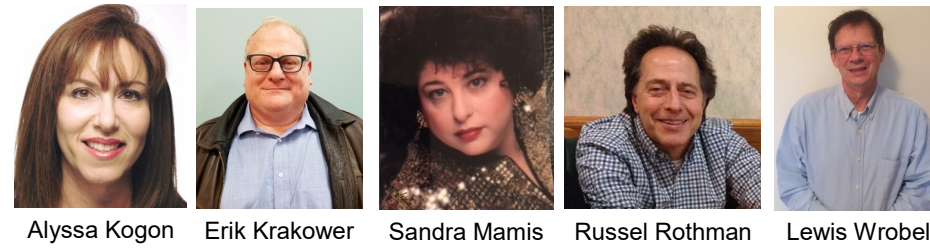


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**160**  
**70**

**What are these magical numbers?**  
**160** is the number of events JFedDC had in 2018  
**70** is how many of those were by our Federation - PJ Library and PJ OurWay team

**COME GET INVOLVED! Join a COMMITTEE!**  
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**2018 was a year of accomplishments:**

- Community Engagement Kickoff/ Engagement Survey
- Revised Mission (see page 10)
- JFedDC Branding and Brochure (as displayed to the left)
- Community Partnership Packages
  - Pillar Partner Sponsor
  - Platinum and Gold Sponsors
- Federation Celebration Gala
- New Grants
- JFedDC PJ Library chosen as a "Get Together" Grant Community
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**Poughkeepsie Dentist Make a Difference in Jerusalem**

Dr. Michael Smith arrived in Israel to spend a week volunteering at the Trudi Birger Dental Clinic in Jerusalem, through a special program called Dental Volunteers for Israel (DVI). DVI provides free dental care and oral health education to thousands of needy children in Jerusalem every year, regardless of race and religion, thanks to the benevolent support from our friends and visiting volunteer dentists from around the world.

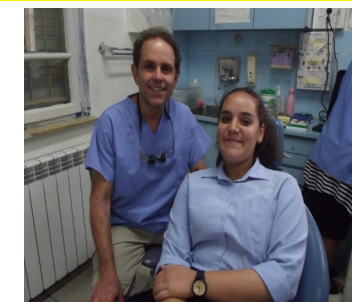
Despite ongoing regional tensions, Dr. Smith, his wife Pam and family friend Linnea Burnette were determined to visit Israel, volunteer at the clinic and make a difference. The determination of individuals like the Smiths sends a strong message of support to local residents.

DVI provides critical basic services to the poverty stricken communities of Jerusalem. DVI's Trudi Birger clinic treats disadvantaged children and at-risk youth (aged 4-26). Volunteer dentists from around the world, together with their Israeli colleagues, perform about 1,000 treatments each month. In 2016, DVI initiated a new Free Dentures Program for Needy Elderly and Holocaust survivors. Dr. Smith was among our first volunteers to assist in this area!

**This was Dr. Smith's third time volunteering at DVI, and he plans to return to volunteer again next year!** Dr. Smith says, "The team who works at the clinic full-time makes it so easy. They are welcoming of all of the volunteers, are expert assistants during treatment, and are so helpful in recommending activities for after-clinic hours. Those who don't speak Hebrew do not have to worry about translating as the team members are fluent in English as well. The full time dental supervisors are open to different treatment modalities as presented by the international dentists, and the clinic itself offers state of the art treatment. In addition, as far as traveling through Jerusalem, there is no problem with security and safety."



And each of these patients has a story, a reason why they live under the poverty line, and their problems matter to DVI volunteer dentists. In one photo, Dr. Smith is pictured with Bar, an 18 year old young woman who was referred to DVI by the social worker from Kidum L'noar (the municipal social welfare department working with youth-at-risk). She is the 8th of 11 children and is in contact only with her grandmother. Her mother doesn't even recognize her when she stops by. Bar's father throws her out of the house if he is home when she comes to visit yelling at her that she needs to work. She spoke fondly of the delicious food she eats when she goes to visit her grandmother occasionally for Shabbat. Bar has been out of the house since the age of 9 and lives in a shelter in town. The group apartment is closed during the day so she often wanders the streets of Jerusalem during the daylight hours and begs for



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**WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS**

**January**

- January 2** No Lunch and Learn Bunch, off for Winter Break  
**January 9** **Love Through Art** with Staci Flint  
 Staci will tell us all about her exhibition that was proudly  
 displayed at the Boardman Road Library.  
 Menu: filet of sole, fries, coffee/tea, holiday dessert.  
**January 16** **Test Study about Miriam** with Rabbi Altman  
 Rabbi Altman from Vassar Temple will give insight into  
 this legendary figure from the Bible.  
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert  
**January 23** **Hopewell Junction Depot** with Paul Stitch  
 Paul will tell us about the history of the Hopewell Junction  
 depot and how it functions.  
 Menu: locomotive linguine, meatballs, coffee/tea, caboose  
 cake  
**January 30** **Winter Film Festival Part 1 Buster Keaton in The Cameraman**  
 A silent film so admired that the studio used it as a training  
 film for its comic filmmakers.  
 Menu: shashukah (Moroccan omelet), coffee/tea, dessert

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**Classes with Rabbi Langer** Thursday, 7:00pm, Jan 3—Kosher Drinking; Jan 10—Fathering a Child After Death; Jan 17—Artificial Insemination for an Unmarried Woman; Jan 24—Rescuing Those Who Put Themselves in Danger; Jan 31—The Insanity Defense

Classes are free. All are welcome. View website, [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) for recordings of previous classes.

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**Torah Study** every Saturday, 9:00am, (except January 26 when it will be incorporated into the Intergenerational Shabbat), with Rabbi Renni Altman. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah.

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

### Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

**Shabbat School Adult Schmoose with Rabbi Victor** Saturday, January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 9:30am-10:15am. "Kinship as Spiritual Practice" directing our hearts minds, and souls to the rough questions concerning how we build long lasting and meaningful relationships in faith communities. Through a spiritual prism, we will examine strategies and theories on *Relation Judaism*, and how they play out and/or can be adapted to our own community. All sessions are free and open to everyone. The essential questions, session material, and possible answers are from Won Wolfson's book on *Relational Judaism*. Questions? Contact Rabbi Victor (845) 454-0570.

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

### New Adult Discovery Course

Temple Beth-El is pleased to present this year's discovery course of study which for many will conclude with a formal commitment by the student to embrace Jewish life and a warm embrace by the Jewish community of send new members of our people. Classes begin with "Jewish Museum" Programs in February and runs approximately every two week through September. For more info contact Rabbi Daniel Victor [rebvictor@tbeny.org](mailto:rebvictor@tbeny.org) or (845) 454-0571

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### Congregation Shir Chadash

**Torah Study:** Saturday, bi-monthly, January 5, 19, 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 expertise or knowledge of Hebrew is needed. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend the bi-monthly, check website calendar for exact dates.

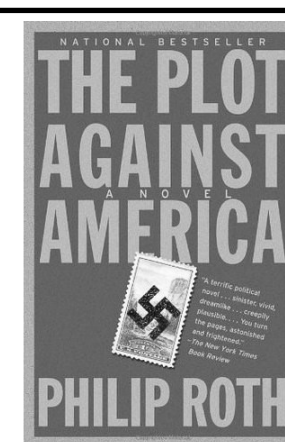
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### Rosh Chodesh Reading Group presented by Congregation Shir Chadash

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

On Sunday , January 13, 10:30am-12:30pm the group will meet and talk about this month's selection *The Plot Against America* by Phillip Roth. The novel received the Society of American Historians' prize for the outstanding historical novel on an American theme for 2003-2004. They say truth is stranger than fiction. Or in this case, is fiction stranger than truth.

Let's discuss— Join in—all are welcome! For location and to RSVP or more info contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org).



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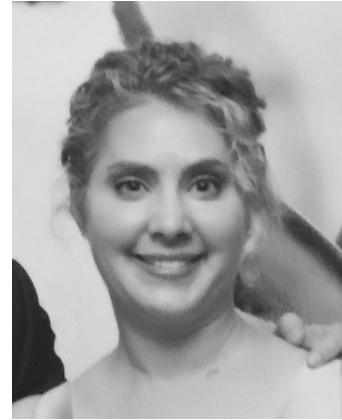
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JFedDC Board Orientation

# Debbie's Voice



2019 is here. I don't know about you, but I'm happy to see the end of 2018. It was a year filled with an immense amount of craptastic (no, I did not make that word up. Google it if you don't believe me!) political strife and for Team Silbergleit, the shocking loss of a beloved family member (my uncle suddenly passed away in June and 6 months later, we are all still reeling from the loss).

Any year can't officially end until New Year's Eve. As a kid, New Year's Eve felt like this unattainable holiday, really tailored towards the grownups. My parents would always permit us to stay up until midnight, which was genius. They knew full well that no one would last long, except my mother. As a teenager who

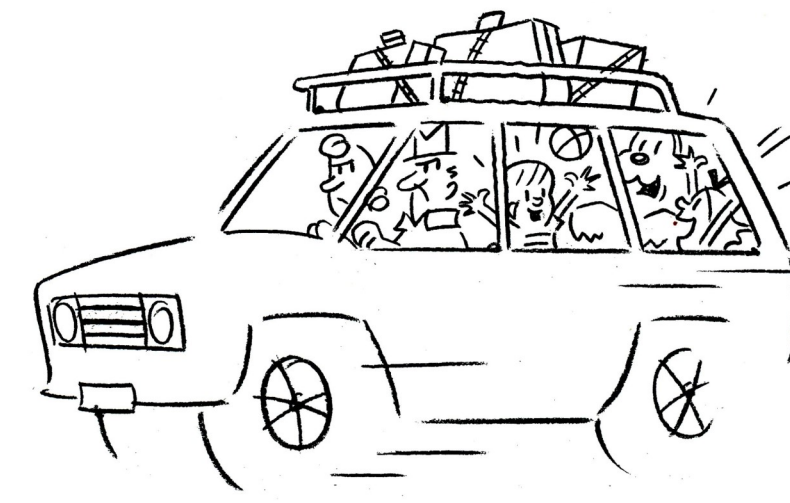
babysat, I quickly learned the monetary value of babysitting on New Year's Eve. The kids could never stay awake that late and their parents were always so thrilled to be able to party without them that it was always my best haul of the year.

In college and into my 20's, New Year's Eve was always a great night. A bunch of friends would always get together at a fancy party in a hotel, so no one would have to worry about driving and we'd merrily celebrate the New Year well into New Year's Day. In fact, New Year's Eve 1995 was my first date with my now husband.

In my 30's, New Year's Eve became less of a big deal. Now, we had babies to contend with and no sleep-deprived adult is going to choose to stay awake until midnight, new year or not. At least I didn't. My husband is a firm believer in tradition, and if you happen to be home for New Year's Eve, then seeing the ball drop in Times Square is one of them.

Now deep into my 40's, New Year's Eve celebrations have cycled back into our life. Colby (my 9-year old), always happy for any excuse to stay up, loves New Year's Eve. Zach, (my teenager on the autism spectrum and therefore a creature of habit) happily puts himself to bed by 9:30pm. Either at a family party or a quiet New Year's at home, ¾ of Team Silbergleit stays awake for the infamous ball drop.

Whether you go out, stay in, stay up or go to sleep, I hope 2019 is a year filled with peace, good health and a minimal amount of craptastic political strife!



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money. That is how she put together bus fare to arrive at the DVI clinic for her treatments. She has had cavities filled and root canal treatments in addition to x-rays, oral hygiene etc. Bar is in a difficult situation and the fact that she even managed to make it to the clinic was a major accomplishment. The staff at DVI will continue not only to treat her dental problems but to encourage her as well.

In the other photo, Dr. Smith is pictured with Rivka Levy, one of the six children in the Levy single parent family. They were initially referred to DVI by Zichron Menachem (an organization that supports children with cancer and their families) when the oldest child was diagnosed with leukemia. Difficult times fell on this family more than once. The parents got divorced when the youngest was just two and a half years old. It was a very difficult divorce and the father was arrested and served time in jail for his criminal behavior. Today he occasionally speaks with the children by phone but there is never any direct contact. Despite the extreme challenges faced by this single mom, Mrs. Levy was determined to raise happy, well-adjusted caring children and she has succeeded in a big way! Calling her children "presents," she has dedicated her life to instilling in them strong values, appreciation and joy. While waiting for their turn, Mrs. Levy engaged her children in creating a special thank you card for the dentist, assistants and staff to express their appreciation for all that they are receiving at DVI. It's no wonder then that Sarah, the oldest child, volunteers in her community by accompanying blind children to special activities, assisting in groups with special needs children, and giving of her time to an organization that integrates special needs children into general after-school activities. She is studying to be a special education teacher and clearly she will make an outstanding professional! The children have certainly internalized their mom's optimism and mimic her expression of appreciation for all of the services DVI provides for them.

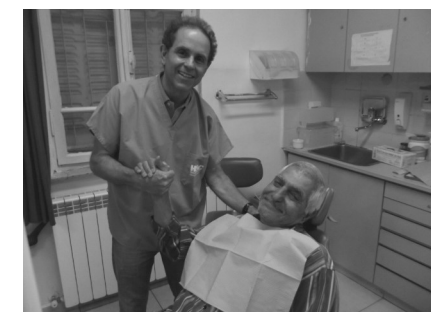
This dedication of our volunteer dentists to Jerusalem goes beyond routine Zionism. But according to Dr. Smith, *"I enjoy every opportunity to come to Israel to work for this amazing organization. We treat children and young adults who live in extreme poverty or are exposed to other risks and otherwise would not receive dental treatment whatsoever, totally for free. DVI does not discriminate against anyone; the many children are from different backgrounds, nationalities and religions. Personally, this is a unique opportunity to contribute to Israeli society utilizing my talents as a dentist. This is both an honor and humbling privilege."*

Volunteer dentists think of their trip to Israel as a working vacation. Dentists who come to volunteer in Israel truly help Jerusalem's poorest people to overcome the cycle of poverty. Children from lower socio-economic backgrounds are particularly prone to dental disease: 80 percent of all decay occurs in just 25 percent of kids. We know this to be true from the kids who come to DVI for help, as our volunteer dentists are astonished by their level of dental decay. Lack of access to dental care directly affects the matriculation and academic success of low-income children and, thus, the cycle of poverty. As more youth arrive at the clinic every year, DVI volunteer dentists and supporters are committed to investing their time and money in an effort to ensure that DVI's young patients have better, healthier lives.

*Dr. Michael Smith practices in Poughkeepsie, NY.*

The DVI clinic is looking to recruit more volunteer dentists, so if a working vacation in Israel sounds good, email international@dental-dvi.org.il and schedule your trip today! Or for more information on DVI, please visit <http://americanfriendsofdvi.org>

By Michelle Levine, Director Int'l Relations & Development



## Rabbi's Blog

### WHY IS TU B'SHVAT IN THE WINTER?

Rabbi Yakov Borenstein, Chabad of Mid Hudson Valley

Why celebrate trees when nothing is growing?

The 15th day of the Jewish month of Shvat- or Tu B'Shvat, as it is commonly called- is not the Jewish version of Arbor day, but is considered the Rosh Hashanah L'ilanot, or the "New Year for Trees," with real implications for Jewish Law. The 15th of Shvat serves to separate one year from the next with regard to the laws of maaserot (tithes of produce), orlah (the fruits of the first three years, which are forbidden for consumption) and sheviit (Shemittah, the Sabbatical year). The calculations for all these laws related to trees and the fruits of the earth, are all calculated from Tu B'Shvat.



Rabbi Yakov Borenstein

As is the case with many Torah laws, the halachah is based on what happens in the Land of Israel. Since most of Israel's rainy season is over by the 15th of Shvat, this date is considered the New Year for Trees. Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki (Rashi) explains that at this point the ground has become saturated with the rains of the new year, causing the sap to start rising in the trees, which means that the fruit can begin to bud.

Another explanation brought down is that until Tu B'Shvat, all trees can survive on the water from the previous year. After their New Year, the trees derive their life source from the water of the new year. (Jerusalem Talmud)

As Tu B'Shvat also emphasizes the holiness of the Land of Israel and its centrality to the Jewish People, it is customary to partake of the fruit with which the Holy Land is praised (Deuteronomy 8:8): olives, dates, grapes, figs and pomegranates. If tasting any of these fruits for the first time this season, we recite the Shehecheyanu blessing.

As with all Jewish holidays, in addition to the halachic and legal requirements, there are many spiritual and mystical meanings and lessons to internalize from this holiday.

Although this day is Rosh Hashanah for trees, we attach special significance to this day because "Man is (compared to) the tree of the field" (Deuteronomy 20:19). As a tree must always continue to grow, so must we always grow in good deeds. A tree must also have strong roots to withstand the winds and storms. So must we have strong roots in order to weather the stormy seas of life. Our strong roots-faith and commitment to G-d, as well as a strong stable family life, are tools in life to help us through challenging times, and will help us produce many healthy fruits, both spiritually and physically.

In addition, although the Land of Israel is also praised for its wheat and barley (Deuteronomy 8:8), Tu B'Shvat is celebrated specifically with the eating of fruits. While wheat and barley are considered staples of life, fruit is associated with pleasure. It enhances and brings sweetness to life. Similarly, while the "staples" of Jewish life - Jewish laws and rituals- need to be observed, in order for them to be truly meaningful, they must be done with "the sweetness of fruit", with pleasure and joy. For our children to want to continue the traditions of our people, they must see us living them with joy and pride.

If you are reading this in freezing weather, take heart. Tu B'Shvat is considered the mid point between fall and spring. It may be smack in the middle of winter, but the 15th of Shvat marks a turning point, a time when under all that cold and snow the sap of the trees is rising, readying for spring. In a sense, Tu B'Shvat signifies that sometimes it is precisely from within the darkest and coldest moments of our lives that the new blossoms burst forth.



Latke & Vodka Event

## Inside the Jewish Studio By Debbie Silbergleit

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

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

This month, a special thank you to Amy Efron, who valiantly battled a cold to answer my questions...

1. **What is your favorite word?**  
*It's Oy. Even Siri doesn't correct me anymore, which I love*
2. **What is your least favorite word?**  
*Moist*
3. **What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?**  
*I would say brainstorming with really creative and clever people*
4. **What turns you off?**  
*Lack of effort*
5. **What is your favorite curse word?**  
*I try not to curse which is why I love the word oy so much...it's universal*
6. **What sound or noise do you love?**  
*My kids laughing hysterically*
7. **What sound or noise do you hate?**  
*My dog barking before my alarm goes off*
8. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*A graphic designer or social worker*
9. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**  
*Although I appreciate them very much, I don't want to be the septic person.*
10. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
*You're done kid!*



Amy Efron

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### JWV Donates Truckload of Food to Castle Point

Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., recently donated almost \$1400 worth of food to the Castle Point V.A.'s veterans' food pantry. The food was purchased with funds donated by the Harding Club as well as with money raised at the Post's annual poppy sale. The very successful poppy sale took place this year in front of Adams Fairacre Farms store in Poughkeepsie. In gratitude to Adams, the Post purchased all the food there, and Adams generously extended the Post discounts and delivered the food to Castle Point in an Adams' truck. The Post wishes to thank the public for supporting their annual poppy sale, and to Adams and the Harding Club for all their support in making this food donation possible. The Post meets monthly and welcomes new members who have served in any branch of the regular military, Guard or Reserve, in wartime or peace. There is also a special category of membership for nonveterans who would like to support the work of the JWV. For further information contact Rob Rubin at qb5@optonline.net





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## Winter Wonderland

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

Now that winter has officially arrived with the beginning of January and 2019, it's nice to take a moment or two, snuggle in and reflect.

We had a rocking Hanukkah season. We kicked off the holiday of lights a bit early on "Giving Tuesday" with our annual Barnes & Noble Bookfair. This year, we had a tzedakah scavenger hunt. The students visited eight stations, answered eight riddles and donated to eight of our favorite local and Israeli charities. Melinda Margulies from **PJ Library** and Rabbi Victor regaled us with Hanukkah stories. Rabbi Miriam led us in joyous Hanukkah songs, and the Youth Group was busily wrapping gifts to benefit **Bright Nights**.



And speaking of **Bright Nights**—the Youth Group and students from the Gesher Hebrew High School want to thank everyone who donated, hosted a donation box, sorted, schlepped, and worked tirelessly to make this a warmer, safer winter for those in need, especially the children, in Dutchess County. Kol haKavod to one and all!

The week of Hanukkah was filled with celebration. Students in the combined Ivrit Program lit the outdoor menorah that resembles them (and oh, how much they've grown!) and celebrated with latkes, donut holes, songs and dreidel games. Gesher Hebrew High School's Hanukkah Bash was hosted by Vassar Temple. The food was delicious, the Hanukkah MadLibs hilariously insane; the karaoke, edible dreidels, and art project were all a blast.

The Community Hanukkah Shabbat dinner was a wonderful multi-generational event. Beth Richardson and her crew of volunteers worked tirelessly to make all of the arrangements and provide us with a delicious meal. Kim Ritz from PJ Library was on hand to read a story to our little ones, and the *Barefoot Monkeys* juggling troop was so much fun! The dinner was also an opportunity to formally welcome new members, and rededicate ourselves to bringing love, joy and light into the world.

The students of the Religious School embarked on a Hanukkah interactive learning experience, and helped bake and decorate cookies to donate to our local firehouse for their holiday party and to take home. Hanukkah learning, fun and celebration were shared by one and all.

Now we are quietly settling down to hibernate for the winter. Wait a minute! It's not quiet at all. It's time for **Shabbat School!** That's right. Just in time to stave off those winter doldrums, Shabbat School is here. From the first Shabbat of 2019, through Purim, Religious School happens on Saturdays. There are some old favorites returning; each grade will be honored on their own special Shabbat.

There are also lots of new activities to enjoy as we wend our way through the winter, such as Tu b'Shevat and Purim.

Gesher Hebrew High School begins its second trimester with all new classes, including Cooking through the Holidays, Torah Yoga, New Questions, Old Answers (we welcome Rabbi Renni Altman of Vassar Temple to the faculty), and Notorious J.E.W.S. to name just a few. We can't wait to get started. With all this warmth, fun and frivolity, who needs spring?



PJ Library joins Temple Emmanuel for DIY Chanukah craft workshop.



## PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley's third annual Leadership Lollapalooza for kids ages 7-12

January 21, 2019 (No school! MLK Jr. Day) from 10-12:30

Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

This 2 1/2 hour Leadership workshop will be facilitated by PJ Library staff and teen volunteers.

- \*team building exercises
- \*discussion of the themes in PJ and PJ OurWay books
- \*exploration of the traits of a leader\*
- \*a special TuB'Shevat snack
- \* introducing our year of service

Parents are invited to stay for coffee and snacks and a special facilitated discussion about Family Volunteering and upcoming opportunities

Please RSVP for this free workshop at [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)



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For information contact Hindy Borenstein, Director (845) 463-5801  
[chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto:chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net)

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Classes meet two Saturdays a month at 9:00am. January 9, 15

For information, contact (845) 723-4045, [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

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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  
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Sunday Religious School  
Sundays, (No class January 20, 27)  
9:00am-12:00pm, grades K-7

Hebrew Language School  
Wednesdays, (No class January 2)  
4:30pm-6:30pm, grades 4-7

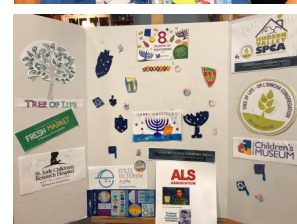
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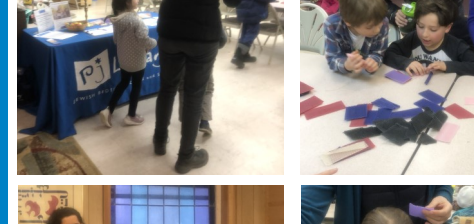
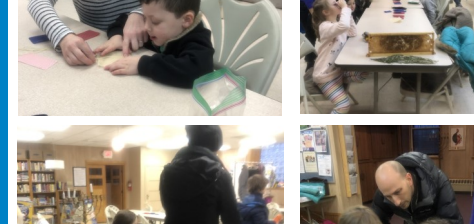
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There are a lot of great events happening with PJ Library. Want to be a part? Want to apply for "Get Together Funds" Call (845) 471-9811 or visit [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)



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**Keeping teens connected to the Jewish Community**

PJ Library does a great job of engaging families with young children with each other and with the greater community. PJ OurWay, the next step in Jewish books that come right to your mail box, engages kids 8-12 and their families. And Jewish kids who are working on B'nai Mitzvah stay connected through their studies and service projects. Beyond B'nai Mitzvah teens may stay engaged through religious school classes, youth groups and Gesher, the Jewish High school enrichment program offered in Dutchess County.

PJ Library is hoping to add another layer of Jewish engagement for kids 12, 13 and older by recruiting them to act as mentors for younger kids in organized programming locally. Is your child interested in dramatic arts? Is your child working to gain community service hours for a club or scholarship program? Is your child interested in working with younger kids or senior citizens? We have so many different opportunities available.

On January 21, we are hosting our third annual Leadership Lallapaloosa for kids ages 7-12 from 10:00am-12:30pm. We hold this workshop at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie every Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This year our Leadership workshop coincides with Tu b'shevat so there will be elements of environmentalism in what we do together. We separate the kids by age for part of the workshop but start and end together. Last year we had some teens help with the activities and in keeping things rolling along. This year we'd like to incorporate teens from planning through the execution of the workshop. If your child is interested in volunteering, have them call The Jewish Federation at (845) 471-9811 and leave a message for Melinda and Kim.

Other opportunities for teens to volunteer include the Purim Carnival, Mitzvah Day, The Community Hanukkah Party, and being volunteer readers for on going story time in the neighborhood where they live. In a year dedicated to Family Volunteering we are also hoping to create some ongoing family projects like programming at a local nursing home and at an animal shelter. Teens can be a vital link in this chain.

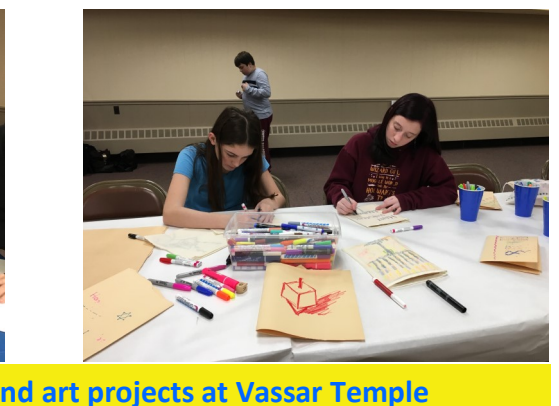
In the first two weeks of our Get Together Program more than 15 local families have hosted a get together with friends and will be receiving \$100 gift cards from PJ Library. Interested? Go to [www.pjlibrary.org/gettogether2018](http://www.pjlibrary.org/gettogether2018) for details and to apply. If you'd like some ideas for ways you can get together with friends in a Jewish way, a shabbat dinner, a holiday gathering, an outdoor adventure, contact your PJ Library team at [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org).

Your PJ Library Team  
Melinda Margulies, Kimberly Ritz, Emily Soltanoff, and Bekah Starr

Have questions? Need help finding resources? Contact: [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)



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*Thank you!*

## JFedDC Community Programs...



**Fringe Jews** by Andrea Pollack

Born Jewish but on the fringe and the unbreakable strength of Jewish identity. Being Jewish is part of your fabric whether you participate in a synagogue and Jewish life in your community, or want to carry on Jewish traditions. The Jewish Federation offers many great opportunities to bring Jewish people together regardless of synagogue affiliation. Whether you have strong Jewish values, strong religious values or merely have the thread of Judaism in your being. Religion cannot exist without values, however for many Jews values and identity exist without being "religious". In Dutchess County alone there are about 10,000 Jews with a significantly lower number affiliated with one of our many fine synagogues. Religion versus values, verses Jews on the fringe.

Beyond any want for identity, Jews throughout the diaspora come together so we do not forget tragic historical events. Jewish Federations across the country brought people together in solidarity in response to the horrific killing of Jews praying in Pittsburgh. People want to be connected to a something bigger than themselves. Jewish people came together like one big extended family.

Fringe Jews: In my nephew's recent Bar Mitzvah, following the fresh loss of my beloved parents, my brother/his father laments that while their presence is missed the greatest gift in their memory is for their grandson Joshua to continue the traditions they instilled in our family. I hope he will.

Diversity teaches us to embrace differences and uniqueness. The common thread of humanity. The thread of Judaism becomes a quilt when we come together. The Jewish Federation creates opportunity for Jews within our community to come together for the arts, our children and grandchildren with many other programs such as the lending closet of adaptive equipment, the annual film festival, educational events and more. PJ Library for example connects Jews throughout the country with books and events connecting children and their families. PJ Library in Dutchess and Ulster Counties reach almost 400 families. Through a grant, PJ Library's newest initiative, "Get Together's" provides incentives and support for families to engage, build community, share values, "break bread". Want more? There is our newly founded Wiffleball Tournament and more fun outings being planned!

I am a member of the JFedDC Board. Why? My kids are grown, married with their own children, one in Dutchess County and one in Arlington, VA. My husband and I spend much of our time traveling in our motor home outside the region, though our roots are in Dutchess County. The Hudson Valley region offers beauty, intellect, culture, history and you. I dedicate my time so you who may be engaged or on the fringe can find a place, a voice, an opportunity for whatever Jewish identity you can claim. Get a little involved, participate in something, come out and enjoy - I promise you'll find a wonderful opportunity to enjoy yourself and help the Jewish community thrive just a little more than before you shared your time with us.

## Our Executive Director



As you read this article, I want to start by wishing all of you a very HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR!! I hope you enjoyed, celebrated, embraced, ignored, or slept through the start of 2019, whichever option worked best for you! The reality is whether you preferred to party through or sleep through the new year, one thing is for certain, it arrived and what an exciting year it will be at JFedDC including all of our Jewish Family Services and PJ Library/ PJ OurWay activities.

With the end of 2018 and my first year as Executive Director, there is much we can celebrate. There were a number of firsts and accomplishments as we highlighted on the cover. This is just the start of good things we hope to continue and build upon. That being said, we need your help and support. Please join us on a committee. Have fun while doing good! We listed a number of the committees on page 10, but are supportive of "PopUp" Events. If there is something you want to see happen, wonderful! Let's make it happen together.

While nobody can magically tell what is in store for any one of us, we are looking forward to exciting a new year full of possibilities, with efforts to expand our offerings north and south and to varying age groups, as requested in both the Engagement Kick off and Engagement survey, the feedback which will be shared in February.

In summary, as one year closes and the next begins, our family at JFedDC would like to wish you and your family a year of health, wealth, and happiness JFedDC style!

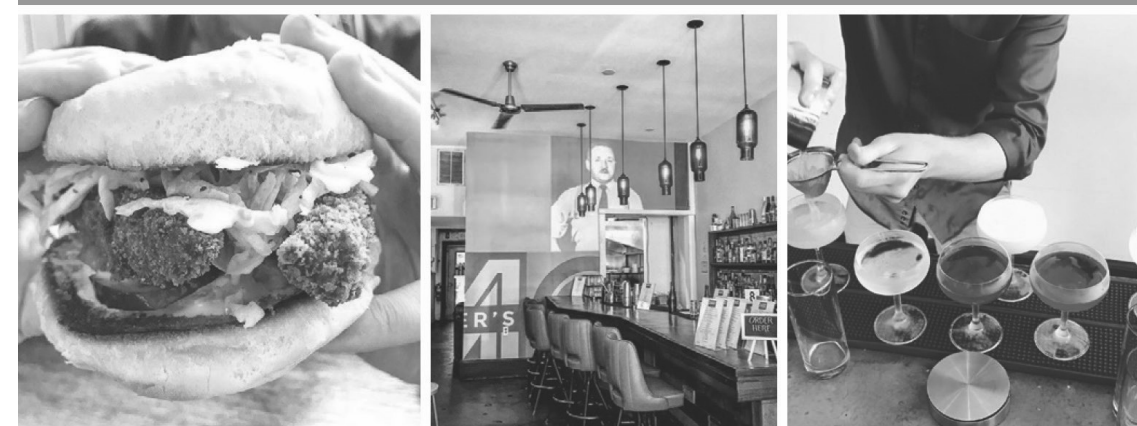
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**Temple Gala Spotlights Social Action**

Vassar Temple's 2018 gala honored the congregation's long-time commitment to social action. Marian Schwartz, Social Action Chairman, spoke about the temple's varied activities in this area, and accepted an award in behalf of the Social Action Committee. Special Gala Honorees were Andrea Ciminello, who accepted an award in behalf of the temple's Refugee Resettlement Team, and Ron Rosen, for his work in support of conservation and the environment. The Gala, which was held at the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club, was chaired by Arnie Serotsky.



Rabbi Renni Altman and husband Rick Wedner enjoying the evening.



Ron Rosen receives award and went on to speak about the Appalachian Trail development and preservation.



Honoree Andrea Ciminello tells of the work of the Mid-Hudson Refugee Solidarity Alliance



On behalf of the Social Action Committee, Marian Schwartz accepts award from Temple President Alan Kafrowitz



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

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, January 5, 19, 10:00am.  
For info, contact: Marian Schwartz: mschw9882@aol.com, Rabbi Altman rabbi@vassar temple.org or call the Temple office (845) 454-2570.

**Celebrate Life Organ Donor Shabbat Held at Vassar Temple**

Rabbi Altman (l) spoke about Jewish teachings that support organ donation to save a life, and special guest Susan Senk (r), who successfully received a heart transplant, shared her personal story as well as the facts of organ donation and what we can do to help. For more info on this topic, please visit [www.liveony.org](http://www.liveony.org)



**A Purim Tradition-Hamentaschen**

Schomre Israel Sisterhood of Poughkeepsie will once again be selling delicious kosher, pareve HAMENTASCHEN in time for PURIM.

The Hamentashen are available in prune, poppy seed, raspberry, apricot, and chocolate fillings. The cost is \$14.00 per dozen and \$10.00 per half dozen. These hamentaschen will be available for pickup on Sunday, March 10, at the Synagogue, 18 Park Avenue, 12:00pm—2:00pm. Special arrangements for pickup can be made. Remember PURIM is March 21. All orders MUST be pre-paid by February 27.

In the past thirty-five years of our sale, we have supplied numerous Poughkeepsie area households and local and out of state organizations with Hamentashen as well as providing the patients in local hospitals and nursing homes with this traditional Purim food. We will fill both large and small orders.

Orders can be filled for Sunday Schools, Sisterhood meetings, etc. We are also preparing Shaloch Monot Baskets which contain Hamentashen, candy, nuts, fruit, and a beverage. The cost is \$22.00. If you wish the basket or just Hamentashen mailed, there is a \$14.00 shipping charge.

For more info: [rgrosman@aol.com](mailto:rgrosman@aol.com).

**Save the Date**  
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**JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625**

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

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

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

**DETAILS**  
Sunday: January 6, February 3, at 9:30am. 18 Park Ave. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer [qbee5@optonline.net](mailto:qbee5@optonline.net)

**Intergenerational Tu B'Shevat**

Join the adults and religious school students at Vassar Temple in celebration of Tu B'Shevat! This joyous Jewish holiday honoring trees and nature will be observed at the temple and will include an intergenerational Tu B'Shevat Seder featuring fruits which are symbolic of the holiday.

Everyone will have an opportunity to engage in interactive learning and participate in a Shabbat morning worship service, and Cantorial Intern Jenna Mark will lead us in song. Stay and share a free light Kiddush lunch. This special program is being held in lieu of Sunday School for the children that weekend, so there is no religious school Jan. 27.

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, January 26, 9:00am. For more info or to RSVP for the Tu B'Shevat seder or for the kiddush lunch, contact David Hecht at [vritchair@gmail.com](mailto:vritchair@gmail.com) or (845) 518-8523.

**Movies return to Schomre Israel**

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

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

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, January 19, 7:00pm suggested donation \$5. Consult website: [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) for more information

**Table Shabbat**

Please join us in the Vassar Temple Social Hall, for a soup and chili dinner as part of a warm and wonderful Tisch Shabbat. A "Tisch" or Table Shabbat is held around the Sabbath dinner table, featuring melodies and stories, and highlighting community.

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

Join us and experience shabbat in a wonderful new way!



**DETAILS**  
Friday, February 1, 6:00pm, Vassar Temple Social Hall. Please RSVP to [abraskinmomma@yahoo.com](mailto:abraskinmomma@yahoo.com) or (845) 901-0373 by January 29. Donations to help defray the expense of the dinner are welcome and checks should be made payable to Vassar Temple Sisterhood.

**Intergenerational Shabbat**

Everyone is invited to Vassar Temple first Intergenerational Shabbat of the year.

Students from the religious school, their families, and other members of the congregation will all share special Shabbat interactive learning and worship experiences together.

The weekly Torah Study session with Rabbi Altman will be woven into the program, enhanced by the music of guest Cantor Jacob Niemi.

All are invited to participate and to stay and enjoy a light kiddush lunch afterward. For the children, this program will be in lieu of Religious School. For everyone it will be a very special Shabbat morning of community prayer and learning.

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, January 26, 9:00am—12:00pm followed by a light lunch.

**Healing Service**

A Healing Service led by Rabbi Renni Altman and Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman. This service is designed for anyone praying for healing of the body, soul and spirit for themselves or others, for caregivers, and for anyone in need of spiritual strength.

The service will be held in the round, and will include prayers, reflections and songs that focus on healing and on Shabbat. There will also be a Torah reading. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, January 12, 10:30am, Vassar Temple. Please contact Rabbi Altman with any questions at [rabbi@vassar temple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassar temple.org)

**Celebrate Tu B'Shevat**

Congregation Shir Chadash invites you to celebrate Tu B'Shevat. This will be a special service featuring the crops of Israel. Included in the seder will be the seven 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, January 19, 10:45am. For more information or to RSVP call (845) 232-1029, email [info@shir-chadash.com](mailto:info@shir-chadash.com) or website [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)



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Mission Statement:  
*Our mission is to preserve, protect, enrich and enhance Jewish communal life and the wellbeing of Jews locally, in Israel and worldwide while supporting the greater local community.*

# 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** Volunteers always needed to keep this program running. Please call (845) 454-0570 if you can help.

## Monday

**Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga** with Toni Farkas, 11:30am. \$5 per session, all welcome.

**Temple Beth-El Board Meeting** January 14, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board Of Trustees meeting.

## Tuesday

## Wednesday

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

## Thursday

## Friday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service** January 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:30pm, evening service with Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg. All welcome.

**Vassar Temple Shabbat** January 4, 11, 18, 26, 6:00pm, January 11 will have Happy Hour at 7:30pm.

**Temple Beth-El Evening Service** each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service. All welcome.

## Saturday

**Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night** January 19, 7:00pm. \$5 suggested donation

**Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs** January 5, 19, 9:00-10:30am. Come early at 8:45am and have breakfast on us! Registration for religious school is ongoing. New parents are encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation. Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays and history while having fun and making friends. All are welcome.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program** January 9, 15, 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult, learn through doing crafts, food and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge

**Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service** January 9, 15, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome!

**Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** January 5, 19 10:00am.

**Vassar Temple Tu B'Shevat Intergenerational Shabbaton** January 26, 9:00am., (TB's Seder Service Lunch)

**Vassar Temple Healing Service** January 12, 10:30am.

**Temple Beth-Shabbat Morning Service** every week, 9:30am, Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.



# Out of Area

NextGen has chosen to give the donated funds from the Schmooze and Booze to PJ Library. Upcoming events will be posted in *The Voice* & on FB

### Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

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

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

**Musical Kabbalat Shabbat** is the third Friday of the month.

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

**Tot Shabbat** A select Saturday each month January 12, 9:00am, A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.

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

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

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

**Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study** Tuesday, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, Led by Rabbi Yael Romer.

**Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer** Meeting first Wednesday, Shabbat Dinner the third Friday, Community service TBD monthly on either the second or fourth Thursday. Religious School registration required.

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

**Rosh Chodesh** Held on a select Tuesday of the month through June, 7:00-9:00pm. Our Rosh Chodesh group is a women's gathering exploring our female voices in Jewish Traditions.

**Tu B'Shevat** Saturday, January 19, 5:30pm in Rhinebeck. Contact the main office for directions.

**Trivia Night** Saturday, January 12, 7:00pm (inclement weather contact the office for a snow date). Put a team together or be placed on one \$5 per person. Co-Sponsored by Brotherhood & Sisterhood. Refreshments, raffles, and just plain fun! Community event all are welcome.

# Calendar

## January

### 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](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org)

Email: [411@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto: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](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)

Email: [ChabadMidHudsonVlv@prodigy.net](mailto: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](http://www.CongBethDavid.org)

Email: [JonRab33@gmail.com](mailto:JonRab33@gmail.com)

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

#### Congregation Schomre Israel (Orthodox)

18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2890  
Rabbi Eliezer Langer

Website: [www.schomreIsrael.org](http://www.schomreIsrael.org)

Email: [SchomreI@aol.com](mailto:SchomreI@aol.com)

Services: Monday-Thursday, 7:00am, Sunday, 8:00am, Saturday, 9:00am Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm  
Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown

#### Congregation Shir Chadash (Reform)

Interim: Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Lagrange (845) 232-1029

Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang Website:

[www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

Email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto: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](http://www.MyPardess.org)

Email: [info@MyPardess.org](mailto: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](http://www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)

Email: [RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@tbeny.org)

Website: [www.tbeny.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.vassartemple.org)

Email: [Office@VassarTemple.org](mailto:Office@VassarTemple.org) or

[rabbic@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbic@vassartemple.org)

Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah study Saturday, 9:00am, New Paths 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

### January Candle Lighting

January 4 .....4:20pm

January 11 .....4:27pm

January 18.....4:35pm

January 25.....4:44pm

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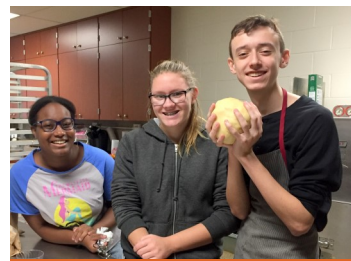


Men from Vassar Temple partnered with men of the Mid Hudson Islamic Association to feed our hungry neighbors at Lunch Box.

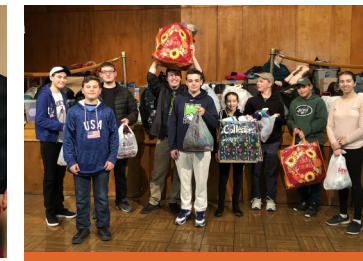
The Hanukkah program run by The Temple Beth-El - Congregation Shir Chadash Hebrew School at Barnes & Noble



Vassar Temple religious school students and teen teamed to decorate and fill Thanksgiving Food baskets for our neighbors in need.



Youth Group Advisor, Magdalena Schneideman led Vassar Temple teens in their annual cookie and rugalach bake sale fundraiser



The JFedDC & JFS Winter Charity collection being well received by the Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El, & Vassar Geshur kids.

### JFedDC Latke & Vodka Event



Cantor Gail Hirschenfang and members of Shir Chadash at different homes of the Shir Chadash Board of Trustees enjoying Shabbat dinner.



A good time was had by all those in attendance at the Klezmer Concert.

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