass them around, hold them, examine the symbolism in your hands. Make it more interactive. Creative your own symbols for the plagues.



**PJ Library**  
 Bring Jewish stories home

Tamatha



Suzanne



**A Community Purim Carnival** by Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

Our Annual Community Purim Carnival for 2025 was different than in years past. I, as PJ Library Director, was gifted with a trip to Disney with my daughter and would be away for the carnival. It was bittersweet for me as I looked forward to the carnival and to being there with my community. While I hadn't been to Disney since I was about my daughter's age, I still felt trepidation and uncertainty in going and a sense of abandonment for the long-planned carnival.

I was advised and encouraged by coworkers and family to seize the opportunity presented to me. For months, I worked with our local synagogues and volunteers to plan for the Purim carnival. Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director, took the lead on the day of the Purim carnival to ensure that the carnival would be a great success.

When I returned from my trip, I was filled with gratitude as I looked at joyful pictures from our community event. Thank you to Suzanne Turrisi, Temple Beth-El, Shir Chadash, Vassar Temple, Congregation Schomre Israel, Chabad Mid Hudson Valley, JFedDC and to all who volunteered and participated.



**Tiny Temple and PJ Library**

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Jewish Federations of Dutchess & Orange Counties and the Poughkeepsie Public Library District host Jewish Book Council's Adelle Waldman for her Novel "Help Wanted" and a Nosh.



# L'chaim!

## Jewish Cooking & Culture Series In collaboration with JFedDC and Poughkeepsie Public Library District

### Part 1 "Is it Kosher?" with special guest speaker Dr. Agnes Veto



### Part 2 "Not Your Bubbe's Matzo Balls" with CIA Chef Scott Swartz



## Calling all 2025 High School or College Grads

If you know a 2025 High School or College graduate, email their name, picture, and the school from which they graduated.

Email the information by July 1: [Thevoice@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:Thevoice@jewishdutchess.org)



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*Passover*  
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Judge Tracy MacKenzie




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*Passover Blessings*




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Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor




County Legislator  
Mike Polasek

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Lynne Versaci,  
Dutchess County Legislator Dist. 14



A. Gregg Pulver

*Passover Blessings*



Sakima McClinton  
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Peace to you this Passover!




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Yvonne Flowers

Peace to you this Passover!



Legislator  
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*Chag Pesach Sameach*





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## The Federation Board's Voice



Zachary Lewis

### Now What? *By Zachary Lewis*

There has never been such a globalized hatred of Jews like this before in history. Social media, the great connector of people around the world, has brought together those who hate us to disseminate conspiracy theories, good old fashion antisemitism, and sadly, in every corner of the world, Jew hate has grown infinitely in real time.

The recent ADL Global 100 Survey on Antisemitism had startling results. The Global 100 is an annual survey of 103 countries and their views regarding Jews. It asks questions like: "What is your opinion on Hamas?" (25% favorable), "Do you believe that significant world events are controlled by a small group of people?" (57% said 'yes'), and "Are Jews only loyal to Israel?" (56% said 'yes'). In it, the ADL deduced that 2.2 billion people in the world harbor elevated views on antisemitism. That means that they believe six or more things about Jews that are conspiratorial in nature. Most startling in the demographic breakdown, 50% of those aged 18-34 who were surveyed, fit this category. This hatred is higher than it was at the peak of World War II only 80 years after the liberation of Auschwitz.

What are we to deduce from this reality? What does it mean for our future in the diaspora? How do we stop this tidal wave that is descending upon us?

We have to admit some very sad, hard truths. One, Holocaust Education will not stop another one from happening. It has not stopped antisemitism and the Holocaust itself has been weaponized against us. Two, the youth in particular are being raised in a world where Jews are hated. The future politicians, business leaders, teachers, etc. are going to hold very antisemitic views. Three, can we combat this trend? If we can, how? If we cannot, then what? These are questions I never thought I would have to ask in my lifetime. Yet, here I am, under 40 years old, a father of four kids and wondering if there is a future for us here. One thing we can do is try and make a positive impact in our own little corner of the world. I encourage you to get involved with JFedDC. Show our kids what it means to lead by example and make a difference here.

## Our Executive Director



### Spring has sprung

My mother used to comment about how she loved every season and what each season had to offer. While some people prefer the warmer weather of summer or the colder winter temperatures, she valued each season independently. In Spring, she loved the blossoming of the flower buds, the sense of the earth being reborn/reawakened, and particularly listening to the Spring Peepers (frogs) which to this day remind me of her and fill my heart when I hear them. For summer, she loved

her garden and weeding all summer long (not my favorite thing, but I try to keep her legacy and garden going). Then when the heat would sometimes become too overwhelming, the coolness of fall and the beautiful leaves start to paint the mountains colorfully, amazing her each time. Even during winter's short days and cold, long, dark nights, she would find art and joy of the snow falling. What a gift that is! To find appreciation and beauty all throughout the year. Just when you may be tired of one season, you know that another one is right around the corner with special gifts for our senses.

For my sons, they too have an appreciation for seasonal change but slightly different than my mother... for them, spring has sprung with March Madness and college basketball. This quickly leads to baseball season's opening day with the hopes of their team doing better than last year. Summer is full season of Mets, which leads into the fall. While the leaves change multiple colors outside, inside our home, we change from blue and orange to green and white with football season and the Jets. Of course, with the onset of winter comes hockey (the Rangers) and soon enough back to the blue and orange but for the Knicks basketball. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that practically year round there is a soccer game being followed, predominantly Premier League from the UK and the Manchester United team. Who would have guessed that watching all these sports would allow enough time for them all to excel at school and repeatedly make the Dean's list?

For me, well, "I'm a little bit country, a little bit rock & roll." I have my mother's appreciation for what happens on the outside but also enjoy

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**Not Your Bubbe's Matzoh Balls**  
Recipes by Scott Swartz

**Floaters** (yield about 12 gold ball size balls)

- 4—Eggs
- 2 tbsp—Schmaltz (or oil)
- 1/2 cup—Seltzer
- 1 cup—Matzoh meal
- 1 tsp—Salt
- 1/4 tsp—Pepper (optional)
- 1/4—1/2 tsp—Baking Powder (optional)



**Method:**

1. Melt schmaltz.
2. Scramble eggs; then add schmaltz.
3. In a separate bowl mix matzoh meal, salt, pepper, and baking powder if using.
4. Mix egg mixture and seltzer into matzoh meal bowl. Mix until it just comes together. Do not overmix.
5. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes minimum up to 12 hours.
6. Bring 1/2 gallon of seasoned broth to a boil.
7. Shape matzoh balls, about soup spoon size, and put on tray until all are shaped.
8. Add matzoh balls to boiling broth, turn to a gentle simmer, and cover.
9. Simmer 45 minutes—1 hour.

**Sinkers** (yield about 12 gold ball size balls)

- 2—Eggs
- 2 tbsp—Schmaltz (or oil)
- 2 oz—Water
- 1 tsp—Salt
- 1 cup—Matzoh meal

**Method:**

1. Melt schmaltz.
2. Scramble eggs; then add schmaltz and water.
3. In a separate bowl mix matzoh meal and salt.
4. Mix egg mixture into a dry bowl. Mix until it just comes together. Mix well.
5. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes minimum up to 24 hours.
6. Bring 1/2 gallon of seasoned broth to a boil.
7. Shape matzoh balls, about soup spoon size, and put on tray until all are shaped.
8. Add matzoh balls to boiling broth, turn to a gentle simmer, and cover.
9. Simmer 45 minutes—1 hour.
10. Remove, cool, and cover. Refrigerate up to 2 days or freeze.

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sharing the seasonal sports with my boys on the inside. For everyone else, I can offer you the family quote, "And that is why Basking Robbins makes 31 flavors" or "À Chacun Son Goût" - to each their own.

So whether you are Sephardic or Ashkenazi, whether you eat rice or not during Passover, on behalf of the Jewish Federation Board and Staff, we wish you a Chag Pesach Sameach!

Karen Hochhauser  
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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:

**Monday**  
No classes due to Passover

**Thursday**  
**Mitzvot during the Times of Modernity**  
7:00pm, April 3 presentation and discussion. We will discuss Matzos and Mitzvahs.

### Other Events:

**Tuesday**  
**Cooking Club** April 1, 6:00pm. Just in time for Passover, watch a live cooking demonstration featuring salad and stuffed cabbage menu suitable for Passover by Linda Skolnik and Shelley Rosenblatt. You will have a taste of what they prepare and a copy of the recipes. \$5 suggested donation per person.

**Thursday**  
**Yiddish Club** April 3, 11:00am. Join us to hear, speak, and learn some Yiddish and to understand Yiddish culture. Let's keep Yiddish alive!  
**Hands of Judaism for the Foodie**  
April 24, 6:00pm, Part 2 of the session about incense. A related dinner will be served. Please RSVP if you will be attending the dinner (\$10 per person).

**Friday**  
**Burning of Chometz** April 11, 9:00-11:00am. Get rid of your Chometz in the traditional way by burning it. Bring your Chometz to the Schomre parking lot from 9:00-11:00am.

Contact  
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### Weekly Services:

Fridays: 7:30pm In-Person & Zoom  
Saturday: 9:15am In-person,  
Bi-monthly Torah Study with Rabbi Jacob, all welcome to attend.

### Adult Education:

**Saturday**  
**Torah Study** 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Shir Chadash's new spiritual leader, Rabbi Jacob. Everyone has a chance to participate. Bring an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts.  
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**Sunday**  
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Monday & Thursday in person & Zoom,  
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday only on 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 & volunteer (845) 216-7563  
**Tuesday**  
**Book Club** 2:00pm in the Social hall at TBE. April 15 (*Looking for Jane* by Marshall), June 10 (*Cain v Abel: A Jewish Courtroom Drama*). If inclement weather, we meet via Zoom.

Contact:  
[info@tbeny.org](mailto:info@tbeny.org)  
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## Vassar Temple

(Reform)  
140 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie  
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Rabbi Renni S. Altman D.D.  
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### Weekly Services:

All services are hybrid (both in person and on Zoom). For further information contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org)

**Friday**  
**Shabbat Evening Service** 7:30pm, April 4, 11; April 18 Shabbat Festival Service, April 25 Israel Shabbat (Tekuma) Service.

**Saturday**  
**New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** April 5, and 26 (hybrid), 10:15am.  
**Shabbat Morning Service** April 12, 10:15am; April 19 Seventh Day Passover Service & Yizkor.

### Adult Education:

**Tuesday**  
**Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb** generally meets on Zoom from noon to 1:30pm two Tuesdays per month. To be placed on the Talmud Study email list and receive the dates and study sheets, contact [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net).

**Saturday**  
**Torah Study with Rabbi Renni Altman DD**, 9:00am. (Hybrid). Come join our lively discussions!  
Contact us at [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) or (845) 454-2570 to be placed on the Torah Study email list.

### Other Events:

**Thursday**  
**VTS Book Club** April 17, 2:00pm, in-person at Collegeview Tower meeting room, 141 Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie. We will read *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. When Maine's Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she keeps a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit community. Doggedly pursuing the truth, despite lies and undermining, Martha's diary soon lands at the center of the scandal, implicating those she loves, and compelling her to decide where her own loyalties lie in a time when women were considered best seen, not heard. All are welcome. For questions, please contact: [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org).

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Best wishes from Mort and the late Rita Alterman



## Pardess Center for Jewish Life

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 Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus  
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 Email: [info@MyPardess.org](mailto:info@MyPardess.org)

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## The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck  
 (845) 876-7666  
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht  
 Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht  
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[www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](http://www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)  
 Email:  
[RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto:RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)

### Weekly Services:

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

### Contact:

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## Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie  
 (845) 463-5801  
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein  
 Website:  
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[ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto:ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net)

### Weekly Services:

Fridays: Call for times.  
 Saturdays: 10:00am Chabad Hebrew School

### 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.

### Contact :

**[ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto:ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net)**  
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**or visit the website**  
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## The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of the US, meets monthly at Congregation Schomre Israel, Poughkeepsie. We are the only active post between Westchester and Albany! Upcoming meeting dates are Sundays April 6, May 4, June 8 (9am schmooze, 9:30am meeting). The location is strictly kosher and tasty refreshments are provided. All are welcome to attend and/or join, both veterans and anyone else who would like to support our cause. We provide community service and support local veterans' facilities. We advocate against antisemitism and for the rights and benefits of all American military members and veterans. For more info, contact Senior Vice Commander Ralph Schwartz at (845) 849-0025.

## Beacon Hebrew Alliance

(Conservative)  
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon  
 (845) 831-2012  
 Rabbi Justin David  
 Rabbi Emeritus Brent Spodek;  
 Email:  
[411@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto:411@beaconhebrewalliance.org)

### Weekly Services:

Friday Shabbat, 5:30pm Mini Minyan with Luke Wygodny & 6:00pm Potluck Shabbat Dinner and Kabbalat Shabbat

**Check our Community Calendar for services times, generally every Friday & one Saturday per month:**  
[www.beaconhebrewalliance.org/calendar](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org/calendar)

### Contact:

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**or visit the website**  
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## Congregation Beth David

(Reform)  
 East Main St, Amenia  
 (845) 373-8264  
 Rabbi Jon Haddon  
 Website: [www.CongBethDavid.org](http://www.CongBethDavid.org)  
 Email: [JonRab33@gmail.com](mailto:JonRab33@gmail.com)

### Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am.

### Contact:

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## Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Ave, Poughkeepsie  
 (845) 728-4792  
 Rabbi Bryan Mann  
 Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College  
 Email: [bryanmann@vassar.edu](mailto:bryanmann@vassar.edu)

### Weekly Services:

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

### Contact :

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## Bard College

Rabbi Joshua Boettiger  
 Jewish Chaplain, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Humanities  
 Phone: (802) 733-6342  
 Email: [jboettiger@bard.edu](mailto:jboettiger@bard.edu)

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## Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley

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 (845) 338-4271 ext 101  
 Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102  
 Rabbi Jack Sherratt:  
[rabbijack@hvc.rr.com](mailto:rabbijack@hvc.rr.com)

### Weekly Services:

#### Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm,  
 April 4, 11, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

**Tot Shabbat** April 11, May 9, 9:15am.

#### Saturday

**Morning Minyan** 10:00am, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

### Education:

**Zimet Jewish Learning Adventure** 9:30am,  
 April 6, 27, May 4, 18 (last day).

**Mediation & Torah Study** 8:45am via Zoom, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

**Hebrew Trope** 12:00pm, via Zoom,  
 April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

**Hebrew, Shebrew!** 4:00pm, via Zoom,  
 April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

**Talk Back with Rabbi Jack** 8:45am, via Zoom, April 3, 10.

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## Woodstock Jewish Congregation

241682 Glasco Tpk, Woodstock  
 (845) 679-2218  
 Admin: [admin@wjcsul.org](mailto:admin@wjcsul.org)

### Weekly Services:

#### Friday

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00pm,  
**Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat**  
 First Fridays 6:00pm

#### Saturday

**Shabbat Service** 10:00am

**The 1st Friday Shabbat**—The students of our Family School co-lead Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Raechel in a warm and fun mix of upbeat, traditional melodies, learnings from class, and sometimes their own original melodies. All children are invited to come up on the bimah, play shakers, and share their own ideas. The services culminate with the Priestly Blessing, a blessing over all the children in the space. The service lasts about 40 minutes and is followed by a full community potluck, where members of all ages come together to eat, chat, and play games. This is a sweet intergenerational community experience.

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## April

### Candle Lighting Schedule

April 4	7:06pm
April 11	7:14pm
April 18	7:22pm
April 25	7:29pm

## Passover Blessings



*Hochhauser, Marks Family—Martin, Karen, Samuel, Alexander, & Benjamin*

Come Along and Listen to the Lullaby of:



**When:** Sunday, June 1, 2025  
**Where:** Lena Horne Theater 256 W. 47<sup>th</sup> St. (between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave)  
**Show:** We have 25 group rate seats reserved for the 2:00 show in the Mezzanine 2 section. I do not have the actual seat numbers at this time, but I was told by Group Sales that it would be center Mezzanine, rows E-G. The tickets are on a first come basis.  
**Cost:** \$121.00 (includes handling charge) per ticket; transportation is not included. We will be making reservations for dinner (optional) at Tony's Di Napoli 147 W. 43<sup>rd</sup> St. Details to follow.  
**Deadline:** **The NEW absolute deadline is Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 4:00pm.** Deadline is subject to change based on box office requirements for payment. Additional tickets could possibly be obtained, however, group sales don't guarantee that any will be available nor will they guarantee they will be in the same area as the original 25.  
**Questions:** Merri Sedgwick: [moondoggie7@optonline.net](mailto:moondoggie7@optonline.net)  
 Suzanne Turrisi: [suzanneturrisi@gmail.com](mailto:suzanneturrisi@gmail.com)

**Memorial gathering for the Bibas Family with Shiri's uncle, Maurice Shnaider, at the Ulster County Chabad.**



To honor Maurice Shnaider in memory of Shiri, Kfir, and Ariel Bibas, email: [info@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:info@jewishdutchess.org) for recommended donation sites



Film Noir Part 1 with Chuck Mishaan. In collaboration with the Rhinebeck Reformed Church.



Film Noir Part 2 "Alfred Hitchcock and the Book of Job" with Dr. Bruce Chilton from Bard College in collaboration with Rhinebeck Reformed Church

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(Retired Older Men Eating Out)

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Stu Chimkin	Stan Schmidt
Herb Dym	Michael Schwartz
Mike Elkin	Ralph Schwartz
Marty Finkelstein	Dave Shron
Gene Fleishman	Jerry Sigalow
Ed Goetzl	Eli Sloves
Jerry Goldberg	Bernardo Steinvurzel
Eli Gorin	Victor Stern
Spencer Gorin	Glenn Tanzman
Martin Hochhauser	Bob Ulrich

*And in memory of all departed members*

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Rabbi Renni Altman addressed a press conference when she and a group from Vassar Temple went to Albany with RAC-NY & Dayenu to lobby our representatives & governor about climate change.

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**Wishes you a Happy Passover**

*May your home be filled with peace and joy!*

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