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**Dual Citizenship** *By Steven Wasser, Board President*

Some countries have acknowledged their past persecution of Jews by allowing Jewish descendants of victims to apply for citizenship. Why bother? And is it legal for American citizens to hold dual citizenship?

The easy answer is that the United States Constitution is silent on the question of dual citizenship, which means that it is not prohibited. You can keep your U.S. passport and still hold a second passport.

The “WHY” question includes practical considerations. Perhaps you have watched the passport lines in Europe. People with EU passports fly through the line while you are stuck on a line with Americans and other foreigners. The Times of Israel put it quite simply (“Portuguese Law: Sephardic descendants eligible to obtain Portuguese Citizenship,” April 28, 2021, by Avigail Greenberg and Sahsa Kisko): “Acquiring a European passport makes you an EU citizen, allowing you to live, travel, and work in all EU countries as well as many other countries around the world. With that, many civil liberties are granted and career opportunities arise. Whether you are Israeli, North American or otherwise a non-European citizen, a European passport provides multiple advantages.”

Another answer to WHY is based on my father’s experience. He had to flee Austria as a 19-year-old in 1939, after Kristallnacht. My father warned me and my brother that what happened in Germany and Austria could happen again – anywhere - and that it was always desirable to have an escape route along with assets outside the country. Jewish paranoia? Unfortunately history validates his attitude.

If you are interested in applying for dual citizenship be prepared for dealing with lots of bureaucracy. Governments will require a criminal background check (you can get this from the FBI) and that you get an apostille which as best I can tell is a certification that your already certified birth certificate is authentic (you will first need a letter of exemplification, then a certification by the County Clerk in your birth county, followed by the apostille from your state Department of State). Also you can expect to wait. One of our board members applied for Austrian citizenship back in March 2021. He is still waiting for his approval.

Here is the status of countries where you may be able to obtain citizenship:  
**Germany.** Law passed June 18, 2021. According to Forbes (June 25, 2021, “Germany Will Let Descendants of Jews and Other Nazi Targets Apply for Citizenship,” by Graison Dangor) this law applies “to all descendants of German citizens whose citizenship was revoked when they fled the Nazis or who were prevented from getting citizenship because they were Jewish, Roma or were persecuted by the Nazis for their political beliefs.” There is no time limit for applicants.

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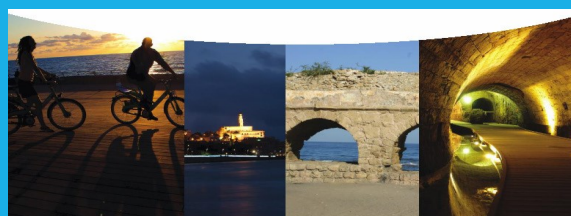
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**Golden Living . . . News for Seniors, Their Families and Caregivers**

By: Todd N. Tancredi, Director Dutchess County Office for the Aging

**AVOIDING THE POST-HOLIDAY SLIDE INTO DEPRESSION**

It may not have been a jolly holiday season for seniors who live alone. Two out of every seven American seniors live alone, according to a recent estimate from the National Council on Aging (NCOA) – and with over 60,000 seniors living in Dutchess County, that would be over 17,000 of our senior friends and neighbors living alone.

Being alone for the holidays, and through the winter, can bring an even heavier burden of loneliness – equivalent to a 15-cigarette-a-day smoking habit, according to NCOA. As a risk factor, loneliness has more impact on seniors' mortality than even obesity or a sedentary lifestyle. It doesn't have to be that way.

The Office for the Aging plays a key role in helping seniors maintain social connections and keep loneliness at bay, most notably with our eight Senior Friendship Centers, in Beacon, East Fishkill, Millerton, Pawling, Red Hook, South Amenia (Wassaic), the City of Poughkeepsie, and Pleasant Valley, where our Tri-Town Senior Friendship Center reopened last fall.

Visit a Friendship Center and the first thing you may hear are seniors laughing. There could be a furious game of mah-jongg happening at one table. At the next table over, seniors are debating how the Knicks look this season. At another table, it's an exchange of advice on which stores have been keeping cans of cat food stocked.

There's also a nutritious midday meal and a regular variety of informative and entertaining presentations. If a senior you know is interested in finding out more about Senior Friendship Centers, contact information is available at [dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition](http://dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition), or by calling (845) 486-2555.

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# The Harding Club



The Harding Club mourns the early January passing of George Stuts, a pillar of the Jewish Community of Poughkeepsie and a Harding Club member since 1998. Our sympathy goes out to the entire family and to George's wife Betsy in particular. May George's memory be for a blessing.

With COVID cases spiking worldwide, nationwide, statewide, and community-wide: the Harding Club Board of Governors has decided to continue the safe policy of conducting meetings with the use of Zoom technology at least through March. It has been two years since the club has met in person at a local restaurant, for dinner, for in-person socialization, and for an interesting speaker. This column has reported our hope that in-person meetings will soon resume, but, at least for now, the need to be safe and healthy is our paramount priority.

Nevertheless, the Harding Club continues to be a positive influence in our Jewish community and in the larger Dutchess County community. For example:

- Did you see the photo in the January issue of *The Voice* of the two students from the Myers Corners School who received \$25 gift certificates from Barnes and Noble in our Catching Kids Caring program?
- Did you know that every month Harding Club members schlep and deliver hundreds of pounds of food to needy families at the Morse School in the City of Poughkeepsie?
- Do you realize that the Harding Club donates thousands of dollars to the PJ Library, supplying hundreds of young Jewish and intermarried families with wonderful reading material of a Jewish religious and cultural nature and engaging programming?
- And we do even more than that.

You can become a member by contacting us as listed at the end of this article.

Our Zoom meetings have been extremely interesting and worthwhile. The club meets twice every month except for January and February, when there is only one meeting. We have enjoyed or look forward to enjoying meetings such as these:

- A performance by the Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association.
- A tutorial by our member Irv Miller on how to create your family tree.
- A talk by Clinton Historian, Craig Marshall, about his experiences during the Vietnam War aiding civilians as a Seabee.
- A talk on the perspective of a Third Generation Holocaust Survivor by David Reckess. 3GNY is a non-profit organization composed of the Jewish grandchildren of Holocaust survivors.

The diversity of our meetings is truly breathtaking.

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

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

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**Meet Rabbi Josh** By Alyssa Kogon

You can go home again. Just ask Rabbi Joshua Boettiger who at age 48 has found himself back at his alma mater Bard College after a decades long hiatus. Rabbi Josh grew up in North Hampton, Massachusetts, where both of his parents were college professors. At age twelve, his family moved to Northern California. His secular Jewish household spiritually respected the Episcopalian religion of his father. During a gap year between college and high school, the Rabbi spent the time in Israel, where he has visited many times since his teen years.



It wasn't until Rabbi Josh was a Religious Studies major at Bard, that he really "got rolling on my Jewish path". He found a deeper connection to Judaism with the guidance from the Rabbis at the school at that time. Now he finds himself in that very position acting as an influential mentor and spiritual leader.

After 15 years at the pulpit of Congregations in Vermont and Oregon, the Rabbi started his new position as part of the Interfaith Chaplaincy at Bard this fall. He is delighted to teach two classes at the school. His wife Vanessa Grajwer Boettiger is also a Rabbi and teaches two courses at the college as well. They live with their 10 year old daughter Paloma in Catskill.

Rabbi Josh's resume is impressive. Ordained through the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 2006, he then in 2018, received his Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Poetry) from Pacific University. He is a Bard alum (1996), a Rabbis Without Borders fellow, and also serves as the Associate Rosh Yeshiva at the Center for Contemporary Mussar - where he teaches text, theology, and practice of Jewish approaches to mindfulness and service.

A member of the Woodstock Jewish Congregation, Rabbi Josh is quick to credit his predecessor Rabbi David Nelson for creating a strong structure at Bard for him to follow. He is especially enjoying his time with the students and the creative ways they approach Judaism. "Some students are more traditional, some

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Dear Hamantashen Maker,

"Once there was a wicked man and Hamen was his name" - goes the song. Tash means pouch or pocket in Yiddish. Eating a pastry in the shape of Haman's three corned hat is symbolic of overcoming and defeating an enemy of the Jewish people! What better way to celebrate overcoming a brutal enemy than by stamping out his name and eating a pastry to symbolize the destruction of his memory!!

Shoshana

## Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Neal Loevinger*

The Jewish calendar is complex, and sometimes a bit mysterious, but it's also the deep structure of Judaism and Jewish life.

First, some arithmetic: As you may remember, there's a difference of about 11.5 days (on average) between the solar and lunar calendar. The lunar calendar is shorter, so in order to keep the holidays in their proper season (Pesach in the spring, Shavuot in early summer, and Sukkot in the fall), we add an extra month 7 out of every nineteen years. The extra month is Adar, the month of Purim: we observe both Adar 1 and Adar II this year, with the first Adar beginning at the start of February and the second at the beginning of March.



Rabbi Loevinger

The obvious question is: If there's a major holiday (Purim) in Adar, in which Adar does it fall, the first or the second? According to the ancient sages, we observe Purim in the second Adar because it's closer to Pesach. We also read the pre-Passover special Torah portions, such as *Parah* and *HaHodesh*, in Adar II. Let's leave aside the question of what happens with Adar bar/bat mitzvah and *yahrzeit* observances in a leap year. Instead, let's ask a follow up question, based on a seeming conflict of values. There's a general principle in Jewish life that says when there's an opportunity for a *mitzvah*, we do it as quickly as we can. In Hebrew, *Ein Ma'avirin al HaMitzvot*, which literally means, we don't pass over a *mitzvah*, or postpone a *mitzvah* when it's possible to do it with alacrity. So why wait an entire month to celebrate Purim? The ancient sages were very clear: When Adar comes in, joy increases, and who wouldn't want that sooner rather than later?

I think the sages put Purim in Adar II (though please, do increase joy in the first Adar too!) because Purim is a moral and spiritual preparation for Pesach and not just a chance to finish the whiskey before we have to get rid of our *chametz* (grain products). On Purim we rejoice that our people were saved from an evil tyrant; we celebrate the gift of life itself. We do so with practices related to the sustenance of life: *matanot l'evyonim* (gifts to the poor), *mishloach manot* (portions of food sent to family and friends), and a joyous feast. Note that without feasting and giving gifts of food and money, you haven't really observed Purim. We are so full of gratitude to be alive that we give freely of ourselves to increase life and joy in our community.

Pesach, too, is a joyous holiday, but it's a little more complicated than "they tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat." On Pesach, we are thankful for not the mere fact of being alive- for even in the house of bondage, we had physical life- but for the freedom to develop our spiritual capacities. Pesach is very much about the journey from being servants of Pharaoh to becoming servants of the Holy One; that's a mental and spiritual journey as much as it is a physical one. On Purim, we celebrate our survival; on Pesach, we reflect on the purpose of our lives. On Purim, we eat fun things and drink wine and make merry; on Pesach, we eat matzah and bitter herbs in order to remind ourselves of our deepest purpose, which is to live lives of humility, gratitude and service.

We get a month between Purim and Pesach so we can consciously move from "freedom from tyrants" (both the internal and external kind) to "freedom to live a holy life." When Adar comes in, joy increases, but joy is incomplete without purpose.

## 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, Jeff Gross took time from volunteering preparing taxes for AARP to speak with us.



Jeff Gross

1. **What is your favorite/least favorite word?**  
**Favorite:** *Mellow*  
**Least Favorite:** *Literally*
2. **What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**  
*Mostly my friends—many of them are people who do good in the world. I draw inspiration from them.*
3. **What is your favorite song?**  
*Blowing in The Wind* by Bob Dylan
4. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*A Tour Guide*
5. **What profession would you not like to attempt?**  
*Medicine—It's incredible to me how much responsibility they have to the people they serve.*
6. **What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**  
*A deli sandwich with good salami and chopped liver.*
7. **What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**  
**Like:** *I believe I've become a good listener.*  
**Dislike:** *I wish I were a lot more organized.*
8. **If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**  
*Ability to multitask*
9. **What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**  
*When I retired I left my office in good hands.*
10. **Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**  
*To climb Mt. Marcy in the Adirondacks.*
11. **If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**  
*Show Up—Showing up is 80% of life.*
12. **What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**  
*I really enjoy contra dancing. I am also a self-described expert on Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie.*
13. **What is your earliest Jewish memory?**  
*Being taken to high holiday services by my mother when I was 4 or 5.*
14. **What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**  
*My first trip to Israel.*
15. **In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**  
*A lot of people don't know that if they become aware of an Anti-Semitic incident to report it to the Jewish Federation.*
16. **What is your most and least favorite part of being Jewish?**  
**Most:** *I can go to a synagogue in the Hudson Valley or France and feel like I am a part of a global community who share my heritage.*  
**Least:** *That sometimes people think of us as different despite the fact that all people are created in God's image.*
17. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
*You've been a good friend.*
18. **What question do you wish we asked and what would be the answer?**  
**Q:** *What do you like about living in the Hudson Valley?*  
**A:** *That I can take advantage of Jewish resources both within and outside the confines of my synagogue.*

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## No Winter Doldrums Here

By Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Education Director & Cantor Devorah Gartner, Youth & B'nai Mitzvah Director

Although the onset of winter found us shifting back into fully virtual mode for everyone's health and safety, we are undaunted. Our amazing and versatile staff made the transition seamlessly, with no disruption in fun and learning.

Currently, all Temple Beth-El activities will remain virtual through the end of January. We continue to monitor the Dutchess County Covid-19 progression, review recommendations of the governor's office, and consult with the Temple Beth-El Re-opening Committee.

**Sunday Religious School classes** for PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are meeting on Sunday mornings. Students and their families are also participating in bi-monthly Tot Shabbat Services for PreK through Grade 2 and Family Services for grades 3-6. Our littlest students are happily singing, crafting, and learning about Shabbat and Bible stories. Students in grades 3-4 are studying Torah and the Jewish values associated with the holidays. Students in grades 5-6 will continue their study of life cycle and holidays. We are looking forward to a Joint Family Service with Congregation Shir Chadash on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm.

**The Joint Ivrit Program** with Congregation Shir Chadash meets on Tuesdays. All the classes from grades 3-7 are making excellent progress in Hebrew, through classroom instruction, interactive games, and homework practice. All Hebrew students also receive one-on-one tutoring each week. This virtual program continues to be a great success. Parents, teachers, and students all agree that the individualized attention helps students to hone their Hebrew and prayer skills.

**The Temple Beth-El B'nai Mitzvah Program** welcomes Rabbi Michael Fessler to the teaching team. Rabbi Michael will be leading a dynamic and fast-paced weekly Torah study on Tuesdays. Students will continue to meet with Rabbi Miriam Hyman for prayer book Hebrew as well as on Shabbat with Cantor Devorah Gartner for bimah training and Torah reading. The students have made excellent progress with their prayer leadership and Torah skills as demonstrated by the lovely Friday Evening Service they led in November and the Shabbat Morning Service they led in December.

Tu b'Shevat is almost here. As we enjoy winter in our beautiful Hudson Valley, we look forward to spring 2022.

## TINY TEMPLE AT VASSAR TEMPLE Sunday Feb.27 at 10:30am

All young children up through kindergarten are invited to bring their grownups for a free program of fun and learning featuring hands-on activities, stories, and song. Please check for any current health and safety protocols at [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org). For info or to RSVP, call the office (845) 454-2570.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### CHABAD MID-HUDSON VALLEY

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

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

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

### JUDAIC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm

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

### RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

Monday, 4:00-5:30pm

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

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

### CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH

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

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

### TEMPLE BETH-EL

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


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

### VASSAR TEMPLE

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


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

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




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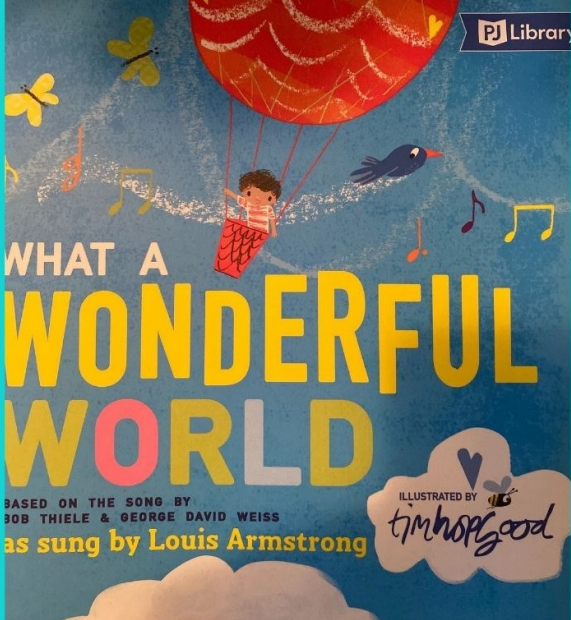
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# Gratitude

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



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*Thank you!*

# אמץ לב Ometz Lev Courage

Here is a cute Purim activity from PJ Library :

Here's what you'll need to make your own hamantaschen:

**Ingredients:**

- Bread
- Filling (We like strawberry jam and chocolate hazelnut spread and peanut butter, but pick your favorite!)
- Round cookie cutter
- Colorful toppings (sprinkles, coconut flakes and dried fruit)
- Rolling pin

With just a little help from an adult, young children should be able to make their own hamantaschen. So let's get baking!

**Directions:**

- Cut a circle out of a piece of bread with your round cookie cutter.
- Make a stack of bread circles for as many hamantaschen as you'd like!
- Gently flatten the bread with a rolling pin.
- Put a spoonful of jam or chocolate spread in the center of the bread.
- Pinch three corners of the circle together (Use the photos above as a guide).
- Top with sprinkles, coconut flakes or dried fruit.
- Make a plateful to share with friends or pack them in a lunchbox!



Kim



Tamatha



Suzanne



**2022 PJ Library Family of the Month Needs YOU!**

By Kimberly Ritz, PJL Director

Calling all PJ Library Families! We would love to feature you in an upcoming **2022 PJ Library Family of the Month Article** which is included in our PJ Library Mid-Month Update Email and in *The Voice* local newspaper.

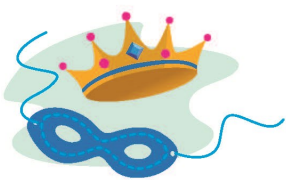
Come join the **18 PJ Library families** who have already participated and enjoyed sharing the article with their friends, grandparents, and family locally and beyond! It is also a great way to welcome new families to the area and meet other PJ Library Families.

Simply email [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org) and receive a google form with a short survey (only 7 questions). Grandparents, please nominate your grandchildren! Parents, please nominate any friends that you think may be interested!

During these trying times connecting safely is tough to do, and I've noticed that the PJ Library Family of the Month Article has generated great interest each month by our local families during the pandemic. Please consider signing up today! Any questions please email [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)

**Courage** By Suzanne Turrisi, Assistant PJ Library Director

Purim is the holiday which commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, the official who was planning on killing all the Jews in the Persian empire. The people of Persia were saved from being killed by a young, brave woman named Esther. "Ometz lev" means bravery or courage of the heart. What does it mean to have courage of the heart? To have the ability to show strength in the face of danger? How many of us have the courage to stand up against adversity or to say something rather than remain silent? Sometimes we need to be like Queen Esther, to reach deep down inside and find the strength to stand up for what is right—to protect those who are oppressed or left behind. Perhaps you can try to be like Queen Esther, to reach deep inside and try to make a difference in someone else's life. Stand brave and tall and speak up for someone or go the extra mile to help them out. Think about how great it would be if we all were advocating for each other!



## The Absolute ADJECTIVE Purim Costume

Every year our school holds a huge Purim carnival with a \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE costume contest.

There are tons of prizes. People win \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE gift certificates, and even season tickets to the \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ANIMAL \_\_\_\_\_ SPORT team games.

For the last \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER years, I've been second place or first runner up. This year though, I'm going to win the grand prize: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER dollars and unlimited \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD ITEM from \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME's \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_ EXCLAMATION! That prize basically has my name on it.

This year, I'm dressing up as \_\_\_\_\_ CELEBRITY NAME I'm going to wear \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF CLOTHING, dye my \_\_\_\_\_ BODY PART \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR, and add \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER rhinestones and \_\_\_\_\_ SMALL ITEM, PLURAL. To top it all off, I'm going to carry around a \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN and my two best friends are going to follow me shouting, " \_\_\_\_\_ NONSENSE WORD " My \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIVE thinks it's the most \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE idea ever.

My costume is going to be so \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE and \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE that no one will be able to take their eyes off of it. In fact, I bet everyone who sees it will say: " \_\_\_\_\_ EXPRESSION !"

To learn more about PJ Library and sign up for free Jewish storybooks, visit [pjlibrary.org](http://pjlibrary.org)



## Save the Date Community Purim Celebration

Sunday, March 13th  
2022

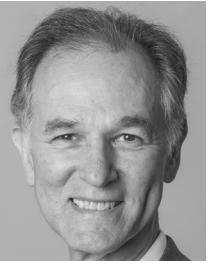
10:30-11:30am

All Ages Welcome!



Please check out all of our **PJ Library December 2021 Events** on our Facebook Page: "PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley" and in our bi-monthly PJ Library and PJ OurWay E-News and Mid-Month Update emails! Got Questions? New to the community or looking to make connections with other families? Interested in a Grandparent's Circle? Want to start a Parent's Night In or a monthly play-group? We can help! Email: [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org) Join our PJ Library Mom's What's app Group or our Mid-Hudson Valley PJ Library Families FB Group via Email: [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)

## The Federation Board's Voice



### Your Federation and Local Politics

By Steven Wasser, Board President of Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

"It is better to be a tail among lions than a head among foxes." At least that's how I remember this saying from the Pirkei Avot. My father would have us read a saying each Friday evening after lighting the Shabbat candles. We had many lively debates about these "chapters of the fathers."

Steven Wasser

The Jewish community shares a tradition of Jewish ethics and values. As articulated in Federation's strategic plan, those values are Tzedakah (charity), Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), and Gemilut Hasadim (acts of loving kindness).

Values and ethics transcend politics. It is possible to be Jewish and to vote for a conservative or liberal candidate for political office. The Federation board reflects those different – JEWISH – points of view.

Jewish Federation of Dutchess County is neither a religious organization nor a political one. (In fact, our non-profit status would be at risk if we engage in politics.) On the board, I work hard to steer clear of political issues while promoting our Jewish values and ethics. That might mean joining a March against Hate with the local African American community or working with local law enforcement to get rid of a Nazi flag hanging prominently in a Poughkeepsie window.

Our non-political status does not mean that we avoid relationships with local politicians and officials. It is necessary for the health and safety of the Jewish community that we maintain an open line of communication with all elected and law enforcement officials. Our Executive Director, Karen Hochhauser, has done excellent work in establishing positive relationships with local officials. As elected representatives they may from time to time have an opportunity to speak at a Federation event. That does not mean that we support the politics of the speaker.

When the hostage situation at a Texas synagogue was in the news recently, local synagogues were concerned about security. In response, Karen Hochhauser contacted the local police. She requested and received additional security patrols in the area of our synagogues.

In Pirkei Avot 1:18 Shimon ben Gamaliel is quoted - "On three things does the world stand: on justice, on truth, and on peace."



Have a particular area of interest related to programming we are or could be doing?  
Call the Federation office to discuss making a designated donation for that cause.

(845) 471-9811



### JFedDC's Strategic Plan

**JFedDC's Mission:** To perpetuate, protect, and enhance Jewish communal life and well-being locally, in Israel, and worldwide while supporting our greater local community.

**JFedDC's Vision:** Culturally connect and support the diverse Jewish community of Dutchess County.

**JFedDC's Values:** Tzedakah (charity), Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), and Gemilut Chassadim (acts of loving kindness)

#### JFedDC's Forward Focus:

- Community Building
- Security/Anti-Semitism
- Interfaith/Assimilation
- Support Services
- Israel
- Community Partnering

## Our Executive Director



### The Only Thing Constant Is Change

One of my two more favored (or used) quotes is "the only constant is change". With the acceptance of this as a base line for life, it means one should learn how, hopefully, to be flexible and resilient. I think we have all been tested in these areas for some time now. I don't know about you, but I have also lost all sense of time. When I think about an event that "just happened", I realize that if it was in-person, it probably actually occurred almost 2 years ago or longer.

This concept of resilience for the Jewish people was once again tested with the horror of the terrorist-hostage situation in Texas. Like many, we were yet once again saddened and dismayed by what happened at Congregation Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, Texas. We are very relieved that none of the hostages, weekly Shabbat attendees, were physically injured or worse. While this took place thousands of miles away, we are all too aware that something similar could happen, and has happened, much closer to home.

For those who do not receive our e-newsletters\*, we want to share with you that when we became aware of the situation, we reached out to our connections in law enforcement throughout Dutchess County. We were assured by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department, the City of Poughkeepsie and Beacon Police Departments that our congregations would receive a patrol advisory and extra presence. We are grateful for their immediate response and support.

Previously, we conducted House of Worship Security Briefings/Trainings that were open to clergy, lay leadership, and general members. As soon as it is safe to gather again, we look forward to hosting additional courses throughout the county with law enforcement. Finally, we would like to remind everyone that if you see something, say something. If you experience incidents of Anti-Semitism, please reach out to our office to report it, with the obvious caveat that 911 and law enforcement should be immediately contacted if the situation is happening at that moment. We have and will continue to work with the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights, the Anti-Defamation League, and Secure Community Network (SCN) as well as local law enforcement and elected officials for the safety and security of community.

Wishing you a healthy and safe day,

Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director

\* To receive our weekly electronic newsletter with the most up-to-date news & events, email [admin@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:admin@jewishdutchess.org) to subscribe.

# WE NEED YOU

**Make a difference in your community!**

**JFedDC is looking for a**  
**Program Event Coordinator**  
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(new part-time position)

**JFedDC Board Member**

If you are interested  
Call (845) 471-9811 for more details

**Join us and have some fun while making a big impact on the community.**

# JEWISH FOOD

Connecting our Community through food

Send us your favorite Kosher recipe so we can share it.

Please email to: [TheVoice@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:TheVoice@jewishdutchess.org).

If you missed the Federations' Ethiopian Israelis Learning Series and are interested in viewing these sessions, visit:

<https://jewishdutchess.org/events/previous-event-recordings>

## FOSSOLIA

RECIPE COURTESY OF AIDA NOZICK  
Small Federations' Ethiopian Israelis Learning Series  
January 10, 2022

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 large potatoes (golden) – cubed
- ½ lb. (4 cups)– fresh green beans – ends snapped off and cut or snapped into halves or thirds
- 3 carrots – cut into stick shaped pieces
- 2 cloves of garlic – minced
- 1 tsp. grated ginger
- 1 tsp. turmeric
- salt
- 3 large, chopped tomatoes or 1 28 oz. can- crushed tomatoes
- 1 large, diced onion
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 small, chopped jalapeno

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large pot, heat the olive oil and add the diced onion and sauté until soft.
2. Add the garlic and ginger and stir until fragrant, for 1 minute.
3. Add the tomatoes and turmeric and cook for 5 to 8 minutes on medium to low heat.
4. Add the carrots and cook until semi-soft, add the potatoes and cook until tender – 12 minutes.
5. Add the green beans and cover the pot and allow them to cook for another 10 minutes.
6. Add salt and the jalapeno for the last 2 minutes of cooking.

Enjoy!!



(Dual Citizenship Continued from page 1)

**Austria.** Law passed September 19, 2019. According to the Austrian Embassy, the following people are eligible: "All former Austrian citizens as well as persons who were citizens of successor states of the former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy or stateless at the time, but had their residence in Austria, who were forced to leave Austria before May 15, 1955, because they had to fear or even suffered persecution by the NSDAP (National Socialist German Worker's Party) or other authorities of the so-called "Third Reich" or they had to fear or suffered persecution because of defending the democratic Republic of Austria. All descendants in the direct descending line (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren...) of the persecuted person (who meets the above-mentioned criteria), including children who were adopted as minors."

**Spain** offered citizenship to descendants of Sephardic Jews who had to flee Spain during the Inquisition, but the offer expired October, 2019. Spain has one of the smallest Jewish population in Europe. Ironically, when we visited "Jewish Spain" several years ago we were told that Spaniards take pride in acknowledging their Jewish blood and that 25% of Spanish citizens have Jewish genes in their DNA. According to an article in The Atlantic (September 21, 2019, "Spain's Attempt to Atone for a 500-Year-Old Sin by Kiku Adatto"). The application process is daunting and difficult. The law does not require the Sephardim to give up their existing citizenship or reside in Spain. However, requirements include proof of Sephardic lineage (one need not be a practicing Jew); a rigorous, four-hour Spanish-language test; and a citizenship test. Every document—from birth certificates to criminal-background checks—must be translated, notarized, and certified with an apostille seal. Applicants are required to travel to Spain to sign with a Spanish notary, and many people, including our family, hire a Spanish lawyer to help navigate the citizenship process."

**Portugal.** Similar to Spain with an onerous set of requirements, the Portuguese offer does not currently have an expiration date. According to Wikipedia, despite the onerous requirements, "By November 2020 Portugal had granted citizenship to about 23,000 people, about 30% of the roughly 76,000 applications submitted since 2015."

**Israel.** Of course Israeli citizenship is a simpler matter. According to the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Law of Return (1950) grants every Jew, wherever he may be, the right to come to Israel as an *oleh* (a Jew immigrating to Israel) and to become an Israeli citizen. For the purposes of this Law, "Jew" means a person who was born of a Jewish mother or who has converted to Judaism and is not a member of another religion.

## 2022 Holiday Greetings

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

This year we will once again be offering a 3-pack of Holiday Greetings which includes: Passover, Rosh Hashanah, and Chanukah.

Please look at the designs and choose an individual greeting or the 3-pack. If you choose the 3-pack, please choose the same size ad for all holidays.

The cost: Small ad: \$30 each or 3 for \$80  
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THE VOICE, PO Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603  
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DEADLINE for Passover Greeting is March 8

### 2022 Holiday Greetings

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Holiday	Small	Medium	Large
Passover (circle one)	A B	C D	E F
Rosh Hashanah (circle one)	A B	C D	E F
Chanukah (circle one)	A B	C D	E F

Your name(s) on the Greeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made out to:  
Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

### Passover Greetings

Small—A



Medium—C



Small—B



Medium—D



Large—E



Large—F

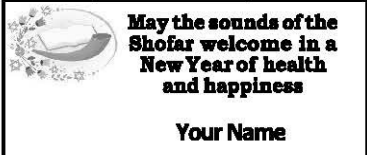


### Rosh Hashanah Greetings

Small—A



Medium—C



Small—B



Medium—D



Large—E



Large—F



### Chanukah Greetings

Small—A



Medium—C



Small—B



Medium—D



Large—E



Large—F



## Congregation Schomre Israel

(Orthodox)  
18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie  
(845) 454-2890  
Rabbi Shlomo Krasner  
Website: [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org)  
Email: [rabbishlomok@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com)

### Weekly Services:

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

### Adult Education:

**Daily**  
**Daily Daf Yomi Talmud Study** 7pm with Rabbi Krasner. Daf Yomi is a daily regimen of learning the Oral Torah and its commentaries in sequence.

#### Sunday

**Talmud Studies with Rabbi Krasner** Sunday morning after Shacharis, continuing with the 5th chapter of Brachos.

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

**NEW CLASS Leining for Dummies and a Review for Others** 7:00pm. In this class you will learn how to read (lein) from the Torah with the cantillation. No matter what your experience level is, you are invited to join this class.

### Other Events:

#### Sunday

**Hands-on-Judaism** February 6, 10am  
The "Smart" Kitchen in Halacha—It seems each and every day, there is a new, more technologically advanced kitchen product. These applications shatter the norms of conventional wisdoms when it comes to understanding Kosher, Shabbat, and many other important Halachic decisions. Join us as we explore the newest kitchen technology, and how the Halachas apply in each "smart" application. A light dinner will be served. Let Rabbi Krasner know you will be attending.

**4K Club** February 27, 10:00am or 5:00pm. Club meetings have different topics presented each month.

#### Tuesday

**Rosh Chodesh Breakfast** February 1 following morning services.

#### Wednesday

**Rosh Chodesh Breakfast** February 2 following morning services.

#### Thursday

**Hands-on-Judaism** February 3, 6:00pm  
"Smart" Kitchen see description on Sunday.

**Yiddish Club** February 24, 10:00am.  
This is a chance to share and enjoy the Yiddish language and culture and to learn more. Contact the office or email [rabbishlomok@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com) to let us know you are coming.

#### Saturday

**Movie Night** February 19, 7:30pm, Join us for a film and popcorn.

#### Contact:

[rabbishlomok@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com)  
for current information  
or visit the website  
[www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org)

## Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)  
Interim: Freedom Plains  
Presbyterian Church, Lagrange  
(845) 232-1029  
Rabbi Daniel Polish  
Cantor Gail Hirschenfang  
Website: [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)  
Email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)

### Weekly Services:

#### (In person/Zoom)

Fridays: 7:30pm Virtual Service Only  
Saturday:

9:15am In Person (as of press time) Bi-monthly children's religious school followed by a short service. All welcome to attend service in upstairs classroom at 10:30am

### Adult Education:

#### Saturday

**Torah Study** February 5, 12, 9:15am.  
An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish. Available via Zoom. Contact the office for more info or Zoom Id.

### Other Events:

#### Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

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

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

#### Contact :

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or visit the website  
[www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)



(Meet Rabbi Josh Continued from page 4)

have never set foot into a Synagogue," he explains. Shabbat dinners have become a special time for Rabbi Josh and his charges. Everyone at the school is invited to partake, regardless of religion, with the students baking and cooking every week.

While Covid has kept Rabbi Josh from branching out into the community, he looks forward to meeting new faces. In the meantime, the latest addition to the Bard campus seems to be a perfect match proving home is where the heart is.

## Temple Beth El

(Conservative)  
118 S Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie  
(845) 454-0570  
Rabbi Michael Fessler  
Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman  
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All services are egalitarian & inclusive. Join us!

### Weekly Services:

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

### Adult Education:

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

### Other Events:

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

**Board Meeting** 7:30pm.  
Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees meeting.

#### ATTENTION MAH JONGG PLAYERS

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about ordering your 2022 Mah Jongg cards. The good news is that we receive \$2.50 for each card ordered to go to Dutchess County's Outreach Lunchbox Program. Please support this worthy cause and order your cards through us. It doesn't cost you any more money and we do a real mitzvah. Also, please consider asking your friends and family who may not get this notice.

We have one former member who lives in Florida and collects at her complex. She consistently gets 30 names which amounts to \$75 to the Lunchbox Program. The league mails the cards directly to you and even to Canada. This year, with your help, we received a check for \$405 for the Lunchbox. Our goal for 2022 is to earn \$500 and with your help, we can do it!

Regular Print: \$9.00, Large Print: \$10.00

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

#### Contact:

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## Vassar Temple

(Reform)  
140 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie  
(845) 454-2570  
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### Weekly Services:

#### Friday

**Shabbat Evening Service** (hybrid)  
February 4, 18 6:00pm, February 11, 25 7:30pm.

#### Saturday

**New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** February 12, 26, 10:15am (via Zoom).  
**Shabbat Morning Service** February 5, 10:00am

### Adult Education:

#### Wednesday

**Scouts, Trailblazers, Pathfinders, Explorers: A History of Women Rabbis** every other week March 23-May 4, 7:30pm. This course is being given in commemoration and celebration of 50 years of women in the rabbinate. We recommend that you be in possession of the book *The Sacred Calling, Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate*. Please view website for health and safety protocol for in person participation or contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) for Zoom link.

#### Thursday

**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text** February 3, 17, 12:00pm. Taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. Information and study sheets: [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net).

#### Saturday

**Torah Study** 9:00am., (via Zoom)  
Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftorah. Led by Rabbi Renni S Altman, D.D.  
New attendees should contact: [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org) to be placed on the class email and to receive study sheets.

### Other Events:

#### Sunday

**Tiny Temple** February 27, 10:30am. See page 6 for more information.

#### Wednesday

**Sisterhood Book Club** February 16, 2:00pm. *The Storyteller's Secret* by Renal Bedani will be discussed. It is a story of "the force of love, the power of healing, and the invincible desire to dream. Nothing prepares Jaya, a New York journalist, for the heartbreak of her third miscarriage and the slow disintegration of her marriage. Desperate to deal with her deep anguish, she decides to go to India to uncover answers to her family's past.

*The Storyteller's Secret* is available in paperback, with copies available in the local library system. The meeting will take place through Zoom. Marian Schwartz will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or for information, contact Linda Babas at [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org).

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### Monthly Kosher Food Delivery From Evergreen—First Tuesday of the Month

Congregation Schomre Israel has organized a monthly Evergreen delivery program. All orders should be placed no later than midday Monday prior to the scheduled delivery day. Deliveries are scheduled to arrive via Evergreen truck at the synagogue early afternoon on the **first Tuesday of each month**. If interested call the synagogue at (845) 454-2890 or email Rabbi Shlomo Krasner at [rabbishlomok@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com)



## Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592  
 Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus  
 Website: [www.MyPardess.org](http://www.MyPardess.org)  
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## The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck  
 (845) 876-7666  
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht  
 Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht  
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[www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](http://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  
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[ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto:ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net)

### Weekly Services:

Fridays: Call for times.  
 Saturdays: 10:00am

### Adult Education:

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

### Special Events:

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

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**[ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto:ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net)**  
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**[www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)**

## Beacon Hebrew Alliance

(Conservative)  
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon  
 (845) 831-2012  
 Rabbi Brent Spodek;  
 Cantor Ellen Gersh  
 Education Director, Rishe Groner  
 Website:  
[www.beaconhebrewalliance.org](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org)  
 Email:  
[411@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto:411@beaconhebrewalliance.org)

### Weekly Services:

Fridays, 7:30pm  
 Saturdays: 9:30am alternating weeks

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## Congregation Beth David

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 Rabbi Jon Haddon  
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### Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:00am (twice monthly)  
 Call for schedules.

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**or visit the website**  
**[www.CongBethDavid.org](http://www.CongBethDavid.org)**

## Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Ave, Poughkeepsie  
 (845) 728-4792  
 Rabbi Bryan Mann  
 Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College  
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### Weekly Services:

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

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## Bard College

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## Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley

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 Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102  
 Rabbi Yael Romer: [RabbiYael@cehv.org](mailto:RabbiYael@cehv.org)

### Weekly Services:

**Friday**  
**Family Kabbalat Shabbat**  
 February 4, March 4, April 1, 6:00pm.  
**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** February 11, 18, 25, March 3, 11, 25, 7:30pm.  
**Tot Shabbat** May 6, June 3, and July 1, 5:30pm  
**Saturday**  
**Morning Minyan** February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00am.  
**Tot Shabbat** February 19, March 19, and April 9, 9:00am

### Education:

**Rhinebeck Mediation & Torah Study** Tuesday, February 8, 15, March 8, 15, 8:45am  
**Religious School** Sunday, February 6, 13, 27, March 6, 13, 27, April 3, 10, 12:30pm  
**Hebrew Trope** Wednesday, February 2, 9, 15, March 2, 9, 16, 30, April 6, 13, 12:30pm  
**Conversational Hebrew** Wednesday, February 2, 9, 16, March 2, 9, 16, 30, April 6, 13, 4:00pm

### Other Events:

**Sunday**  
**Women's Seder** April 3, 4:45pm  
**Tuesday**  
**Monthly Brotherhood Meeting** 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm  
**Thursday**  
**Coffee Chai with the Rabbi** 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 8:45am  
**Monthly Sisterhood Meeting** 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00pm  
**Friday**  
**Purim Megilah Reading, Shpiel & Services** March 19, 7:00pm  
**Saturday**  
**Purim Masquerade Ball** March 19, 7:00pm  
**Passover 2nd Night Seder** April 16, 4:45pm

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## February

### Candle Lighting Schedule

February 4	4:57pm
February 11	5:06pm
February 18	5:15pm
February 25	5:23pm



## Jewish Trivia

Q: What movie of 1942 cast 4 Jews, an Irishman, and a German as California Mexicans?

A: "Tortilla Flat", from the book by John Steinbeck, was a movie about a bunch of poor Monterrey, CA. Mexicans who just sit around and kvetch all day. The cast consisted of 4 Jews: Hedy Lamar as a Viennese Jew with a strong German accent, John Garfield & Sheldon Leonard as both Jews with strong New York accents, and Akim Tamiroff as a Russian Jew with a strong Russian accent. In addition, they cast the very Irish Spencer Tracy and the German-American Frank Morgan!!! Not a decent Mexican accent in the bunch.

## Coffee & Chat North

(formerly Lunch & Learn North)

### The Modern Politics of Herod the Great with Dr. Bruce Chilton of Bard College, IAT

**Sunday, February 6, 1:00pm**

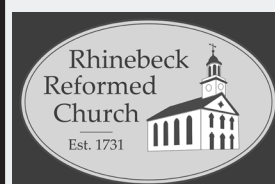
*Roman Power Politics and Herod Antipas:*  
 An exploration of how the son of Herod, named Antipas, maneuvered for power by persecuting Jewish teachers

**Sunday, March 6, 1:00pm**

*The Herodian Acquittal of Roman charges against Christians:* How Herod's great-grandson Agrippa took a different path.

**Rhinebeck Reformed Church**  
 6368 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY  
 12572

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### The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the U.S. Military (active, Reserves, or National Guard) or any person who wishes to support veterans are invited to attend Post meetings. Due to the pandemic, all of our meetings are on ZOOM. Meetings can also be reached by telephone but with audio only. Next meetings will be February 6, March 13, at 9:30am. If you wish for more information, please contact Post Commander Schwartz at (845) 849-0025 or [Rschwa9881@aol.com](mailto:Rschwa9881@aol.com)

