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I arrived at the temple early, intending to be useful. I was immediately posted to the main entry way to the social hall. I was told to be one of two greeters who were charged with handing out programs. People I have never seen before anywhere started pouring in almost immediately. To a person each one greeted me, gave me their names, asked me for my name, and in varying ways they thanked me for giving them this opportunity to come together as a caring community. There were at least eight or nine clergy members present, maybe more. It was nothing short of extraordinary.

There were songs sung, welcoming remarks offered, psalms read. Speakers included the Mayor of Poughkeepsie and the Dutchess County Sheriff. Several rabbis spoke as did a Bishop from the Archdiocese of New York and the Imam from the Mid-Hudson Islamic Association. Each speaker spoke from the heart directly to the receptive hearts of the listeners. Nothing whatsoever that could be interpreted as political was shared. All of that was set aside to make room for the real purpose of this gathering: to come together to grieve, to console one another and to hope and pray for a better, kinder more civil future.

It was a happening. *Vicki Greenberg*

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# LEARN & LUNCH BUNCH

The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County presents weekly cultural, social and educational programs.

**WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS**

**December**

**December 5** **Learning about RSVP** with Joanne Hickman  
 She will teach us all about the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Dutchess County (RSVP) and how we can put our experiences to good work.  
 Menu: chili con carne, salad, guacamole, pico de gallo, salsa, coffee/tea, dessert.

**December 12** **Hanukkah** with Rabbi Borenstein  
 Rabbi Borenstein will be teaching us about this ancient holiday.  
 Menu: interfaith luncheon, snow pea wreath, potato latkes, applesauce, Kwanzaa food: collard greens, black eyed pea salad, coffee/tea, holiday dessert.

**December 19** **Movie: March of the Penguins**  
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert

**December 23** No Lunch and Learn Bunch, off for Winter Break

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Congratulations to Andrea and Greg Procopis of Sugar & Spice Café on the opening of their new space, located at 2600 South Rd, Poughkeepsie

### Mazel Tov!

Rabbi Zalman and Goldy Sandhaus

It's a Girl!


With Gratitude to Hashem, Rabbi Zalman and Goldy Sandhaus would like to announce the birth of their daughter . Liba Sandhaus.



### Rosh Chodesh Reading Group presented by Congregation Shir Chadash

Those interested in reading are invited to the 'Rosh Chodesh reading group' -- a potluck brunch and discussion held every month.

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### Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text**, Tuesday, December 20, 12:00pm. Taught by Senior Scholar, Rabbi Paul Golomb. All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes. Questions? Contact [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net)

**Torah Study** every Saturday (No Class December 15), 9:00am, with Rabbi Renni Altman. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftorah. Dec. 15 there will be an intergenerational Shabbaton at 9:00am.

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### Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

**A Modern Jewish Discussion Group.** The purpose of this program is to bring friends together in an informal setting (outside Temple Beth-El) to discuss topics involving Jewish ideas and lifestyles. Here is a chance for you to invite Rabbi Victor into your home to discuss any one of a number of topics. To discuss details email Merri Sedgewick at [moonoggie7@optonline.net](mailto:moonoggie7@optonline.net).

**The Mind and the Mystical with Rabbi Daniel Victor**, Every Thursday, 9:30am, at The Crafted Kup, Raymond Avenue. Using the textbook *My People's Prayer Book* we explore as many different voices of commentary as our learners want.

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All welcome. Details at the Temple Beth-El [www.tbeny.org](http://www.tbeny.org) or (845) 454-0570 or email [info@tbeny.org](mailto:info@tbeny.org).

### Chabad Center Classes

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

Please visit our website [www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)

### Congregation Shir Chadash

**Saturday Torah Study** Saturday, December 1, 15,, 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Daniel Polish while enjoying a light breakfast. Everyone has a chance to participate. No expertise or knowledge of Hebrew is needed. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend. Bi monthly, check the website calendar for dates.

For more information call (845) 232-1029, email [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org).

### Vassar Temple Sisterhood Book Club to Discuss *The Hate U Give*

On Dec. 19, Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. This novel provides an authentic depiction of a teenage girl, her loving family, and her attempts to reconcile what she knows to be true about their lives with the way those lives are depicted, and completely undervalued, by society at large.

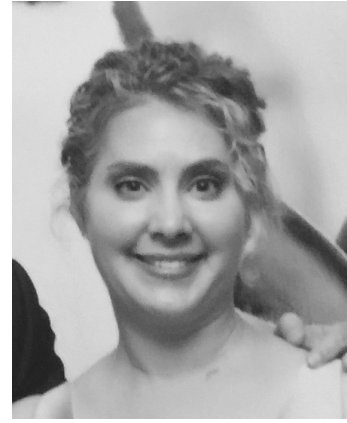
Sixteen year old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Protesters are taking to the streets in defense of Khalil's name. Some police and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is what really went down that night? And the only person who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does or does not say could upend her community, as well as endanger her life.

Beautifully written in Starr's authentic first person voice, this timely and profoundly moving novel is available through the local library system. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 19, at 2:00pm, in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Muriel Lampell will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at (845)473-7931, or [linda.babas.41@gmail.com](mailto:linda.babas.41@gmail.com). Your book suggestions for future meetings are always appreciated.



# Debbie's Voice



**\*\*Please note, the following article is the viewpoint of the author and does not represent the position of the Jewish Federation.**

**The information below is correct as of November 14, 2018...**

316. Today is the 316<sup>th</sup> day of 2018.  
307. That's the number of mass shootings there have been in America since January 1, 2018. Take a moment and let that one sink in. Really digest it.  
328. That's the number of innocent men, women and children who have died from a mass shooting this year.

"Sending our thoughts and prayers." Like many Americans, that expression has become virtually meaningless. Well, for what it's worth, here my

thoughts and prayers...

I think that America has a gun problem. No, that's not strong enough. I know America has a gun problem. Before my pro-gun readers toss down this paper in frustration, please note that I, like most Americans, agree with your right to arm yourselves; however, I, like most Americans, just don't think you need to do that with automatic weapons.

Why is it that countries all over the world manage to have gun control? What do they have that we don't (besides virtually no mass shootings or semi-automatic weapons)? I think most Americans agree with some type of common sense gun control. Yet, why doesn't it happen?

I think America has a mental health issue. Most shooters in the mass shootings have/had mental health problems, yet virtually all of them were able to legally obtain guns. Clearly there is a kink in the gun licensing system when you can't drive a car without passing two tests, yet obtaining a gun...

I think America is becoming increasingly prejudice, racist and more ignorant. The latest statistics released from the FBI are depressing. Anti-Jewish hate crimes alone are up 37% from last year.

I think America is angry. I know I am angry. I am angry that we can't pass common sense gun reform in this country. And I'm afraid. Afraid to turn on the news to discover that our area has become the latest statistic.

I pray for our communities to come together. Instead of focusing on our differences, let's focus on what unites us-what our common bonds are. First and foremost, being and raising kind human beings. I pray for my children to be able to enjoy their childhoods without worrying about lockdown drills. I pray my kids can be in temple without being afraid. Lastly, I pray that 'enough is enough' will come to fruition and we will see some positive changes in our society.

Prayers by themselves won't do anything; thoughts by themselves aren't enough. It's time for action. It's time to come together and make a difference. We can all start by calling, writing and emailing our elected officials asking for common sense gun reform. Bottom line: you can't be heard without speaking.



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**PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley Joins  
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Beginning in late November local families raising Jewish children can plan a get together with friends and receive up to a \$100 reimbursement from PJ Library. Every single family with kids enrolled in PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley or PJ OurWay is eligible and may receive three reimbursements in the months between November, 2018 and April, 2019. This amazing opportunity is being offered locally by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in recognition of the growth of PJ Library and PJ OurWay Mid-Hudson Valley over the past three years. Forty-seven PJ Library communities in the US and Canada are joined in this initiative. That's a lot of get togethers!



Families will apply online at <https://pjlibrary.org/gettogether2018> and will be notified within three days if their application is approved. After the get together, host families will fill out a short report, share three photos, and receive a no-fee debit card by mail. No receipts are necessary.

Participants must gather with two or more families raising Jewish children, and the host family must be enrolled in PJ Library or PJ OurWay. Other than that, think outside the box! Gather for a Shabbat dinner or Hanukkah party, or discover what's Jewish about swimming, snow tubing, or volunteering at a food pantry! Gather with parents for a night out, or PJ OurWay tweens can gather to cheer on a local team or learn a new skill. Local PJ Library Professionals who work out of The Jewish Federations of Dutchess and Ulster Counties are available to help participants make those connections and supply resources. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation also provides online resources through their PJ Library Website.

Opportunities like these are made possible in the Hudson Valley by The Harold Grinspoon Foundation, The Jewish Federations of Dutchess and Ulster Counties, support from The Harding Club, other local funders, and individual donations. Families raising Jewish Children may enroll in PJ Library at (ages 6 months to 8 years) at [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org), or PJ OurWay (ages 9-11) at [www.pjourway.org](http://www.pjourway.org). Enrollment is at no cost to families. Follow PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley on Facebook for up to date information about "Family Get Togethers", and another new initiative, "Family Volunteering".



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## Rabbi's Blog

To the Blessed Readership of the Voice  
by Rabbi Daniel Victor

What is the miracle of Hanukkah? During my years at the Jewish Theological Seminary, I spent a December recess on an Israel seminar with the Davidson School of Jewish Education. Over the course of the trip, each of us had to do a small research project in which we interacted with Israelis. Since we were in Israel over Hanukkah, I decided to ask any Israeli soldier I met on the street (and you do meet a lot of them) which miracle of Hanukkah they connected with most; was it that the small army of the Maccabees defeated the large Greek army or was it the miracle of the small bottle of oil lasting for eight days. Now I guessed that since I was catching them during their years of enlistment, they might give the military answer, yet I was amazed that most of them said that the miracle of the oil meant more to them. In a follow-up conversation, one of the soldiers said to me that for her, the miracle of the oil lasting eight days was about God rewarding the Jewish people for making it a priority to re-light the menorah despite all the brokenness they found when they entered the holy sanctuary.



Rabbi Daniel Victor

Two of our earliest Sages, Hillel and Shammai, debate how it is that we are supposed to light the *hanukkiyah*; the eight branch menorah that marks the great miracles of Hanukkah. Shammai says that we should light eight candles on the first night and decrease the number by one, each successive night. Hillel says that we should begin with one candle on the first night and each night add one more until our *hanukkiot* are eight candles strong. Hillel's reason for "one to eight" is that the candles represent *kedusha* (holiness) and we should always seek to successively add more and more holiness rather than take holiness away. Hillel's order is the one we follow today and his reason became a general principle for living a Jewish life. But doing so is not always easy. Joseph, whose story we are often reading from the Torah around the same time Hanukkah falls, never could keep his life on a consistent upward slope. One minute he is the favored son, only to be thrown into a pit the next minute. One minute he is Potiphar's favorite and the next he finds himself in jail. Yet despite these repeated downturns, Joseph persevered.

I look back at my encounter with the Israeli army soldiers for how to understand how Joseph, and we as well, can relate to holiness in a meaningful way. No matter the situation in which we find ourselves we can always raise the level of *kedushah* if we actively affirm that which we believe. Joseph, for example, always elevated himself through his faith and his actions. At every turn, he never truly forgot who he was and from where he drew his strength. With the right combination of sacred time, space, and people, our Jewish rituals can make any moment special. On the deepest level, when we take just those few moments to light that *hanukkiyah*, we play an important role in joyfully declaring who we are and that for which we stand. Whether we are in our own homes or on a Cruise Ship on the Atlantic Ocean, we as Jews today, have a lot to celebrate, a lot to be thankful for, and a rich tradition to share with the world. I wish you all a Hanukkah *sameach* and a wonderful holiday season.

## Inside the Jewish Studio By Debbie Silbergleit

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

Each month, I ask a MOT\* these questions and feature their answers.

This month, a special thank you to Caryn Solomon, Director of Nursing for Perioperative Services at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital, who took the time to answer my questions...

- What is your favorite word?**  
*Bubs*
- What is your least favorite word?**  
*Can't*
- What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?**  
*Spiritually—Sharing the traditions of my Jewish up bringing with my family and friends.  
Creatively—doing craft projects that others will enjoy.  
Emotionally—my greatest joy is being with my sons, their spouses and my grandchildren.*
- What turns you off?**  
*Mean-spirited people*
- What is your favorite curse word?**  
*Sh\*\**
- What sound or noise do you love?**  
*A baby giggling*
- What sound or noise do you hate?**  
*Chalk on a board*
- What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*A number of years ago, I did just that. I obtained my Teaching Certification and a Masters in Educational Psychology. At this point in my life, I use all my skills on a daily basis. Next step will be retirement.*
- What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**  
*Sales*
- If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
*Thank you for being a good person*



Caryn Solomon

\* Member of the Tribe

### Tragedy Gives Way to Hope

In the wake of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting, Congregation Shir Chadash received a heartening show of support from the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church friends with whom they share a sanctuary.

On the Shabbat following the tragedy, approximately a hundred parishioners along with their pastor Rev. Paul Lent came out on a very bleak and rainy Friday night to pray, sing and mourn the eleven lives that were senselessly taken.

What could have been a deeply somber service was turned into a uplifting and hopeful evening. The members of Shir Chadash thanked their Presbyterian guests for their show of support. The guests were effusive in saying that they felt it was a privilege to be with the congregation that night.

In his remarks to the congregation and their guests, Rabbi Polish said, "that Jews have known persecution in the past. Synagogues have been destroyed in the memories of many of the people in the sanctuary. What is different this time is that the Jewish community did not feel isolated or abandoned."

The expressions of solidarity like the one shown by the members of Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church made all the difference. It is a remarkable demonstration of what has always made America different and special."

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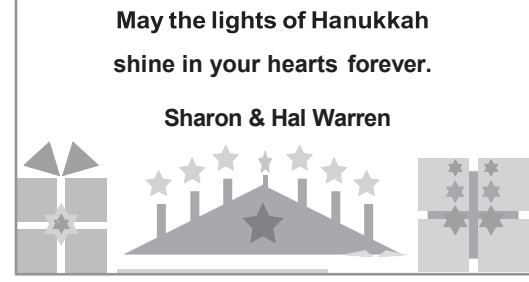
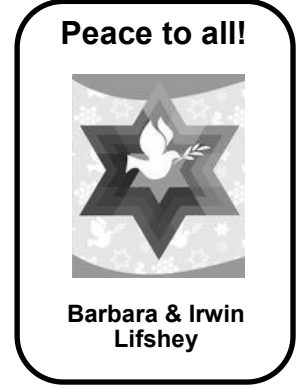
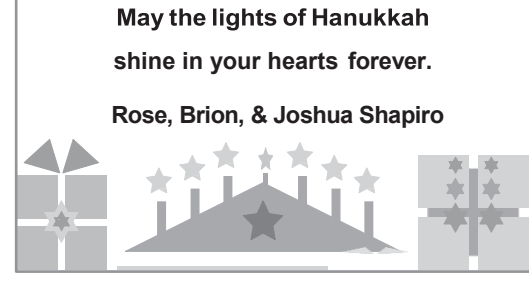
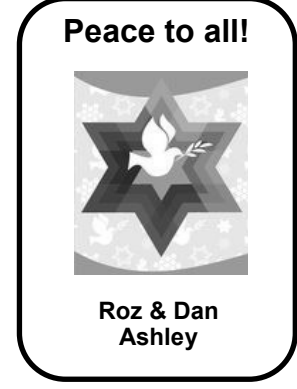
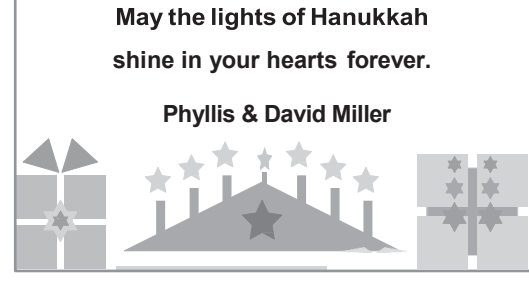
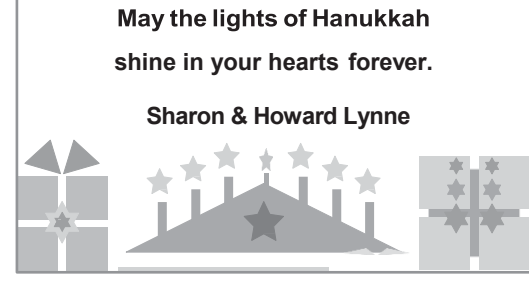
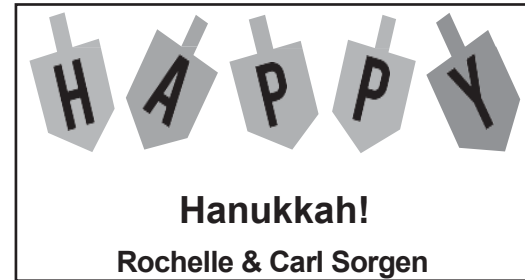
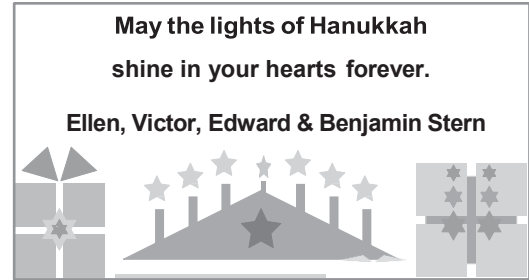
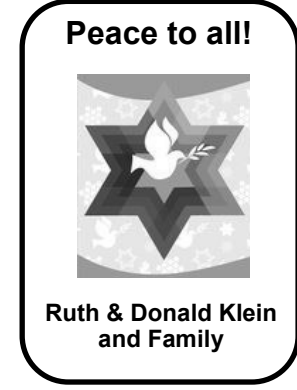
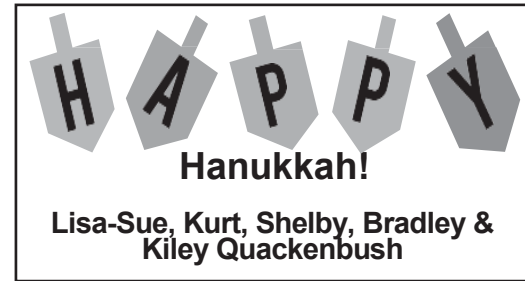
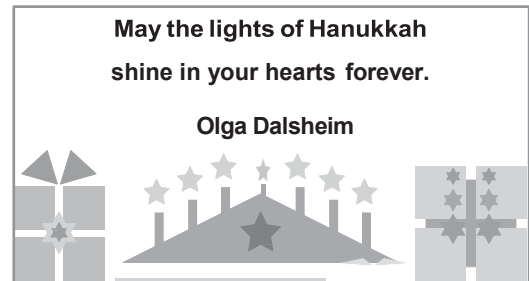
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## Hither, Thither & Yon

By Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Education Director & Cantor Devorah Gartner, Youth & B'nai Mitzvah Director

The Temple Beth-El Religious School is out and about throughout November and December.

A good time was had by all at our **Camping & Connecting Weekend** November 2 through 4. We began with a fun-filled Community Friday evening dinner followed by teens and tweens sharing their Jewish camping experiences, a rhythmic Kabbalat Shabbat, and a yummy camp dessert. After the evening service, our Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Len Saxe of Brandeis University, shared his insights on the changing landscape of American Jewish life.

On Sunday, the Religious School headed "**Back To Camp**", with games, arts, crafts, Gaga, and other camp-style activities led by our teen camp alumni. The entire Dutchess County Jewish community was invited to join us for a **Camp Fair** featuring representatives from Camp Sprout Lake, Camp Eden Village, Surprise Lake Camp, Camp Ramah Sports, and USY Summer Experience.



As the seasons shift from fall to winter, we are always more aware of people in need in our community. The entire Temple Beth-El Religious School, along with teens from the Youth Group and Gesher Hebrew High School, participated in the annual **Interfaith Crop Hunger Walk** to raise money to help end hunger in our community and around the world.

Members of the Youth Group joined with teens from the Northeast Region of Kadima and United Synagogue Youth for Fall Kallah in Pittsfield, MA. The students led and participated in programming on justice, tzedakah, tikkun olam, the roots of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and made up care packages with donated toiletries and food to be distributed to the homeless.

We had barely dusted the pumpkin pie crumbs off our laps before we needed to start getting ready for Chanukah. We all enjoyed our annual field trip to **Barnes & Noble** on South Road. The entire Temple Beth-El/Congregation Shir Chadash Ivrit Program headed over on Tuesday, November 27 for our **Book Fair** which raises money for our combined program. This year, the students participating in a Chanukah-themed tzedakah/scavenger hunt, to raise money for eight of the most popular charities supported by our school. In addition, Youth Group members were on hand to wrap gifts to support **Bright Nights** winter coat drive.



## Tiny Temple Celebrates Hanukkah

Please join us for Tiny Temple's free Hanukkah Party at Vassar Temple. The tots, along with the Religious School, will learn about Hanukkah through crafts, story, and song in a relaxed and friendly setting, and a special holiday snack will be served.

Parents, grandparents, families and children ages infant to 5 are warmly invited to join in the fun. Tiny Temple is open to all regardless of temple affiliation, is always free of charge, and is sponsored by the Sisterhood.

### DETAILS

Sunday, December 9, 10:30- 11:30am, please RSVP to Emma Arnoff and Jas Russo at tinytemple@vassartemple.org. They will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about this wonderful, free program, and to put you on the Tiny Temple e-mail list. Vassar Temple is located at 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, for more info visit www.vassartemple.org or by call (845) 454-2570.

### Family Chanukah Party

Monday, December 3rd from 4-5pm

Poughkeepsie, 50 Springside Avenue, Pok, NY 12693

- Kids age 0-5 free play and exploration in the Village Play Space
- Kids ages 6-12 create a Menorah in the Create Space
- Families join together for a PJ Library Chanukah Story and snack
- This event is free but you must RSVP by 11/28 to kimberlyritz@gmail.com

### More Chanukah Fun!

- Dec 1 | 12:30-2 pm Chanukah Create Your Own Craft Fair with holiday treats, music, and fun! Congregation Emmanuel and PJ Library, 243 Albany Ave, Kingston, NY 12401
- Beacon Hebrew Alliance, Eden Village Camp, and PJ Library Chanukah Party at BHA 331 Verplank Ave, Beacon, NY 12508
- PJ Library Chanukah Give Back Party Dec 6, 5:00-6:30pm in Poughkeepsie. You MUST RSVP

Check PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley on Facebook for event details or email pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

The Harding Club

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### CHABAD MID-HUDSON VALLEY

Sunday, 10:00am-12:15pm, ages 5-12 years  
63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie

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

### JUDAIC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm

For information [www.mypardess.org/JSA](http://www.mypardess.org/JSA)

### RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

Monday, 4:00-5:30pm

Tiny Tots Division (ages 1-5)  
Intermediate Division (ages 6-10)  
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For information, contact Rebbitzin Tzvie Hecht, Director (845) 876-7666 or [tzviehecht@gmail.com](mailto:tzviehecht@gmail.com)

### SHIR CHADASH

Member families' children from Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grades are welcome to attend at no charge for a full year. Open registration on Dec. 1 & 15 9:00-10:30am.

Classes meet two Saturdays a month at 9:00am. December 1, 15

For information, contact (845) 723-4045, [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

### TEMPLE BETH-EL

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

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

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

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

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

For information, contact (845) 454-0570  
or [education@tbeny.org](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." Temple membership not required.

Sunday Religious School  
Sundays, Dec. 15 only  
9:00am-12:00pm, grades K-7

Hebrew Language School  
Wednesdays, (No Class Dec. 19, 26)  
4:30pm-6:30pm, grades 4-7

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

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For info contact Rabbi Renni Altman, Director (845) 454-2570 or [rsdirector@vassartemple.org](mailto:rsdirector@vassartemple.org)

## להלום Chalam to dream

### Kislev is The Month of Dreams

**Activity:** Dream Pillow

Create a Dream Pillow to help you have a peaceful sleep.

One 5x12" piece of fabric, needle and thread, fiberfill, ½ cup dried herbs, (consider lavender, chamomile, Lemon Balm, Balsam Fir)

Fold your fabric in half with right sides together, so that you have a piece that is 5x6". Stitch up two sides leaving the folded side not sewn and one end open. Turn right side out and stuff with a small amount of fiber fill in the bottom, add ½ cup herbs and fill with fiber fill to top. Sew the open end closed with a running stitch. Place inside your pillow case. Sweet Dreams! (from adventures\_in\_making.com)



### Kids Helping Kids Need Your Help

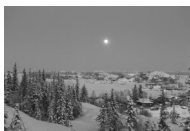
by Cantor Devorah Gartner, Youth Director

The Temple Beth-El United Synagogue Youth Group is embarked on an ambitious set of winter tzedakah projects. The first is our annual **Bright Nights** winter coat drive. This year, the Youth Group's special focus is on helping local needy elementary school age children. Winter coats (sizes 5-6, 6x, 7-8, 10-12, 14-16) as well as hats, scarves, gloves, & mittens are all needed.

The second project is called **Shoemaker's Children** (for the old saying that the shoemaker's children go barefoot). The TBE-USY Youth Group was made aware of a desperate need for sneakers and winter boots for the children of a local magnet school. Co-presidents, Jake Ruppert and Jonathan Waxman, and USY Regional President, Ariella Hyman-Fessler, decided that they had to add this project to **Bright Nights**.



Donations can be dropped off in Temple Beth-El lobby during business hours (Mon-Thurs 9:00am-5:00pm, Fri 9:00am-12:00pm), during Religious School (Tues 4:30pm-6:30pm & Sun 9:30am-12:30pm), and during Youth Group/Gesher Hebrew High School (Wed 5:45pm-8:30pm).



**Bright Nights** donation boxes can also be dropped off at the **Rhinebeck Farmer's Market** (Sun 9:00am-2:00pm) or at several local area schools. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Monetary donations (please make checks payable to TBE-USY) and gift cards are gratefully accepted.

Adult volunteers are needed to support the Youth Group. Sorters and packers are needed on Saturday, December 15 from 6:00pm-8:30pm. Packers, schleppers and drivers are needed on Sunday, December 16 from 9:30am-approximately 3:30pm. Drivers are also needed on Monday, December 17, from 12:00pm-2:00pm. If you can help, please contact Cantor Devorah Gartner: (845) 399-7192 or youthadvisor@tbeny.org. Thank You!

### Not a part of PJ Library yet?

Receive a FREE children's book each month and become part of the PJ Library family.

Register online at [www.PJLibrary.org](http://www.PJLibrary.org)

Monthly e-newsletters. Special program invitations! Call (845) 471-9811 or email [PJLibrary@JewishDutchess.org](mailto:PJLibrary@JewishDutchess.org)



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In addition to the usual programs we create and contribute to annually, like Chanukah parties, on-going play dates and meet ups, The PJ OurWay Leadership Lollapalooza, Shabbat and Passover 101 programs, Parents Nights' Out, The Purim Carnival, and our Mini-Mitzvah Day we have some exciting new things to share with our local PJ Library and PJ OurWay families.

PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley is joining other communities in North America in a six month focus on Family Volunteering. We will have one large program connected to JFedDC's Mitzvah Day in May but in the meantime, we will be creating opportunities with and for local families to make the world a better place together as we build relationships with community partners. In the next few months look for a parent session on making volunteering meaningful for kids and a series of opportunities for families. If you are interested in becoming a project captain, please contact us at [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org). On December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30 PM PJ Library and PJ OurWay are helping a local family create a Hanukkah Give Back Party which gives kids a chance to GIVE, rather than RECEIVE while they celebrate this festive holiday with a latke dinner and soufganiyot (jelly donuts). Contact us by Dec 3rd if you are interested.

Family Get Togethers is another wonderful program coming to the Mid-Hudson Valley for families raising Jewish children. Would you like to get together with friends to celebrate Chanukah, have a Shabbat dinner, or visit a museum? Think about it. We can help you make a Jewish connection to almost anything you want to do. Think of two or more families you want to invite and then go to <https://pjlibrary.org/gettogether2018> to fill out an application. You will know within three days if you are approved. After the get together, go back to the site, answer a couple of questions, share three photos, and you will receive a \$100 no fee debit card in the mail. AND, you can do this three times between December and April. Plus, the website and your Hudson Valley PJ Professionals can help you with ideas, support you with a musical play list, recipes, a game, craft, blessings or even help you meet some families in your neighborhood.

Do you have friends raising Jewish children who are not yet enrolled in PJ Library or PJ OurWay? Tell them about it, share the websites for easy enrollment, or have them contact us! Great, developmentally appropriate picture books with a Jewish connection in your child's mail box each month at no cost to families? A chance for kids ages 9-11 to choose a Jewish, age appropriate novel, biography, or graphic novel each month and get them in the mail at no cost? Invite them to attend a program with you, or just get together!

Let us know how we can help,

Your PJ Library Team

Melinda Margulies, Kimberly Ritz, Emily Soltanoff, and Bekah Starr

Have questions? Need help finding resources? Contact: [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)

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Visit PJ Library website to help us bring a smile to a child:

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To make a donation online, go to [www.JewishDutchess.org](http://www.JewishDutchess.org)


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Temple Beth-El  
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*And in memory of all departed members*

*Happy Hanukkah!*

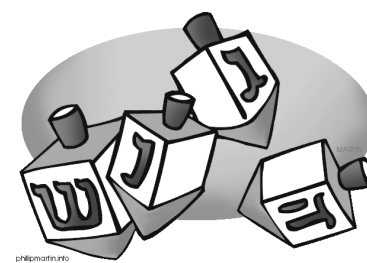


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May your Hanukkah shine  
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## JFedDC Community Programs...



Jonah Ritter

B"H.

On the evening of October 30<sup>th</sup>, Dutchess County came together in an amazingly powerful and touching way for reasons that will hopefully never happen again. The Dutchess County Jewish Federation and Interfaith Council organized an Interfaith Solidarity Vigil, hosted by Temple Beth-El in the City of Poughkeepsie, to remember and honor the lives lost in the massacre at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. The service was a powerful display of human unity from multiple religions in our community. As Mayor Rob Rolison said, "I have never been more proud of my community." Rob asked us to "help him be better person." But as I heard it, he was truly sending a message to all of us to try to be better people by listening and having a more

open heart.

The night and event was a profoundly moving experience. We were welcome with words from Rabbi Victor, which followed with Psalms from Rabbi Langer and a contemporary reading by Rabbi Altman. Each speaker, including Rabbi Loevinger, Bishop Byrne, and Imam Usmani, touched a chord with their words and together with the children led by Rabbi Miriam and Cantor Hirschenfang all of our voices rose up in song to declare the we must show love. With so much love in the room last night, there was NO ROOM for hate. And there was literally no room - the audience of an estimated 700 souls filled the combined social hall and Sanctuary to standing room.

Sheriff Anderson's message about the police's dedication to our safety and their commitment to serve our community was reassuring as well. He spoke about the respect the officers are trained to show every human being, but the message was clear about how we all need to show respect for one another.

Throughout the evening, eleven Memorial candles burned as a reminder of the victims and the sadness of the tragedy but also illuminated the hope for a better, safer future for us all. As the end of the service neared, Rabbi Polish read the names of each of the victims and shared something special about each one, humanizing every soul. Then we stood and prayed together.

I felt the most important message to come that evening is being felt across our great country. If we ALL love stronger, and be more kind and respectful to one another, those who perished at Tree of Life will not have died in vain. I believe what was witnessed in the City of Poughkeepsie is happening across America -- people are praying collectively for us to be a better Nation.

As we gather around our Hanukkah Menorahs to light each candle, let's remember that for thousands of years Jews survived because of our unified conviction to serve a higher purpose. We must transcend the partisan battles and the resentment and anger that results when we get mired in politics. Let's focus on the greater picture - we are all humans and this is our Nation. And, we must hold hands and walk the bridge together to a better Nation and a better world.



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## Our Executive Director



As Thanksgiving has just passed, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what I remind my children we should be thankful for including our family, our friends, having a bed to sleep in, a roof over our heads, food on the table and our health (and when put in perspective this past year we *ONLY* had to deal with a broken

thumb and finger on one hand, then broken metacarpal on the other, a partial torn ACL, a minor concussion, braces on for one and off for the other - we are really blessed). While the above list may seem so basic, they are all things nobody should ever take for granted.

In that same mindset, we do not want any of you to think we ever take you for granted. Personally, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support this past year in all that we have done and started doing at JFedDC. I am thankful that we had a successful Federation Celebration and will have another one in 2019. I am thankful that we have found new sources of funding through our Community Partnership Programs. I am thankful for the new grants we received. Most of all, I am thankful to all of you for supporting our efforts and attending our events. We couldn't do it without you and wouldn't want to. As we head into 2019, we ask that you continue to help us help you - provide us with feedback as to what you feel we should and should not be doing (constructively), join us at our events, thank our sponsors when you utilize their services, and please continue to be financially generous so we can continue, improve, and expand in all that we do: our social action programs, Jewish Family Services, scholarships, and expansion of programs in Northern and Southern Dutchess to name a few.

So please join us at our upcoming Annual Meeting and fasten your seatbelts as we continue to go Up, Up, & Away!

Happy Chanukah!  
 Karen Hochhauser

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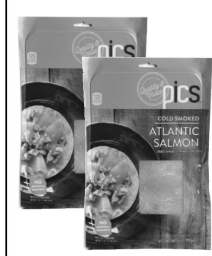
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**New Paths Morning Worship**

Join us at New Paths Sabbath morning service in the informal, intimate setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. The moving liturgy of the *New Paths* prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English. Participants may also bring supplemental materials to share.

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

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, December 8, 22, 10:00am.  
For info, contact: Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or call the Temple office (845) 454-2570.

**Chai Noon Lunch**

Pictured is a recent Vassar Temple Sisterhood-sponsored "Chai Noon" Luncheon held at Athena Gyro. Yes, each luncheon is held on the 18th of the month at "high noon", at a nice restaurant in the Dutchess County area that is handicap accessible and has adequate parking. We try to rotate locations for those who have to run in on their lunch hour.

Dutch treat as always! Lots of schmoozing and good eating! All women invited!

**DETAILS**  
Tuesday, December 18 at 12:00pm, at Coppola's 4167 Albany Post Rd. (Route 9) in Hyde Park, NY. For more information, to RSVP, or to let us know if you need a ride, please contact Perla Kaufman perlakaufman22@gmail.com

**Ring in the New Year with Brunch**

Ring in the New Year 2019 with a gourmet New Year's Day brunch! So you can come in, relax, and enjoy at your convenience this sumptuous buffet.

Vassar Temple wishes everyone a happy, healthy and wonderful 2019, and hope you can all join us to ring in the New Year at brunch.

**DETAILS**  
January 1, 10:30am – 2:00pm, cost is \$45 per adult, \$20 for children under 12, and children 2 and younger are free. Please RSVP to Cathy Bokor at cathy@bokorlang.com or (845) 462-5862 by **December 21** so we know how many to expect.

**Jewish Social Action Coalition & Dutchess County Interfaith Council Events**

The Morse School Library Project will not be able to continue without more volunteers. We allow students at Morse Elementary School in Poughkeepsie to borrow books each week on Mondays and Thursdays. For many students, this is their only opportunity to learn how to use a library and to get books into their homes. We are asking for more volunteers.

What is required? Sign up for a 2 hour shift weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. We will train you.

Go to [www.morsevolunteers.org](http://www.morsevolunteers.org) or call Muriel at (845) 464-8728

[www.jewishdutchess.org](http://www.jewishdutchess.org) | 14

**JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625**

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States holds regular monthly meetings.

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in the armed forces and others of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate. At 9:00am an informal coffee and cake "schmooze."

Congregation Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, so no outside food may be brought in. We look forward to seeing you there.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday: December 2, at 9:30am. 18 Park Ave. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer qbee5@optonline.net

**Chanukah Family Service & Celebration**

Join Congregation Shir Chadash in celebrating Chanukah with a family oriented service and celebrations.

Help "Light the Night" by bringing your favorite menorah to the service. Come see the many different and unique menorahs all lit! old, new, handmade and from different parts of the world!

Enjoy music, singing chocolate gelt and of course, lots of latkes to eat. Don't forget the candles! All welcome.

**DETAILS**  
Friday, December 7, 6:30pm for more information (845) 232-1029 or [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)

**Movies return to Schomre Israel**

Now that Shabbat is over earlier, Schomre Israel Synagogue has resumed their monthly Saturday Night at the movie program.

Come enjoy a movie, some popcorn, and a beverage.

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, December 15, 7:00pm suggested donation \$5. Consult website: [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) for more information

**Congregation Shir Chadash Annual December 24th Dinner**

Don't have plans for December 24? Join us for an evening of good food & fun. Have the chance to meet old and new friends.

**DETAILS**  
Monday, December 24, Time and Place TBD If you are interested please call (845) 232-1029 or email [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)

**Pardess Center for Jewish Life Events**

**Sunday, December 2,**  
Lights & Strikes 3:30-5:30pm  
Schneider's Fishkill Bowl

**Tuesday, December 4,**  
Chanukah Festival 5:30pm  
Adams Fair Acre Farms,  
Wappingers Falls

**Wednesday, December 5**  
Light Up Pawling  
Community Menorah Lighting  
5:00pm,  
Pawling Village Green

**Thursday, December 6,**  
Drinks & Dreidels  
(Young Jewish Professionals)  
8:00pm, The Lofts at Beacon

For more info visit:  
[www.mypardess.org](http://www.mypardess.org) or call  
(845) 440-7592

**Chanukah Dinner**

Congregation Schomre Israel will hold a Chanukah dinner. You are invited to join us for this delicious meal and festive event.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, December 2, 5:00pm, Schomre Israel. Reservations will be accepted through November 28 by email [schomre1@aol.com](mailto:schomre1@aol.com) or by phone (845) 454-2890. Price of the dinner is \$36 for adults and \$15 for those under 12.

**Chanukah Candle Lighting Service and Dinner**

You are invited to Vassar Temple's annual Chanukah Candle Lighting Service and pot-luck latke dinner. At this beautiful, family-friendly event, everyone is welcome to our Chanukah Menorah-Lighting Shabbat service.

You are encouraged to bring your menorah and candles to participate in the magnificent community candle lighting event. If you have not yet experienced this service, and even if you have, you are in for a real treat!

Dinner will take place prior to the service in the social hall. Bring a meat or non-dairy dish (anything except dairy) for 12. Please do not use nuts in your dish. The Sisterhood will provide latkes, applesauce, challah, salad and beverages.

**DETAILS**  
Friday, December 7, 6:00pm Dinner, 7:30pm service. The cost of the dinner is \$18 per family or \$6 per individual. Reservations for this popular event should be made by Tuesday, December 4, Call Roni Stein, (845) 223-5804 or email: [roniagt99@aol.com](mailto:roniagt99@aol.com).

Send your check to Vassar Temple Sisterhood, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, with "Chanukah Dinner" in the memo

**Mid Hudson Valley Chabad Menorah Lightings**

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Saturday 6:00pm

**Sunday, December 2,**  
Walkway Over the Hudson  
3:00pm

**Monday, December 3,**  
Pleasant Valley 5:30pm  
Mill Park

**Tuesday, December 4,**  
Help Build a Lego Menorah  
Poughkeepsie Galleria  
4:00-6:00pm

**Wednesday, December 5**  
Hyde Park Town Hall  
3:45pm,  
Performance Motor Cars  
5:30pm  
Wappingers Falls

**Thursday, December 6,**  
Town Hall of Lagrange  
5:30pm,

For more info email:  
[chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto:chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net)  
or call (845) 463-5801

**Annual Goods & Services Auction**

Please join us for an evening of fun and great deals at the Annual Shir Chadash Goods & Services Auction. Just in time for holiday gift giving! Find that special gift for someone while supporting Shir Chadash.

There will be unusual and unique items & gifts to bid on. A variety of assorted services will also be available for bid as well as a silent auction. If you can not attend the auction, bids may be called in. There's something for everyone-bring your relatives and friends! Refreshments will be served.

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, December 1, doors open at 6:00pm for preview and auction at 7:00pm. Contact (845) 232-1029 for email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) for info.

**Intergenerational Shabbat**

Everyone is invited to Vassar Temple first Intergenerational Shabbat of the year.

Students from the religious school, their families, and other members of the congregation will all share special Shabbat interactive learning and worship experiences together.

The weekly Torah Study session with Rabbi Altman will be woven into the program, enhanced by the music of guest Cantor Jacob Niemi.

All are invited to participate and to stay and enjoy a light kiddush lunch afterward. For the children, this program will be in lieu of Religious School. For everyone it will be a very special Shabbat morning of community prayer and learning.

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, December 15, 9:00am—12:00pm followed by a light lunch.

**Rhinebeck Jewish Center Events**

**Sunday, December 2,**  
10th Annual Dreidel House  
"The Magic of Chanukah"  
2:00-4:00pm Free Admission.  
Menorah Lighting at 4:00pm

**Monday, December 3,**  
Menorah Lighting in Red Hook  
5:30pm

**Thursday, December 6,**  
Menorah Lighting at Adams in  
Poughkeepsie, 5:30pm

**Friday, December 7,**  
Community Chanukah Dinner  
6:00pm Service 6:30pm Dinner

**Saturday, December 8,**  
Menorah Lighting in Rhinebeck  
6:30pm

**Sunday, December 9,**  
Menorah Lighting in Millbrook  
400pm

**Monday, December 24**  
Kosher Chinese and Movie Night  
6:00pm

Visit:  
[www.rhinebeckjewishcenter.com](http://www.rhinebeckjewishcenter.com) or  
call (845) 876-7666 for more info on  
any of these events

# Local

## Sunday

**Bagels, Lox, Torah (Tefillin too!)** 9:00am led by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein. Morning minyan will follow Torah discussion on the coming week's Torah portion, upcoming holiday or topic of Jewish interest.

**Temple Beth-El serves at Lunchbox** Volunteers always needed to keep this program running. Please call (845) 454-0570 if you can help.

**Bright Night Runs** December 16, 11:00am. Come with an empty truck or backseat to help move items.

## Monday

**Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga** with Toni Farkas, 11:30am. \$5 per session, all welcome.

**Temple Beth-El Board Meeting** December 10, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board Of Trustees meeting.

## Tuesday

**Temple Beth-El Hanukah Candle Lighting** December 4, 6:00pm. Hanukah music and outdoor candle lighting. Come dressed for the weather.

## Wednesday

**Learn & Lunch Bunch** every Wednesday, 11:00am-1:30pm. 118 So. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. Please RSVP each week by Monday so we can prepare appropriate amount of food. For information, menu and program schedule, see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.

## Thursday

## Friday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service** December 14, 21, 28, :30pm, evening service with Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg. All welcome.

**Vassar Temple Chanukah Shabbat Dinner and Candle lighting** December 7, 6:00pm Dinner and 7:30pm candle lighting.

**Vassar Temple Shabbat** December 14, 21, 28, 6:00pm, December 14 with guest Canto Jacob Niemi

**Temple Beth-El Evening Service** each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service. All welcome.

## Saturday

**Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night** December 12, 7:00pm. \$5 suggested donation

**Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs** December 1, 15, 9:00-10:30am. Come early at 8:45am and have breakfast on us! Registration for religious school is ongoing. New parents are encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation. Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays and history while having fun and making friends. All are welcome.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program** December 1, 15 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult, learn through doing crafts, food and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge

**Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service** December 1, 15 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome!

**Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** December 8, 22 10:00am.

**Vassar Temple Intergenerational Shabbat Study and Worship** December 15 9:00am., light lunch 12:00pm.

**Temple Beth-Shabbat Morning Service** every week, 9:30am, Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.

**Bright Nights Prep** December 15, 7:00pm. Help prepare for the Bright Nights Sunday drop offs we will be making food, and packing up.

# Out of Area

## Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

23 Albany Ave, Kingston NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 [www.templemanuelkingston.org](http://www.templemanuelkingston.org).

All Services held in our Chapel are available to live stream. Visit our website: [www.cehv.org](http://www.cehv.org) and click on the live stream link on the homepage. You can also view archived services and classes.

**Kabbalat Shabbat evening service** First Friday evening, 6:00pm, with a symbolic Oneg following. All other Friday's 7:30pm with an Oneg following.

**Musical Kabbalat Shabbat** is the third Friday of the month.

**Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation** is the fourth Friday of the month.

**Tot Shabbat** A select Saturday each month December 15, 9:00am, A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.

**Religious School** Saturday, 9:30am—12:30pm, September—May. Contact our Religious School Director Samara Genee for more info (845) 338-4271 x 110

**Saturday Morning Service** 10:00am, for an uplifting morning communal prayer, meditation and Torah study.

**Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi** Call (845) 338-4271(x101) for class dates/time: Hebrew Trope, Torah Study, Introduction to Judaism, Beginner and Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew, Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah and Private Conversion Tutorials.

**Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study** Tuesday, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, Led by Rabbi Yael Romer.

**Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer** Meeting first Wednesday, Shabbat Dinner the third Friday, Community service TBD monthly on either the second or fourth Thursday. Religious School registration required.

**Lunch with Cantor Bob & Pat Cohen** 1st Tuesday of the month beginning December 4, 12:00pm, Join Rabbi Romer for hot lunch with discussion following.

**Rosh Chodesh** Held the third Tuesday of the month through June, 7:00-9:00pm. Our Rosh Chodesh group is a women's gathering exploring our female voices in Jewish Traditions. Rosh Chodesh will begin Tuesday Dec. 18.

**Chanukah Carnival** Saturday, December 1, 12:30pm. Games, crafts, latkes, and more. Family friendly community event. All are welcome.

**Community Candle Lighting** Friday, December 7, 6:00pm. Free community event. Bring your Menorah or borrow one of ours and help us celebrate this mystical evening with thousands of lights.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** Saturday, December 8, 12:00pm.

# Calendar

## December

### REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### Beacon Hebrew Alliance (Conservative)

331 Veplanck Avenue, Beacon (845) 831-2012  
Rabbi Brent Spodek; Cantor Ellen Gersh; Education Director, Ashley Baker

Website: [www.beaconhebrewalliance.org](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org)

Email: [411@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto:411@beaconhebrewalliance.org)

Services: Fridays, 7:30pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit website for information about services, religious school, and community events

#### Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie (845) 463-5801

Rabbi Yacov Borenstein

Website: [www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)

Email: [ChabadMidHudsonVlv@prodigy.net](mailto:ChabadMidHudsonVlv@prodigy.net)

Services: Fridays, call for time and Saturdays at 10:00am

#### Congregation Beth David (Reform)

East Main Street, Amenia (845) 373-8264

Rabbi Jon Haddon

Website: [www.CongBethDavid.org](http://www.CongBethDavid.org)

Email: [JonRab33@gmail.com](mailto:JonRab33@gmail.com)

Services: usually Saturdays, 10:00am twice monthly except January and February; call for schedules

#### Congregation Schomre Israel (Orthodox)

18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2890

Rabbi Eliezer Langer

Website: [www.schomreIsrael.org](http://www.schomreIsrael.org)

Email: [SchomreI@aol.com](mailto:SchomreI@aol.com)

Services: Monday-Thursday, 7:00am, Sunday, 8:00am,

Saturday, 9:00am Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm

Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown

#### Congregation Shir Chadash (Reform)

Interim: Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Lagrange (845) 232-1029

Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang Website:

[www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

Email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)

Services: Friday, 7:30pm; bimonthly Saturday children's

religious school, 9:00am, Torah study, 9:15

#### Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592

Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus

Website: [www.MyPardess.org](http://www.MyPardess.org)

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

#### The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck (845) 876-7666

Rabbi Hanoch Hecht and Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht Website:

[www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](http://www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)

Email: [RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto:RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)

Friday services call for time; Saturday services, 9:30am

#### Temple Beth El (Conservative)

118 So Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-0570

Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman

Email: [info@tbeny.org](mailto:info@tbeny.org)

Website: [www.tbeny.org](http://www.tbeny.org)

Services: Friday, 8:00pm, Saturday Shabbat service at

9:30am, weekdays, 7:30am daily

#### Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 451-3920

Liz Aeschlimann, Rose and Irving Rachlin Director of

Jewish Student Life at Vassar College

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Services: Friday, 6:00pm service, 7:00pm dinner when

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#### Vassar Temple (Reform)

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Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah

study Saturday, 9:00am, New Paths 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

### December Candle Lighting

December 7 .....4:07pm

December 14 .....4:08pm

December 21.....4:10pm

December 28.....4:15pm

December 30.....4:07pm

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# Save the Date: JFedDC Annual Meeting December 13



Vassar Temple members do Lunch Box with this month's captain Ron Rosen.



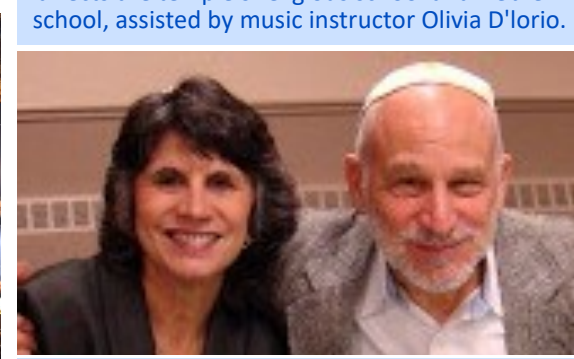
Members of the Jewish Social Action Coalition at Morse School



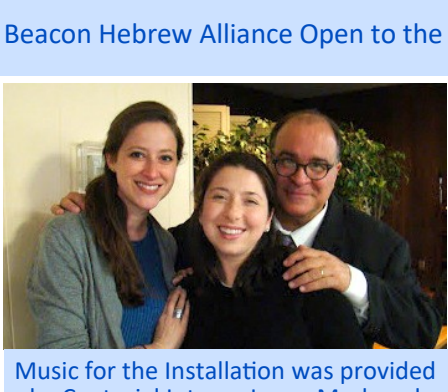
Hadassah Fall Card Party at Temple Beth-El



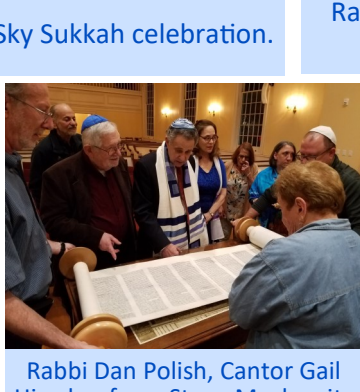
Vassar Temple Rabbi Renni Altman (r) personally directs the temple's religious school and Hebrew school, assisted by music instructor Olivia D'Iorio.



Rosh Chodesh at Ivrit with Rabbi Miriam, Rabbi Victor, Beth Richardson and the students



Music for the Installation was provided by Cantorial Interns Jenna Mark and Ilana Goldman, with Joseph Bertolozzi at the keyboard



Rabbi Dan Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, Steve Moskowitz and Steve Herschbein rewinding the Torah.



Rainbow over the Hudson with Temple Beth-El in the background.



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