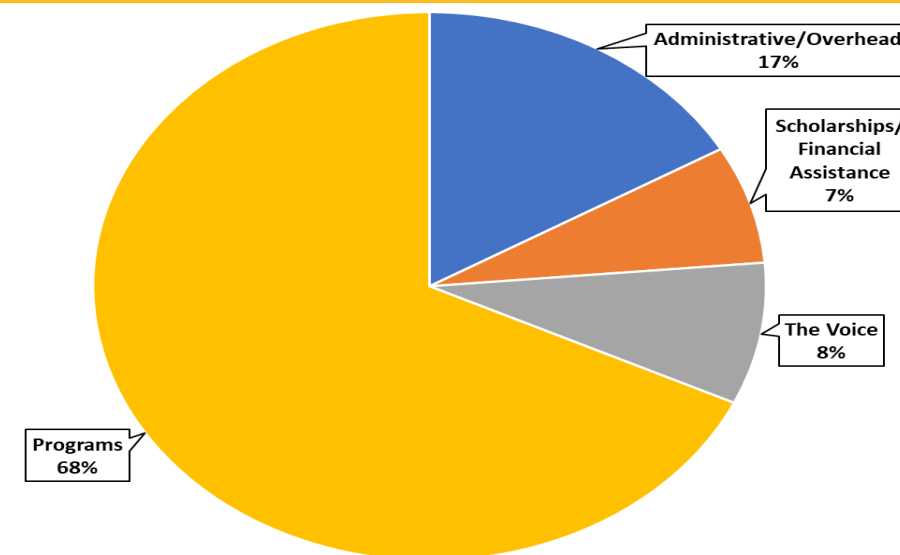


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- Engaging Jewish families with each other



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Planning for 2019

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- 2nd Annual Federation Celebration Gala
- Celebration of Israel including Cookbook launch and tasting
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Hundreds from 30 nations explore Israeli Agtech innovation

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Fifth annual AgriVest in Tel Aviv features startup competition; top 2 prizes went to a biological herbicide and a growth enhancer for farmed fish.

WeedOUT, an Israeli startup developing a novel biological herbicide for resistant weeds, won the Best Israeli Agtech Company Competition at the AgriVest 2018 conference in Tel Aviv on May 8.

More than 600 investors, industry leaders, entrepreneurs and academics from about 30 countries were at the fifth annual AgriVest to explore the latest in Israeli agricultural and food technology.

Efrat Lidor Nili, CEO of WeedOUT, won out over 11 other startups selected from more than 40 applicants, and received a round-trip airline ticket to attend the Business France and AER Learning Expedition program in Paris and Dijon in June.

Second prize was awarded to Aquinovo, a Trendlines portfolio company that makes growth enhancers for farmed fish to meet the increasing demand for fish protein.



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February

- February 6** **Optavia**—with Bill Linacre
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 Menu: create your own meal, coffee/tea, dessert
- February 13** **Queen Esther**
 Cantor Devorah will teach us all about Queen Esther.
 Menu: Purim Luncheon, coffee/tea, dessert.
- February 20** **Winter Film Festival Part 2:**
 Buster Keaton in "spite marriage"
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert
- February 27** **Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison**
 Menu: Chili con carne, pico de gallo, salad coffee, tea, dessert

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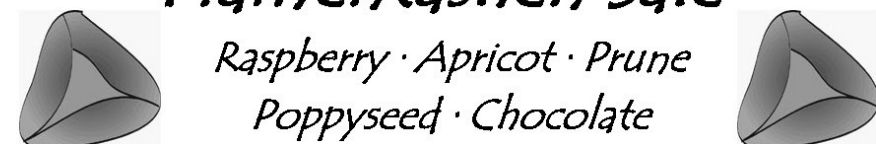
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Classes with Rabbi Langer Thursday, 7:00pm, Feb 7—Vaccinations-What happened in Monsey?; Feb 14—Marijuana in Halacha; Feb 21—Music in Halacha; Feb 28—Blue Tzitzis; March 7—Are We Moonies?

Classes are free. All are welcome. View website, www.schomreisrael.org for recordings of previous classes.

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The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text, will be held once a month at noon, generally a Thursday Taught by Senior Scholar, Rabbi Paul Golomb. For this month's schedule, or if you have other questions contact Rabbi Golomb pjgolomb@verizon.net

Torah Study every Saturday, 9:00am, (no class February 23) with Rabbi Renni Altman. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah. February 23, is the Intergenerational Shabbat and all are welcome to attend.

All welcome to come learn and join in the lively discussion at both classes. No charge to attend. No previous training required. For more information or if you have questions email rabbid@vassartemple.org (845) 454-2570.

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

Shabbat School Adult Schmoose with Rabbi Victor Saturday, February 2, 9, 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 9:30am-10:15am. "Kinship as Spiritual Practice" directing our hearts minds, and souls to the rough questions concerning how we build long lasting and meaningful relationships in faith communities. Through a spiritual prism, we will examine strategies and theories on *Relation Judaism*, and how they play out and/or can be adapted to our own community. All sessions are free and open to everyone. The essential questions, session material, and possible answers are from Won Wolfson's book on *Relational Judaism*. Questions? Contact Rabbi Victor (845) 454-0570.

The Mind and the Mystical with Rabbi Daniel Victor, Every Thursday, 9:30am, at The Crafted Kup, Raymond Avenue. Using the textbook *My People's Prayer Book* we explore as many different voices of commentary as our learners are interested in.

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Learn to Read Hebrew Saturdays in February Whether you are learning to read Hebrew for the first time or just need a refresher, this class is for you! No fee but a suggested donation of \$36 is encouraged. To sign up contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman at (845) 454-0570 or education@tbeny.org

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

Chabad Center Classes

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

Please visit our website www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Congregation Shir Chadash

Torah Study: Saturday, bi-monthly, February 2, 9, 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish while enjoying a light breakfast. Everyone has a chance to participate. No Hebrew expertise or knowledge is needed. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend the bi-monthly, check website calendar for exact dates.

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

Vassar Temple Sisterhood Book Club

We will discuss Rachel Kadish's *The Weight of Ink*, a tale of two London women of remarkable intellect, one from the 1660s and one in modern times. The lives of Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who scribes for a blind rabbi just before the plague breaks out, and Helen Watt, an ailing historian who loves Jewish history, become interwoven when Helen gets involved in a project to determine the identity of the elusive "Aleph" scribe of newly discovered 17th century Jewish documents. This spell-binding novel of women from centuries apart who both must make difficult choices and sacrifices is available through the local library system in hardcover and audio format. All are welcome, and your suggestions for future book selections are always appreciated.

Details: Wed.Feb.20 at 2:00pm in the Community Room, Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie
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Rosh Chodesh Reading Group presented by Congregation Shir Chadash

Those interested in reading are invited to the 'Rosh Chodesh reading group' -- a potluck brunch and discussion held every month.

Participants meet monthly to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry, and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest.

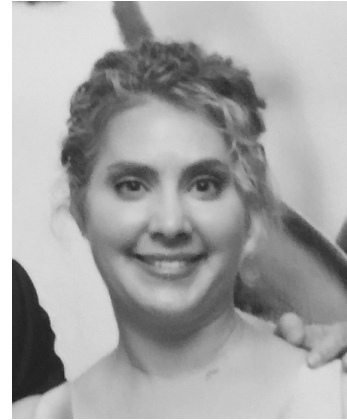
Have a topic suggestion, please let us know. For more info contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: info@shir-chadash.org.

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Debbie's Voice



February is one of my favorite months. It's sandwiched right between the start of winter and the end of winter, which for me can never come soon enough. I'm also guilty of adoring Valentine's Day. I know, it's not a "real" holiday but how can you hate a day dedicated love? So, in the spirit of love, here's my top 10 list of things I love...

10. Rainbows. I was in my 20's before I saw my first rainbow but now, we see dozens every year, but they still make me stop in my tracks and just stare in wonder at it.
9. A good nap. There is nothing better than being able to curl up on the couch, preferable with one of my boys and/or Turtle (our dog) and close my eyes for 30 minutes.
8. When a community comes together. I was devastated after the Squirrel Hill shooting but was so inspired after seeing our Temple overflowing with members of all faiths, united in our grief and determination to improve our communities.
7. Hot chocolate. There is no better beverage on a cold February afternoon than hot chocolate. Well, hot chocolate with Bailey's is better...
6. The Superbowl. I love the game, especially when it's really close-there's nothing better than a fourth quarter comeback. I love the food. A whole day of appetizers - yum!
5. The first heavy snowstorm, before anyone has plowed, shoveled or started complaining about being stuck inside. I love when our backyard is covered with fresh snow, the air is crisp and deer quietly walk around.
4. Volunteering. It's good for the people or organization that you're donating your time to, and it feeds the soul.
3. Decluttering. I know it's all the rage right now, so I don't want to hop on the declutter train, but I will say there is something so immensely satisfying about cleaning out my son's closets.
2. Snowmen. I love seeing all the various snowmen or snow people in our neighborhood after snowstorm. I love the creativity displayed through such an innocent pastime.
1. My family. It goes without saying that I love my family, the good and bad parts! I especially love the sound of my kids' laughter, my husband's ability to always see things in a positive light and the constant companionship of Turtle.



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Dear readers,

It is with great pride that we wish to announce the coming of a great new feature in our newspaper: OUR ADVICE COLUMN—"Dear Shoshana".

In the tradition of "bintel briefs", we encourage our readers to submit articles from their Jewish life for which they feel they might need some advice.

Articles submitted will be printed and advised by our very own Shoshana, who is a skilled problem solver! Please submit problems to be solved to: TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org with Dear Shoshana in the subject bar.

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March	February 1
April	March 1
May	April 1



Dear Cursing,

Don't we all want our children to have a healthy relationship with language and expression? If by cursing you mean "May you grow like an onion with your head in the sand!", then maybe. If by cursing you mean introducing your child to profanity in another language, then no. Would you want them to swear like a truck driver in English? We want the next generation to have a love for and an appreciation of "mommalashon". Perhaps if you are fluent enough in Yiddish to teach them how to curse, then you can consider teaching them a Barucha instead!

Rabbi's Blog

Right On Time

By: Rabbi Renni S. Altman, DD, Vassar Temple

The arrival of Jewish holidays so often seems to be accompanied by comments related to their timing: "Hanukkah is so early this year! Passover is so late!" Rarely do they seem "on time." Of course, according to the Jewish calendar they are always right when they are supposed to be! 5779 is one of those years where the holidays start falling "early" but end up falling "late" and we will begin to experience the shift this month with the start of the Jewish month Adar.



Rabbi Renni S. Altman

The Jewish calendar, unlike the Gregorian calendar which is based on the sun, is lunisolar, meaning that the months are determined by the cycles of the moon, but the years are adjusted to the sun. If the calendar was simply a lunar one, like the Muslim and Chinese calendars, the holidays would float throughout the year. Since most Jewish holidays are rooted in their seasonal harvests, a Jewish calendar needs to take the seasons into account as well. In particular, in accordance with the Biblical commandment, Passover must be observed in the spring: "Observe the month of *Aviv* (Spring), and keep the Passover for the Eternal your God; for in the month of *Aviv*, the Eternal your God brought you out of Egypt by night" (Deuteronomy 16:1).

In the 4th century CE, Hillel II developed our current lunisolar calendar which adds an entire month every two or three years over the course of a 19 year cycle. In Hebrew the leap year is called a *Shanah Meuberet*, literally a "pregnant year." So it is that in this Jewish year that began in early September, Passover will be pushed back until the third week in April when it should certainly feel like spring (or so we hope). Rosh Hashanah 5780 will be in late September but starting with Purim of that year, the Jewish holidays will begin to fall earlier in the Gregorian calendar until the next *Shanah Meuberet* in 5782 (2021-22) which will, once again, push them later. Thus we live with this constant movement of dates, the melding of the lunar cycles with the solar calendar so that the Jewish holidays will always remain in their appropriate seasons.

When Adar begins, joy increases!

In the Jewish leap year, the month of *Adar* is repeated; thus, *Adar Aleph* will begin on the evening of February 5 and *Adar Bet* will begin on the evening of March 7. The repetition of a month, as opposed to the addition of a new and different month, brings its own challenges. How does one deal with holidays or special days that fall in that month? With apologies to *Hamantaschen* or *Purimspiel* lovers, we do not celebrate Purim twice! Rather, the sages determined that we should celebrate Purim only in *Adar Bet*, thereby bringing the redemption of Purim closer to the redemption of Passover (*Babylonian Talmud, Megillah 6b*). So, too, are any *yahrzeits* or other events marked by their Hebrew date also observed in *Adar Bet*.

What about poor *Adar Aleph*? Because of the joyous nature of Purim, the rabbis taught *Mi Sh' nichnas Adar, nichas simcha!* "When *Adar* begins, joy increases!" (*Babylonian Talmud Ta'anit 29a*). Must we postpone joy until *Adar Bet*? Not at all, say (most of) the rabbis. We may put off the observance of the holiday, but we do not diminish our joy. Thus the tradition developed of having a *Purim Katan* (little Purim) during *Adar Aleph*, a month in advance of Purim itself (this would be on the evening of Feb. 18), when it is customary to have a special meal and to do something that will bring extra joy.

I would like to think that this connection to joy throughout the month is another reason why the rabbis chose *Adar* as the month to repeat. In *Adar*, spring has not yet arrived though we can feel it coming; certainly, here in the Hudson Valley, we are still in the midst of the dark and cold of winter, and we can all benefit from extra opportunities to increase joy and light, as did the Jews in the Purim story, "The Jews enjoyed light and gladness, happiness and honor." (*Esther 8:16*). As I write this column, the federal shutdown has broken a new record for its length; let those of us who are not affected by it, seek out opportunities to bring joy to those who are. With the additional month of *Adar*, may joy increase!

Inside the Jewish Studio

By Karen Hochhauser

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

Each month, I ask a MOT* these questions and feature their answers.

This month, our special guest is Bruce Katz, Managing Partner of Bounce Trampoline Sports, Poughkeepsie NY, who found time to stop bouncing to answer our questions...

- What is your favorite word?**
Effort - I always told my kids to make the effort, to do the best they can.
- What is your least favorite word?**
Depressed
- What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?**
*Creatively - it would be cooking
Emotionally - it would be laughter*
- What turns you off?**
People that hate
- What is your favorite curse word?**
*I can't say that in here, can I? Definitely it would be **CK!*
- What sound or noise do you love?**
A Train Whistle
- What sound or noise do you hate?**
Thunder—I don't like thunder.
- What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
Lawyer—I think I'd be good at it.
- What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
Doctor - I actually enjoy medicine, but I think it wouldn't suit me.
- If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
You did a good job Bruce!



Bruce Katz

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Chief Rabbi Capers Shmuel Funnye, Scholar in Residence at Temple Beth-El

Rabbi Funnye is Chief Rabbi of the International Israelite Board of Rabbi and the Rabbi and spiritual leader of Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation, located in Chicago.

Rabbi Funnye will explore the growth of Judaism in the African American, Africa/Caribbean and Latino communities throughout the world. He will also discuss how Jewish institutions are becoming more welcoming to Jews that are not Ashkenazi, particularly in the United States. Rabbi Funnye has a personal story to of his own journey to Judaism. Discussions take place immediately following Saturday, February 2 services at 12:30pm, 118 S. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. There is no fee and all are welcome to attend.

Rabbi Funnye earned a BA in Hebrew Literature and Rabbinic ordination from the Israelite Board of Rabbis, in Queens. In addition he earned a BA in Jewish Studies and MS in Human Service Administration from Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago. Rabbi Funnye has lectured at numerous universities, synagogues, churches and community organizations throughout the country. Rabbi Funnye has served on The Chicago Board of Rabbis.





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The Blessings of Bright Nights

By Cantor Devorah Gartner Youth & B'nai Mitzvah Director

It is impossible to truly thank all of the people that worked on the **Bright Nights** Winter Coat Drive. The Temple Beth-El Youth Group members, led by co-presidents Jonathan Waxman and Jake Ruppert, want to thank all of the sorters, packers, schleppers, drivers, and distributors, who generously donated their time and energy to making this year's drive a resounding success.



Our special focus this year was coats for children. The Morse School told us of the tremendous need for both winter coats and shoes. Our goal was to collect 100-125 children's coats. With the help of donations from the families of the local elementary school students, in addition to the patrons and exhibitors of **Rhinebeck Farmers Market**, we collected over 170 children's coats, 50 pairs of shoes, hats, scarves, and gloves for them. We also collected dozens of coats for men and women in need in the community.

We were also able to provide 100 lunches and personal care packages to those in need. Much appreciation to the Temple Beth-El Religious School students and their families.



The entire project is a blessing for those who work on it and for those who benefit from it. We will continue to work for positive change in our little corner of the world. As Mother Teresa said, **"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love"**.

Vassar Temple Tot Shabbat

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5. Finally secure the triangles to each other with tape or staples as you build your structure. What you build is up to you!

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Lollapalooza Rescheduled for February 18

PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley's third annual Leadership Lollapalooza for kids ages 7-12
~~January 21, 2019 (No school! MLK Jr. Day)~~ from 10-12:30
 Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
 This 2 1/2 hour Leadership workshop will be facilitated by PJ Library staff and teen volunteers.
 *team building exercises *discussion of the themes in PJ and PJ OurWay books
 exploration of the traits of a leader a special TuB'Shevat snack
 * introducing our year of service
 Parents are invited to stay for coffee and snacks and a special facilitated discussion about Family Volunteering and upcoming opportunities
 Please RSVP for this free workshop at pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org



Melinda Kim Emily Bekah
Announcing PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley Book Swaps

When a child has been enrolled in PJ Library from 6 months old, by the time they reach age 9, they have received 93 books and nine music CDs. Add three years of PJ OurWay and a child could collect 129 wonderful Jewish books. When a family has more than one child that number is multiplied. That is a lot of books! In our family we treasure books, some are dogeared from being read over and over and can't be parted with because they hold a special place in the life of our family. Others have been read a few times and are in pristine condition. Because PJ Library works hard to send different books every year, there may be wonderful books that were mailed to our community that your child has never seen. In the spirit of a concept know in Hebrew as *ba'al taschit* (not wasting), we propose a BOOK SWAP!

At each event we hold, we will provide an opportunity to leave a PJ or PJ OurWay book and take a book. In addition, we will schedule a few story times with the dual purpose of being a book swap event. At these events we will also bring some copies of the various parent books that PJ Library has sent. We are sure there are great books you haven't read!

If you have a huge collection of PJ Library books that you would like to pass on as your children age, please let us know! You can drop them at the Federation offices in Dutchess or Ulster, or we can arrange to pick them up when possible.

To keep track of local programs and learn about more resources for families raising Jewish children like and follow us on Facebook a <https://www.facebook.com/PJLibraryMidHudsonValley/>. To join the conversation with other local parents raising Jewish Children, look for our closed Facebook group, Mid-Hudson Valley PJ Library Families, and ask to be added to the group.

Our Leadership Lollapalooza has been rescheduled from a cold and icy January to Monday, February 18. This wonderful two and a half hour event is an opportunity for kids ages 7-12 to explore what it means to be a leader. Let us know at pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org if your family would like to attend. The Community Purim Carnival will be March 17 at Temple Beth El. Be sure to save both dates!

Remember, every enrolled PJ and PJ OurWay family in the Mid-Hudson Valley is eligible to apply for up to three Get Together grants between now and the end of April. Apply, get approved, and do something fun (and Jewish) with at least two other families raising Jewish children. After the get together, simply supply a couple of photos on the grant site and receive a \$100 gift card in the mail. Get together to cook a Jewish recipe, have a book club meeting with other adults, meet up for Pizza, go together to donate books to a local family shelter, or take a hike in our beautiful Valley! It doesn't have to be perfect, it just has to be together. Go to www.pjlibrary.org/gettogether2018 to apply.

Your PJ Library Team
 Melinda Margulies, Kimberly Ritz, Emily Soltanoff, and Bekah Starr
 Have questions? Need help finding resources? Contact: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

PJ Library Get-Together's



- PJ Library and PJ OurWay enrolled families-get together with two or more families who are raising Jewish children
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JFedDC Community Programs...



Arnold Most

How to calibrate your Moral Compass

By Arnold Most

My rabbi's sermon here in Florida (Rabbi Sack of Temple Judea) referenced a talk given by William Deresiewicz, an essayist and literary critic. Deresiewicz was addressing the plebe class of the United States Military Academy at West Point. In this talk he said the following, "What are you going to do if you are confronted with a situation like that going on in your unit (he was referring to a hazing scandal and sexual harassment)? Will you have the courage to do what's right? Will you even know what the right thing is?" The rabbi talked about our ability to self-judge ourselves. Where do we get the knowledge to be able to self-judge ourselves?

We all have a moral compass inside us that should tell us when we are straying off the path of righteousness. How do we calibrate that compass? Where do we get the tools to judge ourselves? When I look at the news today I see many examples of people where their moral compass is severely damaged. Without that moral compass they committed crimes against society that they will pay for with jail time. The examples that come to mind are from all occupations. There are examples from the entertainment industry, business community, government and even the Law. These, primarily men, have lost their moral compass. I don't mean to imply we have such people in our community; however, without a good moral compass how can we judge them? As was asked of the plebes at West Point, will we recognize that behavior and take action? The answer, I believe, is we won't unless our moral compass is calibrated. Jane Eisner, editor of the Forward, correctly stated that as a Jew in America "How often have we as Jews had the same reaction - pride when one of us wins the Nobel Prize, funds a new cure, invents another amazing device? And then, how often do we cringe in fear when one of us is found to be a crook, a murder, a predator, a detriment to society?"

The tools to fix your moral compass are available to all of us. If you are a child, your first teachers are your parents. In some cases it might be a grandparent. They give you the foundation that helps you determine what is right or wrong. If you are an adult, your synagogue may be the place to do this, where on a Shabbat morning, you can open up the Torah and find the laws that help us as Jews calibrate our moral compass. Your rabbi can help interpret the message from the Torah. This is a reason why it is especially important today to attend services, connect with a rabbi, and maybe even join a congregation. If you choose you can get your moral questions discussed and therefore help you calibrate your moral compass.

You have probably had occasion to appreciate the legacy of the people, many of whom you never met, who cared enough about the future to ensure that the organizations dear to your heart are here for you today.

Now it's your turn to do the same thing for those who follow in your footsteps. Together, let's begin that important conversation.

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Time is an amazing thing and something that I have been giving a lot of thought recently. We can use it. We can invest it. However, sadly, we can never buy more. Time is also a very powerful thing when it comes to providing perspective. Something that may have seemed so raw, hurtful, or painful at one point, hopefully decreases in intensity over time.

In our household, my son, when he was in elementary school, used to say every year, like clockwork, that his previous school year was so much better and so much easier. I would then try to remind him that he said the exact same thing the previous year and that maybe his current year really was not as horrible as he thought. We even had one year of him complaining about a language teacher the ENTIRE year. However, when the second year of language started with a different teacher, he said he wished he had the previous year's teacher because he liked her! He even asked if I could hire her as his personal tutor! Talk about selective memory.

My son is not unique in his selective memory though and I must admit that I chuckle every time my father says that his daughters were perfect growing up. This memory, however, I choose not to contradict, as unrealistic as it probably is.

To quote Billy Joel in "Keeping The Faith", "You know the good ole days weren't always good. And tomorrow ain't as bad as it seems".

So as our current world seems crazy, let's try to focus on what is good and what we can each do to make it a little better. Hopefully, one option you choose is to support JFedDC and the good that we are doing. Come join a committee. Get involved a little bit (or a lot). Have some fun while doing good.

Focusing on the Good, Karen Hochhauser

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Each New Paths service, whether lay-led or rabbi-led, provides a unique and thoughtful Shabbat morning experience. A brief mini Kiddush follows.

DETAILS
Saturday, February 2, 16, 10:00am.
For info, contact: Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Altman rabbi@vassartemple.org or call the Temple office (845) 454-2570.

Intergenerational Shabbat

Everyone in the community is invited to learn, pray, and joyously interact together at the Intergenerational Shabbat.

Adults, school children, and teens will all share a special Shabbat experiences together, followed by a light kiddush lunch. The weekly Torah Study will be woven into the program enhanced by music.

Come make new friends, and let's learn with and from one another. For the children, this program will be in lieu of Religious School on Feb. 24, and for everyone it will be a very special Shabbat morning.

DETAILS
Saturday, February 23, 9:00am—12:00pm Vassar Temple with lunch following

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States holds regular monthly meetings.

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in the armed forces and others of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate. 9:00am is an informal coffee and cake "schmooze."

Congregation Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, so no outside food may be brought in. We look forward to seeing you there.

DETAILS
Sunday: February 3, March 3, at 9:30am. 18 Park Ave. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer qbee5@optonline.net

Baker's Needed

Please join us for Vassar Temple Sisterhood's annual baking day. Make friends while making hamentashen for the homebound, out of town college students, and our Purim service.

Please bring a batch of dough (and your favorite rolling pin, if you like) Remaining ingredients will be provided. For uniformity we all will use the dough recipe available by email: hamentashen@vassartemple.org; the Temple office, website, or Sisterhood Facebook page. Not able to come and help? Please make a batch of dough and leave it in the Temple freezer in a Ziploc bag—just let us know.

DETAILS
Sunday, March 3 (snow date 3/10), 9:00am-1:00pm. RSVP to Judy Rosenfeld (845) 635-2414 or hamentashen@vassartemple.org

"Tisch" Shabbat

Please join us for a soup and chili dinner as part of a warm and wonderful Tisch Shabbat. A "Tisch" Shabbat is held around the Sabbath inner table, featuring melodies and stories, and highlighting community.

Rabbi Renni Altman and Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman will lead the service, including Shabbat prayer and learning, all entwined with joyful singing and dancing as we celebrate Shabbat. Sisterhood will provide a meal of homemade soups, vegetarian chili, challah, cornbread and salad to be enjoyed during the service. While reservations are not required we would greatly appreciate having an idea of how much food to prepare.

DETAILS

Friday, February 1, 6:00pm, Vassar Temple Social Hall. Please RSVP to abraskinmamma@yahoo.com or (845) 901-0373 by January 29. Donations welcome. Checks made payable to Vassar Temple Sisterhood.

A Purim Tradition-Hamentashen

The kitchen at Schomre Israel is bustling with activity and the air is filled with the fragrance of freshly baked hamentashen- Sisterhood of Schomre Israel is busy baking up delicious hamentashen in preparation for Purim.

The Hamentashen are available in prune, poppyseed, raspberry, apricot, and chocolate fillings. The cost is \$14 per dozen and \$10 per half dozen.

They are available for pickup Sunday, March 10 at the Synagogue, from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Special arrangements for pickup can be made. Purim is March 21. All orders must be prepaid by February 27.

In the past 35 years, this sale has supplied many Poughkeepsie area homes, local and out of state organizations, and patients in hospitals and nursing homes with this traditional Purim food.

We are also preparing Shaloch Monot Baskets which contain hamentashen, candy, nuts, fruit, and a beverage. Cost is \$22. If you want it mailed there is a \$14 shipping charge.



Order forms at www.schomreisrael.org.

Purim Dinner

A festive Purim dinner will be held at Congregation Schomre Israel. You can look forward to great food, fun and costumes!

DETAILS

Thursday, March 21, following 5:30pm service . Reservation required by March 7. Cost is \$36 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3-12.

2019 Holiday Greetings

It's almost that time of the year when The Voice invites you to wish your friends and neighbors a Happy Holidays.

This year we will once again be offering a three pack of Holiday Greetings which includes Passover, Rosh Hashanah, and Chanukah. If you like, you can still purchase the individual holiday greetings.

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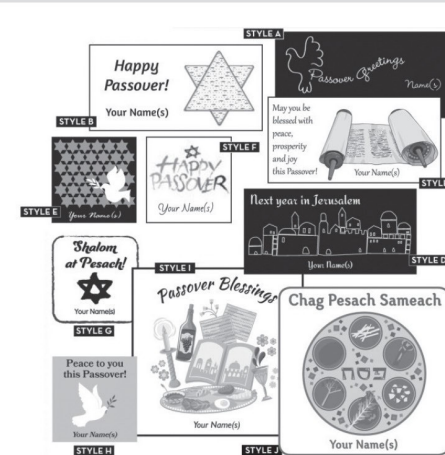
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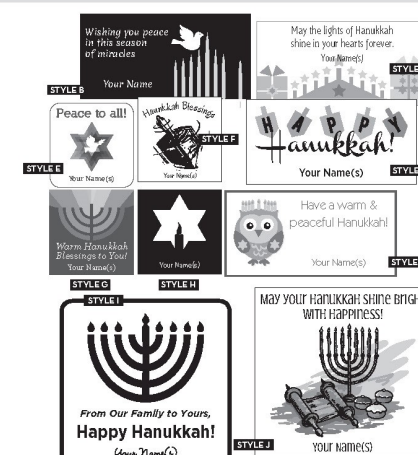
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STYLE G: Shalom at Pesach!
STYLE H: Peace to you this Passover!
STYLE I: Passover Blessings!
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Rosh Hashanah Greetings



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STYLE A: May the lights of Hanukkah shine in your hearts forever.
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STYLE C: Happy Hanukkah!
STYLE D: Have a warm & peaceful Hanukkah!
STYLE E: Peace to all!
STYLE F: Hanukkah Blessings!
STYLE G: Warm Hanukkah Blessings to You!
STYLE H: No text, just your name
STYLE I: From our Family to Yours, Happy Hanukkah!
STYLE J: May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

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Sunday

Bagels, Lox, Torah (Tefillin too!) 9:00am led by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein. Morning minyan will follow Torah discussion on the coming week's Torah portion, upcoming holiday or topic of Jewish interest. **Temple Beth-El serves at Lunchbox** Volunteers always needed to keep this program running. Please call (845) 454-0570 if you can help.

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service February 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:30pm, evening service with Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg. All welcome.

Vassar Temple Shabbat February 1, 8, 15, 22 6:00pm, February 1 "Tisch" Shabbat dinner and service. **Temple Beth-El Evening Service** each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service. All welcome.

Saturday

Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night February 16, 7:00pm. \$5 suggested donation

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs February 2, 9, 9:00-10:30am. Come early at 8:45am and have breakfast on us! Registration for religious school is ongoing. New parents are encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation. Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays and history while having fun and making friends. All are welcome.

Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program February 9, 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult, learn through doing crafts, food and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge

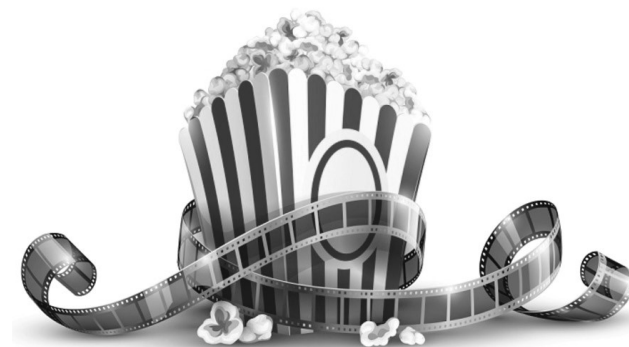
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service February 2, 9, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome!

Congregation Shir Chadash Line Dancing February 23, 7:00-9:00pm. Line Dancing Class, no experience necessary and no partner needed. Come and have some fun! Don't forget your cowboy hat and boots! For more info (845) 232-1029 or info@shir-chadash.org.

Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship February 2, 16, 10:00am.

Vassar Temple Tot Shabbat February 9, 10:30am.

Vassar Temple Intergenerational Shabbat February 23, 9:00am—12:00pm followed by a light kiddush **Temple Beth-Shabbat Morning Service** every week, 9:30am, Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.



Movies return to Schomre Israel

Now that Shabbat is over earlier, Schomre Israel Synagogue has resumed their monthly Saturday Night at the movie program.

Come enjoy a movie, some popcorn, and a beverage.

DETAILS
Saturday, February 16, 7:00pm suggested donation \$5. Consult website: www.schomreisrael.org for more information

Save the Date:

March 29, 30, 31—Joint Shabbaton—Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El, and Vassar Temple—Guest Speaker: Jane Eisner, Immediate Past Editor in Chief of *The Forward*

Tuesday May 28, 2019—Israel Friendship Caravan, Dinner and Concert at Temple Beth-El

Out of Area

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

23 Albany Ave, Kingston NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 www.templemanuelkingston.org. All Services held in our Chapel are available to live stream. Visit our website: www.cehv.org and click on the live stream link on the homepage. You can also view archived services and classes.

Kabbalat Shabbat evening service First Friday evening, 6:00pm, with a symbolic Oneg following. All other Friday's 7:30pm with an Oneg following.

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat is the second Friday of the month.

Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation is the fourth Friday of the month.

Tot Shabbat A select Saturday each month February 9, 9:00am, A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.

Religious School Saturday, 9:30am—12:30pm, September—May. Contact our Religious School Director Samara Genee for more info (845) 338-4271 x 110

Saturday Morning Service 10:00am, for an uplifting morning communal prayer, meditation and Torah study.

Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi Call (845) 338-4271(x101) for class dates/time: Hebrew Trope, Torah Study, Introduction to Judaism, Beginner and Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew, Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah and Private Conversion Tutorials.

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Tuesday, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, Led by Rabbi Yael Romer. **Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer** Meeting first Wednesday, Shabbat Dinner the third Friday, Community service TBD monthly on either the second or fourth Thursday. Religious School registration required.

Lunch with Rabbi Romer & Guests February 5, 12:00pm, Join Rabbi Romer for hot lunch discussion follows.

Calendar

February

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Beacon Hebrew Alliance (Conservative)

331 Verplanck Avenue, Beacon (845) 831-2012
Rabbi Brent Spodek; Cantor Ellen Gersh; Education Director, Ashley Baker

Website: www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

Email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org

Services: Fridays, 7:30pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit website for information about services, religious school, and community events

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie (845) 463-5801

Rabbi Yacov Borenstein

Website: www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Email: ChabadMidhudsonVlv@prodigy.net

Services: Fridays, call for time and Saturdays at 10:00am

Congregation Beth David (Reform)

East Main Street, Amenia (845) 373-8264

Rabbi Jon Haddon

Website: www.CongBethDavid.org

Email: JonRab33@gmail.com

Services: usually Saturdays, 10:00am twice monthly except January and February; call for schedules

Congregation Schomre Israel (Orthodox)

18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2890

Rabbi Eliezer Langer

Website: www.schomreisrael.org

Email: SchomreI@aol.com

Services: Monday-Thursday, 7:00am, Sunday, 8:00am,

Saturday, 9:00am Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm

Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown

Congregation Shir Chadash (Reform)

Interim: Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Lagrange

(845) 232-1029

Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang Website:

www.shir-chadash.org

Email: info@shir-chadash.org

Services: Friday, 7:30pm; bimonthly Saturday children's religious school, 9:00am, Torah study, 9:15

Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592

Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus

Website: www.MyPardess.org

Email: info@MyPardess.org

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck (845) 876-7666

Rabbi Hanoch Hecht and Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht Website:

www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Email: RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Friday services call for time; Saturday services, 9:30am

Temple Beth El (Conservative)

118 So Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-0570

Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman

Email: info@tbeny.org

Website: www.tbeny.org

Services: Friday, 8:00pm, Saturday Shabbat service at

9:30am, weekdays, 7:30am daily

Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 451-3920

Liz Aeschlimann, Rose and Irving Rachlin Director of

Jewish Student Life at Vassar College

Email: eaeschlimann@vassar.edu

Services: Friday, 6:00pm service, 7:00pm dinner when

school is in session

Vassar Temple (Reform)

140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2570

Rabbi Renni Altman Website: www.vassar temple.org

Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or

rabi@vassar temple.org

Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah

study Saturday, 9:00am, New Paths 1st and 3rd Saturday

every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

February Candle Lighting

February 14:53pm

February 85:02pm

February 15.....5:11pm

February 22.....5:19pm

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Vassar Temple members and friends, captained by Gil Seligman, at Lunch Box.



Ring in the New Year 2018 at Vassar Temple's gourmet brunch.



Congregation Shir Chadash & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang "Lighting up the Night" at their family Chanukkah service.



PJ Library Chanukah Get Together.



JFedDC First Board Meeting of 2019

Religious School children of Congregation Shir Chadash leading a Shabbat morning with some help from Lisa Roth



Congregation Shir Chadash members and friends enjoying their annual dinner at Kobe,

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AgriVest 2018, an initiative of The Trendlines Group, GreenSoil Investments and Israel New Tech of the Israeli Ministry of Economy and Industry, came on the heels of an AgFunder report showing that global agriculture and food technology startups received a record \$10.1 billion in investments last year, up 29% from 2016.

Gideon Soesman of GreenSoil Investments remarked, "In 2012, the first AgriVest conference hosted about 100 people and the agtech startups were few and far between. Now there are about 800 Israeli agtech start-ups and the agrifood tech sector has been firmly placed on the international map."


Professional interviews and panels covered topics such as "Blockchain in the agtech food chain" (Mitchell Presser, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer; and Sumer Johal, Agralogs) and "How robotics and automation will forever change the future of agriculture" (George Kellerman, Yamaha Motor Ventures; with Dan Harburg, Anterra Capital; and Steven Saunders, Robotics Plus).

Israel Advanced Technology Industries (IATI), the Israel Innovation Authority and Start-Up Nation Central were partners in the conference.

Also in Tel Aviv this week, the FoodTechIL convention on May 7 drew some 800 entrepreneurs, investors, food-industry executives, government officials, researchers and service providers from Israel, Europe, Asia and America; and the three-day 20th International Agro Technology Exhibition & Conference (AgritechIsrael) got underway on May 8 at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds.





Chanukah at Vassar Temple included: Tiny Temple party, religious school crafts, family fun, and a community candle lighting for everyone.



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