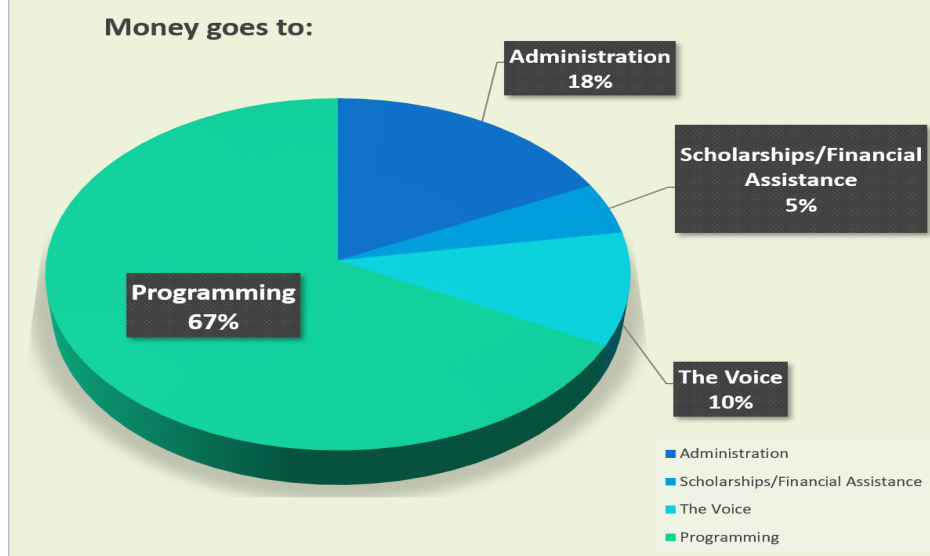


Where Federation Dollars Go - 2019?



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- Assisting personal and financial crises
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- Rallying community around service



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- Continuing collaboration and expanded programming
- Addressing the rise of hate and action steps
- Planning of 2021 Trip to Israel



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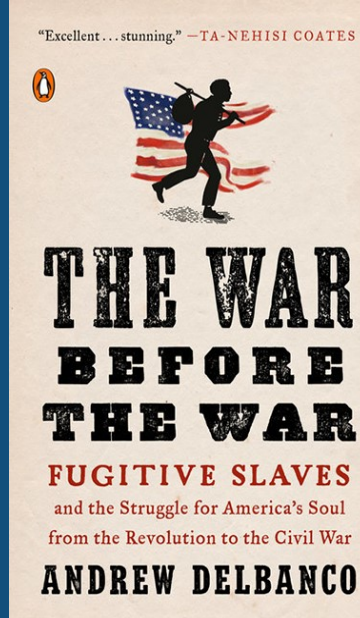
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**Community Purim Carnival
 March 15 - See Page 6 for more information**



Anti-Semitism and Hate: Addressing this Moment presented by Jody Miller

Anti-Semitism and other forms of hate are on the rise. The Anti-Defamation League's *Never is Now* Summit in November provided a real-time national and international account of this growth as well as what is needed in this moment to fight it. From a local perspective where incidents are taking place in schools, workplaces, and communities to the summit take-aways for responding to anti-Semitism and other forms of hate; join us as we understand and discuss approaches to counter this new reality.

Come join the JFedDC, Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights, and DCIC as we discuss ADL conference highlights.

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WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS

February

February 5: **Five Secrets to Aging in Place so you can live your best life with Colleen Ashe**
 Menu: pizza, salad, coffee/tea, dessert

February 12 **Movie: Saga of the Dead Sea Scrolls**
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert

February 19: **Celebrating Five Seasons of Clove Creek Dinner Theatre with Felicia DiNonno**
 In honor of the current production "Barefoot in the Park", please bring a pair of new socks for the needy!
 Menu: chile con carne, pico de gallo, coffee/tea, dessert

February 26: **Cantor Devorah Gartner will be presenting a select and fun topic!**
 Menu: assorted wraps, coffee/tea, dessert

REGISTRATION STRONGLY REQUESTED BY MONDAY EACH WEEK FOR FOOD AND ACTIVITY PLANNING PURPOSES
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Educational Opportunities Abound at Congregation Schomre Israel

Hebrew 101 Mondays, 6:00pm-6:45pm in January with Rabbi Krasner. In February, he will be teaching a class on conversational Hebrew. This class starts from the absolute basics and will focus on being able to read properly and fluently.

The Blessings and Destinies of the Twelve Jewish Families Tuesdays, 10:30am. This class with Rabbi Krasner will provide an in-depth analysis based on the Talmud and Midrash of each of Jacob's 12 sons and the families they built.

Timeless Thoughts on the Parsha with Rabbi Krasner Thursdays, 7:00pm, with Rabbi Krasner.

Hands on Judaism Workshop Thursday, 6:00pm-8:00pm, through June. **February 6: Learn to blow a Shofar.** It has been a few months since Rosh Hashanah, so it is the perfect time to start learning how to blow a shofar, as well as learning what this instrument symbolizes. **March 5: What Exactly is a Mikvah?** What does it entail to build one? Why its use is so important in the formation and life blood of the Jewish family? Join us as we discuss the concepts of purity and the importance of the mitzvah of mikvah. We will then have a tour and take a closer look at the Schomre Israel mikvah.

Classes are free. All are welcome. View website at www.schomreisrael.org for recordings of previous classes. For information on cancellations and class schedules, visit www.schomreisrael.org or call (845) 454-2890.

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text Thursday, February 20, 12:00-1:30pm taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. Questions about the Talmud class? Contact Rabbi Golomb at pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Torah Study Saturdays (No class February 15), 9:00am with Rabbi Renni Altman, DD. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah.

Learner's Service Saturday, February 29, 10:15-11:45am. Learn more about our service. Teaching and discussion while going through an actual Saturday morning service, including reading of the Torah, with Rabbi Altman.

All are invited. Come learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes. No charge to attend. No previous training required. For more info or if you have questions, contact rabbivassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570.

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

Metaphors for the High Holiday Experience with Rabbi Daniel Victor Thursdays, 9:30am at The Crafted Kup. There you can purchase a coffee and meet with us in the back room at 44 Raymond Ave, Poughkeepsie.

Adult Discovery Course Wednesdays, 8:00pm. Temple Beth-El continues this class which for many will conclude with a formal commitment by the student to embrace Jewish life. Classes are on specific Wednesdays and run approximately every two weeks through September. For more info, contact Rabbi Daniel Victor at rebvictor@tbeny.org or (845) 454-0571.

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

Chabad Center Classes

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Please visit our website www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com.

Congregation Shir Chadash

Torah Study: Saturday, February 1, 22, 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 are welcomed to attend.

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

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

Those interested in reading are invited to the Rosh Chodesh Reading Group - a potluck brunch and discussion. 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 suggestion, please let us know!

Time TBD. For info contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, info@shir-chadash.org, or www.shir-chadash.org

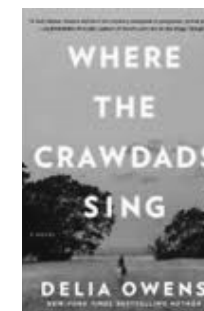
Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Group

We will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. The story is set in the desolate marshlands of North Carolina coast in the 1950's and revolves around an abandoned young girl named Kya Clark, known by others as the "Marsh Girl". In her isolation, Kya makes us open our own eyes to the secret wonders—and dangers—of her private world, and involves us in an enthralling mystery as well as the story of her amazing rise to success as a naturalist and author.

Muriel Lampell will lead the discussion to which everyone is invited. This book is available in paperback and large print through Amazon, with multiple copies available in the local library. Your book suggestions for future meetings are always welcome.

DETAILS

Wednesday, February 19, 2:00pm in the Community Room at Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie. To RSVP or for info, please contact Linda Babas (845) 473-7931 or lindababas41@gmail.com



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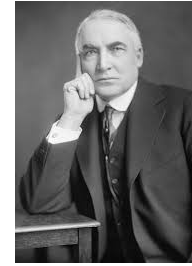
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Harding Club News

It is always Harding Club time. Even in the winter months, when many members have temporarily relocated to warmer climes.

I write this in early January, just prior to our special husband/wife or significant other January meeting. At that meeting, "A View From the Family Court Bench" was the topic, featuring Family Court Judge Joan Posner.



The fall and early winter were replete with interesting and provocative guest speakers. In December the club learned about the latest plans of the Dutchess County Sheriffs regarding the County Jail. Also in December, we were treated to a talk about the "School to Prison Pipeline," the tragic path starting with kids getting into trouble in school, leading to suspensions and, ultimately, to time spent behind bars.

But that is the past. What does the future hold for Harding Club members? March is expected to be especially fun and interesting. One of the March meetings will be at a pool hall, and the other meeting will be at the I-Park in Fishkill and the Sloop Brewery. Sounds exciting.

The Harding Club meets usually two times per month, most times at Joe Willys Restaurant in Wappingers Falls. We socialize, eat a great dinner, and enjoy an interesting speaker. The club is a Jewish men's club, and is always ready to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining the club, send us an email at hardingclub1923@gmail.com or check out our web page, harding.jigsy.com.

We would love to hear from you. If you have read this carefully, you have gotten a sampling of the variety of activities and experiences Harding Club members enjoy throughout the year. Be on the lookout next month, when I tell you about other things we do. We are not just a social club. We perform many charitable and community service activities as well. Stay tuned, Alan Fox, President

Save the Date
 Annual Community Shabbaton—March 27-29
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Rabbi Brent Spodek

This Guest Teaching is from BHA Board Member, Jesse Lunin-Pack.



This past Sunday I travelled with a group of community members down to New York City for the No Hate - No Fear rally against anti-Semitism put together by a variety of major Jewish organizations. It had been a long time since I had attended a major rally, and I was not entirely sure what we all hoped to accomplish, but it somehow felt very important for me to be there.

I got on the Metro North train at the Cold Spring station and met up with a group of BHA folks who had saved me a seat when they boarded in Beacon. Additionally, we were joined in Cold Spring by some members of the Phillipstown Reform Synagogue. It was already feeling like the Jewish community was coming together for something big, and as we travelled ever closer to Grand Central, it became obvious that there was a large contingent on the train heading in for the same reason that we were.

We took the subway downtown and met up with Cantor Ellen and other friends close to Foley Square where the march began. As we unfurled our rainbow BHA flag we received many compliments and questions about its symbolism, while games of Jewish geography broke out all around us. The NYPD was out in force to keep us safe, supplemented by State Troopers and the Jewish volunteer Community Security Service. It was obvious that a massive amount of coordination had been completed in a very short timeframe.

Walking across the Brooklyn Bridge in a crowd of 25,000 like-minded people demonstrating against hatred and fear was indeed a powerful and uplifting experience. As someone who has devoted considerable effort to securing our historic building in Beacon, it felt great to be in a safe space and among friends.

In the days since the march I have realized how lucky we are to have our BHA community. While the vast majority of the marchers in NYC were Jews (on the more liberal end of the

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Dear Inviting

You should invite those who are close to the host/hostess, regardless of their faith. People who love to celebrate the host and family should be among those included in the celebration. If they are not Jewish, a small heads-up of expected synagogue etiquette would be helpful. It is important not to exclude anyone just because of different religious beliefs; we all "party" in the same language!!

Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Daniel Polish*

The Undead

Zombie movies seem to be very popular these days, and right now we Jews feel like we are living through some kind of zombie apocalypse. An ideology that we thought was dead and buried has risen back to life with new virulence. I am talking, of course, about anti-Semitism. We had allowed ourselves the luxury of imagining that the horrors of the Shoah had finally sent humanity's oldest hatred to its well-deserved demise. How shocking to discover that that destructive monster has risen from the ashes and walks, once more, among us.



Rabbi Daniel Polish

We find evidences of it everywhere. We have been reading about the many ways disdain for Jews and outright anti-Semitism have erupted with a vengeance in England: the assertion by one climate activist that the holocaust was of little consequence [compared to the coming ecological catastrophe], the intimidation of Jewish riders on the London subway, and, of course, the way the recent election turned on the accusations of profound anti-Semitism against one of the candidates for Prime Minister. In France just recently 107 Jewish graves were defaced, part of an ongoing assault on Jews, both living and dead, in that country. Inexplicably, in Malaysia, a country with virtually no Jewish citizens, the Prime Minister takes pride "to be labeled antisemitic," has referred to Jews as "hook-nosed", and, most ominously, claims that "Jews rule this world by proxy,"

But somehow we American Jews had imagined that all that was for "over there", that American exceptionalism would shield us from the renewed assault. Now we have suffered a tectonic shift. Our view of our world has been destabilized. We find ourselves unnerved as never before. Jewish students on college campuses – including one close at hand – talk about feeling marginalized and threatened by overt expressions of antipathy to Jews. Swastikas scrawled on buildings or the display of Nazi flags put all of us on edge. And now, physical attacks and murderous assaults on Jews terrorize all of us. Bizarrely we hear ourselves attacked by the extremes of the political left and right, defamed both by African Americans and the Ku Klux Klan. Quite a remarkable accomplishment. To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, if it were not so painful (and frightening), we could laugh. A few thoughts about what to do:

Recognize that when Chasidim are attacked, the attackers are not really seeking to harm Chasidim. They want to harm Jews. It is just that the Chasidim are the most visible of us. Just as our enemies do not see the distinctions among us, so should we put those aside and join in our outrage and sorrow. These outrages unite us. To repurpose an old slogan, "We are one."

For all of our particular anxiety, we owe it to ourselves to recognize that the assaults on us are part of an overheated environment in this country at this moment. In this we stand in solidarity with African Americans, gays, Muslims, Hispanics and all those who have been marginalized, victimized, or oppressed in the rancor of the times.

As a community we have to adjust to the reality that we must be vigilant. Uncomfortable and tragic as it is, every Jewish institution needs to be vigilant and proactive in taking measures to assure the security and safety of its premises. And we, as a community, are reminded of the importance of our defense agencies. If we had imagined that their mission had become obsolete, we are awakened from that delusion. We are now reminded how much we need them. Again, we need to work harder at building bridges with the rest of the American community.

Tragically, we have been confronted anew with an old reality and have been reminded that the world is still an unsafe place for Jews. In the past we understood that any social disruption had been dangerous for Jews. It looks like that old formula still applies. In the midst of all this we look to one another for strength and to words from our Torah. As we read in Deuteronomy 31:6, *Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be dismayed: for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go; God will not leave you or forsake you.*

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spectrum), in Beacon we have strong positive relationships with the other faith communities, and these communities have come out to support us in our times of vulnerability - without our having to ask. While at the rally, there was palpable tension between the more Haredi speakers and the more assimilated demonstrators. At BHA we have agreed to welcome all levels of observance equally, and when we disagree with each other, we do so with respect.

It was indeed sad that in 2020 we all felt the need to demonstrate against anti-Semitism and senseless Jew hatred. And while I will continue to work to make sure that our community is secure in these uncertain times, I feel very fortunate to be a part of the open, accepting, questioning, and vibrant Jewish community that is Beacon Hebrew Alliance.

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, we ask a MOT* these questions and feature the answers.

This month, our special guest is Sandra Blair who found time to take a break to join us in answering our questions...

- What is your favorite word?**
Love
- What is your least favorite word?**
Hate
- What turns you on creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
To want to interact with kindness
- What turns you off?**
Gossip
- What sound or noise do you love?**
Ocean waves, waterfalls, and babies' giggles
- What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
Counseling people who are in pain
- What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
Garbage collecting
- What are you really good at & really bad at?**
Good: *Working with colors; forgiveness and acceptance*
Bad: *Punctuality*
- What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I am a first generation American. My parents moved here from Germany during the Holocaust.
- If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
To be able to take pain away from others
- If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
"You always tried to respond from your best self."
- Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
Travel. I'd like to see more of the world.



Sandra Blair

* Member of the Tribe

JWV Donates Truckload of Food to Castle Point

Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., recently donated 425 food items, costing about \$1100, to the Castle Point V.A.'s veterans' food pantry. The food was purchased with money raised at the Post's annual Poppy Sale, supplemented by a donation from the Harding Club. The extraordinarily successful Poppy Sale took place in front of the Adams Fairacre Farms store in Poughkeepsie. The Post purchased the food from Adams, and later Adams delivered everything to Castle Point.



The Jewish War Veterans wish to thank the public for supporting its annual Poppy Sale and to thank Adams and the Harding Club for all their support in making this food donation possible.

Pictured amidst the donated food are Presiding Officer Rob Rubin (L) and Post Commander Ron Markowitz (R), flanking the Adams truck driver. This is one of many activities of the local JWV Post which meets monthly and welcomes new members who have served in any branch of the regular military, National Guard or Reserve, in wartime or peace. There is also a special category of membership for non-veterans who would like to support the work of the JWV. For more info contact Rob Rubin at and visit JWV Private Herman Siegel Post 625 on Facebook




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Shabbat Y'ladim (Children's Shabbat)

All young children, from birth to 1st grade, are invited to bring their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and/or friends to Vassar Temple. Join Rabbi Altman and music teacher, Olivia DiLorio, for this new Shabbat celebration.

Rabbi Altman's stuffed bear friend Kachol v'lavan will be there to take part in the singing, stories, and marching with the Torah. After this brief, child friendly Shabbat service, we will celebrate with yummy challah and juice!

DETAILS

Saturday, TBD 10:30-11:00am. For questions about this program, contact: rabbi@vassartemple.org or website www.vassartemple.org or on Facebook



Havdalah In Jammies

Welcome the new year together with Congregation Shir Chadash!

For youngsters and those young at heart, there will be songs, blessings, crafts, schmoozing, and noshing in pajamas!

DETAILS

Saturday, February 8, 4:00pm-5:30pm, Congregation Shir Chadash, 1168 Rt 55. For more info contact Wendy Bill (845) 23-1029 or bills1989@msn.com



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Intermediate Division (ages 6-10)

Bar and Bat Mitzvah (ages 11-13)

For information, contact Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht,

Director (845) 876-7666 or tzievecht@gmail.com

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The programs focus on G-d & Prayer, Jewish History, and the concepts of Tzedakah, G'milut Chasadim and Tikun Olum. No charge for pre-school children. Open registration. Tots classes through b'nai mitzvah classes are offered. Classes meet two Saturdays a month, at 9:00am.

For information, contact (845) 723-4045,

info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org

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Tuesday,

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4:30-6:30pm, grades 3-7

Wednesday,

Gesher Youth Program

6:30-8:30pm, grades 8-12

Saturday, B'Nai Mitzvah Class

9:30am-12:30pm, grade 7

Sunday, Judaic Studies

9:30am-12:30pm, grades PreK-6

For information, contact (845) 454-0570

or 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." Temple membership not required.

Sunday Religious School

Sundays, 9:00am-12:00pm, grades K-7

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Wednesdays, 4:30pm-6:30pm, grades 4-7

Gesher Program

Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm,
grades 8-12

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For info contact Rabbi Renni Altman, Director (845)

454-2570 or rsdirector@vassartemple.org



Tu B'Shevat Activity/Craft: Taken from: <https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/december-2018/how-to-plant-a-tree-sapling-during-cold-weather#directions>

How to Plant a Tree Sapling During Cold Weather



Supplies:

- Tree sapling to plant*
- A pot or other container with drainage
- Potting soil
- Water and fertilizer as needed

* Many nurseries and garden centers have saplings or young trees for sale. You can also start smaller and grow your own sapling from a seed by graduating the seedling to larger containers as it grows.

Directions:

1. Select a tree. Good choices for container planting include: Japanese maples, dwarf, conifers, and yews. Make sure your selection can survive in your climate when the tree is ready to move outdoors.
2. Choose a container. Depending on the size of the sapling, go for a pot that easily accommodates its roots. Make sure it has good drainage. Fill the pot about two-thirds of the way up with soil, hollowing out the center for the sapling.
3. Plant your tree. Pour a little water into the hollow, place the sapling in it, then add more soil over the roots and pat it down.
4. Water and fertilize regularly. Container plants can dry out. Depending on the needs of your particular species of tree, keep the soil watered and add fertilizer every few weeks to months.

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Register Today!
Contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman at: education@tbeny.org or (845) 454-0570



Kim



Lucia



Etz, the Hebrew word for tree, has many beautiful meanings in our Jewish history. We first hear about trees in the book of Genesis/Bersheit.

“And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”
— Bereshit, Genesis 2:9 1917 Jewish Publication Society Translation

Wow! Not only do trees offer us food and are pleasant to look at, but they are also the foundation of our moral ethics. How do we put this all together and apply it to our lives?

We often hear the commonly used Jewish term “Etz Chayim” meaning “tree of life”. Every Shabbat when we put the Torah away, after reading the parsha of the week, we sing “It is a tree of life for those who grasp it, and those who draw near it are fortunate” (Mishlei, Proverbs 3:1,18). Isn’t it interesting that those are the closing words chosen directly after reading the Torah?

So therein lies the truth for us. Our Torah offers us timeless wisdom and insight. February is a month filled with cold days and short nights. The last thing most of us are thinking about are the beautiful trees that will be blooming outside in the spring.

However, us Jews in the heart of winter celebrate Tu B'Shevat which translates to the 15th of Shevat and is considered the Jewish New Year celebration of trees in Israel. How lovely is it that we connect with the spring in Israel and that we honor the agricultural customs of our ancestors in the dead of winter. This year Tu B'Shevat will be held on 2/9-2/10/20.

Come join us for local Tu B'Shevat happenings at our local community partners by checking out our PJ Library monthly emails and Facebook page: PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley.

PJ Library also has you covered for everything Tu B'Shevat in its Tu B' Shevat Zone. Check out www.pjlibrary.org/tubshevat

Your PJ Library Team
Kim Ritz and Lucia Swartz

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Contact: (845) 471-9811 or PJLibrary@JewishDutchess.org



Shir Chadash's youngest Religious School children decorating Hanukkah cookies!

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Thank you!

JFedDC Community Programs...



Russel Rothman

History matters. Elie Wiesel noted that the Holocaust was a unique crime in the annals of history and that it was important to teach the lessons of history. Education is the key to eliminating anti-semitism and hate in general. For those of you who have already visited the Holocaust Museums in Washington DC, New York, or at Yad Vashem in Israel, you have seen what a powerful statement these historical storehouses make. I have witnessed visitors from China, Japan, Russia, and Africa openly weep as they slowly walked through Yad Vashem.

We at the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County work tirelessly to strengthen the entire Jewish community through our programs, educational efforts, and outreach. Because of your support and generosity, our work benefits both unaffiliated families and members of all the county's various synagogues in the following ways:

Helping People in Need

- Our Medical Loan Closet provides wheelchairs, walkers, and more free of charge to any community member in need
- Scholarships for students of families in financial need, to allow attendance and participation in Jewish educational programs
- Financial Support and Emergency Loans - aiding worthwhile Jewish activities and programs, locally, in Israel, and worldwide

Promoting Advocacy

- Fostering ties with the local community, interfaith programs, safety workshops

Creating a Community through Volunteering

- Annual Mitzvah Day - helping other non-profit organizations in Dutchess County
- PJ Library and PJ Our Way - fostering Jewish values and culture for Jewish youth and their families by providing free books, music, and social gatherings

Engaging Programs for Young Adults and Seniors

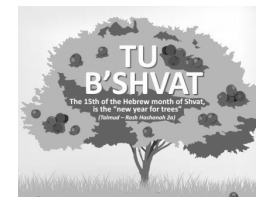
- Jewish Professional Network - connecting professionals of varying ages in a social networking environment
- Learn and Lunch Bunch - bringing seniors together in a warm supportive environment, with a nutritious meal and informative speakers, to help grow their social network
- Nurturing Leadership Development through young Jewish professional activities

Embracing Jewish Life

- Partnering with Dutchess Community College for the annual community Yom HaShoah program so that we will never forget
- Film Festival, Concerts, Speakers, Community Hanukkah Vodka and Latkes Party
- Creating a unique county-wide Federation mission to Israel to promote bonding with the entire Jewish community and to strengthen the participants' connection to their Jewish identity

The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County is proud of its efforts to care for the lives and minds of the entire Jewish community, for the State of Israel and the continuing effort to fight anti-semitism, ultimately ensuring a healthy and strong Jewish future.

Tu B'Shevat Celebrations



Come one, Come all ~ Celebrate Tu B'Shevat at Vassar Temple

Everyone of all ages, from tots to senior citizens, come join in an intergenerational celebration of Tu B'Shevat! This joyous Jewish festival honoring trees and nature will be observed during a special program. Festivities will open with a Tu B'Shevat Seder, during which you can sample special fruits and other foods which are symbolic of the holiday. Our music teacher Olivia will lead us all in song, and everyone, no matter what age, will have the opportunity to engage in interactive learning. Stay and share a light lunch.

DETAILS

Sunday, February 9, 9:am-12:00pm. For more info or to RSVP for the Tu B'Shevat seder and/or for the lunch, please contact Marcia Tanzman at mtanzman16@gmail.com or (845) 471-6643.

Shir Chadash Celebrates Tu B'Shevat

There will be a special service and Tu B'Shevat Seder featuring the crops of Israel. Included in the seder will be the 7 species: wheat, barley, olives, pomegranates, grapes, figs & dates. The seder will be led by Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang along with a beautifully illustrated companion booklet. A vegan lunch will also be served provided by Robbie Schiff in honor of her late father.

DETAILS

Saturday, February 1, 10:45am. For more info or to RSVP, please call (845) 232-1029 or email: info@shir-chadash.org or website: www.shir-chadash.org

Tu Bishvat Seder at Schomre Israel

A unique celebration of the holiday of Tu Bishvat is planned. Join us then in celebration of the new season, new fruit, and all of the blessings of Hashem. The program involves exotic fruit tastings, ice cream, and arts and crafts. Adults and children will have the opportunity to make either esrog candy, esrog jelly, or an esrog spice box. (You remember the esrog/citron from the holiday of Sukkot).

DETAILS

Sunday, February 9, 4:00pm-6:00pm, Congregation Schomre Israel. The cost of the program is \$5 per child and \$8 per adult (\$20 family maximum). Each ticket pays for yourself and a guest. Please RSVP and let us know which project interests you. Please address any inquiries to Rabbi Krasner at RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com or (443) 388-0033 (Following the Seder at 6pm, there will be a "Make your Esrog liquor" for adults only. Please call Rabbi Krasner for details.)

Our Executive Director



B'Shalom, Karen Hochhauser

When I was younger, there was something that mystified me, and continues to do so today. I do not fully understand why so many people hate the Jews. We make up such a small percentage of the entire world's population, yet there seems to be such a disproportionate hate towards us. Recently, we have seen a scary and

horrifying increase in antisemitic incidents, both big and small, globally, nationally, and locally. Again, I question why.

This may seem like a simplistic or naive question with a multitude of complex historic reasons, but one that still bewilders me.

Whether it is because we have historically been different (e.g. eating habits, holiday traditions, prayer rituals) or just others needing to find someone to blame for their failures, it always seems similar. We, as Jews, become the scapegoat, the one to blame for everything wrong in the world. We are the canary in the coal mine. The reality is that antisemitism impacts everyone, not just the Jews.

At the ADL's "Never is Now" conference, a key message was that our politicians need to be verbal and vocal. While words are necessary, comforting, welcoming and healing, we need more. We need to take it upon ourselves and work with others to determine how we can create bridges of understanding to those who don't. We need to work to create community because together we are stronger.

Join us on February 9th as we celebrate Black History Month and collaborate with FDR, Rhinebeck Reform Church and Mid-Hudson Anti-Slavery History Project to hear from Dr. Delbanco. Join us on February 18th as Jody Miller from the DC Commission on Human Right's shares takeaways from the ADL summit. Join us as we work with other community organizations and politicians to create community and understanding. Let us know how you want to help and together we can make a difference.

B'Shalom, Karen Hochhauser

I don't speak because I have the power to speak; I speak because I don't have the power to remain silent"
- Rabbi A.Y. Kook



We are thankful and grateful to you. Continue to let your generosity impact future generations.

Start the new year right and think about how a legacy gift to JFedDC or JFS can impact the lives of others for the future. Leave your legacy by earmarking donations from your estate to JFedDC or Jewish Family Services.

Talk with your financial advisor about legacy planning. Together, let's begin this important conversation on how you can leave a legacy through the JFedDC.

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Prices effective Sunday, February 2 thru Saturday, March 7, 2020 in our Poughkeepsie store only.

CHEWY TAHINI BLONDIES by Adeena Sussman <https://www.splendidtable.org/recipes/chewy-tahini-blondies>

I've made these so many times, so you won't have to. On the surface this seems like a dead-simple recipe, but it took quite a bit of tinkering to nail. Tahini has a complex molecular structure made up of lots of tiny carbohydrate molecules that cling to liquid for dear life, seizing up the way chocolate does if you add liquid to it at the wrong time. But if you play your carbs right and add the tahini last, after all of the other ingredients, it stirs in smoothly and bakes up into these sexy little squares that get better as they sit around. To make these non-dairy, swap in a neutral-flavored olive oil or vegetable oil instead of the butter.

10 Minutes prep, 40 minutes total. Makes 16 squares

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted and cooled, or 1/2 cup olive oil or vegetable oil, plus more for buttering the pan
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom (or more to taste if you like this flavor)
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons lightly toasted black sesame seeds
- 2 tablespoons lightly toasted white sesame seeds
- 1 1/4 cups lightly packed light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup pure tahini paste



Directions

- Preheat the oven to 350°F. Butter an 8-inch square baking pan, then line the pan with 2 crisscrossing strips of parchment paper, buttering between each layer and leaving a 2-inch overhang on all sides. Butter the top and sides of the parchment.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, cardamom, salt, pepper, and the black and white sesame seeds. In another medium bowl, whisk together the brown sugar, 1/2 cup melted butter, eggs, and vanilla until smooth. Fold the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until just incorporated, then fold in the tahini until smooth. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake until golden on the outside and the center doesn't jiggle but is still soft, 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from the oven, cool in the pan, and cut into 16 equal squares.



If you have made the Marzipan Challah from last month's recipe in *The Voice*, be sure to thank Sandra Mamis. It was her delicious recipe that we can now all enjoy!

Sisterhood Schomre Israel
37th Annual
Hamentashen Sale
Raspberry · Apricot · Prune
Poppyseed · Chocolate

\$15/dozen—\$10 half dozen
\$22 Shalach Monet Basket + \$14.00 postage
Hamentashen available for purchase and pick-up
on Sunday, March 1st from 11:00am-1:00pm

Congregation Schomre Israel
18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie
www.schomreisrael.org · (845) 454-2890

New Paths Morning Worship

Join us in the informal, intimate setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. The moving liturgy of the *New Paths* prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English. You may bring supplemental materials to share. We take the time to let the service get through to us, rather than us get through the service.

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

DETAILS
Saturday, February 8, 22, 10:15am.
For info, contact: Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Altman: rabbi@vassartemple.org, or call the Temple office at (845) 454-2570.

Shabbat Across America

Congregation Schomre Israel will be participating in NJOP's National Jewish Outreach Program. Shabbat Across America.

Friday, February 28, a Cantorial Shabbat with guest Cantor Bloch. The Kabbalat Shabbat service with cantorial flair will be held at 5:25pm.

Saturday February 29. Shacharit will start at 9:00am followed by Kiddush featuring a tasting of "Cholents from Around the World". All are invited to attend.

Shir Chadash & Temple Beth-EI Present:

Leap Year Boot Scoot Boogie Country Line Dance Fun!
February 29, 7:00pm at where: 1165 Freedom Plains Rd. email sfmarcoe@gmail.com for more info

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will be holding monthly Post meetings at Congregation Schomre Israel.

All persons of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate. At each meeting we host an informal coffee and cake schmooze at 9:00am. Because the congregation is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the facility. Follow our Post on Facebook. We have your six.

DETAILS
Sunday: February 2, March 8, 9:30am. 18 Park Ave. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer: qbee5@optonline.net

Purim Dinner

A festive Purim Seudah is planned. This special dinner will be tendered by the Sisterhood following the 5:00pm service and 5:30pm Megillah reading. Guests are invited to wear costumes.

DETAILS
Tuesday, March 10, Schomre Israel. Reservations will be accepted until February 26. Cost of the dinner is \$36 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3-12.

A Bisele Yiddish

Are you interested in Yiddish language and culture? Schomre Israel would like to start a Yiddish Club. We are interested in input from the community about how to structure this and what to include in this club.

Help us plan this by contacting us with your ideas. (845) 454-2890 or schomre1@aol.com.

The Rollers & Pinchers Are Back They're Baking Hamentashen

Although rolling and pinching sound like they may be skills needed for some type of sports game, we are referring to the deft motions needed to bake delicious hamentashen for Purim. Sisterhood Schomre Israel is rolling out its annual hamentashen sale.

Here's what you need to know -- first the practical details and then the delicious details: **Purim is March 10, 2020**

- All orders (hamentashen and Shaloch Monot baskets) must be prepaid by Feb. 21st.
- Hamentashen are \$15 a dozen and \$10 a half dozen
- Shaloch Monot baskets are \$22
- Pickup will be on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at the synagogue between 11:00am and 1:00pm
- Hamentashen orders or Shalach Monot baskets can be mailed for a \$14 shipping charge

To order you may contact rgrosman@aol.com, get an order form from the synagogue website www.schomreisrael.org, or call (845) 454-2890

Here are the delicious details:

- Hamentashen are available in the following fillings: prune, poppy seed, raspberry, apricot, and chocolate
- Each Shaloch Monot basket contains hamentashen, candy, nuts, fruit, and a beverage
- Hamentashen and baskets are prepared at the synagogue and items are kosher and pareve

Get your orders in early!

The HIAS Welcome Campaign

Vassar Temple will host leadership teams from a coalition of Jewish congregations in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties to meet and learn about the work of The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. HIAS is a 136 year-old refugee organization, originally founded to help Jewish immigrants from Europe, then expanded to serve Jewish refugees, and which now serves all refugees. HIAS representatives will discuss a new initiative called the HIAS Welcome Campaign, a network formed of congregations across the United States to raise awareness about the refugee crisis, advocate for refugees, and welcome refugees in their local communities. HIAS staff members will be there to explain how we can support this critical work. There will be a report from the preliminary meeting and opportunities for wider congregational participation to follow. Vassar Temple has a history of such outreach and is proud to support HIAS and this exciting new program.

DETAILS
Sunday, March 15. For info, contact Perla Kaufman perla Kaufman22@gmail.com or www.HIAS.org/welcome-campaign.

Please Note: The price of the Holiday Greetings have increased in 2020 due to the increase in the postage and printing costs.

2020 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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Approximate sizes

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DEADLINE for Passover Greetings is March 8

2020 Holiday Greetings

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Passover Greetings

Small—A

Peace to you this Passover!

Your Name

Medium—C

Happy Passover

Your Name

Small—B

Happy Passover

Your Name

Medium—D

May you be blessed with peace, prosperity, and joy this Passover

Your Name

Large—E

Passover Blessings

Your Name

Large—F

Chag Pesach Sameach

Your Name

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

Small—A

Happy Rosh Hashanah

Your Name

Medium—C

May the sounds of the Shofar welcome a new year of health and happiness

Your Name

Small—B

Have a Sweet New Year!

Your Name

Medium—D

L'Shanaah Tovah

Your Name

Large—E

Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Your Name

Large—F

Happy New Year!

Your Name

Chanukah Greetings

Small—A

Peace to all!

Your Name

Medium—C

Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!

Your Name

Small—B

Hanukkah Blessings

Your Name

Medium—D

HAPPY Hanukkah!

Your Name

Large—E

From Our Family to Yours, Happy Hanukkah!

Your Name

Large—F

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

Your Name

Local

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 Call Nancy Judson (845) 216-7563 to help in this mitzvah.
Vassar Temple Tu B'Shevat Seder February 9, 9:00am-12:00pm. See page 5 for more info.
Congregation Schomre Israel Tu Bishvat Seder February 9, 4:00pm-6:00pm. See page 5 for more info.
Schomre Israel Sisterhood Hamentashen Pickup March, 1, 11:00am—1:00pm at the synagogue for prepaid orders.

Monday

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

Wednesday

Learn & Lunch Bunch Wednesdays, 11:00am-1:30pm. 118 So. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. Please RSVP each week by Monday so that we can prepare appropriate amounts of food. For information, menu, and program schedule; see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.
Congregation Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Service and Breakfast February 25, Rosh Chodesh Adar. Morning services followed by a special breakfast. Visit www.schomreisrael.org for the starting time of morning prayers.

Thursday

Congregation Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Service and Breakfast February 26, second day of Rosh Chodesh Adar. Morning services followed by a special breakfast. Visit www.schomreisrael.org for the starting time of morning prayers.

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service February, 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:30pm. Evening service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang followed by community oneg. All are welcome.
Congregation Schomre Israel NJOP Shabbat Across America February 28, special Kabbalat Shabbat Service. See page 10 for more information.
Vassar Temple Shabbat February 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:00pm.
Temple Beth-El Evening Service each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian service. All welcome.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs February 1, 22, 9:00am. A Religious School that is fun? Yes! We kicked off the year with a scavenger hunt. This re-imagined, intergenerational school is totally new & different. We would like you and your family to experience it. Every session will involve something special and different. Come check it out. For more info visit www.shir-chadash.org. The 1st month is free with no obligation. Questions call Sue Marcoe (845) 723-4045
Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program February 1, 22, 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult, learn through crafts, food, and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge.
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Study February 1, 22, 9:15-10:30am. While enjoying a light breakfast, engage in an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish.
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service February 1, 22, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome!
Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night February 15, 7:00pm, Saturday night at the movies, a film, popcorn, and a beverage. Suggested donation: \$5.
Congregation Schomre Israel NJOP Shabbat Across America February 29, with special guest cantor and cholent kiddush. See page 10 for more information.
Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship February 8, 22, 10:15am.
Vassar Temple Learner's Service February 29, 10:15-11:45am.
Vassar Temple Healing Service February 1, 10:30am. Healing service with Cantor Goldmann.
Temple Beth-El Shabbat Morning Service Every week, 9:30am. Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.
Shir Chadash & Temple Beth-El Leap Year Boot Scoot Boogie February 29, 7:00pm at 1165 Freedom Plains Road, email sfmarcoe@gmail.com for more info.

Out of Area

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

243 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 Friday, February 7, (Family Kabbalat) 6:00pm, February 14, 21, (Kabbalat Shabbat) 7:30pm with a symbolic oneg following.

Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation Friday, February 28, 7:30pm.

Tot Shabbat February 22, 9:00am. Introduce your tot to Shabbat through music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.
Religious School Saturdays (No classes February 15, 29), 9:30am –12:30pm. Call Samara Genee (845) 338-4271 x110 for more information.

Saturday Morning Service 10:00am, Communal prayer, meditation, and Torah study.

Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi Hebrew Trope (Wednesdays 12:30pm); Torah Study, Intro to Judaism (2nd & 3rd Wednesdays 6:00pm); Beginner-Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew (Wednesdays 4pm); Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah, Private Conversation Tutorials, Adult B'nai Mitzvah (1st & 2nd Thursday, 7:00pm). Check online for updates www.cehv.org

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Tuesday, 8:45am. Led by Rabbi Yael Romer. Designed to prepare participants to receive the day's blessings and explore Jewish traditions with a progressive, egalitarian approach. For directions call (845) 338-4271 x101 or email cehvooffice2@gmail.com

Lunch with Rabbi Romer & Guests Tuesday, February 4, 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for lunch with discussion.
Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer Community Service, February 5, Peer learning, Shabbaton to Washington DC February 14-17, Community Service, 11:00am February 22. Religious School Registration required.

Rosh Chodesh 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:45pm - 9:00pm. Rosh Chodesh group is a women's (anyone who identifies as a women is welcome) gathering exploring our female voices in Jewish Traditions.

Brotherhood monthly meeting February 11, 7:00pm

Adult Education February 13, 27, 7:00pm. "The Senseless as Sacred—Midrash in Modern Life".

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 Shlomo Krasner

Website: www.schomreisrael.org

Email: rabbishlomok@gmail.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.vassartemple.org

Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or

rabi@vassartemple.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 7 5:00pm

February 145:09pm

February 21 5:18pm

February 28 5:26pm

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Vassar Temple Celebrates Chanukah

Bright Nights, food prep, and coat give-away at Morse School



Women of the Mid Hudson Islamic Center joined Vassar Temple Sisterhood and friends to prepare, cook, & serve lunch at The Lunch Box.

Community Hanukkah Program led by Cantor Hirschenfang, Cantor Devorah Garner, and Rabbi Miriam Hyman

Temple Beth-El Religious School Torah Sofer Workshop

Learn & Lunch Bunch created Vision Boards



JFedDC and DCIC Interfaith Prayer for Peace Community Vigil



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