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Our Rabbis get to swinging.



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WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS

December

December 4: Hanukkah Teaching with Rabbi Renni Altman
 Come learn all about the Festival of Lights!
 Menu: bagel, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert

December 11: Hopewell Railroad Depot with Paul Stitch
 Back by popular demand, Paul and company will be telling us
 all about the railroad depot then and now!!!
 Menu: spaghetti and meatballs, coffee/tea, dessert

**December 18: Learn & Lunch Bunch Annual Holiday Party and Ugly
 Sweater Contest! Prizes given!**
 Roger Hendricks will be screening his award winning
 independent film *The Sublet* which is about a retired and
 lonely senior citizen who discovers a new life and adventure!
 Menu: kwanza food, latkes, holiday foods, coffee/tea, dessert

December 25: Off for the Holiday

**REGISTRATION STRONGLY REQUESTED BY MONDAY EACH WEEK
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 RSVP to the Jewish Federation office (845) 471-9811.
 Learn & Lunch Bunch activities are open to the public.

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SCHEDULE

11:00 –11:30am
 Coffee & Nosh
 11:30 –12:30pm
 Program
 12:30pm —Lunch

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Adult Education

Educational Opportunities Abound at Congregation Schomre Israel

Hebrew 101 Mondays, 6:00pm-6:45pm during December. This class starts from the absolute basics and will focus on being able to read properly and fluently.

A Snapshot of Jewish Poetry with Rabbi Krasner Tuesdays, 10:30am during December. Some of the topics will be *The Song of the Sea* and other songs in the five Books of Moses.

Timeless Thoughts on the Parsha with Rabbi Krasner Thursdays, 7:00pm. Come to study and discuss the topic of Parsha, the weekly Torah portion.

Mitzvah Workshop, every 1st Tuesday. December 3: What Is Eating You?, January 7: Welcoming the King, 6:00-8:00pm. We will discuss a mitzvah in the classes. The first half will focus on a more profound understanding of the mitzvah, and the second half will be a hands-on class where everyone will be introduced to that mitzvah firsthand. A light dinner will be served. Please call ahead and let us know you are coming.

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

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text Thursday, December 19, 12:00-1:30pm taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. Questions about the Talmud class? Contact Rabbi Golomb at pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Torah Study Saturdays (no class December 14) 9:00am with Rabbi Renni Altman, DD. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftorah.

All are invited. Come learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes. No charge to attend. No previous training required. For more info or if you have questions, contact rabbid@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570.

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

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

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

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

Chabad Center Classes

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.

Congregation Shir Chadash

Torah Study: Saturday, December 7, 14, 9:15am. Join us for an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish while enjoying a light breakfast. Everyone has a chance to participate. No Hebrew expertise or knowledge is needed - just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts. All are welcomed to attend.

For more information call (845) 232-1029, email info@shir-chadash.org, or website www.shir-chadash.org.

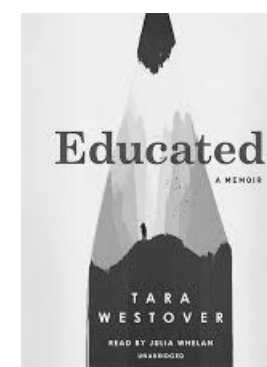
Vassar Temple Sisterhood Book Group

We will discuss *Educated*, by Tara Westover, an unforgettable memoir about a young girl kept out of school who leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.

Educated is available in paperback through Amazon with multiple copies available at the local library system.

DETAILS

Wednesday, December 18, 2:00pm in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie. Babrbara Mindel will lead the discussion. To RSVP or to get more info, contact Linda Babas (845) 473-7931 or lindababas41@gmail.com. Your book suggestions for future meetings are always appreciated.

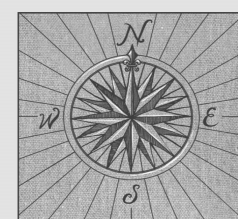


Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

Those interested in reading are invited to the Rosh Chodesh Reading Group—a potluck brunch and discussion.

Participants meet to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry, and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest. Have a suggestion, please let us know!

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Office of the Aging

For seniors, a fall is the incident that most often leads to a rapid decline in quality of life – but falls are not an inevitable part of aging. The fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself, because restricting physical activity out of fear of falling is a sure recipe for both physical and mental decline – including even more falls.

Statistics show that in any given year, one in three adults over 65 will fall at least once, with the risk of a fall increasing with age. By age 80, the risk increases to one in two. In Dutchess County, falls account for more than half of all emergency room visits.

The Office for the Aging is now taking applications for its spring 2020 “A Matter of Balance” classes. Available in Dutchess County since 2015, “A Matter of Balance” is an award winning, research-based program aimed at helping older adults reduce their risks for falling.

The classes help participants in many ways:

- to view falls and fear of falling as controllable
- to set realistic goals for increasing activity
- to change their environment to reduce fall risk factors.

The program also promotes exercise to increase strength and balance. Thirty minutes of exercise are included in each two-hour class, beginning with the third session. The program is comprised of eight weekly sessions.

Those most likely to benefit from “A Matter of Balance” include older adults who are concerned about falls; have fallen before; restrict activities because of concerns about falling; are interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength; and are at least age 60, ambulatory, and able to problem-solve.

The spring series of classes will be held throughout Dutchess County. Class applications are available at www.dutchessny.gov/aging by emailing at ofa@dutchessny.gov or by calling the Office for the Aging at (845) 486-2555. Callers should request an application for “A Matter of Balance”. Each session is limited to fourteen participants.

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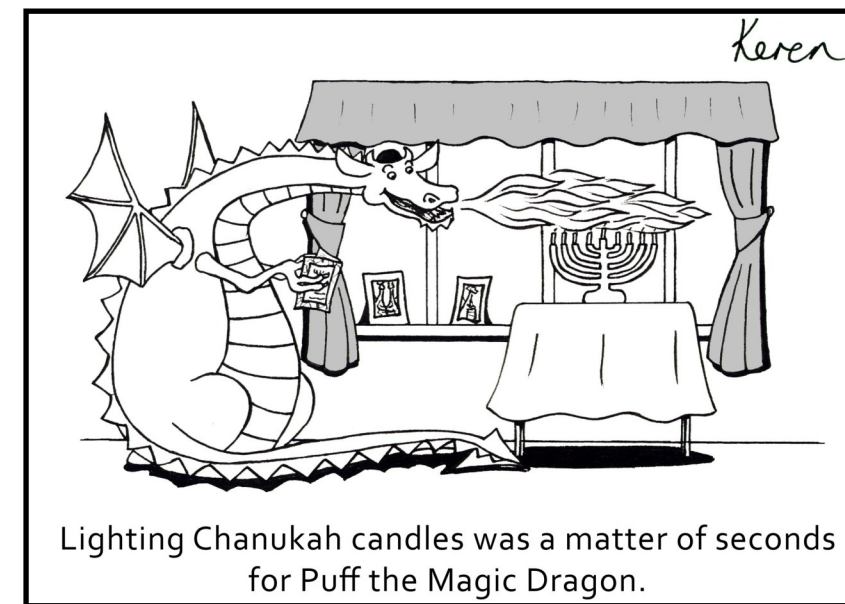
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Lighting Chanukah candles was a matter of seconds for Puff the Magic Dragon.

Harding Club News

Don't you wish you were 29 again? If you do, then you must be envious of one of our previous presidents: Warren G. Harding. More on what is significant about the number 29 in regard to Warren G. Harding later in this article.

The Harding Club has been operating in the Poughkeepsie area since 1923. That's 96 years and counting. And, the Club still is vital presence in our Jewish community.

Today the Club is fulfilling the social needs and civic responsibilities of many Jewish men. Yet, it is still a place where more members would be welcome. More on that, later in this article as well.

The Club meets once or twice per month for dinner at a local restaurant (Joe Willys, Route 9 in Wappingers Falls), where members enjoy camaraderie, good food, and interesting speakers. Additionally, the Club does good work in the Jewish community as well as the greater Dutchess County community. Among our projects are our generous support of the PJ Library and our work helping to distribute food to the needy kids at the Morse School in the City of Poughkeepsie.

As mentioned above, there are opportunities for membership for those of you who are interested. The Club is open to Jewish men who are friendly, engaging, and community minded. That should include ALL Jewish men!! Check us out at our website: harding.jigsy.com or send us an email at: hardingclub1923@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Here is the upcoming schedule of meetings:
- December 4: Sheriff's Department
- December 18: "School to Prison Pipeline"

Oh, yes, and why is 29 a significant number for President Warren G. Harding? It is because he was the 29th president of the United States. Why was our Club named for him? The answer to that question will be answered in my next column.

Hoping to hear from you, I am,
Alan Fox, Harding Club President



Dear Budget

It's not the gift; it's the thought that counts! Find out what the bar/bat mitzvah person's interest is. If they like sports or cooking, get them a gift card to a store where they can purchase something in sports or cooking. No need to break the bank. Or if they did a mitzvah project, then a donate to their cause! Consideration is just as important as monetary value. Let them know you "get them!"

Rabbi's Blog

What's the deal with the seal?

By Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus

Has it ever happened to you that you needed to make an emergency trip to the gas station for... ketchup? It happened to me the other day right before dinner when the kids *needed* ketchup and the gas station was the closest option. I rushed in, rushed out, got home, opened the bottle, and lo and behold, the seal under the cap had already been removed. Humph. Back to the gas station; I exchanged the bottle for one that was sealed. (Yes, this time I checked).



Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus

In the story of Chanukah, the Assyrian Greeks raided the Bet Hamikdash and deliberately broke the seal of every jug of pure olive oil, prepared specially for lighting the Temple Menorah. Interestingly, they did not remove the oil nor did they change the substance inside the jugs; they merely tampered with the seal. If the Greeks wanted to prevent the Jews from lighting the Menorah, they should have taken the oil. What benefit was there to breaking the seals?

The act of damaging the seals but leaving the oil is the embodiment of the Greek attitude toward religious observance. The Greeks were highly cultured people. In fact, they were fascinated by the depth of the Torah, the wisdom of the Sages, and the array of Jewish practices and customs. They had only one problem: G-d. They wanted the Jewish people to study Torah in the same way they would human wisdom, not as a G-dly revelation that transcends the bounds of intellect.

The same was with the Mitzvot: celebrate Shabbat, because it's nice to take the day off, eat Kosher because it's healthy for you. They despised the idea of doing a Mitzvah as a means to connect to G-d which takes us beyond human limitations. Study Torah, do the Mitzvot, but as a Hellenist, not as a Jew fulfilling

This is why the Greeks defiled the oil rather than steal it—to tamper with its purity. Light the Menorah, they said, but light it with Greek influence. Don't let the oil shine the light of Torah; don't allow the divinity and purity of the Mitzvah to be involved.

The Jewish response was the unwavering commitment in keeping the purity and soulful connection to G-d and the Jewish heritage. G-d's response to that? A miracle.

Today we face similar ideological opposition to the Torah and to Judaism. Therefore, when we kindle our Menorah, we take a moment to remind ourselves of the soulful connection that we have to G-d and to the Mitzvot. And, as we make the blessings on the candles, we pray once again to be the recipient of a miracle, *bayamim haheim bazman hazeh*.

Wishing you a very happy Chanukah! (And of course, when you buy your applesauce for the latkes, make sure it's sealed.)

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Inside the Jewish Studio

By Karen Hochhauser

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

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

This month, our special guest is Muriel Horowitz, who found time to take a break from her storytelling and activism to join us in answering our questions...

1. **What is your favorite word?**
Peace
2. **What is your least favorite word?**
"I'm too busy."
3. **What turns you on creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
Stories
4. **What turns you off?**
Hateful speech
5. **What is your favorite curse word?**
Sh#t - It's the one that comes out all the time.
6. **What sound or noise do you love?**
Kids laughing
7. **What sound or noise do you hate?**
Scratching on a chalkboard - Does anyone even know what those are anymore?
8. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
Plumber - I like putting things together though my husband reminded me I would have to clear toilets, which I don't like.
9. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
Accountant
10. **What are you really good at & really bad at?**
*Good: Connecting people
Bad: Singing*
11. **What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I was a NY Giants BASEBALL fan and when they moved to San Francisco, I lost my interest in baseball.
12. **If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
To make people sit and listen to each other.
13. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
You done good.



Muriel Horowitz

* Member of the Tribe

Lunch & Learn North

"The Rise of Hate— the Jewish and Christian Response"
with Dr. Bruce Chilton of Bard College Part 4 of 4

During Part 4 we will be looking at Martin Luther King. "His influence reached beyond his own constituencies, and key contacts with other religious traditions will feature in our discussions, but our central task is to conceive of what needs to be done to revise the principle of toleration so that its promise might be realized."

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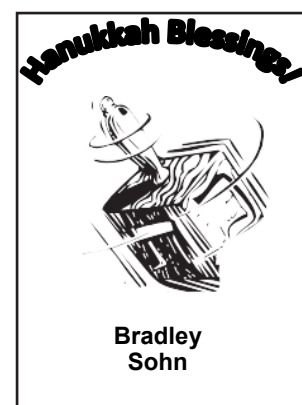
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9:30AM-12:30PM AT TEMPLE BETH-EL
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9:30 am Welcome & Check-in
9:30am-10:45am PJ Library stories & activities
Interactive learning stations presented by Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple & Congregation Shir Chadash
10:45 am Puppet show featuring Len Levitt & The Levity Puppets
11:45 am Light lunch
12:15 pm Menorah lighting & sing along

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Ohr, which means light in Hebrew, has deep significance in our Jewish tradition. Where do we first learn about the light? We are immediately reminded every Simchat Torah when we start reading the Torah from the beginning and retell the days of creation.

The first thing G-d does when he creates the world (according to the Book of Genesis 1:3) is to create light. "And G-d said let there be light, and there was light." Why light first? If taken a step further, darkness is the absence of light. So perhaps in order to bring light into the world, we must first experience darkness.

Retelling our children the story of Chanukah is a great example of showing our children and grandchildren how the Jews overcame darkness with light. The perseverance of a few brave Jews not to assimilate with the mighty Greek dynasty continues to carry on the importance of us using light to overcome the darkness in the world.

Bring more light into your home and community by lighting your menorahs together this Chanukah. PJ Library is here to help! Sign up today for a Chanukah Get Together with up to five other families. Simply apply at: www.pjlibrary.org/gettogether.

Another fabulous resource is the PJ Library "Hanukkah Hub". Check out: www.pjlibrary.org >Beyond Books>Hanukkah Guide for more information about the Festival of Lights including recipes, PJ Library book lists, activities, and more.

Are you the designated "Hanukkah parent" at your child's school? Be sure to check out the "Sharing Hanukkah at School" guide.

To the left is a fun recipe for Star of David stained glass cookies from www.pjlibrary.org. Make sure to watch light pass through them before you munch them all up.

<https://pjlibrary.org/getmedia/df50caa-3f61-453c-b949-def0dfe642ff/recipe-stained-glass-cookies.jpg>

Join us at one of our local Hanukkah programs throughout the PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley area where we will explore the themes of the holidays together with story, crafts, and song. Check out what is happening on Facebook at "PJ Library Mid Hudson Valley" under events.

Your PJ Library Mid Hudson Valley Team,

Melinda Margulies, Kimberly Ritz, and Bekah Starr



PJ Library friends having fun together

PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and made possible through gifts from the Jewish Federations of Dutchess and Ulster Counties, The Harding Club, and the generous support of PJ Library donors. To make a donation online, go to www.JewishDutchess.org.

Thank you!



STAINED-GLASS COOKIES
Watch light pass through these cookies before you take a bite!

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1/2 cup softened butter
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 large egg
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup crushed hard candy
- Tip: Are you short on time? Use premade dough and skip down to step 3.*
- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1 Using a mixer, cream together butter and sugar until fluffy. Add egg and vanilla extract. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, and salt.
 - 2 Gradually add dry ingredients to the butter, and cream the mixture. Wrap tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least an hour.
 - 3 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. On a lightly-floured surface, roll out batter about 1/4 inch thick.
 - 4 Use cookie cutters to cut out shapes. Cut a small circle in the middle of each shape with a butter knife or smaller cookie cutter.
 - 5 Place shapes on a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake for 5 minutes.
 - 6 Remove the baking sheet, and carefully spoon 1/2 teaspoon of crushed hard candy into the center of each cookie.
 - 7 Bake for 4-5 more minutes, or until the candy has melted completely.
 - 8 Cool, first for 15 minutes on baking sheet, then move to cooling rack.

FIRST NIGHT. The only ritual component of Hanukkah is lighting the menorah and saying the blessings. (Visit pjlibrary.org/hanukkah to see and hear blessings.) Everything else is optional – fried food, tales of Jewish heroism, gifts and gelt. Ritually speaking, it's all about the light, and for each of eight nights, bringing a little more of it into the world.



Religious school children making mini Sukkahs at Shir Chadash



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JFedDC Community Programs...



Betsy Kopstein-Stuts

The holidays are on the horizon, and once again my thoughts are turning to setting goals for myself. I will renew that familiar promise to myself to lose weight, to immediately return those friendly phone calls, and maybe this time to get better at saying "no" to some of the many requests to do "just one more thing" for the different organizations which I like to support. These are all worthy goals, some of which may even sound familiar to you, too.

This year, however, something else is also on my mind. These days I find myself reflecting more on our global situation and realizing that we all have a part to play in addressing it. The way to learn how to live with people of different cultures, religions, nationalities is to learn to listen. Listening is an art, and unfortunately it is one that is not taught anywhere.

While you do not necessarily have to agree with another person's point of view, there is something important to be gained by understanding from where that other person is coming. Minds can not hope to meet unless they are open to different ideas.

I am confident that you will agree with me that the need to create and nurture community is more urgent today than it has ever been. The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, our Federation, started pursuing this approach by joining with the Rhinebeck Reformed Church to discuss the rise of hate in the world by delving into four philosophers. The audience was mixed, and yet we learned how to listen. Federation hopes to broaden our efforts to reach out to the greater community while still retaining our current programs. We are looking to expand eastward toward areas like Dover, Amenia, Millerton, and Pawling. If you know Jewish people living in or near these towns, please contact me or someone you may know who is a member of Federation's board of trustees. As you know, in order to reach these areas successfully, we not only need enthusiastic volunteers, we also need substantial financial resources.

In line with these goals, and in order to continue our current programs, I am hopeful that you have already made your contribution to our annual campaign. Of course, if for whatever reason you have not done that yet, there is still time. So please do make that very important contribution now.

The board of trustees of Federation join me in wishing all of our readers a very healthy and happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,
Betsy Kopstein-Stuts

In Honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day: *The Hevreh Ensemble* January 26, 2020 2:00pm @ FDR Library

Hevreh comes from the Hebrew word meaning "circle of friends". This group has come together from many places together with our wonderful audiences and listeners; we have truly become a circle of friends.

The performance will be a unique experience of combining music and projected visual images and a special original musical composition will make its debut during this event in honor of the event.

The event is free but please RSVP by January 19 to: www.fdrlibrary.org/events

JFedDC and The FDR Library and Museum are partnering together to bring you this special event.



Location: FDR Library and Museum, 4097 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

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Hanukkah Blessings!

Rebecca Edwards
Dutchess County Legislator, District 6

Our Executive Director



When I was younger, I believed in Santa Claus. Truly, I did. However, being Jewish, I knew he would not be visiting my home. I always tried though, to stay up each Christmas to watch my neighbor's rooftop, willing myself to stay awake and catch a glance of him. Spoiler Alert – he never came or I fell asleep before he did. It is really hard to tell.

In our home, we dutifully celebrated Chanukah with homemade sufganiyot and each of us lighting our own homemade menorahs made with sweat, tears, and love during Sunday school. Nothing beats a clay menorah, one that I still use today, and funnily, my son's favorite one is the firetruck menorah that he made while we lived in Thailand and still uses every year.

Chanukah or Hanukkah or however you spell it, is the holiday of light, bringing us the warmth of the glow of the candles and a reminder that miracles can and do happen, many of which we likely never realize. Sometimes just being kind to another feels like a miracle to the receiver. Sometimes little gestures or gifts, seem much greater to the recipient than the giver ever could have imagined.

Little gifts can mean a lot. My parents had a great system in which each night of Chanukah we would receive a gift, and with each night, it felt as if the presents became bigger and bigger. This is something I try to do for my boys, as the reality of eight nights of large presents is insane; plus sometimes the smallest gifts are the most meaningful.

So as the year comes to a close and Chanukah is quickly approaching, we ask that you think of us in your gifting. Whether to support the Medical Loan Closet, the "Creating Community" programming, the PJ Library Engagement programs, or whatever is most relevant to you, know that each little bit means a lot to us.

As you watch the candles shine this Chanukah, we hope that you and your families will continue to shine in health, wealth, and happiness in the approaching year.
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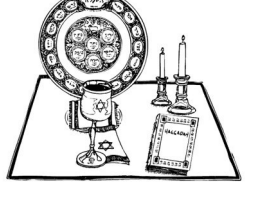
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Easy Quick Sufganiyot, Jelly Donuts

taken from <https://www.food.com/recipe/easy-quick-sufganiyot-jelly-donuts-494103>

Ready in 1hr 12 minutes
Serves: 9-12

Ingredients:

- 1 (1/4 oz) package active dry yeast or 1/2 oz. fresh yeast
- 2 tbsp warm water
- 1 tsp sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tbsp butter or 1 oz margarine
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup warm water or 1/4 cup milk
- Oil (for frying)
- 9 tsp fruit jelly, for filling (your choice of flavor)
- Confectioners' sugar



Directions:

1. Mix the yeast, 2 tbsp warm water and sugar in a small bowl, and leave til bubbly
2. Sift the flour and salt into the bowl
3. Rub the butter or margarine into the flour (the kids LOVE doing this)
4. Make a well in the flour mixture (I always skip this part) and add the yeast mixture, the beaten egg, and just enough of the warm milk/water to make a soft dough
5. Beat well and kneed for 5 minutes on a floured board
6. Divide into 12 pieces and place apart of a greased and floured tin (or sheet of foil, or your mixing bowl!!)
7. Brush with water and place in (or cover with) a greased plastic bag
8. Leave until they have doubled in size (about 45 minutes to an hour) (perfect timing to light and sit by the menorah)
9. Fry in oil that is not too hot 350F-360F, (huh? I don't own a kitchen thermometer! But it's hot enough when a TINY droplet of water skims across the surface. I use enough oil to cover 1/3 of the sufganiyot) turning over once to brown both sides, about 3 minutes
10. Drain on absorbent paper
11. When cool enough to handle, but not to cool, insert the jelly in the middle. I use one teaspoon and put it in a syringe. (You can alternatively use the handle of a spoon to make a hole in the side of the doughnut and spoon in the jelly, or put the jelly in a little baggie, make a hole in the corner and squeeze it into the hole)
12. Sprinkle on confectioners sugar (and go return the store bought doughnuts. They just won't pass muster after you taste these!)

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DETAILS:
Saturday, December 7, and 21, 10:00am. For info, contact: Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Altman: rabbi@vassartemple.org, or call the Temple office at (845) 454-2570.

Purim Preview Hamentashen from Schomre Israel's Kitchen

Purim is March 10, 2020 and the Sisterhood at Schomre Israel will be baking hamentashen. Orders must be placed no later than February 21.

Watch upcoming issues of *The Voice* for more information.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625

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

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

DETAILS:
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Chanukah Dinner

The Sisterhood of Congregation Schomre Israel invites you to attend its Chanukah dinner.

A delicious meal complete with latkes and sufganiyot/donuts will be served.

Dreidels will be available for spinning. All are welcome.

DETAILS:
Sunday, December 22, 5:00pm, Congregation Schomre Israel. Paid reservations must be made by December 13. Cost of the dinner is \$36 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3-12.



Siyum HaShas Live Hookup

Join us as we connect with over 300,000 of our Brothers and Sisters in this momentous event of the completion of the Talmud.

Siyum HaShas marks both the end of the previous cycle and the beginning of the next and is characterized by inspiring speeches and rousing singing and dancing.

DETAILS:
Wednesday, January 1, Schomre Israel will have an official live hookup to the main MetLife Stadium event. All are invited to attend.

Chanukah Family Service

Celebrate Chanukah with a family oriented service & celebration at Shir Chadash. Help "Light Up 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 the music, singing, chocolate gelt, and, of course, lots of latkes to eat. Dreidels to play with for the young and young at heart. Don't forget the candles! All welcome.

DETAILS:
Friday, December 27, 7:30pm, Congregation Schomre Israel. For more info (845) 232-1029.

H A P P Y
Hanukkah!
Jane, Ethan, Erin, Amalia & Maxwell Timm

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Rochelle & Carl Sorgen

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Amy & Richard Schwed

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Gail & Samuel Simon

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Ellen & Victor Stern and Family

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Rabbi Ellen & Judge Jonah Triebwasser

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Hanukkah!
Miriam & Frank Rubin


**From Our Family to Yours,
Happy Hanukkah!**
Frieda & Ed Gershuny

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

Nina & Russell Rothman

H A P P Y
Hanukkah!
Roni & Charles Stein


**From Our Family to Yours,
Happy Hanukkah!**
Hochhauser, Marks Family
Martin, Karen, Samuel,
Alexander, & Benjamin

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

Sandra & Harry (z"l) Mamis

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 Call Nancy Judson (845) 216-7563 to help in this mitzvah.
Congregation Schomre Israel Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner December 22, 5:00pm, reservations required.
Congregation Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Breakfast December 29, following morning services at 8:30am Chodesh Teveet

Monday

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

Tuesday

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Congregation Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Service November 28. Morning services followed by a special breakfast. Please consult the synagogue bulletin www.schomreisrael.org for the starting time of the morning prayers.

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service December 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:30pm. Evening service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang followed by community oneg. All are welcome.
Congregation Shir Chadash "Light Up the Night" December 27, 7:30pm. Special Family Chanukah Service. See page 14 for more information.
Vassar Temple Shabbat December 6, 13, 20, 6:00pm. December 13 7:30pm Shabbat Happy Hour.
Vassar Temple Chahukah Shabbat Dinner December 27, 6:00pm, Candle Lighting 7:30pm.
Temple Beth-El Evening Service each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian service. All welcome.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs December 7, 14, 9:00am. This re-imagined, intergenerational school is totally new & different. We would like you and your family to experience it. Registration for religious school starts today. 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. Come early (8:45am) and have breakfast on us! All welcome.
Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program December 7, 14, 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult, learn through crafts, food, and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge.
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Study December 7, 14, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome!
Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night November 16, 7:00pm. Watch a good film, munch on some popcorn, socialize with friends. \$5 suggested donation.
Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship December 7, 21, 10:00am.
Temple Beth-El Shabbat Morning Service every week, 9:30am. Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.

Out of Area

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

Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service Friday, December 6 (Family Kabbalat) 6:00pm, December 13, 20 (Kabbalat Shabbat) 7:30pm with a symbolic oneg following.
Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation Friday, December 27, 7:30pm.
Tot Shabbat December 21, 9:00am. A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.
Religious School Saturdays, 9:30am -12:30pm. (No classes December 28) Call Samara Genee (845) 338-4271 x110 for more information.
Saturday Morning Service 10:00am, Communal prayer, meditation, and Torah study.
Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi Hebrew Trope (Wednesdays 12:30pm) Torah Study, Intro to Judaism (2nd & 3rd Wednesdays 6:00pm) Beginner-Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew (Wednesdays 4pm) Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah, Private Conversation Tutorials, Adult B'nai Mitzvah (1st & 2nd Thursday, 7:00pm). No classes December 4, 25, check online for updates www.cehv.org
Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Tuesday, 8:45am (No class December 3). Led by Rabbi Yael Romer. Designed to prepare participants to receive the day's blessings and explore Jewish traditions with a progressive, egalitarian approach. For directions call (845) 338-4271 x101 or email cehvoffice2@gmail.com
Community Candle Lighting Friday, December 22. All are welcome as we celebrate the 1st night of Chanukah by lighting our outdoor Hanukkah. Then join us for an abbreviated service followed by a fun family carnival with Soufganiyot!
Christmas Feast Wednesday, December 25, 12:00pm—4:00pm. Dinner in the CEHV social hall to feed the food insecure in the Hudson Valley. Donations and volunteers are needed.
Lunch with Rabbi Romer & Guests Tuesday, December 10, 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for a hot luncheon with discussion following.
Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer Wednesday, December 20, Shabbat Dinner, and December 22, 4:30pm Community Candle lighting. Religious School registration required.
Rosh Chodesh 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:45pm - 9:00pm. Rosh Chodesh group is a women's (anyone who identifies as a woman is welcome) gathering exploring our female voices in Jewish Traditions.

Calendar

December

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

December Candle Lighting

December 6 4:07pm
December 13 4:07pm
December 20 4:10pm
December 27 4:14pm

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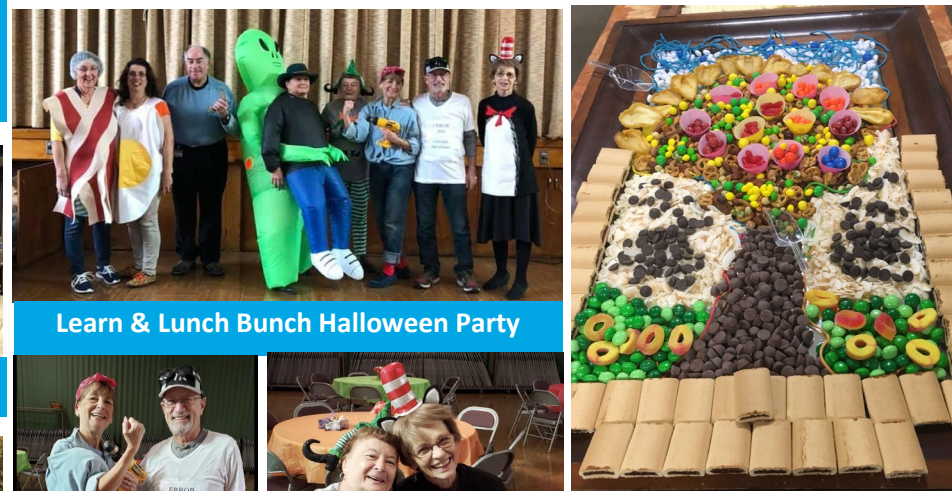
A crew from Vassar Temple Men's Club ably erected the succah on the front lawn. Everyone pictured in the first row has also served as Temple President! Afterward, Ritual Committee members Gail D'Alessio and Marcia Tanzman embellished the succah, temple portico, and sanctuary with festive holiday decorations.



Simchat Torah celebrated at Congregation Shir Chadash



Film & Faith Series at Bard College with Film Producer Donna Kanter



Learn & Lunch Bunch Halloween Party

Tree of Life edible masterpiece by Mana Watsky for oneg at Shir Chadash



"Hit After The Holidays" Wiffleball Fun

Vassar Temple Gala



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