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2024 Annual Meeting

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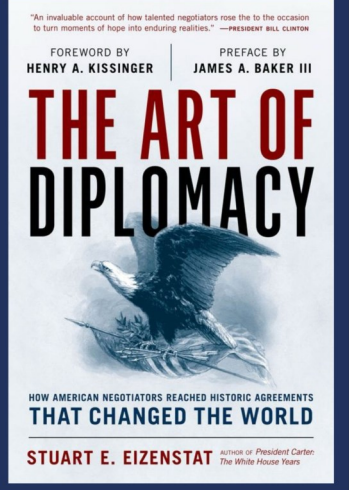
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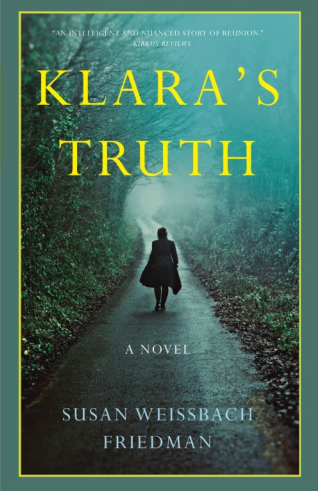
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Susan Weissbach Friedman

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LEARN & LUNCH BUNCH

Location
 Temple Beth-El
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SCHEDULE

11:00 –11:30am
 Schmooze
 11:30 –12:30pm
 Program

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

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MEETING LOCATION

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December

December 11 **The Midnight Call** and my Journey to Publication with Jodè Millman. Come meet author Jodè Miller and hear about her book and its publication.
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Learn & Lunch Bunch is partially funded by the Ann & Abe Effron Fund and Bernard and Shirley Handel Foundation Donor Advised Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley



Office for the Aging

submitted by Todd N. Tancredi, Director, Dutchess County Office for the Aging

Golden Living...News for Older Adults, Their Families and Caregivers

You may have noticed that the world is often an unfriendly place for older adults. Whether it's due to simple mistakes or outright ageism is sometimes hard to determine, but that doesn't mean any of us have to take it lying down. What we at OFA are looking for is a change in attitudes, no matter the age, from "aging is something to avoid" to "aging is something to embrace." This isn't our emotional reaction; it's based on sound science. Not only are the negative stereotypes of aging incorrect, they're often completely backwards.

One example: While it's true that studies show that cognitive abilities and reaction times often worsen with age, those same studies note that other brain functions like conscientiousness, regulating emotions, and ignoring distractions remain strong as we age - and can even improve.

Among the Office for the Aging's clientele are people of all physical abilities, from quadriplegics to marathon runners. Our mission is to serve them all, and their caregivers. Ageism would have all our older adults lumped in with the least healthy, the least capable, and the least alert among us. It becomes a barrier to access to OFA services for the older adults who could be helped most by OFA. *"I don't want to talk to them - they'll put me in a home!"*

It's a common objection from older adults with real concerns about their future independence but aren't familiar with what OFA can do to improve their chances of remaining independent.

Through no fault of their own, they may have internalized society's ageism. As readers who already know what OFA can do through your experience in OFA's Home Delivered Meals and/or Friendship Center programs, you can help spread OFA's message, counteract ageism, and help them get to know us before they need us.

Let's Try an Exercise (This One's for Younger People, Too)

Think of any older person you know and come up with five words or phrases to describe them. Don't overthink; just use the first ones that come to mind. Take a look at those words and phrases. Are they positive or negative?

What tends to happen is that some positive words and phrases like "wise" and "kind" will come up, but after negatives like "frail" and "stubborn." That's been the experience of Yale University aging science expert Dr. Becca Levy, who found that negative age beliefs can adversely affect our health, while positive beliefs can add as many as 7.5 healthy years to our lives. Dr. Levy exposed her lab subjects to positive messages, and the result was an improvement in balance, memory, and even the will to live.

But maybe you're not a natural positive thinker. Are you doomed? Probably not; after all, you've read this far, and given the space limitations of this newsletter we must be getting to the good part by now.

The Good Part

Building a habit of positive thinking is as easy as breakfast, lunch and dinner. Every time you sit down for a meal, think of something that went well for you, an achievement by yourself or a loved one, a bit of good news, a happy memory...it can be just about anything, long as it's positive. Do this for a few weeks and you'll be well on your way.

Put together a "portfolio" of positive older role models. Some can be family members or neighbors; others can be well-known people from anywhere in the world. Think about their qualities, and how you could incorporate them into your own life.

The positive beliefs can lead to positive actions: better nutrition, more exercise, greater wellbeing, less stress. From here, you might experience what's called a "preference cascade." It's that moment where a thought like this comes to you: Holy cow, I'm not the only one who thinks this way. I'm not alone!

And that's how change for the better is achieved: from the bottom up. Eventually, the journalists writing fretful articles about the "silver tsunami" of older adults take a second look at the landscape and realize what they missed the first time around: While the growing number of older people enjoying healthy independence as they age into their 80s, 90s and beyond can be a challenge for our financial and human assets, it's also an achievement that has never happened before in human history. More of us have more of what no business or government project can create: time, and the good health to use it well.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, telephone (845) 486-2555, email: ofa@dutchessny.gov website: www.dutchessny.gov/aging Social media: www.facebook.com/DutchessCountyOFA

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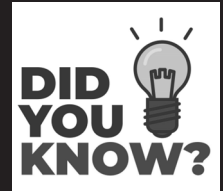


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1/19 - LAUNCH of **Jewish
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1/27 – International Holocaust
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The Harding Club



The Harding Club, a Jewish men's social club, wishes all of you a very happy and healthy Chanukah. May our lights burn brightly and may there be peace throughout the world. Chanukah is a celebration, among other things, of religious freedom. As Jews, we should be grateful that we live in a country that cherishes the values of peace and freedom.

The Harding Club, embracing these important values, is active in our greater community and beyond in many ways. Food is delivered monthly to needy families in the Poughkeepsie inner city. Generous financial contributions are distributed to worthy local organizations. Israel's efforts to defend itself and provide needed humanitarian relief is generously supported. We are actively and enthusiastically philanthropic.

And we have enjoyable times together, too. Maybe you would like to become a member. Just contact one of us listed below. You will be welcomed to our club. We would love to have new members.

The Harding Club has been an active organization for over 100 years. Conditions do change, but the club has been loyal to its core principles since the club was created.

Meetings are held twice monthly, either for dinner or lunch, at a local restaurant. Socialization with friends, new and old, gets us started. Then an interesting speaker takes the floor. We have had speakers, members and non-members alike, on a variety of topics. Scientists, historians, businesspeople, politicians, artists, and more have been enjoyed by our members.

The Executive Director of the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra, Rachel Crozier, was a recent guest.

I (Alan Fox, Secretary and past president) encourage you to get in touch with one of us listed below if you are interested in membership. We look forward to hearing from you.

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 Irv Miller, Vice President: irvinmmiller@gmail.com
 Alan Fox, Secretary: alfox21@yahoo.com

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TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org	March	February 1
if you have questions.	April	March 1

Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Glenn Jacob*

When Isaac Bashevis Singer published one of his last collections of short stories in 1980, "The Power of Light: Eight Stories for Hanukkah," the Nobel winning storyteller transformed into the master Jewish teacher. This children's collection, which mingled some of his most powerful themes combined with his memories of growing up in the little town of Bilgoraj, created a master lesson that resounds today. One can imagine that a man who lived through both World Wars, escaped from Poland to the United States in 1935, and suffered the loss of family and friends during the Holocaust and during Stalin's purge afterwards, would either have much to say or nothing at all. He struggled for a number of years, then like Job, he rose from his ashes and spoke.



Rabbi Jacob

Singer used witchcraft, mystery, and legend as elements in his stories. Yiddish, Biblical stories, and rabbinic interpretations were woven into the tapestries that were his stories. Yet, magic did not save the Jews in his stories. The power of the Jewish spirit and the traditions of the Jewish memory and learning were the forces that overcame the darkness. In his story "The Extinguished Lights," when the lost soul could not find his way back to Bilgoraj on a dark and windy Hanukkah night, it was the demand of the rabbi that the congregation sing loudly Hanukkah songs in the shul that guided him home. This is the power Mr. Singer wished to teach us.

We find ourselves in times of darkness again. Jews are experiencing peril across countries and continents. As Isaac Bashevis Singer teaches, not only can we overcome, we shall do so by spirit of our tradition and the fortitude of Jewish consciousness. As Zechariah declares, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit..."

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 Vicki Grillot who took time away from her volunteer job at the Hudson Valley Animal Rescue to answers our questions.



Vicki Grillot

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: *Honesty.*
Least Favorite: *Lies.*
- 2. What profession other than you own would you like to attempt?** *None. I loved being an Occupational Therapist, working with both pediatric and geriatric populations. And now I'm retired. YAHOO!!*
- 3. What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
With my poor memory—a waitress.
- 4. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *Flexibility.*
Dislike: *Aging.*
- 5. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**
Potato Latkes.
- 6. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
Together with my parents, we were tour operators, specializing in travel of the physically disabled.
- 7. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
To bring about sustaining peace.
- 8. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?** *Raising two wonderful daughters.*
- 9. What would you hope others do in the interest of our future?**
Respect one another.
- 10. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
Bringing butter to my grandparents kosher table when meat was being served—oops.
- 11. In what ways, does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish community?**
JFedDC has been involved in so many positive projects. Special recognition to The Voice for its ability to reach out to so many affiliated and non-affiliated.
- 12. What is the biggest challenge to our Jewish community? At the moment, political division and antisemitism.**
- 13. What is one question you wish we had asked and how would you respond?**
Q: *How are wheelchair bags and mitzvah related?*
A: *Many residents in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers have no place to safely store their cellphones, tissues, etc. I have been sewing bags for quite a few years to donate to these facilities. If anyone reading this has a sewing machine and enjoys sewing and looking to perform a mitzvah, please share your contact information with the JFedDC. I will reach out and to you with specifics. Thank you.*

*Member of the Tribe

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Cecelia Morris

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Sandra & John Blair

Hanukkah Blessings!



The Breslow & Glassman Families

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Barbara & Bernie Cohen

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Joe Kisch, Betsy Efron & Jean Friedman

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Roni & Charles Stein

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Sharon & Howard Lynne

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Doris & Bob Haas

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The Quackenbush Family

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Paula & Azzy Reckess

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Hanukkah Blessings!



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Rose, Brion, & Joshua Shapiro

Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!



Gail & Samuel Simon

Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!



Bob Ulrich

Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!



Ellen & Victor Stern and Family

Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!



Suzanne & Len Turetzky



Happy Hanukkah
Love, Fritz & Jack Goodman

Hanukkah Blessings!



Beth & Les Richardson




Happy Hanukkah
Roberta (z'l) & Len Grosman



Happy Hanukkah
Gwen Greene



Happy Hanukkah
Deanie Gordon and the Levine, Israel, & Gordon Families



Happy Hanukkah
Ann & Jeffrey Gross



Happy Hanukkah
The Hankin Family



Happy Hanukkah
Shirley & Bernard (z'l) Handel

Hanukkah Blessings!



Brenda Ritz and Family



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



Happy Hanukkah
The Hentel Family



Happy Hanukkah
Jane Silver Timm and Family

Hanukkah *By Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director*

According to Britannica.com, "The word dedication means a feeling of very strong support for or loyalty to someone or something." Hanukkah is the Festival of Lights. We can be the light in the darkest part of the year. The shamash is the helper candle, the one where all the others get their light.

How can you be the shamash to someone? Is there someone you know who needs help finding their light? How can you help them now and give them the ability to shine, to be able to clear the darkness from them or use your light to help them burn bright? Hanukkah is all about miracles. It reminds us of how our ancestors fought hard to keep us free. It's the time to recover and heal. Hanukkah is the time for all of us to share our light with the world and fight hard for what we believe is right!

Be the shamash, be the beacon, be the lighthouse!

Tiny Temple and PJ Library Celebrate Hannukah

Young children up thru age 6 and their families: Come celebrate Hannukah with Tiny Temple and PJ Library, at Vassar Temple on Sunday, December 8 at 11:00AM. Join us for a holiday story, fun activities, and learning. Tiny Temple is always free, open to the whole community, and is sponsored by Vassar Temple, an inclusive Reform congregation located at 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie (www.vassartemple.org) For questions and to RSVP, please contact tinytemple@vassartemple.org.

The Kulanu School of Temple Beth-El and Congregation Shir Chadash were very involved in all the fall holidays.

Sukkot Celebration

Students decorated the sukkah on the Tuesday before Sukkot. During sukkot the children had a special snack in the sukkah, recited the blessings for the lulav & etrog, and participated in hakafot around the sukkah.

School Simchat Torah

Students marched around the Zimet torah 7 times and learned some basic Jewish dances

CropWalk

Our students raised \$200 to help stop hunger in our community & beyond. They also brought in a lot of non-perishable foods for our local pantries. After dancing with the Torah our students actualized Torah values by participating in the CropWalk.

Playa Bowls in the Sukkah - Teen event

Under the direction of our new teen advisor, Aviv Fischer-Brown, our teens enjoyed a beautiful afternoon while celebrating the fall harvest. They had make your own playa bowls in the Sukkah, created gratitude trees, and played volleyball. Thank you to the Ritz family for opening up your sukkah and backyard to the teens.

With the holidays behind us, our students are preparing for the school-led joint service at Congregation Shir Chadash on Friday evening, December 6th at 7:30pm.





2024

Community Chanukah Party

- Musical Dance Party With Singer/Songwriter Chaya Soljoi
- Balloon Artistry By Darryl Bielski
- A Special Menorah Lighting
- PJ Library Doughnut Bar, Nosh, Arts & Crafts





SUNDAY | DECEMBER 15

11:00 AM - 12:45 PM

Vassar Temple
140 Hooker Ave
Poughkeepsie, NY

jewishdutchess.org/events

Suggested donation \$18 per family/\$8 per person











Volunteers prepared Rosh Hashanah Senior Holiday Gift bag and delivered them.

A special thank you to the Albinder Family at Hudson River Fruit Distribution for their donation of apples for the 5785 Rosh Hashanah Senior Holiday Gifts Program.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE

Friday afternoons, ages 9-13 years
 Sunday mornings, ages 5-13 years
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon
 Contact celia@beaconhebrewalliance.org
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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

JUDAIC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm
 For information www.mypardess.org/JSA

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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 tzieviehecht@gmail.com

CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH and TEMPLE BETH-EL

Kulanu: All of Us A School of Jewish Learning
 A joint religious school program with Shir Chadash and Temple Beth-El

Our collaborative school models the true meaning of *Klal Yisrael* (Jewish peoplehood) by increasing the sense of Jewish community and partnership for our students and families. It allows students to get to know their Jewish peers and to receive a broader Jewish education. Students explore Jewish tradition, history, and culture through art, music, movement, and text. For grades Pre-K through Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Classes meet:
 Pre-K through grade 6, 10:00am-12:30pm on Sundays*
 January-Mid March we meet on Saturdays and explore Shabbat.
 Grades 3-7 also meet Tuesdays 4:45pm-6:15pm.
 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.

*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!*

חנוכה
Hanukkah
Dedication

Here is a fun way to make an upcycled menorah from momandcrafters.com.

Here is what you'll need:

- 10 4 oz. baby food jars + 9 lids, cleaned and dried.
- Blue food coloring (I used [Betty Crocker Food Color Gel](#))
- [E-6000 glue](#)
- Silver spray paint (I used [Plutonium in 2nd Place](#))
- Tea lights (9 or a total of 44 for all of Hanukkah)
- Water
- A spoon for stirring

How to Make the Upcycled Hanukkah Menorah

1. Start by spray painting all your lids silver, making sure the insides and the outer rims are completely covered.
2. Arrange eight of the jars upside down on your painting surface. Spray the paint from the bottom up, so that it is completely covered on the bottom, with a subtle shimmer going upward.
3. Spray paint the last two jars completely silver. These will make up your "Shamash" helper candle.
4. Place a few drops of food coloring inside your jar (depending on the brand, and how deep you want the color to be. Cover with water.
5. Apply glue around the rim of the jar. E-6000 is great for securing non-porous items such as glass and metal and is great for this project.
6. Secure the lids upside down on the baby food jar. Allow to dry 24 hours before relying on it to stay (you can move them around and even use your Menorah, as it will hold in place, but it will not be secure enough to lift by the lid).
7. Apply glue around the rims of your silver jars.
8. Stack 'em up! Place the one jar on top of the other upright. Place the last lid on top of the top jar upside down. It should look like this (don't worry about the glue drips – they won't show up much in your final Menorah):



Light it up and celebrate the Festival of Lights!
Happy Chanukah!



Tamatha



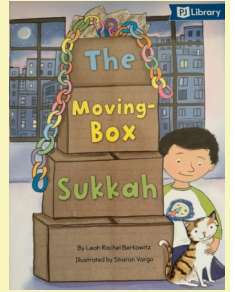
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A Lantern For Our Sukkah By Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

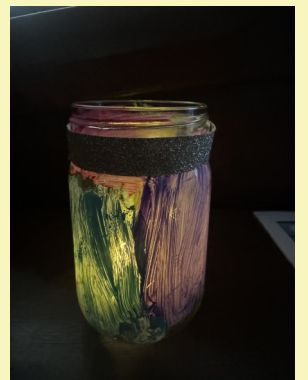
PJ Library Mid Hudson Valley loves the opportunity to collaborate within the community. Vassar Temple invited PJ to participate with their Tiny Temple families for Sukkot.

On this particular fall day, the sun warmed the sukkah. We did a special story walk with PJ Library's *The Moving-Box Sukkah* by Leah Rachel Berkowitz. Afterwards, families created lanterns out of mason jars to light up their sukkahs and brighten the night's sky. Children learned to shake the lulav and smell the etrog.



The highlight of our shared Sukkot experience was a sing-along with Vassar Temple's Rabbi Altman where we all enjoyed singing *Come On Into My Sukkah* by Ellen Allard.

I can't wait to see everyone at our next PJ collaborative event, the 2024 Community Hanukkah Party on December 15th from 11:00 AM -12:45 PM at Vassar Temple!



PJ'S
Birthday Bash

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL BIRTHDAY MONTH!

If you or someone you know is celebrating a birthday in December and you would like them to be featured in *The Voice* as a PJ Library birthday child of the month, email programs@jewishdutchess.org and let us know!



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to Yours,

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and the Staff at
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Eleanor, Marty,
Elise, Rachel &
Deena Korfman

We apologize in advance for any spelling
errors in the Holiday greetings.

To find the location of your greeting visit
JewishDutchess.org/holiday-ads

Hanukkah begins December 7 and ends December 15

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!



Marina & Tye Elias

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!



Judy Elkin & Gene Fleishman

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!



Jane Friedland-Johnson Family

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!



Marilyn & Michael Schwartz

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!



Sandra Mamis

HAPPY HANUKKAH



From Our Family to Yours,
Team Silbergleit
(Debbie, Jason, Zach, Colby)

HAPPY HANUKKAH



From Our Family to Yours,
Wendy & Stuart Waxman

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From Our Family to Yours,
Nina & Russell Rothman

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From Our Family to Yours,
The Gershunys & The Bregenzers

HAPPY HANUKKAH



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

HAPPY HANUKKAH



From Our Family to Yours,
Miriam Gold and Family

HAPPY HANUKKAH



From Our Family to Yours,
Brenda Baker and Family

Peace to all!



Pam & Sol Resnikoff,
with our best wishes.

Hanukkah Blessings!



Blanche & Lou Bergman

Hanukkah Blessings!



Helen Bernstein and Family

Hanukkah Blessings!



Nancy & Adam Belok

Hanukkah Blessings!



Bressman Family

Hanukkah Blessings!



Dana & Ira Effron

The Federation Board's Voice



Zachary Lewis

2024 Programs

Initially, I thought about writing The Voice's December article because I would be able to discuss the election fallout and what it means for the Jews and Israel both nationally and locally. What I did not expect is what happened in Amsterdam on November 7th following the Europa League soccer match between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Ajax.

Watching marauding hordes search the streets of the city for Jews to stab, punch, kick, run over, or dump into the canal was harrowing. They entered hotels seeking out traveling Israelis, asking anyone who looked Jewish whether or not they had ID on them. Online these people posted their passport "trophies" with smiling and laughing emojis everywhere.

What should have been a simple condemnation then morphed into something else, an excuse for why the Israelis in Amsterdam deserved it. The defenders of this inexcusable attack began citing that, "The Israelis were chanting horrible things and tearing down flags!" While wrong, this is justification for searching the streets to harm Israelis?

Apart from the fact that we know it was premeditated by the text messages the attackers sent to one another and the first attacks against Israelis were on Wednesday, this was the line of thinking that many who are anti-Israel, sic antisemitic, were willing to use.

Since October 7th, 2023, Jews around the world have been subjected to hostage posters being ripped down, flags being set on fire, calls for our genocide, Holocaust inversion, gunshots fired at Jewish day schools and synagogues (like Albany), vandalism of Jewish institutions and property, being blocked from attending university, etc. Have Jews then organized to physically beat those who do this? Can you imagine the backlash if we did?

What many do not know is what happened in the days that transpired November 7th. In Stockholm, during a Kristallnacht commemoration ceremony, a gang of pro-Palestinian protesters started attacking Jews and throwing them into the water. In Berlin, a Jewish youth soccer team had twenty people come after them with knives. Further in Amsterdam, riots started where celebrants of the attack two days prior were yelling for the "Kanker Joden" the "Cancer Jews" to leave the Netherlands. In Paris, a group of anti-Israel activists are trying to replicate the pogrom in Amsterdam as Israel is set to play France in a European soccer game.

It is of course terrible, but it does seem an ocean away. Well, that is until you look into what has happened in New York City: A man was jumped and beaten by multiple attackers, another Jewish man was slashed in the face with a knife, a child was almost kidnapped from his father's hand, the windows of Rothschild TLV restaurant were smashed in, all of this as the city hits all time highs in antisemitic activity.

We are on the precipice of facing in New York what has already happened in Europe. When we thought that the encampments would not be in the Hudson Valley, they ended up here. Synagogues were defaced, restaurant owners felt emboldened to let their antisemitism out, city councils supported the protesters.

Write about the election? I would love to, but not in this moment where history is repeating itself globally.

Our Executive Director



The Little Things

Happy December?!? How is it that another year has gone by so quickly...my head is rushing with so many thoughts of what to share with you before the year ends. For example, I recently attended JFNA's General Assembly which was powerful and inspirational, and had much content I want to share with you. Then, I thought that maybe I should write about a "year of hate" and how much our lives have changed these

past 14 months, but as the pain and emotions are still so raw and deep, I thought that I would leave that for another time.

Next, I had a mini-epiphany that as this is the last edition of the year, this article should be focused on thanking everyone for their support, both in time, spirit, and monetarily, and to ask that you please continue to support us financially so we can continue to do all that we do...helping those in need when they need, offering programming for everyone from babies to bubbies, fighting antisemitism wherever it may be, protecting our students against hate, collaborating with other organizations, building community, and spending time to learn and laugh a bit for if we don't laugh, we cry.

So after having a bazillion thoughts about all the amazing, unbelievable, fabulous things I want to share, I realized that it does not always have to be about the "big things." Sometimes, the "littlest of things" can make the greatest impact - both the ones we give and the ones we receive. Last month, I had a special birthday. Special not because of the number, but because I got to share it with 2 friends I have known for 30 years! We all used to live in NYC spending time doing funk aerobics, happy hours, and making tons of memories that we still laugh at today. In our time together, we decided to revisit some of our favorite haunts, including Ess-a-Bagel. The funny part is that we forgot how long the lines are on weekend mornings, but as the 3 of us can talk non-stop, as we did the previous night until 2:00am, the time just flew by and the laughter kept us going. When we finally got up to the counter and placed our order, this very stressed, overwhelmed employee asked if we wanted anything else to which I replied, "Yes. A smile." He looked so confused for a moment, trying to figure out what I had asked for, and then stopped and gave us the biggest smile he probably had the whole week. That simple request spread such happiness that even his coworkers stopped for a moment and smiled as well. The littlest of thing created such a huge return.

We all need that now. A little more laughter and a smile now and again. It is sad that we feel shocked when someone does or says something nice as the world seems to have become such an angry and scary place. I honestly feel that we can all do a little something to try and change that. I know I have spoken about focusing on the positive, but now I encourage each of us to create a little positivity. Give someone you know (or don't know) a random compliment and watch their mood change from surprise and skepticism to happiness. Nobody has a crystal ball and nobody can tell what the future may bring but I encourage you to help me create the future we would like our reality to become...including helping put a smile on my face by giving extra smiles to others...and maybe remembering to help support our Annual Campaign whether as a longtime supporter or even for the first time as every little bit counts.

Big New Year's Smiles,
Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director.

Warm Hanukkah Wishes!

from

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Visit our Judaica Shoppe for all your holiday & gift needs!

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Sunday December 8 & 15, 9:00am-12:00pm

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And in memory of all departed members

Happy Hanukkah

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Happy Hanukkah

Sisterhood Schomre Israel

WINTER FLURRIES OF GIVING

This winter, Mid Hudson Construction Management is proud to support our community by partnering with local nonprofits dedicated to making a difference. Together, we're creating a season of giving that flurries like snowflakes, ensuring every contribution makes an impact for those in need. While we've showcased just a few of the many nonprofits we support, every effort counts! Join us in spreading warmth and support!

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Sunday, December 29, 2024

On the lawn of the Thorne Building
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Hanukkah Dinner & Candle Lighting Service

Join us for Vassar Temple's annual pot-luck Hanukkah Dinner on Friday, December 27 at 6:00pm in the social hall. Bring a meat or vegetable dish for 12 to share. Sisterhood will provide latkes, applesauce, challah, salad and beverages. Please do not use dairy products or peanuts in your dish. The cost of the dinner is \$18 per family or \$6 per individual. RSVP by Tuesday, December 24, to Ellen Zelig at HanukkahDinner@vassartemple.org or by calling the temple office at (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 beautiful family-friendly Hanukkah Menorah-Lighting Shabbat service, to which everyone is welcome, and is encouraged to bring their menorah and candles to help us light up the night!



Hanukkah Judaica Sale

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Hanukkah Judaica sale will start December 8. Hours will be Monday-Friday 10am-2pm, and Sunday's December 8 & 15 from 9am-12pm. Menorahs, candles, chocolate gelt, dreidels, hostess, and children's items and more! Contact Judaica@vassartemple.org with questions or a special shopping appointment.



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Rabbi Shlomo Krasner
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Weekly Services:

Shacharis 7:00am (weekdays)
Shacharis 8:30am (Sunday & holidays)
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Adult Education:

Monday

Advanced Hebrew 6:00pm. We will be using the siddur (prayerbook) to learn about root words and prefixes and suffixes.

An In Depth Look at the Book of Jonah 11:00am. We all know the story of Jonah/Yonah but do we really know the story? Join us as we dive into the Book of Yonah. We will focus on understanding the "rest of the story" searching for the reason behind the miracle, and fishing out the lessons we can learn from this book.

Thursday

The Presidents and the Jews 7:00pm, weekly presentation and discussion. We will examine the presidency of a number of different presidents and the effect of these presidencies on the Jewish community.

Hands of Judaism for the Foodie December 5, 6:30pm. The topic for this monthly get together will be *Kosher Fish*. December 19, 6:30pm the topic for this get together will be *Challah and Schnapps*. Join us as the teachings of the Torah come alive. We will have a hands-on-workshop and examine in depth the practicality of the chosen Mitzvah in modern times followed by a taste of what the Mitzvah really is. An apropos dinner will be served. Class is free. Dinner is \$10 per person. RSVP's are always appreciated.

Other Events:

Thursday

Yiddish Club December 5, 11:00am. Yiddish Club is back! The club will meet monthly on the 1st Thursday. Join us to enjoy hearing, speaking and learning Yiddish and its culture.

Saturday

Night at the Movies December 21. Join us for a Chinese dinner followed by a movie, time and movie TBD. Prepaid reservation needed by December 12, \$15 per person.

Sunday

Rosh Chodesh Breakfast December 1, following morning services. Join us for services and a light breakfast as we usher in the month of Kislev.

Author Talk December 15, 2:00pm. Melodie BenEzra, a member of the local community, has written a number of books. She will be discussing her recent book entitled, *Yaaqov and his Descendants*.

Looking Forward to...

Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner December 29, 5:00pm on the 4th night of Chanukah. Prepaid reservations needed by December 13. Adults—\$36, children ages 3 to 12—\$15.

Contact
rabbishlomok@gmail.com
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. Bring an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and willingness to share your thoughts. For info: (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 are both 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 2:00pm in the Social hall at TBE. December 10 (*We Were the Lucky Ones* by Hunter), 2025: February 11 (*An Unfinished Love Story* by Goodwin), April 15 (*Looking for Jane* by Marshall), June 10 (*Cain v Abel: A Jewish Courtroom Drama*). If inclement weather, we meet via Zoom.

Contact:

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www.tbeny.org

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 (both in person and on Zoom). For further information contact office@vassartemple.org

Friday

Shabbat Evening Service Every Friday, 7:30pm

Saturday

New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship December 7, 21, 28, 10:15am.
Healing Service December 14, 10:15am
Shabbat Morning Service December 28, 10:15am.

Adult Education:

Monday

Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb generally meets on Zoom from noon to 1:30pm on two Mondays per month. To be placed on the Talmud Study email list and receive the dates and study sheets, contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Saturday

Torah Study with Rabbi Renni Altman DD, 9:00am. (Hybrid) Join our lively discussions! Contact: (845) 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org for details and to be placed on the Torah Study email list.

Other Events:

Sunday

Chai Noon Vassar Temple Sisterhood luncheon at an area restaurants on the 18th of each month (Chai Noon), as long as the date does not fall on a holiday or the weekend. Everyone orders, gets separate checks, and the restaurant is always wheelchair accessible. For more info about this event contact: chai@vassartemple.org.

Thursday

VTS Book Club to Read *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 2:00pm, at the Collegeview Tower meeting room, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie. William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him—so when he meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college, it's as if the world has lit up around him. With Julia comes her family, as she and her three sisters are inseparable. With the Padavanos, William experiences a new-found contentment; every moment in their house is filled with loving chaos. Then darkness from William's past surfaces, jeopardizing not only Julia's carefully orchestrated plans for their future, but the sisters' unshakeable devotion to one another. *Hello Beautiful* is a profoundly moving portrait of what is possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are, but because of it.

All are welcome. The book is available at your library. Questions or to RSVP, contact bookclub@vassartemple.org.

Saturday

Healing Service led by Rabbi Altman and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann held Saturday December 14 at 10:15am. It is designed for anyone praying for healing of the body, soul or spirit for themselves, others, for caregivers, and anyone, in need of spiritual strength. The service includes prayers, reflections and songs that focus on healing and on Shabbat. All welcome to attend the hybrid service. For Zoom link, contact office@vassartemple.org.

Contact :

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Happy Hanukkah
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Happy Hanukkah
Grete & Marty Finkelstein



Happy Hanukkah
The Dworkin Family

Ring in the New Year with Hanukkah Cheer!
Dinner, dancing and a midnight toast!
TBE is having a Kosher Chinese Newyears mukkah!



When: Tuesday, December 31, 2024
Time: 8:00 PM-12:30 AM; doors open at 7:45 PM
Cost: TBE members: \$25.00 13+ \$10.00 6-12
Non-TBE members: \$36.00 13+ \$15.00 6-12
Where: TBE Social Hall
Dinner: Kosher (meat) Chinese food. There will be vegetarian and gluten free options.
Format: Dinner will be served family style at tables of 8. No table reservations will be accepted.
Deadline: The absolute deadline to register AND pay is Thursday, December 19, 2024! Please register AND pay via the link below.
Questions: Merri Sedgwick: moondoggie7@optonline.net
Suzanne Turrisi: suzanneturrisi@gmail.com
This event is underwritten by the Jack and Karin Fein Hanukkah Fund.



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Happy Hanukkah
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102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck
 (845) 876-7666
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht
 Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht
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www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
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Weekly Services:

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

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Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie
 (845) 463-5801
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
 Website:
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 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 Justin David
 Rabbi Emeritus 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:
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www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

Congregation Beth David

(Reform)
 East Main St, Amenia
 (845) 373-8264
 Rabbi Jon Haddon
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Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am.

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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

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Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley

243 Albany Ave, Kingston
 (845) 338-4271 ext 101
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Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm, December 6 (Communal Shabbat & Potluck), 13, 20, 27 (Chanukah Lighting).

Tot Shabbat Dec. 7 9:15am.

Saturday

Morning Minyan 10:00am, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28.

Education:

Zimet Jewish Learning Adventure Dec. 8, 15, 9:30am-11:30am

Mediation & Torah Study Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 8:45am, via Zoom.

Hebrew Trope Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 12:00pm, via Zoom.

Hebrew, Shebrew!... Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11, 18. 4:00pm, via Zoom.

Talk Back with Rabbi Jack Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 8:45am.

Other Events:

MahJongg Monday, 10:15am.

Community Channukah Candle lighting Wednesday, Dec. 25, 4:00pm.

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
 Admin: admin@wjcsul.org

Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm,
Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat December 6, First Fridays 6:00pm

Saturday

Shabbat Service 10:00am

The 1st Friday Shabbat—The students of our Family School co-lead Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Raechel in a warm and fun mix of upbeat, traditional melodies, learnings from class, and sometimes their own original melodies. All children are invited to come up on the bimah, play shakers, and share their own ideas. The services culminates with the Priestly Blessing, a blessing over all the children in the space. The service lasts about 40 minutes and is followed by a full community potluck, where members of all ages come together to eat, chaat, and play games. This is a sweet intergenerational community experience.

Contact: admin@wjcsul.org
for all events and current info
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www.wjcsul.org



December

Candle Lighting Schedule

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

Happy Hanukkah
Lydia Bauman and Family

Happy Hanukkah
Lisa and Monica Allt
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Happy Hanukkah
Amy, Steve, Lindsay, & Hannah Effron



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

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