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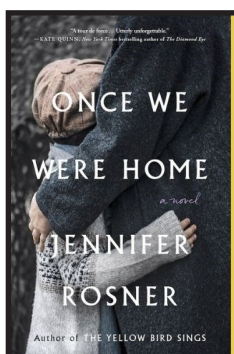
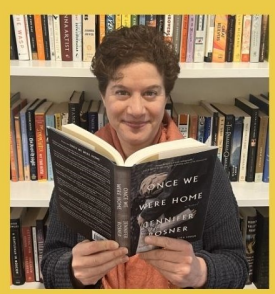


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**Community
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 Sunday,
 December 10
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 Temple Beth-El
 118 S Grand Ave
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11:00 –11:30am
 Schmooze
 11:30 –12:30pm
 Program

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December

December 13 **Murders in Dutchess County – Part Two with Shannon Butler, historian.**
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Menu: bagels, lox, tuna salad, latkes, applesauce, and donut holes.

December 27 **Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia with Joan Carl**
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submitted by Todd N. Tancredi, Director Dutchess County Office for the Aging

Golden Living . . . News for Seniors, Their Families and Caregivers

IS YOUR HOME AGING-READY?

Study upon study has found that older adults want to live for as long as they can in their own homes and communities. That’s the Office for the Aging’s goal as well, but with a word of caution. Senior-friendly housing construction has not kept pace with the unprecedented growth in households whose members are 65 and older, especially in New York State where housing stock is the nation’s oldest. According to the National Association of Home Builders, the median age of an owner-occupied home in New York is 62 years; in other words, built in 1961. Homes in urban areas and villages tend to be even older.

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It’s one thing for an older homeowner to conclude that making their home aging-ready is beyond their skills and budget, and another thing entirely to locate a more suitable, affordable home in Dutchess County. This leaves them with no option other than aging-in-place, often in a home where maintenance of major systems like roofs, furnaces, plumbing, electrical and more has been put off. If this sounds like your situation, there are a variety of options available.

The Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development offers qualifying homeowners age 62 and older a Senior Citizen Owner-Occupied Property Rehabilitation Program, for properties that contain one or more substandard conditions that do not meet federal, state or local health, safety and fire codes. The program applies in any municipality in Dutchess other than the City of Poughkeepsie, which operates a similar program. For guidelines and applications, call (845) 486-3637 or email communitygrants@dutchessny.gov. For information on the City’s program, call the City Development Department at (845) 451-4007.

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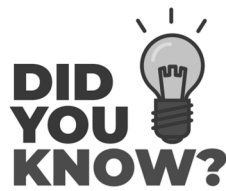
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Words of Wisdom From the Wise



Bernard Handel

We are pleased to bring you a new article, "Words of Wisdom From The Wise" as we interview members of our community who are 90+ years young. To launch this series, we sat down with Bernard Handel, who is 97. He shared with us his thoughts on Jewish life growing up and today as well as other "Words of Wisdom". Bern fought in the Pacific in WWII, was one of the AARP creators, is a retired CPA, headed an actuarial consulting firm, held many leadership roles in the community, and is a lecturer and author. His bio appeared for many years in *Who's Who in America*, and is currently on the Jewish Federation Advisory Board. It was an honor and pleasure having spent time with him.

1. What is your earliest childhood memory?

I was the first of six children in my family. One of my earliest memories was how my mother had a baby every year. During the time she stayed in the hospital, which was for ten days, I was sent to my grandmother's. I recall those times with great fondness and being taken to the park everyday.

He also recalled with a sparkle in his eye that at the age of four, he was a page boy and won a contest for the "Most Beautiful Baby" because of the tuxedo he wore.

2. What is the greatest difference between then and now?

The conditions I grew up in were quite depressed. I did not have a television, refrigerator, or even a radio. The first time I rode in a car, I was eight years old. Regarding communication, telephones were located at the candy store. One of my earliest jobs was to hang out waiting for the phone to ring (which typically meant bad news) and then run to get the person at their home. When I was 21, there were still challenges getting a phone. I was able to get a car but no phone when I was finished with war time military service in World War II.

3. What change has impacted you the most?

The knowledge and information available people have is so superior to years ago. The world is not as nice as seventy to eighty years ago. The world has broken away from any idea of courtesy and grace, especially for minorities. People also used to dress better, act better, and be nicer to others.

4. Tell us something about Jewish life growing up.

Life was different. People were orthodox and kosher. I was always impressed with how much my mother did and how much responsibility she had but still found time to kibbutz. My mother came from Northern Ireland. She thought she was an American citizen but as it turns out, she never actually became one. My father's family was also Orthodox from Austria, and my grandfather was a Rabbi. I grew up in an orthodox kosher household. I remember how they helped bring people over from Europe. It was my father's responsibility to take them out once they arrived. Back then, few people went to college. Everyone went to Hebrew School. One of my highlights was winning a medal for "Best Student". Unfortunately, my grandfather died 3 days before my bar mitzvah. Because he was retired and yet had to raise money for my tallis, he ended up working himself literally to death.

5. What advice would you give your 20-year-old self?

Consider what you want to do. Be open to opportunities and all

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Dear Left Out,

You are most definitely not left out! You are part of one of the oldest traditions around and don't you forget it! You are a fabric in the miracle of the season! Don't focus on "all the reindeer games" you feel you're missing out on, instead concentrate on being the shamash, or the light that helps others find their light! Be the light in the darkness that everyone needs to see! Celebrate you, spin a dreidel, fry a latke, decorate in blue and white! Remember where you came from and celebrate all you have, not what you might feel you're missing!

Shoshana

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Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Neal Loevinger*

As I write this, the war in Israel and Gaza has gone on for just over a month, and there is no end in sight. With the possible exception of the Yom Kippur War, there has not been a more dire moment for Israel and the Jewish people in my lifetime. The sadness is palpable: the loss of life in Israel and Gaza; the resurgence of antisemitism in Western countries, especially at some of our elite universities; the sense that Jewish life has been disrupted in ways we don't fully yet understand.



Rabbi Neal Loevinger

Yet Jewish history is long, and Jewish resilience often wondrous. In mid-December we will once again observe Hanukkah, a holiday probably familiar to everyone reading this, but whose contested origins remind us of the long arc of our people's continual rebirth. The earliest telling of the Hanukkah story is in the first book of Maccabees, oddly preserved in Catholic Bibles but not part of our Tanach (Hebrew Bible.) 1 Maccabees, probably written before the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE, doesn't have anything to say about long-lasting jars of oil, but instead tells the story of a Jewish civil war. That war was fought between those dedicated to preserving traditional Jewish practices against those who preferred Greek culture, which began to be imposed in Israel after the conquests of Alexander the Great. Without getting into all the details, suffice it to say that the Hanukkah story in Maccabees* is one of both Jewish conflict and Jewish heroism. It's the story of Jews determined to recapture and repurify the center of Jewish sovereignty, the Temple in Jerusalem.

The historian Josephus, who saw the war with Rome that destroyed the second Temple, wrote a history of the wars of his era, and described the victorious Maccabees going up to the Temple as a fulfillment of earlier prophecies of the restoration of Temple worship. He says that the victorious army brought in new vessels and rebuilt the altar of the Temple, lighting the lampstand therein when they had restored its glory and holiness. Josephus doesn't say this in so many words, but for him, Hanukkah is like Purim: a day instituted to remember and reenact the joy of the people on the other side of a great victory.

You'll notice we haven't gotten to the miracle of the oil yet. That's because the story of the miraculous oil doesn't show up till a few hundred years later, in the Talmud, which doesn't say much about the civil war, or the military victories, but just mentions in passing that the Greeks defiled the Temple, the Hasmonians (Maccabees) defeated them, and they found one jar of pure oil which lasted for eight nights. In other words, the rabbis of the Talmud put the emphasis on a very different miracle: not the bravery of the army, or the rebuilding of the Temple, but the possibility that just one remnant of something holy and pure can exceed our wildest expectations.

So what do we learn from all this? You probably barely remember this, but only a few short months ago, it looked like the State of Israel was headed for another Jewish civil war. The massive demonstrations against the proposed judicial reforms threatened to tear apart Israel's civil institutions, and nobody knew where things were headed. Then the awful events of Oct 7th brought about an astounding sense of solidarity among not just Israelis, but Jews across the world. A unity government was formed, and in the midst of mourning, the entire Jewish people, in Israel and Diaspora, was mobilized for financial, logistical, military, spiritual, moral and political support. In other words, we moved from one story of Hanukkah- that of Jewish conflict- to another. That Hanukkah story is about Jewish self-determination, Jewish resilience, and the capacity of Jews to rebuild, renew, and reilluminate that which seemed broken beyond repair. Let us be clear: we will need all those capacities in the months and years ahead. May this Hanukkah remind us that the arc of Jewish history is long, and it bends towards ever-renewed hope.

*For the sake of simplicity, we're leaving aside the second book of Maccabees, which tells more or less the same story with different details and was probably written a little later. Go forth and Google if you're interested.

Meet Your Neighbor *By Karen Hochhauser*

Each month, we ask a Member of the Tribe* (MOT) the following questions and feature their answers for a fun and insightful way to meet your neighbors. This month, we are excited to introduce Irwin Goldberg, who took time away from being the Communications Director at Dutchess BOCES and being President of Congregation Shir Chadash to answer our questions.



Irwin Goldberg

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: Positivity
Least Favorite: Negativity
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
I do a lot of reading and listening to self development materials. Hearing new ideas and thoughts of leaders inspires me to grow.
- 3. What is your favorite song?**
"Rock And Roll All Nite" by Kiss.
- 4. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
I would love to be a rock and roll singer.
- 5. What profession would you not like to attempt?**
I wouldn't want to do anything in construction for fear of injuring someone else.
- 6. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**
Potato Latkes.
- 7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: My optimism and enthusiasm.
Dislike: When that optimism and enthusiasm sometimes clouds my ability to see things as they are as quickly as I could.
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I was accepted into a sheriff's deputy academy before continuing my journalism career.
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
I'd like to be able to fly.
- 10. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**
Finding true love and my wife.
- 11. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
Learning to ride a motorcycle.
- 12. If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**
Learn to get along.
- 13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
Lighting the Chanukah candles with my dad and mom.
- 14. What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**
Passover seder at my dad's parents' house in Co-Op City. My grandfather gave me a marble which I rolled into a plastic cup down the hallway for entertainment.
- 15. In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**
The Jewish Federation brings us together and helps us all to realize that we're not that different.
- 16. What is one question you wished we ask and the answer?**
Q: How did I get involved in Jewish life?
A: I didn't get involved until I was an adult and moved away from home. In 1990, I eventually joined a congregation and have been a member of one ever since. It helps ground me and gives me an opportunity to give back.

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Hanukkah Blessings!



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The Slate Family: Eileen, Jerry, Jacob, Alanna, Daniel, Emma, & Abigail

Hanukkah Blessings!



Brenda Ritz and Family

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Ellen & Victor Stern and Family

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Suzanne & Len Turetzky

Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!




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Sharon, Cynthia & Harold Warren



Happy Hannukah
Ann & Jeffrey Gross



Happy Hannukah
The Hankin Family



Happy Hannukah
David Cohen, Susan G. Hecht, Philip & Eva



Happy Hannukah
The Hentel Family



Happy Hannukah
Suzanne Horn

Tiny Temple: Chanukah Fun and Learning

All tots through age five and their grownups are warmly invited to "Tiny Temple" to prepare for Chanukah on Sunday, December 3, 10:30am at Vassar Temple. We'll learn about this holiday of miracles and light, make a holiday craft, and enjoy a healthy snack. There is never a charge to attend Tiny Temple events, but please help us in our planning by RSVPing to office@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570.

Compassion

By Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

Compassion is a social feeling that motivates people to go out of their way to relieve the physical, mental, or emotional pains of others and themselves. Compassion is sensitivity to the emotional aspects of the suffering of others. To be compassionate is to feel deeply for another person as they experience the ups and downs associated with life. To be compassionate not just to tell someone that you care but also to show them that you care by being there before they even ask for it. Compassion literally means "to suffer together." Among emotion researchers, it is defined as the feeling that arises when you are confronted with another's suffering and feel motivated to relieve that suffering.

How to Practice Compassion:

- Speak with kindness.
- Apologize when you've made a mistake.
- Listen carefully and without judgment.
- Encourage other people.
- Offer to help someone with a task.
- Be happy for someone else's success.
- Accept people for who they are.
- Forgive people for making mistake
- Here is a list of things children can do to practice compassion:



Random Acts of Kindness Ideas for Kids

- Holding the classroom door open for classmates
- Allowing a friend to go first in a game
- Asking another student if they need help with their homework
- Throwing a friend's garbage in the bin for them
- Waving to a classmate at departure
- Picking up another student's pencil when it falls

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 B'Nai Mitzvah class (grade 7 meets Saturday mornings).

For more info contact:
 Rabbi Miriams Hyman: Education Director Temple Beth-El at education@tbeny.org
 Rabbi Glenn Jacob: Congregation Shir Chadash rabbigmj@gmail.com

VASSAR TEMPLE

Vassar Temple provides a program of education within the guidelines of the Reform Movement, which deepens a student's Jewish experience and knowledge within an accepting, stimulating, and creative 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 under the administration of Rabbi Shoshana Hantman, our Religious School Director. The Hebrew School, under the direction of Temple Rabbi Renni Altman D.D., meets Wednesday afternoons, offers Hebrew language instruction and bar/bat mitzvah preparation for grades 4-7. Teens may work as madrachim (teachers aides) in the Sunday School. New enrollments are welcome throughout the year. For more information, rsdirector@vassartemple.org (845) 454-2570.

Community

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 PARTY

DECEMBER 10, 2023 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM

Vassar Temple 140 Hooker Ave Poughkeepsie

- balloon artist **Darryl Bielski**
- crafts, doughnut bar
- nosh
- bubble master **Rick Moore**
- menorah lighting & songs

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

Thank you!

רחמים
Rachamim
Compassion

Here is a craft from lovesgrowslearning.com to help children understand kindness and create a kindness flower:

You will need:

- Paper
- Markers
- glue or tape
- scissors

Directions:

1. Cut paper into petals and stem shape with a circle in the middle.
2. Color petals different colors.
3. Write a goal of compassion in each petal.
4. Glue together in a flower shape.



Tamatha



Suzanne



Finding Solace in Solidarity

By Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

I have had the opportunity to write about many uplifting and adventurous outings with my PJ families. Amidst the global humanitarian crisis, I would like to share the experience of November's PJ virtual event which was very different in comparison to the retelling of light-hearted adventures.

With the encouragement of former PJ Library Director Kimberly Ritz and in an effort to provide support and resources for our parents, Dr. Gila Reckess graciously volunteered her evening. In a safe and supportive space, parents shared their personal struggles coping with the ongoing atrocities. Parents and caregivers expressed their concerns in managing their emotions while simultaneously trying to shelter and support children during these confusing times.

While we are geographically removed from the day to day horrors in Israel and Gaza, the helplessness and vulnerability of being Jewish transcends borders. The silence of antisemitism has awoken from its slumber and the familiarity of our learned history makes us all question the legitimacy of our trepidation.

Our virtual event provided some comfort, reassuring us that we are navigating this historic yet unfamiliar terrain together. It allowed for a safe space to express concerns and share our vulnerabilities and the need for navigational tools to strategically support our children during this time. Thank you so much to Dr. Gila Reckess and to all who attended, showing solidarity through prayer and intimate conversation about a very real, relevant and difficult topic



PJ Library friends having fun!



Pay it forward this Hanukkah and give to PJ Library to help support all the programs we offer to the community.

Scan the QR code above to donate online or go to www.jewishdutchess.org and click donate now.

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Family Name:

The Feinstein Family

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

Two boys ages 8 and 3.

How long have you been receiving PJ Library books?

8 years

What is your family's favorite PJ Library book?

Noah's Ark

How did you hear about PJ Library?

Temple

Why is PJ Library important to your home?

Reading holds a special place in our family, particularly before bedtime, and it becomes even more meaningful when we delve into Jewish stories that impart knowledge about Jewish tradition and values. It's a cherished experience for us to explore these tales together, nurturing a deeper understanding of our heritage as a family.

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

PJ Library has established a network of Jewish families in our local area, fostering a strong sense of identity and community. In these times, when it is crucial for Jewish families to come together, group gatherings and events play a vital role in uniting families from various aspects of Judaism. Through PJ Library, we have had the opportunity to make numerous friends, and it has been truly remarkable to build meaningful connections in our community.

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

PJ Library offers valuable resources for parents during holidays, complete with exceptional illustrations, helping us in explaining the significance of each holiday to our children at an age-appropriate level. Every month, we eagerly await the arrival of new books and stories, allowing our family to embrace and celebrate various holidays and traditions.



Be The Light That Shines This Holiday Season

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT PJ LIBRARY



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Herman Chertock	Spencer Gorin	Eli Sloves
Stu Chimkin	Martin Hochhauser	Bernardo Steinvurzel
Herb Dym	Bob Morrison	Victor Stern
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 miracles!
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 to Yours,
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May your Hanukkah shine
 bright with happiness!



**Avalon Assisted Living and
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 bright with happiness!



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 bright with happiness!



**Dr. Lorraine Patten, DDS
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Wishing you peace in
 this season of
 miracles!



**Dutchess County
 Leadership Prayer
 Breakfast Committee**

Peace to all!



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Hanukkah Blessings!



**The Three Arts
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 this season of
 miracles!



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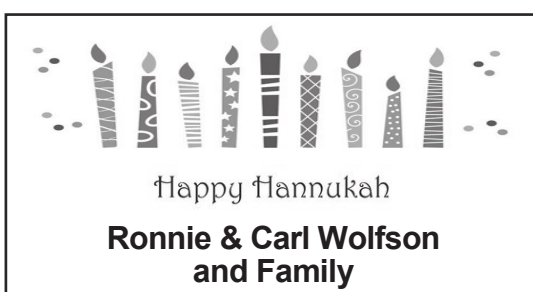
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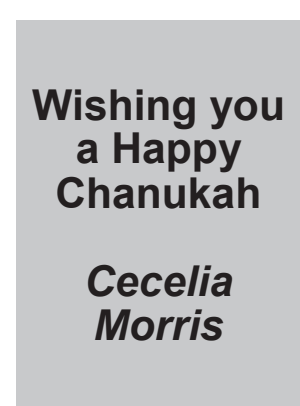
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Ronnie & Carl Wolfson
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Peace to all!
Phyllis & Sam Wexler



Hanukkah Blessings!
Rabbi Renni Altman



Wishing you a Happy Chanukah
Cecelia Morris

Hanukkah begins December 7 and ends December 15

The Federation Board's Voice



Susan G. Hecht

Chanukah in 2023 by Susan G. Hecht

I am writing this article at least 4 weeks before you read it, and I wonder: What will the world be like just 4 weeks from now? How will the hostages be? Please G-d, may they be home and safe. Will the world be in a better place? It is difficult to know because I can't possibly understand how humanity got to where we are in the first place.

I begin by stating that I am not an expert on Judaism or on geopolitics. I can only write from my inner core, from my soul – and I hope that you welcome some of my most personal thoughts. At the time that I am writing this, we are 3 weeks after Simchat Torah – after the terrorists savagely stormed Israel and took hostages. I am distraught, and I pray for release of the hostages. In addition, for 3 weeks, along with you, I have watched worldwide anti-semitism show itself and blossom. I contemplate how I can help. I work hard, and at the same time I feel helpless. I pray for the end of violence and hate.

When I am at a loss like this, I look to some of the principles of Judaism and the warmth of our Jewish community to help keep me afloat. I grew up with a strong Jewish identity, even though I did not practice all the laws of Judaism. My family taught me the concepts of loving-kindness and love your neighbor as yourself (in Hebrew: v'ahavtah l'raychah kahmochah).

As Chanukah approaches, I think about one of the blessings said over the Chanukah menorah: Baruch atah Hashem Elokeinu melech ha'olam, shehashah nissim la'avoteinu bayamim ha'haym biz'man ha'zeh. It translates to: Blessed are you, our G-d, King of the universe, **who performed miracles, for our ancestors in days past, at this time.** For me, this blessing represents that the miracles of the past are not over – we celebrate them today, not only to remember the past, but as hope for our future.

I like to think that what brings together the readers of the Voice is some sort of combination of these two concepts: of loving-kindness and hope for the future. For each of us this combination likely looks a little different. But while humanity seems filled with levels of hate and intolerance that I could never have imagined, the warmth from this community, from my involvement with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, and from the support and guidance from our different synagogues, I look forward to Chanukah and I thank you all for helping me find my path. May we find strength, hope, and healing during this Chanukah season.

(Words of Wisdom From the Wise Continued from page 4)

education. When impulses and opportunities come along, consider doing it. Be ready to make changes. Whatever job you do, you have a responsibility to do the best job you can, irrespective of money.

6. What is one piece of career advice you would offer?

Get a lot of education. Do a lot of reading. Be open to changing your life.

7. What is your favorite Jewish memory?

I recall with fondness our Passover seders, which were big events. I had my own glass for wine and as the first grandson, I always did the four questions. At one seder, someone served kosher Aracini ice cream after the meal. Suddenly my grandfather asked, "What is this made of?" When he heard milk chocolate, he replied, "God will never forgive me for dairy after meat."

8. How did you meet your spouse?

I met my wife because she was an employee, a secretary. After 1-2 years, she left to go to California for college. We stayed in touch. After she finished as a graduate in the study of African History at Stanford, she came back to Poughkeepsie. We married and our honeymoon was in Africa (Nairobi to Zambia). We also traveled to Israel in 1967 and toured the battlefields in Gaza and the West Bank.

9. Which is your favorite destination and why?

I have to say NYC is my first choice. We had an apartment there and in Switzerland because my wife liked to climb. I also like any place in Italy and Ireland. We own a timeshare in Palm Springs, California.

10. What was one life challenge you faced and how did you overcome it?

After the development of AARP, I went out on my own. That was a dangerous thing to do but it succeeded.

11. What is one interesting thing people do not know about you?

I once hit a home run off a major league baseball player when I was in the army. If I am being honest, it was more of an accident than anything else. I was on the NY State Board for Hospital Regulatory Board for many year after ratification by State Senate. I served in the Pacific War during World War II as an infantryman and after war in office commanding general

12. What is the most important lesson you have learned in life?

Don't work so hard. Trust your employees. Get education. Never stop being open to ideas and education. Express your views.

13. What is one question you wish we had asked you and what would that answer be?

Q. What is the most important thing for the American Jew?

A. The relationship with the State of Israel. We are American citizens and Jewish. Be in favor of Israel and what they have achieved. Also, remember that our overall loyalty and faith must be to the US. As JFK said, "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

Our Executive Director



Darkness and Light

Since October 7th, we have experienced some really dark days. I know I am not the only one who has been having stress nightmares and sleepless nights. The horror of October 7th has only been compounded by the horrific rise of antisemitic acts globally, particularly on college campuses by both students and professors. Many of us are feeling scared and concerned for our own safety and that of Jewish college students.

In all this darkness though, there have been some moments of light. As Martin Luther King, Jr. has said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

We are pleased to share that the Dutchess County legislature has passed a resolution denouncing antisemitism and hate in Dutchess County. This resolution, which was introduced (and signed) by County Executive Bill O'Neil, had bipartisan sponsorship and support and has passed unanimously. During the legislative committee meeting, present in support were members of our Jewish community, Bishop Gause from Holy Light Pentecostal Church and VP of the DC African American Clergy Association, Pastor Luis Perez from the Rhinebeck Reformed Church, and others. The whole legislature wore blue ribbons in support of and solidarity with the 230+ hostages, who are from 30 countries and are Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, and Hindu. In addition, the DC Commission on Human Rights adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.

When the call to rally in Washington for Israel was announced, close to 300,000 people attended in person, and an additional 250,000 joined online. Feeling united and surrounded by love was powerful and empowering.

When a new friend from Beulah Baptist suggested that we should do a candlelight vigil together for the hostages, I felt the support from those outside of the Jewish community. Our interfaith vigil brought together clergy and members from four churches and five synagogues, elected officials, and law enforcement – all together united in solidarity for the hostages. Phone calls received by non-Jewish friends go further than they probably will ever realize.

As the days get shorter and dark nights longer, together as a community we can work to remain united and be the light that shines. Chanukkah after all is the Chag Ha'orim, the Holiday of Light. We thank all of you who helped support the Operation Swords of Iron fund and while our hearts are in Israel, please remember to help us locally by contributing to the Annual Campaign. In order for us to continue our work supporting those in need, creating community, fighting antisemitism, helping seniors, engaging interfaith families, addressing antisemitism on college campuses, building collaborations, and more; we need your financial support. Whether check, credit card, stocks, or Required Minimum Distribution (RMD); every big and little donation is welcome and never taken for granted.

Sending hugs of light and love,

Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director

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Highlights, updates, and happenings of our Jewish business members of the community.

Congratulations to Judge Stephen Diamond on receiving the most prestigious Root/Stimson Award presented by The New York State Bar Association. This particular award honors a lawyer who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to community and volunteer service and to the improvement of the justice system. An honor so very well deserved.

Congratulations Steve!!



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Happy Hannukah
Jill & Ira Auerbach

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Happy Hannukah
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Hanukkah Blessings!

Nancy & Adam Belok

Hanukkah Blessings!

Blanche & Lou Bergman

Hanukkah Blessings!

Helen Bernstein and Family

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Sandy & Lee Corwin

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Celebrating the Festival of Lights

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Shacharis 7:00am (weekdays)
Shacharis 8:30am (Sunday & holidays)
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Friday Kabbalat Shabbat: around candle lighting times.

Adult Education:

Tuesday

Class on Maimonides 10:30am, hybrid. We will study The Collected Writings of Maimonides. The Eight Chapters of Ethics.

Conversational Hebrew 11:45am.

Hebrew Fall II, siddur track, 6:00pm, We are using the prayer book to improve our reading skills

Thursday

A Window into Yesteryear—the lives they lived, the Torah they taught 7:00pm. We will examine Jewish life in different eras and locales as filtered through the lens of the life of various interesting individuals.

Hands on Judaism for the Foodie— 7:00pm, December 21. We will take an inside look into the mitzvos and practices of kosher food (with matching dinners) Class is free, RSVP for dinner (\$10 pp)

Other Events:

Thursday

Yiddish Club 11:00am, December 21. If you want to speak a bisele, to chap a noshe, and to schmooze, then this club is for you. Join us live every month. The Yiddish Club is a nostalgic trip to the times and culture of our bubblies and zaydies, mixed with Yiddish music, Yiddish comedy, Yiddish lemin, and Yiddish hanae as well as a look at how Yiddish is faring in contemporary times. As I think all events and programs spearheaded by Schomre Israel, this program is open to all in the community. You needn't be fluent in the language, so come join us.

Saturday

Movie Night (Movie TBD) 7:00pm, December 23. We are planning to watch a film and enjoy some Chinese food.

Upcoming

Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner Sunday, December 10, 5:00pm (on the 4th night of the holiday).

The annual Hamentashen sale will begin soon. Pre-ordered hamentashen will be available for pick up on Sunday March 10. These kosher, pareve Purim treats are available with prune, poppyseed, apricot, raspberry, or chocolate fillings. The price is \$19 per dozen or \$12 per half dozen. Shaloch Monot baskets which contain hamentashen, candy, nuts, and a beverage are available for \$27. To have the basket or an order of hamentashen shipped there is an \$18 shipping charge. Remember Purim Day is on Sunday, March 24. To place an order or for more information contact the synagogue office or Roberta Grosman rgrosman@aol.com

Contact:

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for current information
or visit the website
www.schomreIsrael.org

Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)
Interim: Freedom Plains
Presbyterian Church, Lagrange
(845) 232-1029
Rabbi Glenn Jacob
Website: www.shir-chadash.org
Email: info@shir-chadash.org

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Saturday

Torah Study 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Shir Chadash's new spiritual leader, Rabbi Jacob. Everyone has a chance to participate. Just bring an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts.

For dates and info call (845) 232-1029, email: info@shir-chadash.org or visit www.shir-chadash.org.

Other Events:

Sunday

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

Those interested in reading are invited, (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! For more info, contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: info@shir-chadash.org

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Temple Beth-El

(Conservative)
118 S Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-0570
Rabbi Michael Fessler
Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman
Website: www.tbeny.org
Email: info@tbeny.org

Weekly Services:

Friday & Saturday Shabbat Services alternate between in-person and Zoom.
Monday— Friday Minyan 8:00 am.
Monday & Thursday in person & Zoom,
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday only on Zoom
Call the Temple Beth-El office for the current schedule.

Adult Education:

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

Other Events:

Sunday

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

Tuesday

Book Club 2:00 pm in the Social hall at TBE, if inclement weather we meet via Zoom.

Upcoming dates and book selections are:
12/12/23—*The Hare with Amber Eyes*;
2/13/24—*The Most Beautiful Girl in Cuba*;
4/9/24 and 6/11/24—Selections TBD.

Contact:

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January 26
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Day w/FDR

January 28
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Vassar Temple

(Reform)
140 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-2570
Rabbi Renni S. Altman D.D.
Website: www.vassartemple.org
Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or
rabbi@vassartemple.org

Weekly Services:

All services are hybrid. For Zoom link contact office@vassartemple.org For current in-person health protocols visit: www.vassartemple.org

Friday

Shabbat Evening Service December 1 7:30pm-Membership; December 8 7:30pm-Candle Lighting; December 15, 22, 29, 7:30pm.

Saturday

New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship December 2, 16, 10:15am.

Healing Service December 9, 10:15am

Shabbat Morning Service December 23, 10:15am.

Adult Education:

Monday

Talmud Study December 11,18 1:30pm via Zoom with Rabbi Paul Golomb, for details, study sheets, and to be placed on the Talmud Study email list contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Saturday

Torah Study Hybrid, 9:00am. For info and to join, contact: (845) 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org.

Other Events:

Wednesday

Sisterhood Book Group Calling all Jennifer Rosner fans. December 20, 2:00pm, in-person at the College View Tower meeting room, 141 Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie. We will be discussing *Once We Were Home* by Jennifer Rosner. It is a gorgeously written, poignant book about displaced children of the Holocaust.

For questions and to RSVP, please contact bookclub@vassartemple.org. Jennifer Rosner's Zoom-based program about *Once We Were Home*, sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of Vassar Temple, is scheduled for January 17, 7:30pm. Pre-registration required.

Friday

Annual Hanukkah Dinner and Service December 8, 6:00pm in the social hall. Bring a meat or vegetable dish for 12 to share. Sisterhood will provide latkes, applesauce, challah, salad and drinks. Please do not use dairy products or nuts in your dish. The cost of the dinner is \$18 per family or \$6 per individual. RSVP by Tuesday, December 5 to Roni Stein

HanukkahDinner@vassartemple.org or call (845) 454-2570. Send your check made payable to Vassar Temple Sisterhood, to Vassar Temple Sisterhood, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, with "Hanukkah Dinner" on the memo line. The dinner will be followed at 7:30 by our traditional family-friendly Hanukkah Menorah-Lighting Shabbat service, to which everyone is welcome, and encouraged to bring their menorah and three candles to help us light up the night!

Saturday

Healing Service

Led by Rabbi Altman and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann will be held Saturday December 9, 10:15am. This beautiful service is designed for anyone praying for healing of the body, soul or spirit for themselves or others, in need of spiritual strength. The service will include prayers, reflections and songs that focus on healing and on Shabbat. There will also be a Torah reading. Everyone is welcome to attend, it will be hybrid. For the Zoom link, watch temple e-mails or contact office@vassartemple.org .

Contact :

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Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592
 Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus
 Website: www.MyPardess.org
 Email: info@MyPardess.org

Contact:
info@MyPardess.org
for current information
or visit the website
www.MyPardess.org

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

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

Weekly Services:

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

Contact:

RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
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or visit the website
www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie
 (845) 463-5801
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
 Website:
www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com
 Email:
ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Wednesday

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

Special Events:

Sunday

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

Contact :

ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net
for current information
or visit the website
www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Beacon Hebrew Alliance

(Conservative)
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon
 (845) 831-2012
 Rabbi Brent Spodek;
 Email:
411@beaconhebrewalliance.org

Weekly Services:

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

Check our Community Calendar for services times, generally every Friday & one Saturday per month:
www.beaconhebrewalliance.org/calendar

Contact:
for current information
or visit the website
www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

Congregation Beth David

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

Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am.

Contact:

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or visit the website
www.CongBethDavid.org

Vassar College Bayit

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

Weekly Services:

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

Contact :

bryanmann@vassar.edu
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Bard College

Rabbi Joshua Boettiger
 Jewish Chaplain, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Humanities
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jboettiger@bard.edu
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Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley

243 Albany Ave, Kingston
 (845) 338-4271 ext 101
 Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102
 Rabbi Yael Romer:
rabbioromer@hvc.rr.com

Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm, held in the sanctuary or chapel..

Storytelling for First Fridays 6:00pm

Tot Shabbat 12/8, 5:15pm

Saturday

Morning Minyan 10:00am.

Education:

Mediation & Torah Study Tuesday, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 8:45am, via Zoom.

Hebrew Trope Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20, 12:00pm, via Zoom.

Conversational Hebrew Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20, 4:00pm, via Zoom.

Coffee Chai with the Rabbi (Zoom)

Thursday, December 7, 14, 8:45am.

Contact: info@cehv.org
for all events and current info
or visit the website www.CEHV.org

Woodstock Jewish Congregation

241682 Glasco Tpke, Woodstock
 (845) 679-2218
 Rahel: rahel@wjcschul.org

Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30pm,

Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat

First Fridays 6:00pm

Saturday

Shabbat Service 10:00am

Education:

Family School Registration Family School Wednesday, 4:00-6:30pm

Other Events:

WJC Men's Group Thursday, 7:30pm,

WJC Women's Group First Monday at

5:00pm, includes potluck dinner

"A Shtickle Toyrah" (a bit of Torah)

Monday 9:00am. Members of the

community take turns offering a short

teaching on the weekly Torah portion.

Contact: Rahel@wjcschul.org
for all events and current info
or visit the website
www.wjcschul.org



December

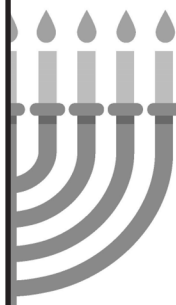
Candle Lighting Schedule

December 1	4:08pm
December 8	4:07pm
December 15	4:08pm
December 22	4:10pm
December 29	4:15pm

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Sunday, December 10, 2023

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programs@jewishdutchess.org
(845) 471-9811



The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625



All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the U.S. Military (active, Reserves, or National Guard) or any person who wishes to support veterans are invited to attend Post meetings.

We will be in person at Schomre Israel. The next meetings will be December 17 and January 14 at 9:30am (9:00am schmooze). The Post will supply nosh stuff and coffee, and refreshments will be strictly kosher. Masks are optional. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more info, please contact Post Commander Schwartz at (845) 849-0025 or Rschwa9881@aol.com

Can't wait until Christmas Day to have kosher Chinese and go to the movies?
 Not a problem!

TBE is having a Kosher Chinese Hanukkah Dinner Dance this year!

When: Saturday, December 9, 2023 in the TBE Social Hall
 Doors open 6:00; Havdalah and candle lighting 6:30; dinner 6:45

Cost: TBE members: \$18.00 13+; \$9.00 6-12; under 5 is free.
 Families with **MORE THAN 2** children: \$55 for the entire family.
 Non-TBE members: \$25.00 13+; \$12.00 6-12; under 5 is free.
 Families with **MORE THAN 2** children: \$76 for the entire family.

For all credit card payments only, please add \$1.00 to your total amount to help defray our credit card expenses.

Dinner: Kosher (meat) Chinese food. There will be vegetarian options.

Misc: As this is also a fundraiser, there will be a 50/50, and instead of scratch offs, we will be raffling off boards of \$10 gift cards. This will be cash or check only!

Deadline: The absolute deadline to register and pay is Friday, 12:00 noon, December 1, 2023!

Questions: Merri Sedgwick: moondoggie7@optonline.net
 Suzanne Turrissi: suzanneturrissi@gmail.com

This event is underwritten by the Jack and Karin Fein Hanukkah Fund.



As part of a series of special events marking the 175th Anniversary of Vassar Temple, President Lisa-Sue Quackenbush led a tour of the three cemeteries on LaGrange Ave maintained by the synagogue. Congregants whose family ties went back several generations in the Temple contributed to the narrative.



Vassar Sisterhood completed a knitting project to provide Dutchess Outreach with colorful warm hand knitted sweaters and scarves for adults and children in need.

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Members of the Vassar Temple Sisterhood learned the art of making scented candles at their opening meeting of the New Year 5784



Members of Vassar Temple and the Mid-Hudson Islamic Association partner monthly at Lunch Box.



HAPPY HANUKKAH

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

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Martin Hochhauser and Eli Stoves of Jewish War veterans Post 625, at their annual Veterans' Day Poppy Event, to raise money to benefit the Castle Point VA and local veterans.



Poughkeepsie HS Jr ROTC members learned about alumni Herman Siegel, who lived on the street next to the school and was the 1st Jewish soldier from Poughkeepsie to make the ultimate sacrifice during WWII. The street has been renamed in Pvt. Siegel's honor, and as a service project the students performed litter collection. Jewish War Veterans Post 625 Chief of Staff Martin Hochhauser (shown center) organized the event.

Wishing Light and Peace for All!
Happy Hanukkah!

Vassar Temple

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