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In Honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day:
The Hevreh Ensemble
 January 26, 2020
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Hevreh comes from the Hebrew word meaning "circle of friends". This group has come together from many places together with our wonderful audiences and listeners; we have truly become a circle of friends.

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The event is free but please RSVP by January 19 to:
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JFedDC and The FDR Library and Museum are partnering together to bring you this special event.

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JFedDC & PJ Library Presents: "A Jewish Welcome" Baby Expo



Sunday, January 12
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Melinda's Retirement

We at JFedDC have been blessed with Melinda Margulies having led our PJ Library program with the Jewish Federation these past five years and at the JCC before that. Through PJ and her role in the JCC Nursery School, she has impacted so many of our youth, many of whom are now young parents themselves. Her love for children and the community has always been palpable. We can never thank her enough, though we will try in spring as we honor her at an upcoming event. To keep her legacy going, we have created the **Melinda Margulies PJJ MHV Pay It Forward Fund**. Please feel free to contact the office for more details or to contribute directly at: www.jewishdutchess.org and designate the funds to support what she has built, from strength to strength and from generation to generation. **THANK YOU MELINDA!**



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LEARN & LUNCH BUNCH

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

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS

January

- January 1:** Off for the Holiday
- January 8** Off for Winter Break
- January 15:** **Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration**
 Stories of unity with master storyteller, Muriel Horowitz
 Menu: Estelle's Lebanese stew, kasha varnishes, coffee/tea, dessert
- January 22:** **Vision Boards with Marisa Moeller**
 Come make a vision board that represents YOU!
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert
- January 29:** **Travel safety for seniors with Lori Wall**
 Lori is the owner of Travel by Lori
 Menu: soup, salad, bread, coffee/tea, dessert

REGISTRATION STRONGLY REQUESTED BY MONDAY EACH WEEK FOR FOOD AND ACTIVITY PLANNING PURPOSES
 RSVP to the Jewish Federation office (845) 471-9811.
 Learn & Lunch Bunch activities are open to the public.



Thank you to all the outgoing Board Members that have served the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County
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 118 South Grand Ave
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SCHEDULE

11:00 –11:30am
Coffee & Nosh
 11:30 –12:30pm
Program
 12:30pm —Lunch

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Send us information about what you are celebrating: birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, and simchas. We at the JFedDC want to celebrate with you and share the nachas. Send your information to thevoice@jewishdutchess.org



Mazel Tov to Leah Pollack Raftis and Pat Raftis on the birth of Maxwell Raftis

Adult Education

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.

A Snapshot of Jewish Poetry with Rabbi Krasner Tuesdays, 10:30am through January 21, with Rabbi Krasner.

The Blessings and Destinies of the Twelve Jewish Families Tuesdays, 10:30am beginning January 28. This class 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. Come to study and discuss the topic of Parsha, the weekly Torah portion.

Mitzvah Workshop, every 1st Tuesday. 6:00-8:00pm. We will discuss a mitzvah in the classes. The first half will focus on a more profound understanding of the mitzvah, and the second half will be a hands-on class where everyone will be introduced to that mitzvah firsthand. A light dinner will be served. Please call ahead and let us know you are coming.
January 7: Welcoming the King - it has been a few months since Rosh Hashanah so this is the perfect time to start learning how to blow a shofar, as well as what this instrument symbolizes.

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, January 16, 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 January 25—come to the Intergenerational Shabbat!) 9:00am with Rabbi Renni Altman, DD. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah.

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 rabbi@vassartemple.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

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

Please visit our website www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com.

Congregation Shir Chadash

Torah Study: Saturday, January 4, 18, 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

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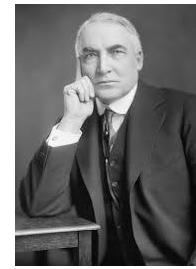
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Harding Club News



The Harding Club is running a membership sale this winter!! If you are not yet a member, now is the time to take advantage of this rare offer!! Half price memberships are being offered to non-members who visit the club before mid-February. Yes, that's right! A half year of membership for half the annual price! See the contact information below.

The Harding Club has been operating in the Poughkeepsie area since 1923. That's 96 years and counting. And the Club still is vital presence in our Jewish community.

Today the Club is fulfilling the social needs and civic responsibilities of many Jewish men. Yet, it is still a place where more members would be welcome. More on that later in this article as well.

The Club meets once or twice per month for dinner at a local restaurant (Joe Willys, Route 9 in Wappingers Falls) where members enjoy camaraderie, good food and interesting speakers. Additionally, the Club does good work in the Jewish community as well as the greater Dutchess County community. Among our projects are our generous support of the PJ Library and our work helping to distribute food to the needy kids at the Morse School in the City of Poughkeepsie.

As mentioned above, there are opportunities for membership for those of you who are interested. The Club is open to Jewish men who are friendly, engaging and community minded. That should include ALL Jewish men!! Check us out at our website: harding.jigsy.com, or send us an email at: hardingclub1923@gmail.com We would love to hear from you.

Recent programs included a speaker from the Sheriff's Department who updated us on the latest developments in the sheriff's new administrative offices, the new jail, and a talk on the "School to Prison Pipeline."

Upcoming will be a visit to the Sloop Brewery in Fishkill and an outing to the Billiards Café. Special events are being planned for April, and the annual Kosher Deli Night in June is already anticipated by all.

Last month, I promised that I'd fill you in on the reason why our club is named after President Warren G. Harding, one of the worst presidents in US history. It is because he was president at the time of the club's founding, and members wanted to de-emphasize the fact that the club was a **Jewish** men's club during a time of much anti-semitism.

Hoping to hear from you, I am,
Alan Fox, Harding Club President

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Note deadlines listed. Email TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org if you have questions.

ISSUE	DEADLINE
February	January 1
March	February 1
April	March 1



Fritz drops the ball and gets a raise, and has a Happy New Year...

Office of the Aging

The yearly search for the Dutchess County "Senior Citizens of the Year" is well underway. We are looking for your nominations in the categories of senior male, senior female, or senior couple of the year. The awards are presented at the Celebration of Aging, held each May in honor of Older Americans Month.

Are you aware of a senior citizen who should be recognized for their contributions to the Dutchess County community? A person or couple over age 60 who has a strong dedication to volunteerism and civic involvement? Please let us know about them by sending in a nomination form and any other pertinent materials.

The form is available by calling our office at (845) 486-2555. You can also find a form online on Page 4 of the winter edition of the *Spotlight on Seniors*, found on our website: www.dutchessny.gov/aging. The *Spotlight on Seniors* is also available at libraries throughout the county and at all eight of our Senior Friendship Centers. If you don't have internet access, you can subscribe to the *Spotlight on Seniors* by calling us.

You can nominate as many people as you'd like, in any or all of the three categories. If you've nominated somebody in previous years but they were not chosen as an honoree, you can nominate them again.

All nominations are reviewed by a committee of the Advisory Board to the Office for the Aging, and it selects the four outstanding seniors who will receive the awards.

The Celebration of Aging also honors residents of Dutchess County who have achieved outstanding feats of aging. If you know someone who will be turning 100 or older anytime during 2020, or a couple who will be celebrating its 70th or greater wedding anniversary, please contact us at the phone number above or through email at bjones@dutchessny.gov.

The Celebration of Aging is four months away, so there's still plenty of time for long-time couples and centenarians to make up their minds about attending.



Dear Resolution

Why not? On Yom Kippur we reflect on making changes and improving ourselves, so why not on the secular new year? It's always good to make goals and to try to reach them. There is nothing wrong with being positive and moving forward! It's no different than sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner and discussing why your thankful! Now put down that rugelach and go join a gym.

Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Altman*

In less than 10 minutes, you can have an impact on the future of Israel. In less than 10 minutes, you can add your voice to that of world Jewry in shaping our Jewish homeland.

From January 21st through March 11th, elections will take place for delegates to the 38th World Zionist Congress (WZC) that will meet in October 2020. Since 1897 when Theodor Herzl convened the first Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland and birthed the Zionist movement, representatives of Jewish communities around the world have met periodically to set priorities for Israel and world Jewry. The WZC is the legislative body of the World Zionist Organization (WZO) and convenes every five years to make decisions regarding key institutions in Israel that allocate nearly \$1 billion annually to support Israel and world Jewry.



Rabbi Altman

American Jewry, the largest single delegation outside of Israel with 29% of the 500 delegates has an opportunity to have a significant voice in these deliberations.

How does voting work? You vote for one of 13 slates from American Jewish organizations that represent diverse political beliefs, religious denominations and cultural traditions. American representation at the WZO is coordinated through the American Zionist Movement; go to <https://azm.org/elections> to see the slates, platforms and candidates.

Who is eligible to vote? Self-identified Jews who are 18 years of age (as of June 30, 2020) or older and permanent residents of the United States. You may not have voted in past or upcoming Knesset elections and you must affirm your commitment to the Jerusalem Program (The Jerusalem Program states: *Zionism, the national liberation movement of the Jewish people, brought about the establishment of the State of Israel, and views a Jewish, Zionist, democratic and secure State of Israel to be the expression of the common responsibility of the Jewish people for its continuity and future.* For full text go to <https://azm.org/elections>)

How does one vote? Voting is on line; register at azm.org/elections. There is an administrative fee of \$7.50 (those 25 and under pay \$5.00). Then cast your vote between Jan 21st - March 11th.

Why vote? It is perhaps the most direct way that Jews living outside of Israel can impact the future direction of Israel and diaspora affairs.

I urge you to join me in casting your vote for the slate that best supports your hopes and dreams for Israel. In the words of Herzl, "If you will it, it is no dream!"

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 Mamis, who found time to take a break to join us in answering our questions...

1. **What is your favorite word?**
Peace
2. **What is your least favorite word?**
Hate
3. **What turns you on creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
When what I do makes people happy, it gives me joy.
4. **What turns you off?**
Narrowmindedness
5. **What sound or noise do you love?**
Laughter
6. **What sound or noise do you hate?**
Music I do not consider music; loud non-melodious music; stuff that makes me turn off my radio.
7. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
Perfecting my culinary skills.
8. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
Sales
9. **What are you really good at & really bad at?**
Good: I am a good patient advocate at my work and I think I am a good friend. Apparently, I am told I bake delish challah. (seriously everything she bakes and cooks is delicious)
Bad: Letting go
10. **What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I thrive on a challenge.
11. **If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
To have more energy to be able to do more.
12. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
"We have a job for you."



Sandra Mamis

* Member of the Tribe

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Lunch & Learn North

**"The Rise of Hate— the Jewish and Christian Response"
with Dr. Bruce Chilton of Bard College Part 4 of 4**

During Part 4 we will be looking at Martin Luther King. "His influence reached beyond his own constituencies, and key contacts with other religious traditions will feature in our discussions, but our central task is to conceive of what needs to be done to revise the principle of toleration so that its promise might be realized."

Sunday, January 19 (12:30pm) at the Rhinebeck Reformed Church
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Vassar Temple kids and teens learned about gamilut chasidim as they decorated and filled Thanksgiving gift baskets.

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



Some of Congregation Shir Chadash's youngest religious school children and their self-made Kiddush cups.

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- ▼ Class Demos: Legos, Yoga, Music, PJ Storytime, & More
- ▼ Dessert Reception

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For information, contact (845) 723-4045, info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org

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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

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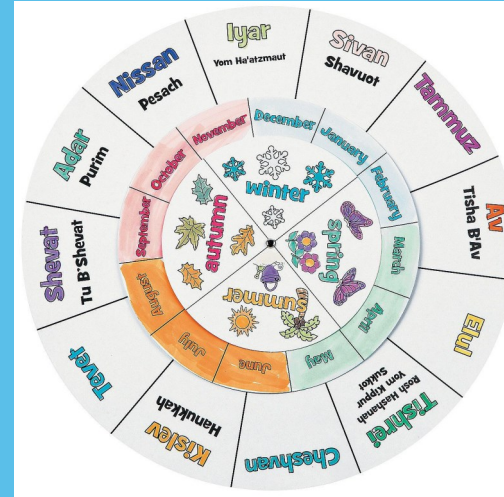
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Color a Jewish Calendar Pinwheel (on Pinterest) with your child to help them understand the timing of the Jewish Calendar over seasons and throughout the year .

Find your child's Hebrew birth date online by giving the day and time of birth, and circle the day in your calendar. Then celebrate two birthdays this year for everyone in your family!

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PJ Library
Bring Jewish stories home

Kim



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As we enter 2020, I think it is important to reflect not only on the potential of the "new" year ahead but also to focus in on our Jewish calendar. We can gain much insight and strength from the energy or "mazel" of each month throughout our history. Did you know that each month has a number, Hebrew letter, Jewish tribe, body part, zodiac sign, etc. attached specifically to it?

Currently we are in the month of Tevet. The name "Tevet" was adopted by the Jewish people during the Babylonian exile. It is believed to indicate "sinking" or "immersing." This is possibly related to the fact that the heavy winter rainfall turns much of the Middle East into a muddy swamp at this time of year (www.chabad.org).

Oy vey! This is the month of the muddy swamp! Let's dig further. The original system of the Jewish Calendar was to count months in numeric order, starting from Nissan. Thus, any time a person mentioned a month, he was in effect recalling the exodus from Egypt and served as a constant reminder of our deliverance from Egypt.

So Tevet, essentially the "tenth month" of our year was filled with several tragic events over the millennia. However 10 is also considered a holy number in our tradition, and Tevet also shares a root with the Hebrew word "tov" meaning good.

So how do we turn our muddy swamp of cold, short days of January into something meaningful and good? Perhaps we can start with aligning our "New Year's resolutions" with her Jewish values.

For example, if you strive to make a Jewish Community for yourselves and your family, please consider attending one or more of our upcoming PJ Library events this month!

Jewish Welcome: As we welcome in 2020, let's also welcome in all of our new, young Jewish families! Please join us at our first "A Jewish Welcome" Baby Expo on January 12th from 10-12pm at Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie. For more details check out our PJ Monthly newsletter and Facebook Page: PJ Library of the Mid Hudson Valley.

PJ Our Way Palooza:

For those with children 7-12 years old, please come to the PJ Our Way Palooza on January 20th (MLK Day) from 10-12pm as we celebrate the power of mentorship from our peers! Come spend a morning filled with games and interactive team challenges! RSVP: kimberlyritz@gmail.com

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Thank you!

JFedDC Community Programs...



Jonah Ritter

It's a New Year in a new decade with a new board. But some things don't change.

The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, aka known as JFedDC, is still on a mission to engage and strengthen the Jewish community and our connection to Eretz Israel.

2019 was a tremendous year with many accomplishments. Which means that JFedDC has to set an even higher bar for 2020. We begin the New Year with an ambitious vision.

At the center of our vision is YOU! The community who reads *The Voice* receives our emails, attends our activities, and supports our efforts.

The Jewish Federation is nothing without YOU, and the Jewish community, as well as the Dutchess county community at large, are less without us. Our mission is entwined with what makes Jewish identity and culture meaningful at both a personal individual level and in a larger sense.

We may not be mishpacha but we are all part of a family. In today's world we need to be strong.

The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County aims to go from strength to strength in 2020. That is essential for this decade. This only happens with YOU!

How you ask? I am glad you asked. I am sorry to answer your question with a question. How would you like to be involved? Take your pick - we have plenty of ways. Here is the quickest and easiest way to start. Just send us a simple email and say, "How can I be involved?"

I make you a promise. You will feel good if you are connected with JFedDC and JFedDC will be stronger if you are!

Save the Date: Sunday, February 9, 2020

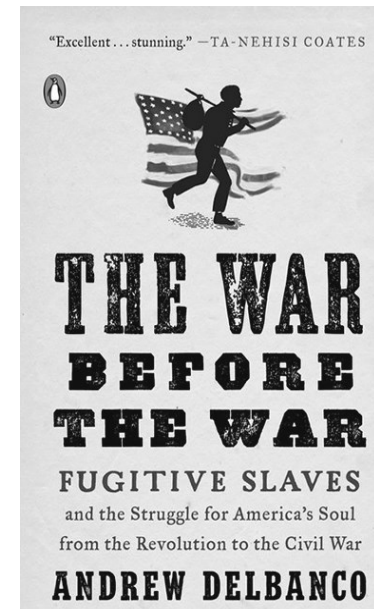
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Mitzvah Day Moments

Supporting Our Local Veterans

In May, Mitzvah Day volunteers and a team from Home Depot worked together to help the veterans at Liberty Station, 38 N. Clinton Street in Poughkeepsie, where twenty-six residents each have a private room and share a kitchen and several common areas. This three story building has been supported by Hudson River Housing ever since the Support Services for Veteran Families Grant was discontinued here in 2017.

With the generous financial support of and manpower from Home Depot, the kitchen and first floor lounge were cleaned and painted, plus a hole in the wall was repaired. Home Depot provided a privacy fence for the property, plants for an outdoor garden, and materials for all indoor projects including paint, painting materials, cleaning supplies, and a new area rug for the main lounge. Mitzvah Day volunteers, several residents, and the property manager all worked together with the staff from Home Depot Poughkeepsie to make this endeavor a tremendous success.

If you wish to support our veterans at Liberty Station, please contact the project's captain and liaison to Liberty Station, Stacey Platt, at (845) 471-0475. Food, hygiene items, and household supplies are always needed. Donations are also welcome to help provide holiday meals, and drivers are sometimes needed to help transport veterans to their appointments.

Our Executive Director



As we have just finished Chanukah, the story of the miracles, I stopped to reflect on what miracles we get to experience every day.

The miracle of the sun rising each morning. The miracle of having breathable air each day. The miracle of knowing that however bad a day one has, there is the hope and promise that in the following days or weeks or even months, things can and will change.

Nobody ever said that each day will be cupcakes and rainbows. We all have our share of bad times, but one thing I try and do is find the good, even when other people are not. When things are bad (even downright horrific), I try to make relative comparisons and think about how many other things could be so much worse and are for so many others. Basically, I try to put things in perspective. For me, it makes things more manageable and a starting point to resolve whatever is the current challenge.

But as this is a new year, full of hope and possibilities of all the amazing things in store at JFedDC for the year to come, we want to welcome you to join us.

The New Year is bringing in new events: "A Jewish Welcome" Baby Expo, the Holocaust Remembrance Concert, and lecture by the brilliant professor and author Dr. Delbanco.

So HAPPY NEW YEAR and get ready for an amazing year with JFedDC!

Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director JFedDC

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MARZIPAN CHALLAH

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 tsp active dry yeast (1packet)
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1/2 c very warm water [100-110 F degrees]
- 1/2 c liquid [could be additional water or apple juice]
- 1/4 c fat or oil (melted butter, olive oil, etc.)
- 1/4 c honey
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1 1/2 tsp kosher or sea salt
- 1 1/2 cans of Solo Almond filling
- 4-4 1/2 c bread flour

Topping:

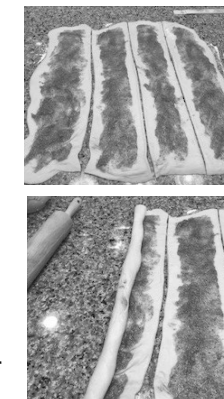
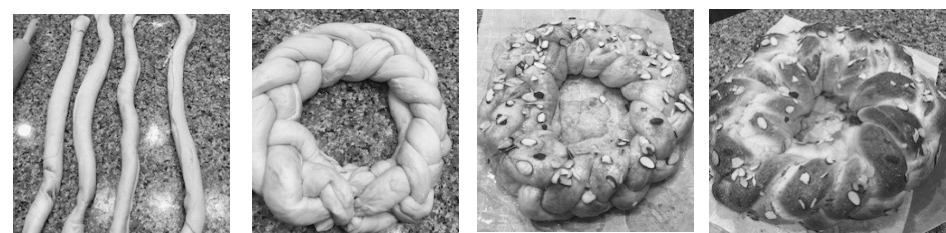
- 1 egg beaten with 1 tbsp water, brushed over surface of braided, unbaked challah before putting in the oven,
- 1-2 tbsp Sliced almonds
- 1-2 tbsp Demerara coarse sugar, for sprinkling on top

Directions:

1. First, proof your yeast. In a small bowl dissolve the sugar and yeast in the warm water. Within 5 minutes, it should be bubbly and frothy, indicating that the yeast is active. Whisk the water/ juice, oil or cooled melted butter, honey, almond extract, eggs and salt in a large bowl. Add the yeast, Add the flour 1 cup at a time, mixing with each addition.
2. The dough will get thicker but will still be a little sticky when you're done. Turn out onto floured surface
3. Knead 6-8 minutes, until elastic and smooth. Add flour to the surface very sparingly - better too sticky than too dry for this dough! Put your dough in a lightly oiled bowl, then cover loosely with oiled plastic wrap or damp towel. Place in a warm location** 1 hour, allowing it to rise until doubled in size. Punch down, Turn your dough out onto a flat surface.
4. At this point you can do one of two things: divide the dough into separate balls [3, 4 or 6] from which you make your ropes and roll each piece into a strand about 14-16 inches long, depending on how many ropes you are making. Alternatively you can use a rolling pin and roll the whole dough ball into a large rectangle, approximately 16-20 inch wide and long. Then, using a pizza cutter, cut into strips: either 3, 4 or 6. I find this easier. Spread the almond filling thinly on the strips to within 1/2 inch of the long edges. The roll each strip which will give you a rope.
6. Braid* your ropes in whatever style your creativity takes you. Allow this to rest about 1/2 hour.
7. Using a pastry brush lightly coat the surface of the dough with an egg beaten with a tablespoon of water. This will give a dark, shiny, stiff crust.
8. If desired, sprinkle with the Demerara sugar. Bake at 375 degrees for about 30 min. Half way thru, you might want to rotate the bread in the oven, especially if your heat is not uniform throughout.

[*BRAIDING can be done in so many ways: alter the number of ropes; decide whether you want a long or round shape; or even make individual challah rolls]

[** While you are preparing the dough, heat your oven to 170 degrees. When you are ready to have your dough rise, turn off the oven and put the bowl with the dough in it; close the oven door. This will be the right amount of warmth to facilitate rising.]



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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, January 4, 18, 10:00am. For info, contact: Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Altman: rabbi@vassartemple.org, or call the Temple office at (845) 454-2570.

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, Mar.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 rgrsoman@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!

Rabbi Blumenthal to Speak

The Adult Education Committee of Vassar Temple will host a discussion led by Rabbi Rena Blumenthal, who will be giving a presentation on her new book, *The Book of Israela*. The novel is the compelling story of a hapless, faithless scholar in Jerusalem during the worst of the Intifada, as well as a biblical allegory about Israel's volatile relationship with God. A complimentary light lunch and beverages will be provided at the discussion, and books will be available for sale.

Rabbi Blumenthal is a free-lance rabbi based in New Paltz. From 2003-2014 she served as the Assistant Director of the Office of Spiritual Life and Advisor to Jewish students at Vassar College. She received ordination in 2003 from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. As a freelance rabbi, Rena continues to teach, lead services, and officiate at life cycle events, as well as serving as a consultant for campus Jewish life with a particular focus on campuses with small Jewish communities.

DETAILS

Sunday, January 12, 12:30pm, Vassar Temple Social Hall, 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2570

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: January 5, February 2, March 8, at 9:30am. 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer: qb5e5@optonline.net

T.E.A.M. Shabbos Traditional End-of-Life Awareness Movement Discussions at Schomre Israel

This January Schomre Israel will be joining together with over 500 Synagogues in 215 Communities, as we explore the Jewish approach to end of life issues.

TEAM Shabbos is a national movement dedicated to generating awareness, educating and guiding the community on end-of-life matters.

By discussing relevant topics such as the Torah's perspective on the value of life, preparing for illness, making Halachic and ethical end-of-life decisions and choosing traditional burial choices, we hope to open a dialogue within the community about things that truly matter. The following programs are scheduled on this topic:

January 16— Thursday night, 7:00pm: A class on the Moshiach, the World to Come, and Resurrection.

January 18— Shabbos Morning: A discussion on the Torah perspective on preplanning and proper respect for a loved one as well as how we continue the tradition of Yaakov, Yosef, and Moshe.

January 23— Thursday night, 6:30pm: Dr. Shirley Lapidus will be leading a discussion about "Healing during Grief", followed by a talk on "The Torah Perspective on Living Wills, Healthcare Proxies, and the Value of Life in a Contemporary Medical Society".

The entire community is invited to participate in these programs.

Music Shabbat

Join us for the inaugural "Charles and Dorothy Wender Music Shabbat." Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann will enrich the shabbat evening service with the music of Debbie Friedman and speak about Friedman's life and musical career. Stay for a festive Shabbat Happy Hour!

DETAILS

Friday, January 10, Music Shabbat 6:00pm, Happy Hour—7:30pm, Vassar Temple

West Point Hockey Game

The West Point Black Nights Hockey Team vs. Air Force Academy Falcons sponsored by Congregation Schomre Chadash.

DETAILS

Saturday, January 11, 7:00pm, at West Point Stadium, Bleacher seats \$25 per tickets. For more info or to order tickets, contact Wendy Bill: bills1989@msn.com or (845) 232-1029

Shabbat at Home

Instead of the normal Friday night Shabbat service in the sanctuary, Shir Chadash is doing something new that is quite old! Members and non-members are invited to homes of several different congregants for Shabbat dinners, candle lighting, singing, good conversation and company. All are welcome!

DETAILS

Friday, January 24., To RSVP or for more info, call (845) 232-1029 or email info@shir-chadash.org.

Shir Chadash Celebrates Tu B'Shevat

There will be a special service and Tu B'Shevat Seder featuring the crops of Israel. 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

Siyum HaShas Live Hookup

Join us as we connect with over 300,000 of our Brothers and Sisters in this momentous event of the completion of the Talmud.

Siyum HaShas marks both the end of the previous cycle and the beginning of the next and is characterized by inspiring speeches and rousing singing and dancing.

All are invited to attend. Lox and hot lasagna will be served.

DETAILS:

Wednesday, January 1, 1:00pm Congregation Schomre Israel will have an official live hookup to the main MetLife Stadium event.

ATTENTION MAH JONGG PLAYERS

Order your 2020 Mah Jongg card and help feed the hungry in Dutchess County. Once again, we are selling Mah Jongg cards. Please order your card through Temple Beth-El and tell all your fellow Mah Jongg players. The National Mah Jongg League will donate money for each and every card sold. The money raised goes to our Lunch Box Program (Dutchess County Outreach). It does not cost you any extra money to order through us. The price is the same: \$8.00 for Regular Print and \$9.00 for Large Print.

The Mah Jongg League accepts only ONE check for the entire order. Therefore, payment must be by cash or check payable to Phyllis Rosenfield. You can drop off your order at Temple Beth-El or mail it to Phyllis at: 32 Ferris Lane, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601. The deadline for ordering is JANUARY 17, 2020. Thank you for your support of Dutchess County Outreach.

Table Shabbat

Please join us 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 highlights community. Rabbi Renni Altman and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann will lead the service, utilizing visual tefilah rather than the traditional prayer book, including Shabbat prayer and learning 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.

DETAILS

Friday, January 31, 6:00pm, Vassar Temple Social Hall. While reservations are not required we would greatly appreciate having an idea of how much food to prepare. Please RSVP to: roslynkaflowitz@gmail.com or call (845)-297-4320 by Jan. 28. Donations to help defray the expense of the dinner are welcome and checks should be made payable to Vassar Temple Sisterhood.



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.

Monday

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas 11:30am. \$5 per session. All welcome.
Congregation Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Breakfast January 27, following the morning service.
Temple Beth-El Board Meeting 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees meeting.

Wednesday

Congregation Schomre Israel Siyum HaShas January 1, 1:00pm, live stream. See page 10 for more info.
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.

Thursday

Congregation Schomre Israel Class January 16, 7:00pm, a special class on the Moshiach, the World to Come, and Resurrection.

Congregation Schomre Israel Discussion January 23, 6:30pm. Dr. Shirley Lapidus will be leading a discussion about "Healing during grief", followed by a talk on "The Torah Perspective on Living Wills, Healthcare Proxies, and the Value of Line in a Contemporary Medical Society."

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 7:30pm. Evening service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang followed by community oneg. All are welcome.

Vassar Temple Shabbat January 3, 10, 17, 24, 6:00pm. January 10, 7:30pm Shabbat Happy Hour, January 31, Tish Shabbat service (includes vegetarian dinner) Please RSVP.

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

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs January 4, 18, 9:00am. This re-imagined, intergenerational school is totally new & different. We would like you and your family to experience it. Registration for religious school is on-going. New members & non-members 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. Come early (8:45am) and have breakfast on us! All welcome.

Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program January 4, 18, 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 January 4, 18, 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 January 4, 18, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome!

Congregation Schomre Israel TEAM Shabbos Program January 18, during the Shabbos Service. See page 10 for more information.

Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night January 18, 7:00pm, Saturday night at the movies, a film, popcorn, and a beverage. Suggested donation: \$5.

Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship January 4, 18, 10:00am.

Vassar Temple Shabbat Y'Ladim January 11, 10:30-11:00am for ages 0-6. See page 6 for more info.

Vassar Temple Intergenerational Shabbat January 25, 9:00am—12:00pm.

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.

Out of Area

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

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Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service Friday, January 3(Family Kabbalat) 6:00pm, January 10, 17 (Kabbalat Shabbat) 7:30pm with a symbolic oneg following.

Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation Friday, January 24, 7:30pm.

Tot Shabbat January 11, 9:00am. A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.

Religious School Saturdays, 9:30am –12:30pm. (No classes January 18) 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). No classes January 21-30. Check online for updates www.cehv.org

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Tuesday, 8:45am (No class January 21, 28). 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 cehvoffice2@gmail.com

Lunch with Rabbi Romer & Guests Tuesday, January 7 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for a hot luncheon with discussion following.

Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer Community Service, January 17, 4:30pm-6:30pm, Shabbat Dinner Religious School registration required. Parents' meeting 7:00pm on January 22.

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

Sisterhood monthly meeting January 27, 7:00pm

Adult Education January 16, 30, 7:00pm. "The Senseless as Sacred—Midrash in Modern Life"

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

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.

January Candle Lighting

January 3 4:19pm

January 104:26pm

January 17 4:34pm

January 24 4:42pm

January 31 4:51pm

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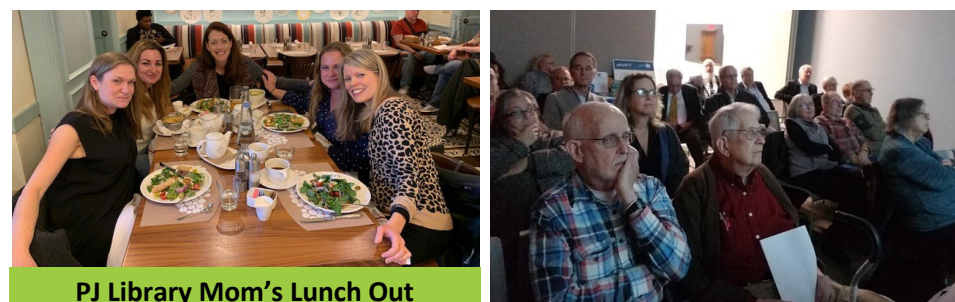
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Community Hanukkah Party –Sponsored by PJ Library, JFedDC, Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple, Congregation Shir Chadash, & The Harding Club



JFedDC Annual Meeting
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PJ Library Mom's Lunch Out



Shir Chadash's members and friends enjoying line dancing!
Pictured on the left: Kim, Jerry, Angela, Colleen, Nicky, & Wendy
Pictured on the right: Angela, Lindsey, Kim, Wendy



On Sunday, November 24, the Gold Room at Schomre Israel was filled with canned goods, produce, boxes of food and a busy group of volunteers from the Jewish Social Action Coalition assembling Thanksgiving baskets for 31 needy families at the Morse School. The Coalition is very grateful to Schomre Israel for offering its space for this project.

Pictured from left to right with the baskets decorated with bouquets of kale are Chuck and Perla Kaufman, Sandy Lash, Linda Skolnik Mike Elkin, Muriel Horowitz, Jeff Lash, and Sandy Corwin. Missing from the photo is Marlene Straus.

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