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**Yesterday and Tomorrow** *By Steven Wasser*

2021 was another covid year and still a productive one for the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (JFedDC). Federation will continue its traditional Hand, Heart, and Soul programs for 2022, as well as blazing new ground based on a new strategic plan. Your support as volunteers and by contributions is urgently needed – please help!

**Community Partnerships**

Partnerships with community organizations have become increasingly important to JFedDC. We had breakthrough events with the Dutchess County African American Clergy Association led by Reverend Jesse Bottoms and assisted by Bishop Debra Gause. Reverend Bottoms and Bishop Gause joined members of the Consulate General of Israel, author Raffi Berg, and Israeli security officer Dani Limor on June 6 for a panel discussion on Ethiopian Jews. JFedDC’s Executive Director, Karen Hochhauser, also worked in collaboration with the African American clergy and the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights Executive, Jody Miller, to organize a United Against Hate march in Poughkeepsie which took place on October 3rd.



With the cooperation of Pastor Luis Perez of the Rhinebeck Reformed Church, we brought back our in-person Learn & Lunch program with Professor Bruce Chilton of Bard College as the speaker. These programs are continuing into 2022.



Movie Night In, organized by board member Russell Rothman, garnered easily over 500 attendees in 2021. Russell was able to arrange several interesting and relevant speakers to complement the movie. During the latter part of the year, this program was organized in conjunction with the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.

Our collaboration with the FDR Library continued in 2021 and was capped by a virtual program for educators to provide resources and training on Holocaust Education. JFedDC’s committee chair, Jonah Ritter, was instrumental in creating the program. There were participants from across the country. In 2022, we look forward to collaborating with them again.



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**Wednesday, December 8**  
**7:00pm**  
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**Movie Night In:**  
**Thursday, December 16 at 7:00PM**  
**Rosenwald**

A documentary on the incredible story of how businessman and philanthropist Julius Rosenwald joined with African-American communities in the South to build schools for them during the early part of the 20th Century. This historical partnership as well as the modern-day attempt to maintain or reconfigure the schools is a great dramatic story, yet too little-known.

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**Always a great time at Learn & Lunch Bunch**



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**Strategic Plan**

In May, we had the first strategic planning session in more than five years, led by board member Stan Cooper. Attendees included representatives of other Jewish organizations in the County, including the board presidents of several synagogues. A key community need that emerged from the session was to provide interfaith programming. The latest Pew survey of American Jews revealed that 72% of non-Orthodox Jews, who married in the last decade, had married someone not Jewish. In order to support this effort, JFedDC is looking for two interfaith couples who could chair a committee to address this critical part of our community. Also, JFedDC is planning to hire a part-time Program Coordinator to bolster our interfaith and other programming.

To increase collaboration within the Jewish community, JFedDC organized quarterly meetings with temple board presidents which have been well received.

**Israel**

Our relationship with the Consulate General of Israel in New York team and Deputy Consul General Israel Nitzan continues to be strong. For 2022 a trip to Israel has been organized for October 23 to November 1. The itinerary includes some unusual ecological activities which even to veteran travelers to Israel will find unique and new. The full itinerary can be found at <https://jewishdutchess.org/events/israel-trip-2022>.

Plans are already being made to utilize a grant made by Jonah Ritter via The Ritter Family Foundation (and to which board member, Mark Klein, has contributed) to establish programs related to Israel.

**Hand, Heart, and Soul**

Despite covid, JFedDC continued to provide support services for the Jewish community. Volunteers were able to distribute hundreds of holiday care packages to Jewish residents of 11 assisted living facilities multiple times during 2021 and Suzanne Turrisi continued supporting our seniors with the Learn & Lunch Bunch program.

JFedDC's Medical Loan Closet loans medical equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers to anyone in need in Dutchess County, regardless of faith or economic status. So far in 2021, over 120 equipment loans and 350 offers of assistance have been conducted.

In November, we were fortunate to have several Board members (Adam Belok, Russell Rothman, Michael Smith, and myself) help with a massive clean up of the JFedDC office. Michael's wife Pam, an occupational therapist, assisted by going through all our equipment to make sure everything was in good working order. Former board President, Betsy Kopstein-Stuts, also went through years of paper records to help us determine what was most relevant to keep. On the big day we brought in a large dumpster which was nearly filled when we were done.

With Kim Ritz's leadership, PJ Library expanded support to families with hiring a new Parent Connector, Tamatha Williams, to connect with our youngest PJ Library families. We were awarded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation the PJ Library Engagement Grant: Generation Gratitude. We also launched a PJ OurWay "Mensch Club" for kids 8-12 thanks to Suzanne Turrisi. In 2022, we look forward to continuing to connect and engage Jewish and interfaith families throughout the County.

**Your Help**

The programs and events to support the Jewish community in Dutchess County as well as other residents of the County and Jews in other parts of the world requires resources. Federation's success depends on your contributions and on volunteers. The stock market is way up this year. Please consider donating appreciated stock to take advantage of tax rules and to assist us. Of course any contribution is welcome, as are volunteers.

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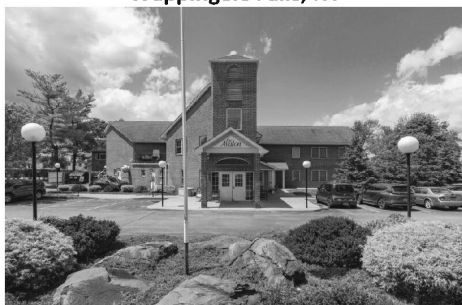
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# The Harding Club



Harding Club sincerely hopes that all of our friends and neighbors had wonderful Thanksgiving and Chanukah holidays. Additionally, we wish everyone a healthy, prosperous and fulfilling 2022.

These monthly columns serve as a reminder that there is joy in camaraderie, there is fulfillment in doing good deeds for others, there is optimism in being with friends, and there is the Harding Club to put smiles on your faces. Membership opportunities continue. Just contact us as noted below. We will surely answer your questions and ease your way toward membership.

But, you ask, "What does the club do? Why should I join? What's in it for me?"

The club is not only a social club, but it also is very active in the community delivering food and clothing and school supplies to needy children and providing financial support to the PJ Library, the Jewish Federation and many other worthy local organizations.

Harding Club is celebrating its 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

Due to the continuing pandemic, the Harding Club Board of Governors has decided to continue meeting only via Zoom. The hope is that soon in-person meetings will resume, and we will again be safely gathering, as is our custom, at a local restaurant for a delicious dinner followed by an interesting speaker. Via Zoom, the lineup of interesting speakers continues (see below), but all of our members miss the camaraderie of meeting in person.

The Harding Club has recently enjoyed a wide range of speakers via Zoom, including:

- County Historian Will Tatum spoke on the Prohibition Era in Dutchess County
- Muriel Horowitz spoke about the Dutchess County Interfaith Council
- Doctors Harvey and Matthew Letterman spoke on the BRCA Gene and Reproductive Screening, an issue that inordinately affects Jewish women
- A visual extravaganza of religious oriented photos taken by members of our Photography Club
- Craig Marshall, Town of Clinton Historian, spoke on "Vietnam: A Seabee's Different Experience"
- Member Irv Miller spoke on "Building a Family Tree"

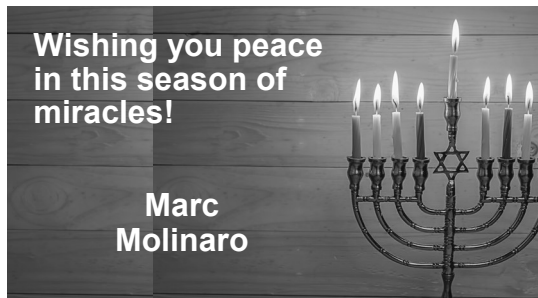
Lots of interesting programs are in store for members in 2022. Not only that, but there are also many opportunities for our members to do good deeds in the community as representatives of the Harding Club. Perhaps you, too, will want to join.

Below is information for you to use as you investigate membership opportunities. Check us out. We look forward to telling you more about our club.

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**Moderators:**  
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**December 7, 2021**  
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Dear Tough Year,

You made it through, didn't you? After all: fire tests gold, like adversity tests the brave! There is always something to be grateful for. On this secular new year, just like on Yom Kippur, wipe the slate clean. Leave the tough year behind and be able to accept a new one. A year filled with promise and hope. Walk into 2022 with your head held high and the ability to face the new things that may be in store for you! Go out and celebrate, for every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end!

Shoshana

## Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein*

### CLIMBING THE SPIRITUAL LADDER

As we approach this time of year, many of us are seeing an easing of some covid restrictions of the past two years and are looking to “come out of the closet” and “connect” with family and friends. Chanukah is a great time for this to happen, as Chanukah celebrations, whether outdoors or indoors, are times of family and communal gatherings. It is a time to publicly express pride in our Jewishness and gratitude to this country, where Judaism can be openly practiced and expressed. For many Jews whose Jewish identity may lie dormant throughout the year, Chanukah is a time when many seem to become aroused to their Jewishness and want to do something tangible about it. They come with all sorts of questions, both philosophical and practical. What is there to being Jewish other than they celebrate Christmas and we do Chanukah? I don't care for bagels and lox and can't eat matzo balls as I'm gluten free, so how do I express my Jewishness? Rabbi, I respect your devotion to our faith, but I do not want to be as religious as you. Is there a place for me in Judaism?



Rabbi Borenstein

Recently, a non Jewish neighbor approached me and said; “Rabbi, what's the best way to get to heaven?” We started joking and I asked him-what do you think? Walk across a busy highway? Perform some amazing act of faith and save a thousand lives?

I found a pretty good answer to the above questions in this week's Torah portion. We read the story of Jacob's dream and the famous ladder with its feet on the ground and head in the Heavens. “And behold the angels of G-d were ascending and descending on it.”

Let me ask you a question: Do angels need a ladder? Everyone knows that angels have wings, not feet. So, if you have wings, why would you need a ladder?

There's a powerful message here about how Judaism promotes growth. In climbing heavenward one does not necessarily need wings. Dispense with the dramatic and forget about fancy leaps and bounds. There's a ladder, a spiritual route that needs to be traversed step by step, one rung at a time. The “pathway to heaven”, or to a meaningful relationship with G-d, is gradual, methodical and eminently manageable.

Many people are discouraged from even beginning a spiritual journey because they think that it needs a huge leap of faith. They can not see themselves reaching a degree of religious commitment which to them seems other worldly. And yet, with the gradual step by step approach, one can find that the journey can be embarked upon and the destination is not in outer space, but reachable and joyful.

As the popular saying goes “easy come, easy go”. Change that is too quick, or sudden, is not the healthy way. The most successful method of achieving true and consistent growth is the slow and steady approach. Gradual, yet consistent. As soon as one becomes comfortable with one Mitzvah, it's time to start on the next, and so forth. It is only through slow and constant growth, that we can become more committed, knowledgeable and happy in our faith.

And so my friends, it doesn't really matter what your starting point is or where you are on the ladder of religious life. As long as your growing and moving in the right direction, as long as you are going up, you will succeed in climbing the Heavenly heights.

This is one of the powerful lessons of Chanukah. While we commemorate the miracle for eight days, we don't light them all at once. We start with one, then grow to two, and keep ascending. True growth is not instant. Instant is not real or permanent, or as the saying goes; “easy come, easy go.”

True growth takes time and steady commitment. Then it becomes a real part of you, and each step is part of a joyful journey to connect with the Divine.

Please join us in one or more of our daily Menorah lightings and may the flames inspire us all to continue to grow in our relationship with G-d and our fellowman.

A Happy Chanukah to all!



## Meet Your Neighbor *By Karen Hochhauser*

Each month, we ask a Member of the Tribe\* (MOT) the following questions and feature their answers for a fun and insightful way to meet your neighbors. This month, Bert Cohen took time from opening Maverick Capitol's new office in Palm Beach to speak with us.



Bert Cohen

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**  
**Favorite:** *Bussin—It is a Gen Z word for when something tastes good; When I cook for my kids and they say the meal is bussin, I'm a happy dad.*  
**Least Favorite:** *Colonel.*
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**  
*My children—just being around them and watching them grow. It charges me.*
- 3. What is your favorite song?**  
Depending upon my mood, either *Don't Stop* by Fleetwood Mac or *Just A Friend* by Biz Markie.
- 4. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*A tech industry mogul.*
- 5. What profession would you not like to attempt?**  
*A Jazz singer—because I hate jazz and I can't sing.*
- 6. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**  
*Salatim and pita at any of Michael Solomonov's restaurants.*
- 7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**  
**Like:** *I've learned to become comfortable in my own skin. As I've matured, I have become comfortable of who I am and where I am at. "I'm Good Enough, I'm Smart Enough, and Doggone It, People Like Me!"*  
**Dislike:** *My height and hairline.*
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**  
*I am a closet motorcycle enthusiast.*
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**  
*I'd like to have power over metals, like Magneto (who happens to be Jewish and a Holocaust survivor) so that I can make amazing jewelry for my wife Rebecca.*
- 10. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**  
*Tricking my wife into marrying me and she is really smart so that wasn't an easy task. Also parenting my 3 boys.*
- 11. Do you have a “bucket list” and, if so, what is on it?**  
*To go to Finland and stay in the glass igloos to see the Northern Lights.*
- 12. If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**  
*Take out all the division. There is no “them” only “us”.*
- 13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**  
*When I was 4 or 5 years old, being at a crowded synagogue to listen to Kol Nidre.*
- 14. What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**  
*Taking my oldest son to Israel to have his bar mitzvah at the Kotel, similar to what I did.*
- 15. In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**  
*JFedDC does an amazing job at programs and events that fill the gap. It is the entity that transcends denominations and brings the entire Jewish community together.*
- 16. What is your most and least favorite part of being Jewish?**  
**Most:** *Just naturally being a part of an amazing community that shares the values, culture, food, and traditions I have.*  
**Least:** *I can't eat bacon.*
- 17. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
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**Harold, Sharon, and Cynthia Warren**



Happy Hanukkah  
**The Arnoff Family**



Happy Hanukkah  
**Nancy & Sandy Bernstein**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**Gail & Samuel Simon**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**The Slate Family: Eileen, Jerry, Jacob, Alanna, Daniel, Emma, and Abigail**



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**Roni & Charles Stein**

Peace to all!



**Sandy & Lee Corwin**



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**The Quackenbush Family**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**Marian & Ralph Schwartz**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**Rose, Brion, & Joshua Shapiro**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**Roberta & Len Grosman**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**Betsy Kopstein-Stuts and George Stuts**



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**Sharon & Howard Lynne**

Peace to all!



**The Bressman Family**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**Judy Elkin & Gene Fleishman and Family**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**Miriam & Burt (z'l) Gold and Family**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**Ann & Jeffrey Gross**

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**Best wishes from Mort & the late Rita Alterman**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**Jill & Ira Auerbach**

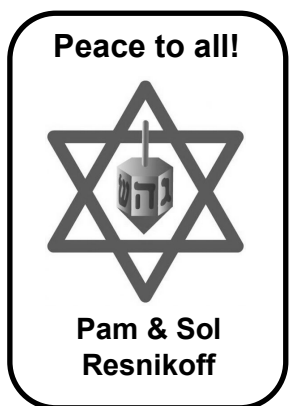
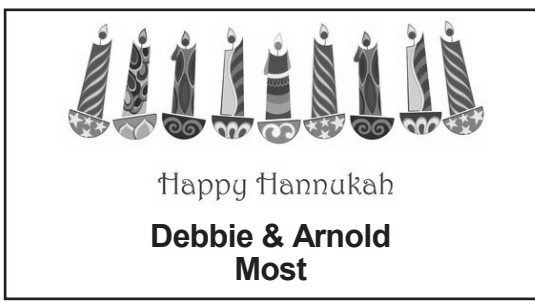
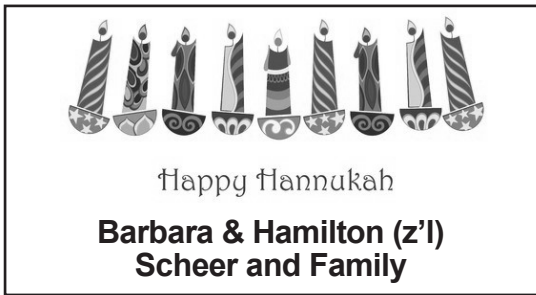
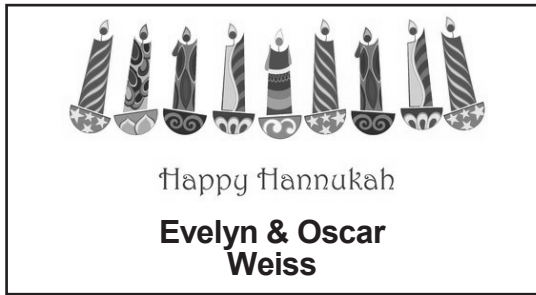
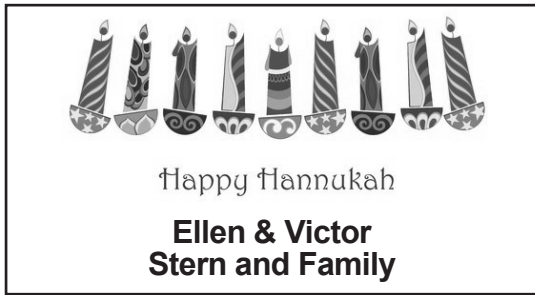


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**Karin & Jack Fein**



Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!  
**Grete & Marty Finkelstein**

# Holiday Greetings



## Vassar Temple Religious School News

We are now immersed in the unit of the Shalom learning curriculum that focuses on the value of *gevurah* (strength). When thinking about *gevurah*, we generally think of physical strength and courage, like that of the Maccabees and how they dared to stand up and fight back against the Assyrians. Our curriculum takes students in a different direction, that of spiritual courage: standing up for what is right, daring to go against the tide of peer pressure, taking risks to defend others, especially those who are different from you. Building on the prior unit of *b'tzelem Elohim*, the Jewish belief that everyone is created in the image of God, the students explore teachings such as "love your neighbor as yourselves." And our religious school families are looking forward to a day of holiday fun at the Chanukah Story Walk on Sunday, December 5.

## Temple Beth-El Religious School News *Submitted by Miriam Hyman*

We are so pleased to have our students back in-person at our Temple Beth-El school. Here are some of the things our students are doing on Sundays. The Gan, Alef/Bet is continuing to learn about the Friday night rituals and blessings. They are also learning about how the moon cycle correlates with the Hebrew months, and they are being introduced to the Hebrew letters. Students in grades 3-4 know their letters and are beginning to read blessings & prayers! They have also studied the holidays and are learning our Torah stories. The 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are starting to learn about the lifecycle events in Judaism. Our holiday studies are complemented by music, games, and Tikkun Olam (repairing our world).

For Our Ivrit (Hebrew) program we are combining in-person learning with remote tutoring. Students in grades 3-4 have reviewed their letters and are beginning to read. Students in grades 4-6 are learning the meanings and vocabulary of the Shema and its blessings. The B'nai mitzvah class is reviewing the Torah service while beginning to master vocabulary for the amidah. They are also participating in weekly sessions to study and discuss each week's torah portion. B'nai mitzvah students are also meeting weekly with Cantor Devorah Gartner to prepare for their big day.



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### CHABAD MID-HUDSON VALLEY

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

For information contact Hindy Borenstein, Director  
(845) 463-5801

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

### JUDAIC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm

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

### RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

Monday, 4:00-5:30pm

Tiny Tots Division (ages 1-5)  
Intermediate Division (ages 6-10)  
Bar and Bat Mitzvah (ages 11-13)

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

### CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH

We engage in a Sharing Shabbat Program. As our tradition instructs us, Shabbat is a day for prayer, rest, and study. We have an intergenerational program of learning. Our adults can study Torah with our Rabbi while our children learn about Jewish holidays, values, customs, history, and our relationship to God—all at appropriate grade levels. Our students learn the ethical teachings of Reform Judaism and its commitment to social justice. Our learning is experiential and highly participatory. We utilize crafts, stories, award-winning textbooks, technology, and music to teach. We have trips and events outside the classroom that enhance our learning. Mostly, we aim to imbue our students with a love of Judaism!

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

### TEMPLE BETH-EL

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


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

### VASSAR TEMPLE

Vassar Temple provides a program of Jewish education within the Reform Movement's guidelines, which deepens a student's Jewish experience and knowledge in an accepting and stimulating learning environment. Our philosophy of Jewish learning is based on the quotation from Pirke Avot, "The world depends on three things: on Torah, on worship and on deeds of loving kindness."


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

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




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# Gratitude

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



**WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD**

BASED ON THE SONG BY BOB THIELE & GEORGE DAVID WEISS  
as sung by Louis Armstrong

ILLUSTRATED BY timhopgood

**Fall Semester**

**2:00-3:00 pm meetup time**

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*Thank you!*

# חסד Chesed Kindness



“Kindness is a type of behavior marked by acts of generosity, consideration, or concern for others, without expecting praise or reward.”- Wikipedia. Acts of kindness have the potential to make the world a happier place. An act of kindness can **boost feelings of confidence**, being in control, happiness and optimism. They may also encourage others to repeat the good deeds they've experienced themselves – contributing to a more positive

community. Acts of kindness have the potential to make the world a happier place. Kindness is a major topic in the bible. Chesed means more than simply “kindness”. Often translated as “loving-kindness”, chesed means giving oneself fully, with love and compassion.

Even with people we know and love, acts of kindness don't necessarily spring out of nowhere. It takes a conscious decision by us to be kind. Here are some tried and true ideas from *Six Seconds on how to be kind with those special people in our life*:

1. Surprise them with an unexpected visit or phone call.
2. Give them a big hug.
3. Express empathy and take time to listen.
4. Babysit for free. To new parents especially, this can mean the world.
5. Write them a handwritten card or letter.
6. Make them a meal or even a cup of tea.
7. Go visit your parents. Tell them how much you appreciate them.
8. Treat them to their favorite coffee.
9. Say 'I love you' with meaning.
10. Tell them they are wonderful and you're happy to have them in your life.
11. Ask, "How can I help you?"
12. Listen carefully without interrupting and for feelings behind the words.
13. Say, "I'm sorry."
14. Buy them a gift from the dollar store.
15. Help with a household chore.
16. Tell them you wish you understood.
17. Bring them something for their headache.
18. Invite them to play.
19. Acknowledge and respect their feelings even if they differ from yours.
20. Hold their hand.
21. Buy them a small chocolate (but not if they're on a diet.)
22. Gently wash and dress their cut/wound.
23. Tell them about the best part of the day you just spent with them.
24. Let them sleep!
25. Share a recipe
26. Visit a sick friend.
27. Put chocolate chips in their pancakes.
28. Use the magic words: please and thank you!!

Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director



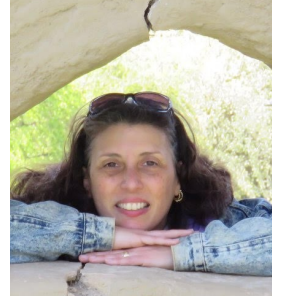
Kim



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Our **PJ Library Generation Gratitude families** have been busy in the neighborhood! We have spotted the adorable red pandas at the Trevor Zoo in Millbrook, enjoyed scrumptious doughnuts at Glazed Over Donuts in Beacon and searched for hidden treasures while sipping hot cocoa from the Crafted Kup in Poughkeepsie.

The Trevor Zoo meetup was filled with the fascination and excitement of our young children. As soon as we entered the zoo, I knew this trip was going to be special. The children immediately welcomed one another and began exploring together, uncovering owls and snakes camouflaged by their environments. They ran as fast as foxes and leapt like the limber lemurs. We gathered for our PJ Library story time book *What a Wonderful World* and as I read I had the most heartfelt singing accompaniment from one of the older siblings. Our craft was a beading activity where we created our own, unique breathing sticks. We practiced mindful breathing and discussed gratitude in our ability to find calm through controlled breathing.

Glazed Over Donuts provided us with a sweet treat and the opportunity to practice mindful eating while savoring each bite and experiencing the yumminess through our senses. The day was sweetened further with playtime on the Beacon waterfront. The sun shined brightly highlighting the most beautiful auburn fall leaves against the majestic river backdrop. The children ran and climbed and jumped as parents took the opportunity to schmooze.

Closer to my own backyard, we met up at the Crafted Kup. The hot chocolate was exactly what we needed to nip the slight chill in the air. As the children searched for the hidden treasures of their scavenger hunt, parents reinforced simple objects found in nature and their surroundings. From butterflies (in sticker form), colorful fallen leaves on the ground, bugs (of the plastic variety), clouds in the sky, picnic tables and cars passing by, we are surrounded by so much to feel grateful for. As we sipped, I showed off a gratitude jar I had crafted. With some finishing touches that my little one will add, I plan to display this jar at our Thanksgiving table.

Each day my family and I will write a simple expression of gratitude on a slip of paper to be added to the jar. I shared a few that I had written, one being, "I feel gratitude for warm cocoa and a sunny day shared with friends."

**Generation Gratitude: Gratitude in the Neighborhood** has morphed into an adventure group where with each new family comes new friends, new expressions and further shared values. I hope you can join us too! Check out the December meet-ups in your neighborhood.

Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Parent Connector



## PJ LIBRARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

**Family Name:**  
The Spinale Family

**How many kids are in your family and what are their ages?**  
3 children, ages: 9, 7, 4.5

**How long have you been receiving PJ Library books?**  
7 years

**What is your family's favorite PJ Library book?**

We love them all for different reasons but our favorites are: *Clever Rachel*, *The Hardest Word*, *Koala Challah*, and *Ben's Family Treasury*

**How did you hear about PJ Library?**  
Through a Rabbi friend

**Why is PJ Library important in your home?**

Our children look forward to receiving their monthly books. Many have become family favorites. As parents we love the child-friendly ways the holidays are explained and the positive message each book has to offer.

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

The PJ Library books have added additional Jewish teachings and culture to our lives on a consistent basis. The books have mentioned topics that we may not have otherwise discussed with our children.

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

Having three kids of varying ages, the books help explain the holidays and difficult concepts at their levels. We also really love and appreciate all of the local PJ Library events we have attended over the years. They provide a wonderful sense of community.



Family of the Month

**Community Hanukkah Celebration!**

**Sunday, 12.5.21**  
**3:00-4:00pm**  
**Temple Beth El Parking Lot**

"Flashlight Fun" PJ Library StoryWalk

Community Candle Lighting

Donuts and Hot Chocolate Bar

Bring a NEW coat, hat, gloves, or scarf to donate to Temple Beth El's Coat Drive for the Morse School

Please check out all of our **PJ Library December 2021 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! 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 play-group? **We can help! Email: [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto: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: [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)**

## The Federation Board's Voice



Jonah Ritter

### Who Will Tell Our Story?

There is a haunting song in the play *Hamilton* with the title, "Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story" in which Eliza, the character of Alexander Hamilton's wife, sings "I put myself back in the narrative. Please stop wasting time on tears."

For decades the personal stories of the victims of the Holocaust, those who lived and those who died, have been told by 1st and 2nd generation survivors. A lot of time and too many souls have passed since the Holocaust -- Which has the Jewish community wondering "who is going to tell our story" when those generations no longer can?

Thankfully there are very good answers to that question. School teachers have to "tell our story" because we know that children must be taught about the evils of hate and the enormous consequences of Anti-Semitism. Holocaust curriculum requirements are important. Some teachers need guidance and resources to do a better job. (JFedDC is helping with this.)

Museums and documentary movies do an excellent job telling the stories of the Holocaust. We need to promote them!

There is another crucial element. In effective story telling, the story teller needs to make a personal connection between the subject and the listener. The 1st and 2nd generation survivors have been doing this for over 70 years. Staying with the Hamilton metaphor, it is time for the 3rd generation to put themselves into the narrative. That is happening. Baruch Hashem.

If you are wondering whether the 3rd generation is up to the task, the short answer is YES! The better answer and explanation can be found by learning about the non-profit organization "3GNY." Please do! (See article, *Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors...*, on page 11) JFedDC and 3GNY have begun a strategic relationship that is already yielding mutual benefits.

Please join the Jewish Federation, the FDR Presidential Library, 3GNY, and Joel Levy, the New York Regional Director at the Anti-Defamation League, on January 30 for a special International Holocaust Remembrance Day event dedicated to this very subject. For more information visit the JFedDC website:  
[www.JewishDutchess.org/events](http://www.JewishDutchess.org/events).

"For not only one (enemy) has risen up against us to destroy us, but in every generation they rise up to destroy us." From Vehi Sheamda (וְהִיא שְׂעָמְדָה) in the Passover Seder Haggadah.

"Never Again" IS a mission statement. Jews cannot and the world cannot afford to fail!

### Jews in the News: Highlights updates and happenings of our Jewish business members of the community.

Fishkill, NY-based law firm Feldman, Kleidman, Coffey & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) is excited to announce that it has been selected for inclusion in the *U.S. News – Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" of 2022*, receiving a Tier 1 designation in the White Plains, NY metro area for Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants and a Tier 2 designation in the area of Medical Malpractice-Defendants.



### Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Awards Arlington Educator for work with NO Place For HATE Certification UPSTATE JANE GOLUB EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

Taken from: <https://nynj.adl.org/education-spotlight-2/>

Juan Zucchero is a former history and psychology teacher, SUNY adjunct professor, and current school administrator at Arlington High School (AHS) in Dutchess County NY. Juan began his career in Manhattan working at NY's premier K-12 school "NEST+m" (New Explorations into Science, Technology, and Math). Juan's current work at Arlington High School includes that of Lead Equity Facilitator among several other duties and roles at AHS. Under Juan's leadership, students in the AHS Equity Association planned and hosted 4 major events during the 2020-2021 school year, including a spring multi-district equity conference that was attended by over 500 participants and a number of local, regional, and national organizations. Juan is also a supporting facilitator for his building's teacher and parent equity committees, and his district's equity team. Juan is passionate about his continuing scholarship in the field of equity education, American history, and developmental psychology.

Juan Zucchero, Arlington High School 2020-2021  
Jane Golub Educator Award Recipient



\*\*FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ADL's "NO Place For HATE" program, please email: [director@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:director@jewishdutchess.org)

## Our Executive Director



### Time keeps on ticking and slipping

Time keeps on ticking into the future – or at least that is what I thought the song lyrics were. Apparently, it is actually "Time keeps on slipping into the future." (I like the "Fly Like An Eagle" version by Seal). As my children will tell you, while I can sing, I cannot per se remember exact song titles, lyrics, or which artist sang it – but at least I sound good.

Like many, my sense of time has become all messed up due to this pandemic. Things that were "last year" were two years ago. We were so busy addressing the needs, uncertainty, worry, and loss that in a blink of an eye, 18 months passed by. *Time keeps on slipping...* My kids frequently commented that I seemed even busier and working more than before, which was true. The community needed more, and we knew we had to do more.

Life was overwhelming to all. Recently, one of my boys commented (nay, questioned and complained) about what is the point of it all. "We go to school for five days, to have two days off, to then go back to school, and for what? To do it all over again...to then go to college...to do it over...to then get a job and work till we die." I could sense the frustration in his voice but was intrigued that such a young man could be experiencing the emotions and challenges several of us do once we are much older. It gave me pause, and of course, no answer at that moment would have been "right" regardless because I am just "mom" and know nothing.

During one of my own personal dark times in my life, I remember feeling and questioning the same thing. My boss at the time said, "Maybe there is no point in life. The gazelle wakes up each morning not pondering the point of life but how to survive the day and outsmart the predatory animal that wants to kill it." This response was probably not what my son wanted to hear (though knowing me, I probably did share it). Instead, I tried to focus on what my family taught me being Jewish is about — we are brought into this world to do good deeds and make it a better place than when we arrived, which is a good mindset for all.

Similarly, JFedDC's values are Tzedakah (charity), Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), and Gemilut Chassadim (acts of loving-kindness). I challenge each of you to think about what ways you can make this world a better place. Help a senior, donate your time to a worthy cause, or take little or big steps to help the environment. And, of course, there is donating money to a worthy cause. I would be remiss if I didn't highlight that JFedDC is a perfect channel to help you achieve most of those objectives, especially the last one.

Someone told me that I need to be more direct in my "ask". I should not assume people see or hear the subtle encouragement for financial donations. We do have a campaign target. We do want and need to make that target to keep going: offering varied programming, supporting seniors, providing opportunities for Jewish and interfaith families, building relationships with other non-profits, fighting anti-semitism, creating community. We have an extensive wish list, but it is more than a wish. It is a need and expectation for ourselves and you. So please help. Would you please donate financially? Don't assume that any donation is too big or too small. Think about what we have done and will continue to do, and ask how you can help support those efforts.

So as the clock keeps on ticking or slipping into the future, please help us end this year financially strong to keep growing in our efforts for you.

Happy Chanukah! May this season shine light into your hearts and homes.

Karen Hochhauser

**JFedDC is looking for a Program Engagement Coordinator**  
(new part-time position)  
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**Join us and have some fun while making a big impact on the community.**

# JEWISH FOOD

Connecting our Community through food

Send us your favorite Kosher recipe so we can share it. Please email to: [TheVoice@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:TheVoice@jewishdutchess.org).

## Adeena Sussman's Green Shakshuka with Crispy Latkes

Taken from: [https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/adeena\\_sussmans\\_creamy\\_green\\_shakshuka\\_with\\_crispy\\_latkes](https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/adeena_sussmans_creamy_green_shakshuka_with_crispy_latkes)

**PREP TIME:** 30 mins    **COOK TIME:** 40 mins  
**TOTAL TIME:** 70 mins    **SERVINGS:** 4 to 6 servings

### Ingredients

#### For the green shakshuka:

- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion
- 3 large garlic cloves
- 1 1/2 lbs mixed greens (kale, spinach, chard), stems removed and roughly chopped (about 16 cups)
- 1/4 cup vegetable broth
- 1 cup packed mixed fresh herbs (parsley, cilantro, basil)
- 1 tsp chopped fresh za'atar, thyme, or oregano (or 1 tsp dried za'atar spice blend)
- 1 Tbsp finely chopped jalapeño, (about 1 jalapeño)
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1/8 tsp freshly grated nutmeg, plus more to taste
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup half-and-half
- 8 large eggs

#### For the crispy latkes:

- 2 very large Russet potatoes (2lbs), scrubbed
- 1 medium onion
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 Tbsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil

#### Prep the latkes:

Fill a large bowl with cold water. Using the large holes on the side of a box grater (or a food processor fitted with the shredder attachment), grate the potatoes and onions and transfer to the water and let them soak for 10 minutes to release the potato starch.

#### Prep the shakshuka ingredients:

While the potatoes and onions for the latkes soak, prepare the ingredients for your shakshuka. Set out a large cutting board, and finely dice the onion, thinly slice the garlic, remove the stems and roughly chop the mixed greens. Measure out 1 cup packed finely chopped mixed fresh herbs, and finely dice 1 tablespoon of jalapeño. Set the ingredients aside and return to the latkes.

#### Squeeze out the potato liquid:

Place a clean kitchen towel on the counter near the sink. Using your hands, lift handfuls of the potatoes and onion out of the water, while squeezing out as much water as you can back into the bowl. The potato starch will settle in the bottom of the bowl, and you will use that later.

Set the potatoes and onion onto the towel. Fold the towel over the mixture and squeeze out and discard as much of the liquid as you can from the potatoes and onions. Set the towel full of potatoes and onion aside.

#### Make the latke batter:

Let the potato water settle for about 5 minutes, then gently drain the water out of the large bowl, tipping out all except the white potato starch at the bottom. Add the squeezed potatoes and onions to the sludge in the bottom of the bowl, then add 2 large eggs, salt, and pepper and stir it all together. Set the latke batter aside and make the shakshuka.

#### Cook the onions for shakshuka:

In a 12-inch oven-safe skillet set over medium heat, add the olive oil. Once the oil shimmers, add the onions and cook, stirring, until lightly golden, 9 to 10 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, 1 more minute.

#### Cook the greens:

Raise the heat in the skillet to medium-high, then add the greens in batches, stirring as they wilt and release most of their liquid, 2 to 3 minutes per batch (you don't want the greens to be completely dead, but they should have slumped and reduced in size significantly). Add the vegetable broth and cook until mostly absorbed. Stir in the mixed herbs, thyme, jalapeño, salt, pepper, and nutmeg.

#### Add the half and half:

Reduce the heat to medium-low, stir in the half and half, and simmer until the mixture unifies and thickens slightly, 1 to 2 minutes. (At this point you can turn off the heat, cover the pan, and return to the latkes.)

#### Preheat the broiler and pan fry the latkes:

Turn on your broiler to get it warmed up. You will finish the shakshuka in it. In a 10-inch skillet set over medium heat, add 1/4 cup of oil (don't worry, they'll still be crisp without burning). Scoop 1/3 of cup of latke mixture into the pan. You should be able to cook 2 or 3 per batch. Press down gently so each latke is about 4 inches around and 1/2-inch thick. Fry until each side is golden and crisp, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Repeat with the remaining batter and oil.

#### Finish the latkes and the shakshuka:

When you add your last batch of latkes to their pan, set the skillet with the shakshuka in it over medium heat. Remove the lid, and use a spoon to hollow out 8 small wells for the eggs. Crack the eggs into the wells. Cook on the stovetop for 3 minutes, then transfer to the broiler to cook until the whites are just opaque but the yolks are still runny, 2 to 3 minutes.

#### Serve:

Place a latke on each plate, serve the green shakshuka on top or alongside.



## Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors Offer Classroom Presentations

By Dave Reckess, Executive Director, 3GNY

3GNY, an educational non-profit organization, trains grandchildren of Holocaust survivors to tell their family stories to students and community groups. Since 2010, speakers have presented to more than 30,000 students and adults. 3GNY's volunteer speakers are eager to provide students with personal, relevant Holocaust education by sharing their family stories.

Two years ago, my grandmother visited a 5th grade class to tell students about her experiences surviving the Holocaust. She told me how impressed she was with the students' empathy, with the way her story resonated. She knew her testimony had impacted them.

My grandmother passed away just a few months later. Soon afterwards, I discovered 3GNY and their WEDU (We Educate) program. Learning alongside other 3Gs, or third-generation descendants of survivors, I crafted a presentation for school audiences about my grandmother's life before, during, and after the Holocaust.

This past spring, I visited local classrooms - some virtually, some in-person - to share my story with them. For students, my story brought their text-based history lessons to life. They peppered me with questions about what my grandmother thought or felt at the time. I knew I had built a personal connection for them to the Holocaust.

Studies show that students who receive Holocaust education are more tolerant and comfortable with people of different races and backgrounds. They're more willing to challenge incorrect or biased information, and are more likely to be upstanders. This is what drives 3GNY's 350 volunteer speakers to share their family stories. It's what my grandmother saw in that 5th grade class. And it's what I strive for in carrying on her legacy.

Dave Reckess is the Executive Director of 3GNY - Descendants of Holocaust Survivors. 3GNY's guest-speaker presentations are offered - virtually or in-person - at no cost to schools or teachers. Visit [www.3gny.org/wedu](http://www.3gny.org/wedu) or email [weduscheduling@3gny.org](mailto:weduscheduling@3gny.org) to learn more or request a speaker. Help us reach more students to tell our stories by supporting 3GNY's work at [www.3gny.org/donate](http://www.3gny.org/donate).



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# More...Jewish Organizations Greetings

We apologize in advance for any misplaced or accidental misspelled names in the Holiday Greetings

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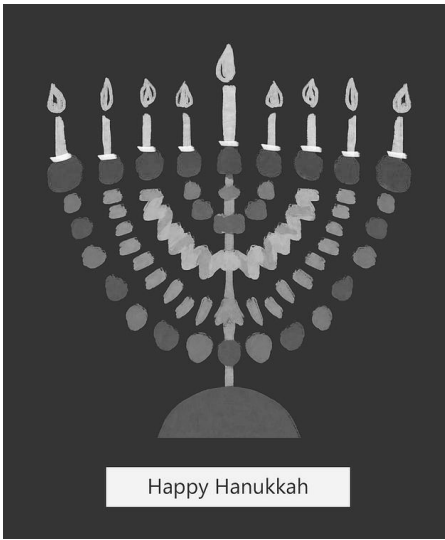
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### Weekly Services:

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

### Adult Education:

#### Sunday

**Talmud Studies with Rabbi Krasner**  
Sunday morning after Shacharis, continuing with the 5th chapter of Brachos. Session is live and in-person.

#### Monday

**Hebrew through the Vision of the Siddur** 10:00am. We will learn to read and understand various prayers. Time will also be spent on some aspects of conversational Hebrew. We will be social distancing, and masks must be worn at all times.

#### Tuesday

**The Book of Daniel Part III** 10:30am. A personal journey of dedication, yearning, and vision. Class is live and on Zoom.

#### Thursday

**NEW 3 Consecutive Mini-Series beginning** 7:00pm. Live and on Zoom. The first set of classes will address prayer. Do you feel lost in prayers? Do you come into the synagogue and struggle to understand what is going on? In this class we will gain an understanding of the structure of the siddur and what goes on in shul. Future classes will be about leading the davening and learning how to read Torah

### Other Events:

#### Sunday

**4K Club** (Kvetching, Kibitzing, Kvelling and Koffee) December 26, 9:45am.

**Hands-on-Judaism** December 12, 10:00am. One of the special mitzvot in the Torah is to ensure that there is no shatnez, a woven mixture of wool and linen, in our clothes. Join us as we demonstrate hands-on how labs check for shatnez. We will discuss the history and practicality of this mitzvah.

#### Wednesday

**Learn & Lunch Bunch** December 8, 22, 11:30am in Schomre Israel's Gold Room is the venue for this program run by JFedDC.

#### Thursday

**Hands-on-Judaism** December 9, 6:00pm (See description under Sunday December 12).

Also Special Class December 16, 7:00pm. The class will focus on the important topic of being prepared for each of our final journeys.

**Yiddish Club** December 30, 10:00am, A chance to share and enjoy the Yiddish language and culture and to learn more. Open to the entire community.

#### Saturday

**Chinese and a Movie** December 18, 7:30pm. Join us for delicious Chinese food and a movie, reservations required by December 13, \$15 per person.

**Team Shabbat** December 18. Speech during Shabbat services will continue the focus on being prepared for our final journey.

Schomre Israel Sisterhood will be baking and selling Hamentashen this Purim. The cost will be \$16 per dozen. All orders must be prepaid by March 1. Pick up on March 6. Purim is March 17.

#### Contact:

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## Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)  
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Website: [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)  
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### Weekly Services:

#### (In person/Zoom)

Fridays: 7:30pm

Saturday:

9:15am (bimonthly children's religious school)

10:30am (bimonthly Torah service)

### Adult Education:

#### Saturday

**Torah Study** December 4, 18, 9:15am.

An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish.

Available via Zoom. Contact the office for more info or Zoom Id.

### Other Events:

#### Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

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!

DETAILS: For more info, contact Sandy Lash: (845) 232-1029 or email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org).

#### Friday

**Chanukah Celebration** December 3, 7:30pm, a special family oriented service and celebration. Help "Light Up The Night" by bringing your favorite menorah to the service. Service led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. All are welcome. For more info, call (845) 232-1029 or email [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)

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### Weekly Services:

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

### Adult Education:

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

### Other Events:

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

**Board Meeting** 7:30pm.  
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### Weekly Services:

#### Friday

**Shabbat Evening Service** (hybrid)  
December 3, 6:00pm (Chanukah Shabbat Candle Lighting); December 10, 17, 7:30pm; December 24,31, 6:00pm.

#### Saturday

**New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship**  
December 4, 18, 10:15am.

**Shabbat Morning Service** December 11, 10:00am

### Adult Education:

#### Thursday

**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text** December 2, 16, 12:00pm. Taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. Information and study sheets: [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net).

#### Saturday

**Torah Study** 9:00.

Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftorah. Led by Rabbi Renni S Altman, D.D.

New attendees should contact: [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org) to be placed on the class email and to receive study sheets.

### Other Events:

#### Friday

**Book Club** December 15, 2:00pm

We will discuss *American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins. Already being described by critics as *A Grapes of Wrath* for our time, and as a new American classic, *American Dirt* is a moving exploration into the inner hearts of people willing to sacrifice everything for the chance of hope.

Lydia lives in Acapulco with her eight-year-old son, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband, who is a journalist. But after her husband's tell-all profile of a major drug lord is published, none of their lives will ever be the same. Forced to flee, Lydia and her child find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle class existence. Transformed into migrants, they make their way toward the United States, joining the countless people trying to reach the North. Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?

This timely and poignant story, reflective of what is going on in our world now, is available in paperback, through Amazon and local book stores, with multiple copies available in the Mid-Hudson Library System. The meeting will take place through Zoom. Marian Schwartz will lead the discussion, to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more info, please contact Linda Babas at: [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org).

#### Contact :

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## Welcome to Rabbi Fessler

Temple Beth-El is delighted to welcome Rabbi Michael Fessler as our interim Rabbi. A native of suburban Maryland and small-town Wisconsin, Rabbi Michael Fessler graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 2001. Before attending RRC, he studied biology at Brown University and worked at an early electronic publishing startup in Providence, RI. After graduation, he participated in the Melton Senior Educators program at Hebrew University, focusing on Jewish adult education. He served for twelve years as rabbi and co-rabbi of Congregation B'nai Tikvah-Beth Israel in Sewell, New Jersey in partnership with his spouse, Rabbi Miriam Hyman. Combining his technical skills with his rabbinic background, for six years he served as Associate Director of Online Content for Reconstructing Judaism (the central organization of the Reconstructionist movement). Rabbi Fessler and Rabbi Hyman are the proud parents of three, and live in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

"Serving as a community's rabbi is a position of trust," said Rabbi Fessler. "I take that obligation seriously, and appreciate the opportunity to serve Temple Beth-El at this time of transition."



## In Loving Memory

**Elise Schwartzbach**, 89, passed away peacefully November 10, 2021, in Coconut Creek, Florida with her children at her side.

She fulfilled many of her dreams with a zest for life. Generous with her time; compassionate in her participation and always vibrant in her presence; building a family was one of her greatest joys. Children's education, abused animals and creative arts were at the forefront of her causes; volunteering selflessly for decades. She will forever be remembered as a friend to many and a hero to all,



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 Saturdays: 9:30am

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**Weekly Services:**  
 Fridays: Call for times.  
 Saturdays: 10:00am

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

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

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

**Weekly Services:**  
 Fridays, 7:30pm  
 Saturdays: 9:30am alternating weeks

**Candle Lighting Nightly during Hanukah**

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For further information about the post and Zoom ID, please contact Post Commander Schwartz at (845) 849-0025.

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### Weekly Services:

**Friday**  
**Family Kabbalat Shabbat**  
 December 3 (Chanukah Candle lighting & Storytelling), 6:00pm.  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** December 10, 17, 24, 31 7:30pm.  
**Saturday**  
**Morning Minyan** December 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00am.  
**Tot Shabbat** December 18, 9:00am

### Education:

**Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study** Tuesday, December 7, 14, 28, 8:45am  
**Hebrew Trope** Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15, 29, 12:30pm  
**Conversational Hebrew** Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15, 29 4pm

### Other Events:

**Tuesday**  
**Monthly Brotherhood Meeting**  
 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm  
**Thursday**  
**Monthly Sisterhood Meeting**  
 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00pm  
**Coffee Chai with the Rabbi** (via Zoom)  
 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 8:45am  
**Friday**  
**Chanukah! Community Candle Lighting & Storytelling**  
 Friday, December 3, 6:00pm

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# December

## Candle Lighting Schedule

December 3	4:08pm
December 10	4:07pm
December 17	4:09pm
December 24	4:12pm
December 31	4:17pm



## Jews in Sports

### Fun Facts:

Did you know that this year's World Series set a record for the most Jewish players?

**They were: Joc Pederson, Max Fried, and Alex Bergman**

*Thank you Arthur Gellert for the recommendation to include this fun fact.*



Chief of Staff, Martin Hochhauser in front of the sign that the City of Poughkeepsie authorized our Post to adopt May St. and we pledged to ensure that the street is clean in Herman Siegel's memory.



Chief of Staff Martin Hochhauser explains to the Poughkeepsie High School students the meaning of the "adoption" sign near the High School in honor of Herman Siegel.




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The Private Herman Siegel Post #625, Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America is named in his honor



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