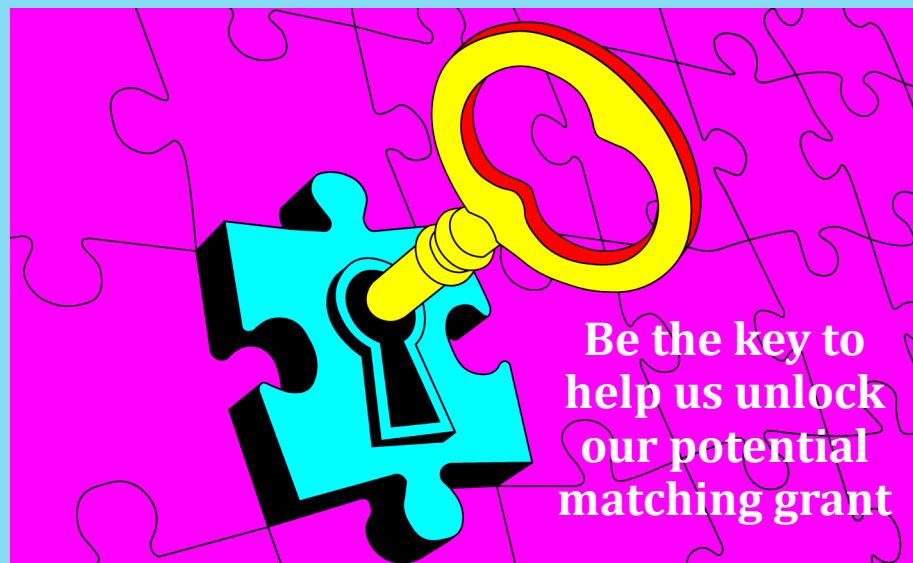


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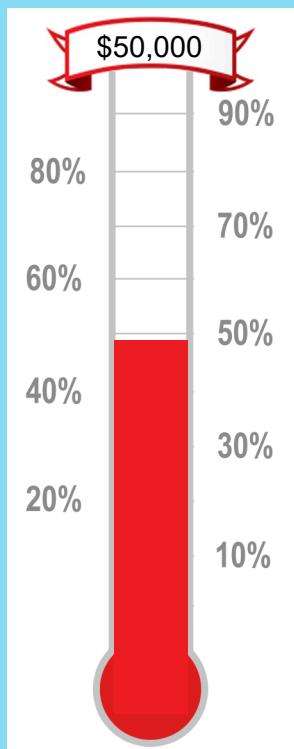


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- Jewish Education Scholarships
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- Senior Shabbat Care Packages
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From the Board and Staff at JFedDC

Community Hannukah Virtual Celebration **Sunday, December 13**

All are Welcome!

Advance Registration Required

See page 8 for more details

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7:00 - 7:15 Welcome & voting on JFedDC Board slate
7:15 - 8:00 Special Guest speaker Brad Orsini
8:00 Presentation of JFedDC/JFS Annual Review

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December

December 9 **Eight Things you Never Knew about Hanukkah** with Cantor Devorah. Cantor Devorah Gartner from Temple Beth-El will be telling us things we never knew about Hanukkah!

December 23 **Annual Holiday Ugly Sweater Contest** Please wear ugly sweater! Prizes given (eventually). Come learn all about the holiday of Kwanzaa!

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 11:30 –12:30pm
Program
 12:30pm —Lunch

\$6.00—Lunch and program
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Learn & Lunch Bunch Halloween Party

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Talmud Studies with Rabbi Krasner Sunday Morning after Shacharis- Starting in the 4th Chapter of Brachos. Classes are free. All are welcome. View website at www.schomreIsrael.org for recordings of previous classes.

For information on cancellations and class schedules, visit www.schomreIsrael.org or call (845) 454-2890.

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

Back to the Sources Wednesdays, 7:30pm. Unravel the mysteries of basic Jewish texts and their role in establishing Jewish practices through this introduction into the world of rabbinic literature. No prior background or knowledge of Hebrew required.

December 2, Rabbi Golomb: The World of Talmud

December 9, Rabbi Altman: An introduction of Codes and Response Literature

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text Select Thursdays from 12:00-1:30pm. Taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. For further information and to obtain the study sheets, contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Torah Study Saturdays, 9:00-10:00am. (December 19 will be combined with community shabbat event) Examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftorah and will be led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D. New attendees should contact rabbi@vassartemple.org to be put on the Torah Study email list.

All are welcome to come and join in all the classes - no previous training required! No charge to attend. *All classes will be conducted on Zoom as long as necessary for public health reasons. Watch the weekly temple emails or contact the temple for updated information at (845) 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org*

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

Rabbi Daniel Victor is holding classes and social gatherings via Zoom. If you would like to join, email: rabbi@tbeny.org for the Zoom links and passwords.

Monday:	11:00 AM	General Community Schmooze
Monday:	9:00 PM	35—55ish Community Schmooze
Wednesday	1:00 PM	General Community Schmooze
Thursday:	9:30 AM	Virtual Adult Education with Rabbi Victor

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

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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.

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Congregation Shir Chadash is planning on having interesting and thought-provoking virtual talks on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Each talk will be approximately one hour. Some talks will be lectures; others, open to questions and discussion.

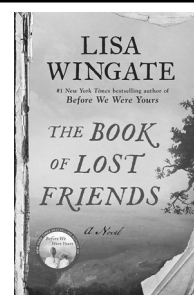
Virtual Torah Study: Saturday, December 5, 19 9:15AM. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish from the comfort of your own home. Everyone has a chance to participate. No expertise of knowledge of Hebrew is needed. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend.

For Zoom meeting id: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/shirchadashhv/posts/>

All talks are FREE of charge and open to the public. With more exciting and engaging talks to come, check out our website www.shir-chadash.org, or call (845) 232-1029, or email info@shir-chadash.org for additional talks or more details and for links to the Zoom meetings.

Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club

We will be discussing *The Book of Lost Friends* by best selling author Lisa Windgate. Through her writing, the author brings to life startling stories from actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as newly freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones who had been sold away. This historical novel tells the story of three young women searching for family amid the destruction of post Civil War South and of a modern day teacher who learns of their story and its vital connection to her own student's lives.



DETAILS

Wednesday, December 16, 2:00pm, via Zoom. Irma Jacobs will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. RSVP or get info, contact Linda Babas at bookclub@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570. We look forward to "seeing" you!

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group by Congregation Shir Chadash

Those interested in reading are invited to the Rosh Chodesh reading group (now done **virtually**) - interesting and provocative discussions, dates & times TBD. Participants meet to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry, and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest. Have a topic suggestion? Please let us know!

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The Harding Club

Just imagine!! If the Harding Club was founded in 1918 instead of 1923, the club would be experiencing its SECOND pandemic instead of its FIRST! “T”was a precious five years, indeed. Instead, the Harding Club is coasting through the world’s current medical crisis in fine form; even if, we didn’t exist during the previous crisis. Membership is growing, meetings on ZOOM are well attended, and the speakers we have enjoyed have been exceptional.



Membership opportunities still are available; just follow the instructions below. And, please keep reading if you are interested in the many other things that the Harding Club is doing.

The club began its illustrious history in 1923 when a group of local Jewish lads experienced discrimination while attempting unsuccessfully to join a Poughkeepsie athletic league. They formed the Harding Club and named the organization after the sitting president in hopes of disguising the faith of the club’s members during a time of antisemitism. Today, in addition to being a social outlet for its members, the Harding Club is very involved in a variety of philanthropic endeavors through its support of the Jewish Federation, PJ Library, needy kids at the Morse School in the City of Poughkeepsie, various temple programs, and more. We are exceedingly proud of our many contributions to the local Jewish community as well as to the local community at large.

If there were no pandemic, we would be meeting twice monthly at a local restaurant for dinner and a speaker. We hope to return to that format as soon as it is safe. Meanwhile, we are finding that, despite the tough times, we look forward to our twice monthly ZOOM meetings.

In recent weeks we have enjoyed these speakers:

- Sam Simon spoke on Dairy Farming in Dutchess County
- Sophia Kozlowski Sciacca spoke about Hospice
- Ron Hicks spoke on Economic Development of Dutchess County
- Steve Miccio spoke on crisis intervention training for police
- Vassar professors Sid Plotkin
- Richard Born will discuss the election on December 16

Check out our website: <http://harding.jigsy.com/>
Or send us an email: hardingclub1923@gmail.com

Prospective new members are always welcome.

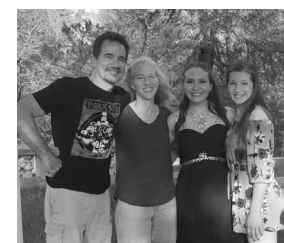
Alan Fox, Harding Club president

NexGen Professional

Meet this month’s NextGen Professional: Jill Schwartz Bubel

By Alyssa Kogon

It may seem hard to imagine that a chance meeting at a local swimming pool 30 years ago led to a long and successful marriage. When then 17 year old Jill Schwartz met her future husband, Tom Bubel, then 20, they were both enrolled in a water safety class for lifeguard training. The pair did not have much in common. Jill was a nice Jewish girl who had been celebrated her Bat Mitzvah and attended Hebrew school and synagogue regularly and was still in high school. Tom was older and a practicing Catholic. But the pair hit it off and Jill promised her father that Tom was “a really immature 20 year old.”



Bubel Family

Growing up in a Kosher style home in Lagrange with her two sisters, Jill attended the Mid Hudson Hebrew Day School until she was in middle school. Jill credits her former teacher Rita Kaplan for teaching her everything she knows about writing. “My Jewish education was a great basis for life,” she notes. She transitioned to Arlington Central Schools and went from a class of 6 students to over 500.

As a college student at SUNY Binghamton, Jill majored in Psychology. She particularly remembers going up to visit then student Jewish Federation Executive Director Karen Hochhauser to see if she would like the campus. She did. While there, Jill still attended High Holy Day services, maintained the fast, and celebrated the holidays. Bubel eventually went on to earn a Master’s Degree in Physical Therapy along with a Doctorate in the same field. All this time, Jill and Tom continued to date until they married in 1998.

While Jill is now the Trauma Injury Prevention Coordinator at Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Tom is a registered Dental Hygienist and former teacher, they continue to be involved in the aquatic world. Tom is Varsity Head Swim Coach at Our Lady of Lourdes High School with Jill acting as Volunteer Assistant Coach.

The couple lives in Hyde Park with their daughters Emily, a Speech Pathology Student at Marywood University and Valerie, a Junior at Lourdes High School. Both children were brought up Catholic, baptized and confirmed as per the wishes of their father. Jill and her family were 100% supportive of this decision. While the couple were married by both a priest and a rabbi, and Jill has never converted, she did feel that religion is an important part of life. She has introduced her daughters to Jewish life and holidays and taken them with her to synagogue so they understand her roots.

As Trauma Injury Prevention Coordinator, Jill is very involved in the community. Her job is to increase awareness of preventable injuries. The most common of those injuries include falls in older people and distracted driving. Her job is boots on the ground and you can find Jill running classes and programming to help keep everyone safe.

As for her Jewish background, Jill comments that she brings it into her everyday life. Her motto is “Do unto others as you would have done to you”. She also wanted to note that this was the first year she did not use Chanukah candles for birthday cakes and is very proud of that fact.



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Happy Holidays to all!!!

Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Daniel Victor*

Oh Hannukah, Oh Hannukah, Oh here we go again. What happened on Pesach and through the High Holidays could once more cause us to dread more than welcome this otherwise joyful and engaging Jewish holiday. Perhaps this is the year to remember that while Pesach and Rosh Hashanah have needed us to completely reinvent the wheel, Hanukkah can achieve a measure of palpable joy relatively easily. Don't get me wrong, I would encourage any attempt to hold a wild Hannukah party over zoom with high-tech karaoke and multiple Hanukkah Menorah illuminations. At the same time, thinking about living a simpler life, with an acceptance of fewer material things and fewer requirements to be here and there has become a popular topic of conversation during this pandemic. We have a great quote from the book of Proverbs chapter 30:



Rabbi Daniel Victor

Two things I ask of you; do not deny them to me before I die: Keep lies and false words far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches, But provide me with my daily bread, Lest, being sated, I renounce, saying, "Who is the LORD?" Or, being impoverished, I take to theft And profane the name of my God.

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 נְשָׁם אֱלֹהֵי:

Hanukkah is an easy holiday to enjoy from the safety and comfort of your own home. The only Mitzvah of Hannukah is publicizing the miracle from our collective story. A festival of lights, during dark times, what more do you need? Make sure you at least have your Hannukah Menorah up in your window and recite the blessings each night. If you have the ingredients, you can make some Latkes, but they don't have to be on par with your fancy French cuisine to be delicious, and yes, if you want to spin the dreidel in a way that symbolizes the way our world is right now, you can spin it upside down. Chag Urim Sameach (a joyful festival of lights)!



Community Shabbaton Meet Rabbi Bryan Mann, Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College

Last spring the annual Community Shabbaton was cancelled due to COVID-19. The Community Shabbaton is about much more than the guest speaker; praying together and experiencing each other's Shabbat traditions are very rich aspects of this annual tradition. Therefore, in that spirit, while we continue to try to reschedule our originally planned speaker, we will be holding both a December Friday night and a March Shabbat morning Community Shabbat Service. Each will be broadcast from a synagogue sanctuary, with everyone but the main service leaders participating via Zoom.



The Shabbat morning joint worship will take place on Saturday, December 19, hosted by Temple Beth-El, when we are so pleased to introduce you to Rabbi Bryan Mann, the new Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College and Assistant Director of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices. Rabbi Mann, ordained at Hebrew College Rabbinical School in Newton Centre, MA, previously served as senior rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom, Brandon, FL. He will join the rabbis of Temple Beth-El, Congregation Shir Chadash, and Vassar Temple in opening the Shabbaton with a Torah study session at 9:00am. At 10:00am we will move into worship, which will also involve participation of cantors from participating congregations, enriching the worship experience with a variety of musical traditions.

Let's come together to celebrate the Sabbath on December 19, and BYOK – bring your own kiddush! Zoom links will be publicized within the participating congregations, or contact programs@tbeny.org.

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for a joint Friday evening worship service on March 5, hosted by Vassar Temple as part of HIAS Shabbat.

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 Miriam Goldstone who took time from teaching dance at Vassar College to answer our questions.



Miriam Goldstone

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: Possible - I tend to be an optimist so I think in those terms...how can we make things happen
Least Favorite: The opposite of that - Impossible
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
 My family, my students, and the arts community. They all contribute to my sense of spirituality, creativity, and emotional well being.
- 3. What is your favorite song?**
 L'dor V'dor
- 4. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
 This is an easy one. I have a dream of being a lawyer so that I could help those who have been unjustly incarcerated. I would like to work for the Innocence Project.
- 5. What profession would you not like to attempt?**
 There are too many from which to choose.
- 6. What is something you are most proud of?**
 Both my kids turned out great
- 7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: I think I'm fairly open minded and open to hearing other perspectives. I enjoy having broad experiences and am a life long learner.
Dislike: I'm somewhat impatient, somewhat being a mild term.
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
 I lived in Iran for 4 years as a young child. My father is Iranian.
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
 To ensure that everyone on earth has enough food to eat
- 10. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
 Learning to speak Spanish
- 11. If there was one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**
 Listen to each other
- 12. What is your most favorite Jewish Memory?**
 My wedding
- 13. What is your earlier Jewish Memory?**
 Growing up in my temple, being a part of the temple youth group and rabbi's weekly class. We led services, wrote articles for the newsletter and songs for services. Being involved in temple life gave me a life long love of Judaism and wanting to be involved.
- 14. In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**
 With the Mitzvah Now projects, while recipients can be Jewish or non-Jewish, these projects give our Jewish community opportunities to do mitzvahs and participate in acts of Tikun Olam, repairing the world. Jewish Federation can inspire us to get involved in our community.

Also, it is important to build bonds between various segments of the Jewish community, to come together as a community, especially because our community is so small. JFedDC is providing us a way to do that.

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Jewish Community Preschool is excited to start offering FREE virtual classes to young Jewish Families! Music, crafts, storytelling, and more with our local teachers and clergy! Please join us for our upcoming virtual events:

Wed., December 9, 10:00AM—Celebrate Chanukah with Lisa Roth
 Fri., December 18, 10:00AM—Celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Polish

Please contact us at jewishcommunitypreschool@gmail.com to receive a link to the zoom sessions. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Jewish-Community-Pre-School-of-the-Hudson-Valley-107813280822325> Check out our Web page: <http://jcphv.org>



Kids' Program at Schomre

Congregation Schomre Israel has established Tikvas Devorah Chana to provide quality programs for the children in our community.

December 6, 4:00pm Tikvas Devorah Chana welcomes all school age children (5-16) together with their parents and grandparents for **Chanukah crafts and celebration** –need we say more!

RSVP by December 2, to RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com

Shir Chadash Religious School Students Continue their Study of Jewish Values

Congregation Shir Chadash's students are learning about Jewish values: our Aleph class through the study of Torah stories and our Bet class through the study of Jewish heroes, Jewish American history, and the Jewish Holidays. The Aleph Class, taught by Rochelle Bellach, meets 9:30-10:15a.m. followed by a Sharing Shabbat Service where they are joined by the Bet class. The Bet class, taught by Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, continues from 10:45-11:45 a.m. **Classes are all virtual at this time.**

Want to get in on the fun, but your child is not registered? New students can try out our school for one month **FREE**. Children will learn about Jewish culture, holidays, history, and Israel while having fun and making friends. To receive the link, ask questions, or have concerns; contact Sue Marcoe: sfmarcoe@gmail.com or (845) 723-4045.

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For information contact Hindy Borenstein, Director
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For information www.mypardess.org/JSA

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 Director (845) 876-7666 or [tizviehecht@gmail.com](mailto:tziviehecht@gmail.com)

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The programs focus on G-d & Prayer, Jewish History, and the concepts of Tzedakah, G'milut Chasadim and Tikun Olum. No charge for pre-school children. Open registration. Tots classes through b'nai mitzvah classes are offered. Classes meet 2 Saturdays a month at 9:00am.

For information, contact (845) 723-4045,
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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.

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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
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For info contact Rabbi Renni Altman, Director
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

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The Bible Players



- 9:30 am Improvisation Games with The Bible Players
Pre K – Grade 2 and families
- 10:00 am Welcome all participants
Milton the Menorah: A Hanukkah Adventure starring The Bible Players
Community Hanukkah Celebration Film
- 11:00 am Improvisation Games with The Bible Players
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In the meantime, get started on your own DIY Hanukkah decorations here
(Courtesy of <https://mericherry.com/2013/11/24/hanukkah-dreidel-wall-art-from-your-childs-artwork/>):
Image via Meri Cherry



Transform a year's worth of school art projects into a special Hanukkah decoration. If you're looking to clear some space at home this is a great way to upcycle your child's projects. Plus going through the projects creates an opportunity to walk down memory lane together.

PJ LIBRARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Family Name:
Geva

How many kids are in your family and what are their ages?

I have three children , 11, 9, and 5 years old.

**Where are you from?
Where do you currently live?**

Poughkeepsie



How long have you been receiving PJ Library books?

Two years

What is your family's favorite PJ Library book?

Bone Button Borscht

How did you hear about PJ Library?

We heard about PJ Library from the Jewish Federation. We contacted the Federation before we moved to the area in order to start our connection with the local Jewish Community.

Why is PJ Library important in your home?

PJ Library is very special and important to our family. It instantly made us feel a part of a warm and welcoming community in a new and foreign place. We moved to Poughkeepsie from Israel about 2 years ago. Our first social event, only a week after our arrival, was a PJ Our Way Pool Party. We attended most of the PJ Family events that followed, gaining close friendships and enjoying meaningful Jewish moments.

How has PJ Library influenced your family's Jewish living and decisions?

PJ Library helped us maintain our Jewish traditions. The PJ Library books help us to educate our kids and discuss these traditions. The PJ Library community and events have been a significant part of our Jewish holiday celebrations.

Is PJ Library helpful to you as a parent? How?

PJ Library is very important to us as parents. Our children made some close friends within the PJ Library Community. They are always excited to join a PJ Library event or to find an envelope in the mailbox with their name on it and a new book inside. Living in Israel, our children obtained Jewish values daily. Here, we feel blessed to have PJ Library continue to keep us connected to these values.

In Hebrew, the word shamash means attendant or caretaker. It is also the name of the helper candle or the one that we use to help light all the others on Hanukkah. What a wonderful concept, being the light to help all the others to shine. In December when the days are the darkest, wouldn't it be wonderful to be the shamash. To be the one who helps all the others to find their light and shine on with you! Hanukkah is filled with miracles. Not just from days of old but now. In times like these, just like in times like those, miracles happen with our help! At this time of year, we celebrate our dedication (or Hanukkah) to the temple. Perhaps we can find a way to dedicate ourselves to helping each other through this season.

Let's bring in the much needed light of Chanukah together this season by dedicating ourselves to supporting our local Jewish Community. We will be having our annual **Community Hanukkah Virtual Celebration** event on **Sunday December 13th at 9:30 am**. This year we have the great pleasure of bringing the infamous **Bible Players** to perform their hilarious improv comedy show, filled with interactive games for our young families. There will also be participation from families and lay leaders from Temple Beth El, Shir Chadash, PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley, Vassar Temple , JFedDC, and Congregation Schomre Israel. We are looking forward to another wonderful community event filled with improvisation games, candy grams, Hanukkah activities and a PJ Library Storytime!

Please be aware that there is a special program at 9:30am for families with young children Pre-K through Grade 2 before the main program and a special program at 11:00am for families with children and grades 3 and up.

Happy Hannukah

Kimberly Ritz, Director PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley
Suzanne Turrisi, Assistant Director PJLMHV

Please check out all of our **PJ Library December 2020 Events** on our Facebook Page: "PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley" and in our bi-monthly PJ Library and PJ OurWay E-News and Mid-Month Update emails!

Want to sign up your children or grandchildren for PJ Library or PJ OurWay chapter books? Please fill out a quick form to start receiving engaging, Jewish FREE books in your mailbox every month!

Sign up for PJ Library (ages 0-8 years old): www.pjlibrary.org

Sign up of PJ OurWay (ages 9-12 years old): www.pjourway.org

Got Questions? New to the community or looking to make connections with other families? Interested in a Grandparent's Circle? Want to start a Parent's night In or a monthly Playgroup? We can help!
Email: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

Join our PJ Library Mom's What's app Group or our Mid-Hudson Valley PJ Library Families FB Group via **email at pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org**.

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The Federation Board's Voice



My Mother's Father

My mother's father – my grandpa Izzy – arrived at Ellis Island from Dębica, Poland in 1899 at the age of 17. Dębica's population of 2,759, of which 83% were Jews, was poor. According to family lore the Herschlag family can trace its roots to Eleazor Herschlag, born 1790, and earlier, to pre-Inquisition Spain.

Steven Wasser

Once in the United States, Izzy spurned the family's baking business and became a tailor for Hattie Carnegie, a leader in designer, ready-to-wear women's clothing. He made my mother's clothes, including her wedding dress. Izzy's three younger brothers and a cousin all went into the baking business and established the Meyer & Herschlag Wholesome Sunlight Bakery in Jamaica, Queens.



Isidore & Rose Herschlag circa 1905

Back in Dębica the Holocaust decimated the Jews who had remained. In 1941 the Nazis ordered all Jews to assemble adjacent to the house of "Shlomo Herschlag, baker." A relative of Shlomo and Grandpa Izzy, Zvi Yehuda Herschlag, was the grandfather of an actress named Natalie Portman. Zvi married Mania Portman and immigrated to Palestine just before WWII. Natalie Portman's great grandparents, Leiser and Lea Penzak Herschlag, were not as fortunate, and died in the Holocaust.

Isidore and his wife, Margaret, lived in a Bronx walk-up tenement on Bryant Avenue. During moments of leisure he could be found reading his favorite newspaper, the *Yiddish Jewish Daily Forward*. When he registered for the draft in 1942, after 43 years of residence in the United States, this highly intelligent man was unable to spell his wife's or his employer's name in English. Grandpa Izzy lived in a Yiddish world. I remember him taking me to a little schul around the corner, and to the Bronx Zoo, which was an easy walk from the apartment.

My grandmother, Mechlya Luger, was born in Craciunesti, Hungary, which today is part of Romania. Her father was a carter, moving goods from town to town by horse and wagon. After the death of Mechlya's father in 1905, when she was eight years old, her mother became a midwife with a certification from the Hungarian government. In December, 1913, just a few days before Mechlya's 16th birthday, she arrived at Ellis Island, alone, to make a better life for herself. In another era she could have been an engineer, but in the first half of the 20th century she became Margaret Herschlag - mother to three children, including my mother, Sylvia Herschlag. With the exception of her mother and one sister, all of Grandma Margaret's many brothers and sisters died in the Holocaust.

This is my milieu, and it is shared by many Americans in one form or another. From its founding, the United States has offered immigrants refuge, opportunity, and freedom, imperfect though it may sometimes be. Thinking about your family? Be part of the Federation family and support our community. Thanksgiving is just behind us and the New Year is ahead of us. Best wishes for a happy, healthy 2021 to all.

Our Executive Director



Hanukkah is known as the holiday of lights and now, in particular, that light is welcomed. While not always easy, I try to look for the silver lining. Even in the worst of times, there can be, if you look hard enough, a silver lining.

This year has been unbelievably challenging for all of us in a multitude of ways. So as the year ends, I want to focus on the good that happened, our silver linings.

Selfishly, the fact that my family is still physically healthy, is a blessing. Federation-wise, though we could not be together physically, we worked very hard to ensure we could still be together as a community. Our Mitzvah Day has grown into an ongoing Mitzvah Now program allowing us to do many focused programs to help the community at its time of need for what is needed. These have included joining the All For One community food drives (delivering close to 2,000 food packages) as well as the City of Pok Police Department's "Thanksgiving Great Pie Give Away". We partnered with the Jewish Social Action Coalition, Harding Club and PJ Library to create 600 bags of school supplies for Morse school children. For our Jewish seniors, with the help of our PJ Library families, we started a Shabbat Care Package delivery, including a special Rosh Hashana Care Package for 60 seniors in 9 locations and an anticipated Hannukah Care Packages for 80 seniors in 11 locations (an opportunity for those who want to volunteer). We want you to know that we are here for you and will always try to help you however we can.

We know that we are not perfect but just know that we are working very hard to do the best that we can and we thank you for your understanding and support. If you hadn't heard, we currently have a 50% matching program with JFNA. If you can, please consider giving more than last year to qualify for the match and help your dollar and our efforts go farther.

Lastly, while focusing on the good, we all need to be aware of the rise of anti-Semitism. With this in mind, we have invited, former FBI agent and Sr. National Security Advisor Brad Orsini from SCN to speak at our annual meeting. We hope you will join us to hear how we can proactively help ourselves.

Wishing you a winter season full of light and silver linings,
Karen Hochhauser

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Jews in the News:

Our newest section that highlights updates and happenings of our Jewish business members of the community.

WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY, November 17, 2020– One of the most prominent law firms in the Hudson Valley has announced that, effective immediately, it will begin operating under a new name: Stenger, Diamond & Glass, LLP. Formerly SRDD Law, the rebranded firm has a more than four-decade legacy of serving the community's legal needs in Dutchess, Ulster, Orange and Putnam counties, with extension into Westchester County and the Capital Region, as well as Florida and New Jersey.



"It's an exciting time to be a part of the firm," said Kenneth M. Stenger, partner at Stenger, Diamond & Glass. "We've added strong, talented attorneys with a depth of expertise – and edge – that's rarely seen in the Hudson Valley. Just as importantly, we are evolving to meet clients' changing needs and are providing solutions to legal issues they are facing in today's world."

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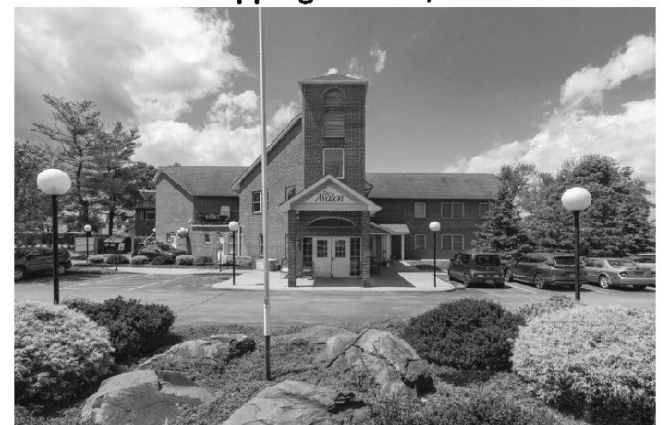


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Congregation Shir Chadash is offering interesting and thought-provoking virtual talks presented by some of our new members who would like to share their knowledge and skills to help others. The talks will take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Each talk will be about one hour. Some talks will be lectures; others, open to questions and discussion.

All talks are FREE of charge and open to the public. To attend or for more details, contact Roberta Tracy at (845) 232-1029 or email info@shir-chadash.org. More exciting and engaging talks to come; check out our website www.shir-chadash.org.

Pay Attention to the Natural World

One of the gifts that we get from following the path that Judaism lays out for us is that we can become attuned to the natural world around us. As we enter into late fall and winter, we watch the change in the amount of daylight we experience. Our schedule for prayers aligns itself with this natural phenomenon. The times of our prayer services vary. Below you will find the Fall/Winter Davening schedule for Congregation Schomre Israel.

Fall/Winter Davening Schedule

Shacharis (weekdays): 7:30am

Shacharis (Sundays and Holidays): 8:30am

Maariv (winter weekdays): 6:40pm (Zoom)

Kabbalat Shabbat: around candle lighting time

Shacharis Shabbat: 9:00am

Schomre Israel's Place in History

Congregation Schomre Israel and the congregations that merged to form it have a long history in Poughkeepsie. We are making a special request.

We are trying to collect historical memorabilia relating to our shul. Therefore, Rabbi Kasner requests that you send him (schomre1@aol.com) any photos or newspaper articles on simchas or events that took place at Schomre Israel over the past 132 years.

Please send us background information on the photo and let us know if we have permission to include the photos and names in the synagogue bulletin.

Virtual Chanukah Family Service and Celebration

Celebrate Chanukah with a virtual family oriented service and celebration at Shir Chadash. Help "Light Up The Night" virtually 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 and singing! All welcome.

DETAILS

December 11, 7:30pm. For Zoom info email: info@shir-chadash.org or call (845) 232-1029 or website: www.shir-chadash.org

New Paths Morning Worship

Always different, the moving liturgy includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English. Participants may bring supplemental materials to share. We take time to let the service get through us, rather than getting through the service. Each New Paths service, whether lay led or rabbi led, provides a unique and thoughtful shabbat morning experience. A brief mini-kiddush follows (BYO wine or grape juice).

DETAILS

December 5, 10:15am, via Zoom. For info, contact Vassar Temple: office@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570 or Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Altman: rabbi@vassartemple.org

Schomre Chanukah Celebration

We will be having a parking lot celebration, either in your car or by the raging bonfire (your choice), as we light the shul menorah. There will be a raffle (go to the synagogue website and see page 7 of our Bulletin for raffle tickets submission info) for a stunning Lucite menorah as well as other prizes, together with packaged Chanukah noshes that may be dropped off at your car.

DETAILS

December 13, 6:30pm. RSVP by December 9 to: RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com or schomreisrael1@aol.com

High Holidays during the Warmth of Chanukah

Join us as we enjoy a cantorial concert by Chazzanim from around the World as they share with us their traditional Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur melodies. BYOL. (L for Latkes)

DETAILS

December 15, 7:00pm, via ZOOM

Keeping our Traditions Alive—Chinese and a Movie

Congregation Schomre Israel will be showing *Jews in TV—Family Guy—I wish upon a Weinstein, The Simpsons go to Israel, and Young Sheldon—Decides to become Jewish* in our Drive-By parking lot cinema. We will be bringing Chinese dinners and chicken subs for all who order.

DETAILS

December 24, 6:30pm. Ordering, menu, and cost information will be sent out. Contact the synagogue office by mid December for info.

Kosher, Quality, and Value: the Wines of Israel Sponsored by Vassar Temple

On Sunday, Feb. 7th at 4pm, prepare to embark on a 2-hour virtual event including an introductory-level seminar on Israeli wines (industry history, geography, grapes, and the story of Israel's Barkan Wine Cellars) and enjoy a guided tasting of four Barkan Classic Series kosher wines (Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon).

You must register by Jan. 15 to allow for wine ordering and pickup. (After that date, participants are welcome but we cannot guarantee wine availability.) To register, send an email to Arnie at wine@vassartemple.org and mail a check with "wine tasting" on the memo line to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Cost is \$20 per individual participant, to benefit Vassar Temple. Zoom link will be provided to participants in advance.

Judaica Shop Ready for Hanukkah

The Vassar Temple Judaica Shop is open to meet your Hanukkah needs. We have menorahs, candles, dreidels, children's gifts, and more.

DETAILS

Appointment slots are available. For info or to arrange an appointment to visit us soon, please contact: sisterhood@vassartemple.org.

Chanukah Cookie Baking Event

Vassar Temple Sisterhood is sponsoring a Chanukah sugar cookie baking event for holiday fun in a safe environment. The number of attendees is capped at 25% of social hall capacity, so everyone must preregister. When you register, you can learn about the detailed safety requirements we will all be expected to follow. If you'd like to contribute a batch of cookie dough (which is optional), you can get the recipe at that time. Please be sure to let us know how many are in your party and whether you are bringing dough. Plenty of decorations for the holiday cookies will be provided, but please bring a rolling pin!

DETAILS

Sunday, December 6, 1:00-3:00pm, Vassar Temple. RSVP required by December 3 to: cookies@vassartemple.org

Latke Extravaganza and Contest

This year Congregation Shir Chadash is having a novel approach to its Hanukkah Oneg. Virtual Latkes and REAL ones to eat at home! The temple is offering its members and non-members alike the opportunity to order and purchase homemade latkes. The latkes will be made with all necessary sanitary precautions as well as with Lots of Love! In addition to traditional latkes, offerings include: sweet potato, root vegetable, apple cinnamon and raisin/cheese.

Three temple board members will be judges in a contest identifying the best tasting latke via Zoom on Wednesday, December 9. Tune in to see if the latke you ordered won!! It promises to be fun!

Latkes can be ordered from Rebecca Meshulam at:

rebecca.benichak@gmail.com.

Order early as they will go fast! Cost is: \$18/dozen donation Pick Up— Tuesday, Dec. 8 or Wednesday, Dec. 9 NY. For more info, please call (845) 232-1029.

DO YOU PLAY MAH JONGG?

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about ordering your 2021 Mah Jongg Cards. For the first time in about six years, the price has gone up, but by Only \$1. The good news is that we will receive \$2.50 for each card ordered to go to Dutchess County's Outreach Lunchbox Program. Please support this worthy cause and order your cards through us. It doesn't cost you any more money and we do a real mitzvah. Also, please consider asking your friends and family who may not get this notice. We have one former member who lives in Florida and collects at her complex. She consistently gets about 30 names which amounts to \$75 for the Lunchbox Program. The league mails the cards directly to you and even to Canada. This year, with your help, we received a check for \$390 for Lunchbox. Our goal for 2021 is to earn \$500 and with your help, we can do it!

DETAILS

Regular \$9.00 or Large \$10.00.

The deadline is January 22, 2021.

As the Mah Jongg League accepts only one check for the entire order, please make your check out to: Phyllis Rosenfield, 32 Ferris Lane, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601.

Simchat Shabbat Chanukah Candle Lighting Service

Join us as we light up the night at Vassar Temple's annual family-friendly candle lighting service, led by Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann. The service will be on Zoom, but we will be preserving as many of our cherished Vassar Temple Chanukah traditions as possible. Although this year we will be lighting our menorahs in our individual homes instead of together in the temple, we would like to continue our tradition of displaying all our lit menorahs together.

So we invite you to send us either a photo or a video of your family lighting your menorah set up for the second day of Chanukah. Just send your photo or video to:

templevideos@vassartemple.org as soon as possible. We will combine them with a beautiful musical background, and we will display them all together at the end of the service.

If you make a video, you may recite the blessing if you wish. If you have a special or historical menorah, we would love to hear a few words about it in your video as well. Even if you cannot send in a photo or video, everyone can light their own menorah simultaneously at home at the end of the service. Have your menorah set up to light for the second night of the holiday, and you may also want to have a few Chanukah cookies or donuts on hand for oneg munching as well!

DETAILS

Friday, December 11, 6:00pm. For the Zoom link contact: office@vassartemple.org



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. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

Congregation Schomre Israel 4K (Kvetching, Kvelling, Kibbutzin, Koffee) Last Sunday of the month, 9:20am. A different topic is presented each month.

Monday

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas 11:00am. \$5 per session. Chair Yoga everyone is welcome to join us (Social distancing is observed and face masks are required at all times). For info contact Roberta Grosman (845) 471-5105 or rgrosman@aol.com or visit our website: www.schomreisrael.org.

Temple Beth-El Board Meeting 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees meeting. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

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

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat Service December 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:30pm. Virtual Evening Service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. You are welcome to read a prayer of your choice or write one and read it at the service, if you wish. For Zoom meeting id: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/shirchadashhv/posts/> or www.shir-chadash.org. All welcome to attend.

Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service December 4, 18, 7:30pm and December 11, 6:00pm Chanukah Candle Lighting, Shabbat Service (Family Friendly), December 25, 6:00pm. All service are on Zoom go to www.vassartemple.org for link.

Temple Beth-El Evening Service each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian service. All welcome. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Virtual Sharing Shabbat -Religious School Programs December 5, 19. Shir Chadash would like you and your family to experience our virtual religious school for FREE for 1 month. Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays, Israel and history while having fun and making friends. Classes Preschool—Grade 3 9:30-10:15 and Grades 4-7 10:30-11:15. For Zoom meeting id: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/shirchadashhv/posts/> or www.shir-chadash.org. All welcome to attend.

Congregation Shir Chadash Virtual Torah Study December 5, 19, 9:15-10:30am. While enjoying a light breakfast from the comfort of your own home, engage in an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish; 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. For Zoom meeting id: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/shirchadashhv/posts/> or www.shir-chadash.org, (845) 232-1029. All welcome to attend.

Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service Recessed until the Fall 10:45-11:30am.

Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship December 5, 10:15am. Service via Zoom.

Vassar Temple Community Torah Study and Shabbat Worship December 19, 9:00am.

Temple Beth-El Shabbat Morning Service Every week, 9:30am. Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

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.

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley follows CDC recommendations in regard to COVID-19 precautions to ensure the health and safety of our community. At the time of submission, all events are being held online. Please visit www.cehv.org or call (845) 338-4271 x 101 for updates and changes to location for events.

All services are held virtually via Live Stream: www.cehv.org/livestream/

Early Family Kabbalat Shabbat Friday, December 4, 6:00pm.

Kabbalat Shabbat Friday, December 11, 7:00pm, special OUTDOOR Menorah lighting. December 18, 7:00pm, Community Candle lighting. . December 25, 7:30pm

Tot Shabbat Friday, December 4, 5:30pm. Introduce your tot to Shabbat through music with Rabbi Yael Romer and her guitar.

Religious School 2020/2021 Registration is open. Saturdays 9:30am -12:30pm. Now offering Pre-K class from 9:30am to 11:00 am. Call Samara Genee (845) 338-4271 x110 for more info.

Morning Minyan Saturday, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00am. Communal prayer, meditation and Torah study.

Annual Congregational Meeting Saturday, December 5, 12:00pm. Meet your fellow congregants, discuss issues, vote and support your community.

Outdoor Menorah Construction Saturday, December 5, 10:00am. Join the Brotherhood as they prepare for Chanukah and set up our Outdoor Menorah

Monthly Brotherhood Meeting December 8, New members are welcome and encouraged to join.

Monthly Sisterhood Meeting New members are welcome and encouraged to join. To get on the email list for the next meeting contact the office (845) 338-4271 or templemanuel@hvc.rr.com.

Hanukkah! Come light candles every night of Hanukkah on the front lawn of Congregation Emanuel. Beginning on the evening of December 10 and each night at 6:00pm, our community will gather and light our menorah together. Family activities with special surprises planned. For updates about our annual storytelling and carnival, please see website for more information.

All following classes and special events are held via Zoom. Please call the (845) -3.38-4271 x101 or email: templemanuelaa@hvc.rr.com or CEHVwebmaster@gmail.com for class links and passwords.

Chai with Rabbi Yael Every Thursday, December 3, 10, 17, 5:00pm. Rabbi Yael leads special 18-minute sessions via Zoom

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Tuesday, December 1, 8, 15, 8:45am, followed at 9:15am by Torah Study Led by Rabbi Yael Romer, join your fellow seekers to receive the day's blessings and explore Jewish traditions with a progressive, egalitarian approach.

New Virtual Hebrew coursed for our Religious School Students, contact the office to register: templemanuelaa@hvc.rr.com

Beginning Hebrew Tuesday, December 1, 8, 15, 4:00pm-5:00pm. Good for all students still learning the Aleph Bet **Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew** Thursday, December 3, 10, 17, 4:00pm-5:00pm. For students who know their Aleph Bet and can decode, we will work on fluency and prayer readiness.

Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi : Hebrew Trope Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16, 12:30pm. New comers welcome, learn or improve Torah chanting skills! **Conversational Hebrew (Beginner and Intermediate)** Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16, 4:00pm. This dedicated and entertaining group meets to learn and practice the fundamentals of conversational Hebrew.

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: ChabadMidhudsonVly@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: Shacharis (weekdays): 7:30am, Shacharis (Sunday & holidays): 8:30am, Maariv (winter weekdays):

via Zoom 6:40pm, Friday Kabbalat Shabbat: around candle lighting time, Shabbat Shacharis: 9:00am

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 Hanoth 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 Renni Altman Website: www.vassartemple.org

Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or

rabbiv@vassartemple.org

Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah study Saturday, 9:00am. New Paths 1st and 3rd Saturday every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

December Candle Lighting

December 4 4:07pm

December 11 4:07pm

December 18 4:09pm

December 25 4:13pm

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TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org

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Richard Berman	Eli Gorin	Michael Schwartz
Herman Chertock	Martin Hochhauser	Ralph Schwartz
Stu Chimkin	Jeff Lash	Dave Shron
Herb Dym	Gary Mayer	Eli Sloves
Mike Elkin	Bob Morrison	Bernardo Steinvorzal
Marty Finkelstein	Lou Newman	Victor Stern

And in memory of all departed members

Peace to all!

Rabbi Jonathan Kliger & Woodstock Jewish Congregation

Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!

Congregation Schomre Israel

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Jewish War Veterans Post #625

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Sisterhood Schomre Israel

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

Sandra Mamis

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2021 A Year of Health:
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Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!

Marian & Ralph Schwartz

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Hanukkah!
 Betsy Kopstein-Stuts and George Stuts

From Our Family to Yours,
Happy Hanukkah!
 Nina & Russell Rothman

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

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Happy Hanukkah!
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Giving back
is always in
STYLE

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A way to give back to the JFedDC

The CARES Act, enacted by Congress on March 27, acknowledges the critical work of nonprofits by expanding charitable giving tax incentives. Whether you itemize your deductions or not, there are benefits to donating in 2020. For those who take the standard deduction, a line item for charitable giving of up to \$300 is available to reduce your adjusted gross income (AGI). Those who itemize deductions can elect to deduct up to 100% of their AGI (usually 60%) on qualified cash contributions. And IRA owners can contribute directly through qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). **Learn more about these special 2020 tax breaks.** Call the JFedDC office (845) 471-9811.

Business Greetings

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Hanukkah!
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Lorraine Patten, DDS

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East Fishkill Eye Associates
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The Family and Staff at
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Happy Hanukkah!
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Wellness Center in
Wappingers Falls



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Sims
Podiatry



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Happy Hanukkah!
Sugar & Spice Café and
Spice Catering

Schomre Israel Invites you to

Two Exclusive Zoom Events for Women Only

Tuesday, December 8, 8:00pm

Everlasting Love:

Recreating Yourself,
Recreating Your Relationships

Tuesday, December 22, 8:00pm

Waters of Eden

How to Transform your Marriage



With
Chana Weisberg

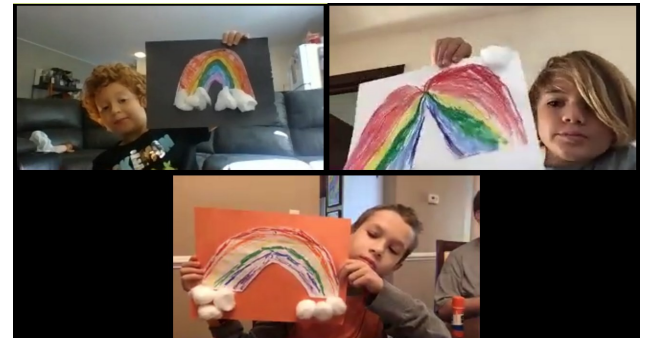
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With an introduction from
our very own
Kimberly Ritz



Mitzvah Now Project—All for One Food Drive-Thru



Shir Chadash's younger religious school students showing off their rainbows after learning about Noah



JFedDC Rosh Hashanah services at the Fountains in Millbrook with Sandra Mamis blowing the shofar.



Congregation Shir Chadash celebrating Chanukah prior to COVID-19

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May you feel the warmth of the lights all through the year!

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Happy Hanukkah!



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