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LEARN & LUNCH BUNCH

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

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MEETING LOCATION

We will be meeting at 11:30 am at Temple Beth-El, 118 S Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie Please do not bring outside food into the temple.

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January

January 11

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January 25

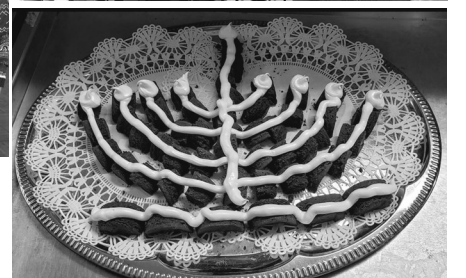
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Menu: bagels, lox, Israeli salad, and dessert

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Office of the Aging

TALK TO OFA BEFORE YOU NEED TO TALK TO OFA

By Todd Tancredi, Director, Dutchess County Office of the Aging

Too often, the first time many people ever hear of their Office for the Aging is when they or their older parent has a household emergency: a fall; a scam or financial exploitation, a new physical or mental frailty, or a housing issue to name a few of many.

Every county in New York State has an Office for the Aging (OFA), or an agency with a similar name and role as the gateway to home and community-based services, aimed at helping older people age independently. The services originate in the older adult's county of residence: For example, if you're a resident of Hyde Park but your 76-year-old mom lives in Cold Spring, you would contact the Putnam County OFA. If the locations reversed, you would contact the Dutchess OFA.

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Aging well includes being ready for the times when you no longer feel fine, since aging well also includes accepting help in its intended spirit.

It is much less stressful to anticipate difficulties happening, than to react to them once they have happened and your ability to live independently becomes uncertain.

OFA offers services to older adults and caregivers that are unbiased and non-sales-oriented for the individual needs of older adults throughout Dutchess County. You can reach us at 845-486-2555 or look at what we offer at www.dutchessny.gov/aging. Our general email address is ofa@dutchessny.gov, if you prefer to ask your questions that way.

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The Harding Club wishes all of our friends and readers of *The Voice* a very Happy New Year and a very healthy and joyous 2023.

2023 is the year of our Great Celebration! It is the year of the Harding Club's 100th Anniversary. A big event is being planned for June 14 to commemorate 100 years of doing good things for our community as well as providing a social outlet for dozens of Jewish men over these years.

When the club was formed in 1923 the corrupt but very much-loved Warren G. Harding was president. A group of young Jewish men, barred from competing in local sports leagues, formed the club and named it for the White House resident as a way to disguise their faith. The Harding Club has been a positive force for making friendships, making business connections, and for being philanthropic for its entire history.

We meet twice monthly for dinner and a speaker. Recent and future speakers include:

- County Clerk Brad Kendall
- Former NYS Senator Steve Saland
- Frank Rubin speaking on Cryptology
- Glenn Tanzman speaking on "My Time in Vietnam"
- Bob Ulrich speaking on "Fun Facts and Tidbits in History"
- Chris Silva, Bardavon Executive Director
- Rick Soedler from the East Fishkill Historical Society
- Kim Ritz, Director of the PJ Library

The Harding Club is a source of camaraderie and good times for its members. It also is a club that prides itself on its generosity and philanthropy not only within the Jewish community but also within the greater Dutchess County community through its donations and deliveries of food and other necessities to local families. We are a solid supporter of the Jewish Federation of the Hudson Valley and of the PJ Library.

It is time for those of you who are not members to think about joining our club so that you too can enjoy the camaraderie of friendships and the pride of civic and personal accomplishment.

You are cordially invited to join this group of men who are living up to the club's motto: "Since 1923, a social club for men interested in camaraderie, community, philanthropy, good food, and Jewish culture."

We do look forward to hearing from you.

Website: <http://Harding.jigsy.com/> - Email: hardingclub1923@gmail.com

Alan Fox, Harding Club Immediate Past President

Mike Elkin, Harding Club President



New Girl in Town By Alyssa Kogon

To say Danielle Harroch Gross is new to Dutchess County, is an understatement. The newly minted Rhinebeck resident just moved to the area only in July with her husband, David Gross, and their 2 children; ages 3 and 5. A lifelong Manhattanite, the Covid-19 epidemic was the catharsis for the move from urban to rural life for the Jewish family of four.



While Gross was indeed already looking for a weekend home, a brief stint living in Rhode Island where her husband grew up, turned into a good experience during the Pandemic and pushed the idea into fruition. With her parents living nearby in the city, Rhinebeck seemed like a perfect fit. Even though the search for a new place started well before the great exodus from New York City, it was hard to find the perfect home. Up for a challenge, the Gross family purchased a mechanic's garage just outside of the Village of Rhinebeck and transformed it into a unique residence.

Gross shares, "designing and building a house during COVID was a bit of a crazy decision", but work commenced on the unique structure where the family lives today. They gave up their NYC apartment and dove full force into the Dutchess County pool, with the kids attending summer camp nearby while the construction took over. The hard work and perseverance paid off. Today, the Gross family enjoys their beautiful home which they built during a very difficult time.

Jewish life is very important to the Gross family. Danielle attended a Jewish Day School and regularly enjoyed Shabbat dinners and lighting the Shabbat candles. Her father, who emigrated from Morocco to the United States, celebrates Sephardic traditions with her family. Gross's husband David enjoyed a more reform style upbringing, attending Hebrew School and celebrating Jewish holidays. David is Co-Founder and Partner at Anchor Worldwide, an integrated creative, media, and production company headquartered in New York City.

When Danielle isn't busy settling into her new home and caring for her active family, she owns and operates Brand Agent, a digital marketing company. She develops digital strategy, designs and builds websites, and produces online media campaigns. Since 2011, she has worked with many businesses, including small and women owned, helping them meet their marketing goals. She is especially excited to be pitching her talent to some local companies right now and is always ready to help new clients.

You may write to her at: danielle@brandagentinc.com. Her website is brandagentinc.com. Meanwhile, the family is settling nicely into their new home, attending the Rhinebeck Jewish Center and making new friends. A big Jewish Federation of Dutchess welcome to Danielle and the entire Gross family.

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TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org	April	March 1
if you have questions.	May	April 1

Have a question for Dear Shoshana?: Letters can be submitted to: TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org



Dear Tallit Weaver,

Women are not prohibited from wearing a tallit. It is a ritual obligation for men and optional for women. Some girls receive a tallit on their bat mitzvah. There is no reason why you shouldn't get one if you want one. Go buy yourself one for a late Hanukkah present.

Shoshana

Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Michael Fessler*

As our year's Torah reading cycle progresses this month, we begin the book of Exodus, which opens with the emergence of a Jewish people forged in the shared experience of oppression and liberation. Its second and third portions, *Vaera* and *Bo*, retell one of the most memorable and dramatic episodes of the Exodus story: the Ten Plagues. Tension builds as time after time Pharaoh refuses, even in light of demonstrated divine power, to let the Israelites go.



Rabbi Fessler

There's a troubling aspect to the drama, though: the outcome seems preordained. At the outset of the confrontation, Moses is instructed to go before Pharaoh and tell him to let the Jewish people go. However, God then adds, "I will harden Pharaoh's heart" so that "Pharaoh will not listen to you.... I will then multiply chastisements against the Egyptians" so that all "will know that I am God." (Exodus 7:3-5). It seems here that Pharaoh has no choice – this is a rigged demonstration whose purpose is an advertising campaign for God, not a true test of the Egyptian leader.

Modern readers are not the first ones to be troubled by God's hardening of Pharaoh's heart. Jewish Biblical commentators throughout the ages also raised questions about its implications for free will. Furthermore, is the suffering of Egyptian people in the plagues justifiable if God, rather than Pharaoh, bears moral responsibility for it?

In Midrash Exodus Rabbah, Resh Lakish points out an intriguing pattern in the narrative of the Ten Plagues. For the first five plagues, Pharaoh hardens his own heart. It's only for the last five that God is the one who hardens Pharaoh's heart for him.

This observation leads to a sophisticated psychological insight: we have free will, but only to a point. The more we make a habit of destructive choices, the more we risk setting up patterns of thought and behavior that are difficult or impossible to break. Pharaoh gets five chances to change – more than most of us receive when making disastrous choices. But eventually, he is locked into his course through the weight of his previous decisions.

The psychiatrist Eric Fromm writes that this narrative embodies "one of the most fundamental laws of human behavior. Every evil act tends to harden man's heart, that is, to deaden it. Every good act tends to soften it, to make it more alive. The more man's heart hardens, the less freedom does he have to change; the more is he determined already by a previous action. But there comes a point of no return, when man's heart has become so hardened and so deadened that he has lost the possibility of freedom, when he is forced to go on and on until the unavoidable end which is, in the last analysis, his own physical or spiritual destruction."

The good news is that while vicious cycles like Pharaoh's are possible, so are virtuous cycles. Acts of justice, compassion, and generosity can also become easier and easier to choose, when we do so repeatedly. In Pirkei Avot, we read that *mitzvah goreret mitzvah* – one good deed "drags along" another in its wake. January is the time in our culture when people are prone to making short-lived and often self-centered resolutions. Instead, let's use the Torah's lesson to look for opportunities to cultivate virtuous habits – of giving to those in need, of engaged citizenship, of care for the vulnerable, of bridging what divides us by strengthening what unites us — and make them part of our lives.

Meet Your Neighbor *By Karen Hochhauser*

Each month, we ask a Member of the Tribe* (MOT) the following questions and feature their answers for a fun and insightful way to meet your neighbors. This month, Mark Klein took time from his Fly Fishing business and going to the gym to answer our questions.



Mark Klein

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: *Swell.*
Least Favorite: *No.*
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
Doing good and teaching people how to fly fish.
- 3. What is your favorite song?**
"Without You".
- 4. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
A diplomat.
- 5. What profession would you not like to attempt?**
A quantum physicist.
- 6. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**
Brisket.
- 7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *Outgoingness.*
Dislike: *Aging.*
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
My grandfather's cousin wrote the Canadian National Anthem. And I am a Cohen.
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
To stop people from screaming at each other.
- 10. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**
My son.
- 11. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
Fly fishing in Scotland (the mecca of fly fishing).
- 12. If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**
In the pursuit of truth that the driving motivation in everybody is a belief in God.
- 13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
Passover at my Great Uncle's house in Yonkers. He was involved with Tammany Hall (the democratic machine that ran NYC).
- 14. What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**
Working in fields on the kibbutz as a teenager.
- 15. In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**
By putting more people on our mailing/email list, more people will be informed and participate in our Jewish religious and cultural events thus enriching Jewish life in Dutchess County.
- 16. What is your most and least favorite part of being Jewish?**
Most: *Cohesiveness and security of being a Jew and being surrounded by some of the best people in the world.*
Least: *Seeing other Jews not support each other and Israel.*
- 17. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
You want some schmear on the bagel?
- 18. What question do you wish we asked and what would be the answer?**
Q: *How can we get more people to participate in Federation programs?*
A: *Have each one of us go out and find five people that we could put on our mailing/email list. And bring a friend or two to our events*

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Community Hanukkah Celebration 2022

By Kimberly Ritz, Director PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley

Your **PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley Team** and its participating community partners: Vassar Temple, Temple Beth El, Shir Chadash, Congregation Schomre Israel, and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County were ecstatic to bring everyone together for our *3rd Annual Hanukkah Celebration!* After a long pandemic pause, the event was highly attended by 100 people who bravely came out in snowy weather to kick off the Hanukkah Season together on December 11th at Vassar Temple!

The renowned ventriloquist, Jonathan Geffner, and his playful puppets performed their highly acclaimed show, "Maccabee Mishegas!" as part of our Hanukkah Celebration. Jonathan Geffner entertained and educated the attentive audience on the art of being a ventriloquist with a Jewish spin for the whole family! His performance was definitely the highlight of the event, yet families also enjoyed a light brunch, Hanukkah crafts, and schmoozing with old and new friends.

Please save the date for our upcoming annual **Community Purim Carnival** on Sunday, March 5th from 10:30-12:30pm. All ages welcome! We look forward to celebrating Purim together and gathering for carnival games, costume contest, and more!

See Hanukkah Celebration pictures on page 7

Let's Get Together By Tamatha Williams

PJ Library is helping families Get Together with friends for Jewish-themed gatherings. What better way than to celebrate in the new year!

You can host a PJ Library Get Together based around all kinds of Jewish themes and holidays. It is easier than you may think because PJ Library provides suggestions and practical tips for hosting memorable Get Together events that do not require tons of planning and preparation.

You choose the guest list! It can be adults only or adults and children. It is a great way to connect in a small group setting with people you know and people you would like to get to know better. Once you apply and are approved, PJ Library will reimburse up to \$100 toward whatever food, decorations, games, prizes, or other supplies your Get Together needs.

We want your family and friends to stay safe and healthy, so please follow all local health guidelines for COVID and other illnesses, and do not host a gathering if it is not advisable in your area.

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Seed Mosaics

Here is a great craft from livinglifeintentionally.blogspot.com

You will need:

- Seeds/beans
- Glue
- Sheet of paper

Directions:

1. Arrange beans/seeds on a sheet of paper
2. Arrange to make flowers of your choice.
3. Glue beans/seeds according to the arrangement planned out.

Enjoy your seed mosaics, display with pride. This as a garden to enjoy all year long!



Community Hanukkah Celebration 2022



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Shabbat Y'ladim (Children's Sabbath)

All young children, from birth to first grade, are invited to bring their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and/or friends to Vassar Temple on Saturday January 21 at 10:30am, for a celebration of Shabbat. Rabbi Altman and her stuffed bear friends *Kachol v'Lavan* will be there to help us greet the Sabbath and learn about Tu B'Shevat, a holiday celebrating nature and the environment. Tell your friends and neighbors--this short Shabbat morning service, specially designed for young children, is free and open to the whole community. For questions and to RSVP, please contact office@vassartemple.org



Kim



Tamatha



Suzanne



Plant a Tree By Suzanne Turrisi, Assistant PJ Library Director

Now is the time to plant in Israel. It is winter, the rainy season. It is time we think about trees and their importance. Did you ever think about what our life would be like without trees? What a horrible existence we would have. No paper, wood, fruit, home for our animal friends, etc. As we celebrate Tu B'Shevat, we reflect on how very important trees are to us. Of course now would be a great time to plant trees in Israel or to plant in your own space at home. Tu B'Shevat is the birthday of the trees! A time to celebrate all they bring to us and to celebrate our environment. For every season there is a time; now is the time to plant and be G-d's partner in helping to restore our beautiful world!

Getting Together: A Festival of Lights With Friends By Tamatha Williams

On a snowy day, what better way to celebrate Chanukah than with A Festival of Lights PJ Get Together! Thanks to wonderful hostesses, the Gellen/Lipp family, they filled their home with the laughter of children and the schmoozing of friends. Great company and great nosh, especially the babka, is what a PJ Get Together is all about. You too can host your own get together! For more information email pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org.



Tu B'Shevat
Tu Bish'vat
ט"ו בשבט

Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year of the Trees, marks the start of spring in Israel, when trees begin to bloom after a long, cold winter. Tu B'Shevat is often referred to as the Birthday of the Trees, but with today's keen environmental awareness, we might also think of it as a Jewish Earth Day.

Tu B'Shevat gets its name from the date when it falls on the Hebrew calendar: the fifteenth ("tu") day of the Hebrew month of *Shevat*.

In ancient times, Tu B'Shevat helped farmers keep track of how old their crops were. The Torah (the first five books of the Bible) says fruit should not be harvested from a tree until its fourth year [Leviticus 19:23-25], so this day was chosen to mark the trees' birthday.

Today, many people celebrate this holiday by participating in a Tu B'Shevat seder (a ceremonial meal) when it's traditional to eat fruits that grow on trees as well as fruits associated with the land of Israel, such as figs, dates, and pomegranates.

Other contemporary Tu B'Shevat traditions include planting a tree, working in a garden, going on a hike, tasting a new fruit for the first time, or donating to an environmental organization. How might your family show its love for trees and the planet?

To learn more go to pjlibrary.org/tubshevat.

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

The Federation Board's Voice



Vicki Greenberg

Hello friends of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, Here we are once again starting a New Year, and it's January. This is the time of year when many animals hibernate and lots of perennial plants enjoy a deep wintry sleep. Not your Federation! Lots happening here. The Annual Campaign is wrapping up. Of course, it isn't too late to make your contribution if for some reason you haven't done so already. Or you can always add a little something if you stop and think about all that Federation does for our community.

And then there's the really big news: We've moved! Federation is now located at 104 Fulton Avenue, Suite 1A, Poughkeepsie. Our address has changed, but Federation hasn't changed. We are still here for you.

Stay warm and healthy!

Our Executive Director



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we turn the pages in our calendar to start a new year and the glow from the lights of the menorah starts to fade, it is a good time to reflect on all that has happened in 2022. However, as so much took place, both good and bad, it would be an impossible task. Instead, I thought a highlight would be a good start. If you want more, we have our annual meeting presentation, which in essence is our environmentally friendly annual report available to you.

- Mitzvah Now Senior Care Packages – initially 25 packages in 4 locations has grown to 140 care packages in 13 institutions and numerous private homes
- Learn & Lunch Bunch – 432 attendees participated
- PJLibrary – 526 program attendees in 40 programs for kids, parents, and grandparents
- Mitzvah Now initiatives – including raising over \$2500 for Morse School kids to have new clothes and school supplies for the new academic year
- Ukraine Emergency Fund – our local community raised over \$25,000 to support Ukrainian relief efforts.
- Office move – we welcome you to visit us at 104 Fulton Ave, Suite 1A
- Israel trip – after years of planning, and dealing with Covid, we had a successful trip with 24 participants

Now I know that I promised to write about Israel, but Russell Rothman's spectacular overview in the previous *The Voice* gave a real sense of the trip. I personally had not been to Israel since I was 15 years old. While I know the gap was too long, I qualify that I had been working and traveling in Asia for 18 years. Many commented that I would not recognize Israel because of all the changes that had occurred. I found this comical because my memories from when I was 15 years old are hardly crystal clear.

What I did find absolutely amazing was the juxtaposition of old and new: temples from the time of Herod the Great to new skyscrapers reaching to the clouds. With the help of SPNI (Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel), we learned of a gazelle natural park in the middle of Jerusalem! How crazy is that?!? The bird sanctuary next to the Knesset was also quite the learning experience. I am pleased to share that JFedDC planted its very own tree there.

Going to The Kotel, The Western Wall, was probably a highlight of the trip for me. Now there is an archaeological tour that takes visitors below and behind The Wall which is awe-inspiring. We read biblical stories about our history, but to see proof of the existence for oneself is life changing. The individual experience of standing in front of The Wall is more powerful than words could explain. From all that I do not remember from when I was 15, my experience at The Wall is one that has resonated till today. Since that time, during the Sh'ma, I am transformed back to The Wall, feeling the connection between our ancestors throughout time. Now as a grown adult, I was once again transformed. The experience was unexpected and extremely emotionally overwhelming. A whole lifetime flashed in front of me, including all the relatives I have lost compiled by the worry and concern

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Jews in the News: Highlights updates and happenings of our Jewish business members of the community

**FELDMAN, KLEIDMAN, COFFEY & SAPPE LLP RECEIVES
"BEST LAW FIRM" DESIGNATION**

FISHKILL, NY (November 16, 2022)--Successfully trying cases at all levels of state and federal courts throughout the Hudson Valley and Capital District for more than 36 years, Fishkill, NY-based law firm Feldman, Kleidman, Coffey & Sappe LLP (FKC&S) is pleased to announce that it has been selected for inclusion in the *U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" of 2023*, receiving a Tier 1 designation in the White Plains, NY metro area for Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants and a Tier 2 designation in the area of Medical Malpractice-Defendants. The *U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms"* rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process, and FKC&S has been recognized since its First Edition in 2010. Pictured, from left to right, are FKC&S partners Jeffrey M. Feldman, Kathryn C. Collins and Robert R. Sappe.

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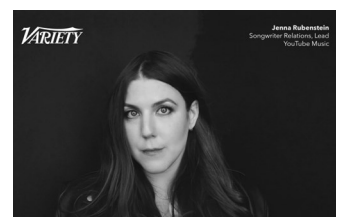
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Donate at www.jewishdutchess.org/donate

**Congratulations Jenna Rubenstein, Songwriter Relations,
Lead. Hollywood's New Leaders of 2022**

On the songwriters' front, Rubenstein, 36, leads YouTube's budding Songwriter initiatives program, having launched the YouTube Black Fund Songwriter/Producer class, organizing the Well Versed writing camp and the Home for Songwriters, YouTube's educational and creative hub build for songwriters and producers.

Power of songs: "As a kid, I was obsessed with liner note booklets," Rubenstein says. "I guess I've always felt in my bones that songs hold the ultimate power."



JEWISH FOOD

Connecting our Community through Food

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

Please email to: TheVoice@jewishdutchess.org.

Za'atar Flatbreads

By Adeena Sussman from page 110 in *Sababa Cookbook*

When you just want some hot, fresh bread fast, these rounds can't be beat. Palestinian, Arab, and Jewish bakeries sell these like hotcakes and they're best served very fresh. They're perfect for soaking up sauce from a chicken dish; scooping up labaneh; or, when they're gone a bit stale (which happens pretty fast with this type of bread), slicing into strips for my Israeli-style Pitaquiles.

Ingredients:

- 3 1/2 cups bread flour, plus more if necessary
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fine sea salt
- 1 1/4 teaspoons instant (rapid rise) yeast
- 2 tablespoons plus 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for oiling the bowl
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1 cup warm water
- 1/2 cup Za'atar Spice Blend

Directions:

1. Combine the flour, salt, yeast, 2 tablespoons of the olive oil, honey, and water in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the dough hook.
2. Mix on medium-low speed for 1 minute, then increase the speed to medium-high and knead until smooth and very slightly tacky but not sticky, adding flour by the tablespoonful if necessary, 4 to 5 minutes.
3. Transfer the dough to a lightly oiled bowl, cover with a clean kitchen towel, and keep in a warm place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.
4. Preheat the oven as high as it can go, anywhere between 500° and 550°F. Place a pizza stone, inverted heavy baking sheet, or clean cast-iron skillet in the oven.
5. Precut six 10x10 inch pieces of parchment paper.
6. Meanwhile whisk together the remaining 1/2 cup olive oil and the za'tar in a small bowl.
7. Transfer the bread with the parchment paper underneath it onto the heated baking sheet and bake until golden and puffed (some bubbles may form in the dough; that's great!), 6 to 7 minutes.
8. Repeat with the remaining dough and za'atar.
9. Serve warm or on the same day.

If you are serving the next day, reheat in a 300°F oven for 6 to 7 minutes (I don't recommend a regular toaster, since the za'atar topping will fall off and burn). Right after baking, za'atar breads can be cooled completely then wrapped tightly and individually in plastic wrap and frozen for up to 3 months.



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one feels about the future of her own family. That moment will remain with me for the rest of my life.

The trip overall was fabulous. I cannot thank our Israel trip committee enough, including Russell Rothman for the nature spin and Jonah Ritter for having the dream/idea become a reality.

So what does 2023 have in store? With the rise of antisemitism, now more than ever, it is critical for us to strengthen our relationships with law enforcement, elected officials, and community members to ensure that we have support and protection as a preventative and proactive measure. As need in the community continues to grow, we plan to do more. Our seniors are always a keen focus in supporting them and ensuring that they know we are here for them. We will continue to collaborate with our special partners, including FDR, DCC, Poughkeepsie Public Library, Rhinebeck Reformed Church, DCIC, and DCAACA to name a few and expand to additional one. Engaging children/parents/grandparents through our PJLibrary team. Offering more interfaith programming. Getting ready to celebrate Israel's 75th anniversary. I am getting tired and yet energized thinking about it all.

All that we do, we do for you, and we could not do it without you. We ask that as our 2022 Annual Campaign closes on January 15, please consider financially supporting us with a donation. Every little and big donation makes an impact. If you have not recently given or never gave before, now is the time. If you have attended any one of our numerous events and have not yet given, now is the time. If you read *The Voice* and have not either donated to the annual campaign or holiday greeting, now is the time. We never take your support for granted.

Wishing you and your family a very happy and healthy new year.
Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director

The Best Vegetarian Chili in the World

Taken from: www.allrecipes.com/recipe/72508/the-best-vegetarian-chili-in-the-world/

This spicy vegetarian chili is ready in no time and packed with vegetables, beans and flavor! Break out your soup pot and fix up a batch of this delicious chili—it tastes even better the next day.

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 green bell peppers, chopped
- 2 jalapeno peppers, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 (4 ounce) cans chopped green chile peppers, drained
- 2 (12 ounce) packages vegetarian burger crumbles
- 3 (28 ounce) cans whole peeled tomatoes, crushed
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground black pepper
- 1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans, drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans
- 1 (15 ounce) can whole kernel corn

Directions:

1. Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Stir in onion and season with oregano, salt, cumin, and bay leaves. Cook and stir until onion is tender; stir in celery, green bell peppers, jalapenos, and garlic. Add green chile peppers and cook until heated through. Stir in vegetarian burger crumbles; reduce heat to low, cover pot, and simmer 5 minutes.
2. Stir in tomatoes,; season with chili powder and black pepper. Stir in kidney beans, garbanzo beans, and black beans. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 45 minutes.
3. Stir in the corn, and continue cooking for 5 minutes before serving

(Karen says...If you want to spice it up and make it more flavorful, add vegan soy chorizo.)



What is the Poughkeepsie Community Fridge?

Submitted by Marian Schwartz

Many people suffering from hunger do not want to visit a food pantry because of the stigma attached, and the bureaucracy involved in applying can be daunting and humiliating. Or perhaps there is no pantry located nearby, or it's not accessible when they can go. For all these reasons, three teenaged students at Oakwood Friends School founded the Poughkeepsie Community Fridge. The ideal site would have been centrally located, outdoors, and accessible 24/7, but after a prolonged search, they were gratified to be given space in the Adriance Memorial Library in the City of Poughkeepsie, where they have placed donated refrigerator/freezers and have open shelf space to formulate a food pantry. The capability of refrigeration allows them to stock milk, cheese, eggs, fresh produce, and other perishables, as well as the usual nonperishables. They will also accept cooked foods if wrapped/packaged and labeled. Everyone can simply enter the pantry facility any time the library is open, go in, and donate or pick up food. The fridge instantly became popular and quickly runs out of food every time it is restocked.

The Fridge is accepting donations of both food and money. To make a financial donation, or ask questions, e-mail poughkeepsiecommunityfridge@gmail.com or message them on Instagram @pougkeepsiecommunityfridge. The Poughkeepsie Community Fridge is open during library hours, Monday thru Thursday 9am-9pm, Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm, and Sunday 2pm-5pm. There is a parking lot and entrance off Noxon Street, behind the library. The public can drop food off or pick something up any of those times, and the Oakwood students bring a load of food to the fridge every Wednesday. They are seeking a suitable local site for a second Community Fridge, so if you can help with that, please contact them as well.

Congregation Schomre Israel

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Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Sunday

Talmud Studies with Rabbi Krasner 9:20am. Studying the Talmudic topics of mezuzah, tefillin, and sefer Torah. This class is live and in-person.

Tuesday

The Collected Writings of Maimonides, Letters of the Rambam, The Letter of Sanctification 10:30am, hybrid. Maimonides and his teachings so respected and cherished throughout all of the ages? Join us as we discuss his philosophy and study his classic works together.

Thursday

Contemporary Halachic Questions 7:00pm, live and hybrid class. What goes into a Halachic Torah Decision? While some topics are pretty straightforward (“no, you cannot kill him”), there are some which are exceedingly complex. We will take a contemporary topic and question which has vexed laymen and scholars alike, and then analyze and debate the issue and consider the Torah’s approach.

Other Classes

Rabbi Krasner will begin Hebrew classes-Hebrew reading and prayer-book Hebrew as well as conversational Hebrew. Check the synagogue website for information.

Other Events:

In the beginning of January, Schomre Israel will be holding a TEAM Shabbat and beyond program. The acronym TEAM stands for Traditional End of Life Awareness Movement. During the three events whose dates are listed below (a Thursday evening, Shabbat and another Thursday evening) participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about and learn about Jewish attitudes and practices around the end of life. The community is invited to attend any or all of these programs.

Thursday

Yiddish Club January 26 11:00am and 6:00pm, Topic: The Yiddish Theatre.

TEAM January 5, 7:00pm with scholar in residence Rabbi Daniel Sayani will speak on the topic of “Respect of Life.” January 12, 7:00pm with Rabbi Krasner will consider the origins and meanings behind various funeral customs and practices.

Saturday

TEAM Shabbat Service January 7, 9:00am. Rabbi Krasner will address the topic of end-of-life in his sermons and in his teachings throughout the service.

Movie Night January 21, 7:00pm. Join us for *Sallah Shabati*, an Israeli classic film from 1964.

Looking Ahead

Schomre Israel Sisterhood will be baking and selling Hamentashen for Purim which will be on March 7. Fillings available are prune, poppyseed, raspberry, apricot, and chocolate. Pick up date is Sunday, February 12 At the synagogue from 11am-1pm. Cost is \$18 per dozen and \$12 per half dozen. Shaloch Monot baskets are also available and can be mailed for you. For info contact: rgrosman@aol.com

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or visit the website
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Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)
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Presbyterian Church, Lagrange
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Rabbi Glenn Jacob
Website: www.shir-chadash.org
Email: info@shir-chadash.org

Weekly Services:

Fridays: 7:30pm In-Person & Zoom
Saturday: 9:15am In-person,
Bi-monthly Torah Study with Rabbi Jacob, all welcome to attend.

Adult Education:

Saturday

Torah Study 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Shir Chadash’s new spiritual leader, Rabbi Jacob. Everyone has a chance to participate. Just bring an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts.

For dates and info call (845) 232-1029, email: info@shir-chadash.org or visit www.shir-chadash.org.

Other Events:

Sunday

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

Those interested in reading are invited, (now done virtually)-- interesting and provocative discussions. Dates & times TBD. Participants meet to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry, and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest. Have a topic suggestion, please let us know! For more information, please contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: info@shir-chadash.org

Contact :

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or visit the website
www.shir-chadash.org

Do you play MahJongg?

Now is the time to order your 2023 MahJongg cards. For every order through Temple Beth-El Dutchess County Outreach's Lunchbox Program will receive \$5.00 per order. Please support this worthy cause. This is a way to do a mitzvah with no extra cost. Also, please ask your friends and family regardless where they live. The league will mail the cards directly to everyone via first class mail. In 2022 the Lunchbox received \$392. Our goal in 2023 is to break \$500.

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Temple Beth El

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All services are egalitarian & inclusive. Join us!

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

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

Other Events:

Sunday

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

Bus Trip to NY Historical Museum March 12, 2023. \$50 for over 65 and \$55 everyone else, this includes bus, tip and museum entry. RSVP by February 10. Questions contact: Suzanne Turrissi suzanneturrissi8@gmail.com or Merri Sedgwick moondoggie7@optonline.net

Thursday

Temple Beth-El Book Club January 19, 2:00pm inside TBE. Calling all bibliophiles to join us as we read *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel. Masks are encouraged but not required. Please note there is a Zoom option. However, if there is inclement weather a Zoom link will be sent our the day before the meeting.



Please register for each meeting no later than 9:00am the Friday preceding each meeting. Questions? Contact Merri Sedgwick at moodoggie7@optonline.net. Future meeting will be March 14, May 9, and July 11.

Friday

Contact:

info@tbeny.org
for current information
or visit the website
www.tbeny.org



Vassar Temple’s Piano Gets a Makeover

Vassar Temple’s Mason & Hamlin Grand piano is about to get a much-needed makeover. The piano, a AA Grand, has a rich pedigree – which many experts say puts it in a class with Steinway. Time, varying temperature and humidity, and playing, however, took their toll on this

beautiful instrument. To bring it back to near-original tone requires a major makeover, including a new soundboard, pin block, strings, damper felts, hammers, and many other things. It is now getting the restoration it needs under the supervision of master restorer, Mark Moriarty, to produce the concert-like sound for which it was created.

Donations are being sought to complete the “ensemble” with a humidifier, to keep the piano properly humidified throughout the year, and a new bench for Temple Musician, Joe Bertolozzi, who has “made do” for many years and deserves better. The major restorations should be completed this month, after which the piano will be returned to the sanctuary. Not only will it greatly enhance our worship experience, but a range of concerts for both the congregation and community members can be planned for this extraordinary instrument.

Vassar Temple

(Reform)
140 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-2570
Rabbi Renni S. Altman D.D.
Website: www.vassartemple.org
Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or rabbi@vassartemple.org

Weekly Services:

All services are both in person and Zoom. For information contact office@vassartemple.org

Friday

Shabbat Evening Service

January 6, 13 7:30pm; January 20, 6:00pm Simchat Shabbat Family-friendly Shabbat Service
January 27 6:00pm, Tisch Shabbat Soup & Chili Dinner

Saturday

New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship January 7,21, 10:15am.

Shabbat Morning Service January 28, 10:15am.

Adult Education:

Monday

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text: January 9, 23, 12:00pm, via Zoom. Taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, for study sheets and link pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Saturday

Torah Study Hybrid class 9:00am, Examine passages from the week’s Torah portion or haftorah. For info and to be placed on the class list, contact: office@vassartemple.org.

Other Events:

Sunday

Wednesday

Friday

Tisch Shabbat January 27, at 6:00pm, we will gather for a soup and chili dinner as part of a warm and wonderful in-person Tisch Shabbat. As we sit around tables in the social hall, Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann will lead a service modeled on the "Rebbe's Tisch", using Visual Tefillah (slides of the prayers projected on a screen, instead of prayer books), and featuring lots of singing and stories. Sisterhood will provide a festive meal of homemade soups, vegetarian chili, challah, cornbread and salad to be enjoyed during the service.

Everyone is very welcome, and while reservations are not required, we would greatly appreciate having an idea of how much food to prepare. If possible, please let Judy Rosenfeld know you are coming by January 25 at TischShabbat@vassartemple.org or call the temple at (845) 454-2570. Donations for the dinner are appreciated and any checks should be made payable to Vassar Temple Sisterhood.

Contact :

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Fridays: Call for time.
 Saturdays: 9:30am

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Weekly Services:

Fridays: Call for times.
 Saturdays: 10:00am Chabad Hebrew School

Adult Education:

Wednesday

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

Special Events:

Sunday

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

Contact :

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Beacon Hebrew Alliance

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 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon
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Weekly Services:

Friday Shabbat, 5:30pm Mini Minyan with Luke Wygodny & 6:00pm Potluck Shabbat Dinner and Kabbalat Shabbat

Check our Community Calendar for services times, generally every Friday & one Saturday per month:
www.beaconhebrewalliance.org/calendar

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Congregation Beth David

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 7:00pm dinner when school is in session

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Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service January 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:00pm
Childcare Activity for First Fridays January 6, 6:00pm

Saturday

Morning Minyan January 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00am.

Tot Shabbat January 21, February 11, 9:00am email: assistant@cehv.org to be added to the email list.

Education:

Rhinebeck Mediation & Torah Study Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 8:45am

Hebrew Trope Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18, 25, 12:30pm

Conversational Hebrew Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18, 25, 4:00pm

Coffee Chai with the Rabbi (via Zoom) Thursday, January 5, 12, 8:45am.

Beginner-Introduction to Judaism Conversation Class Thursday, January 5, 12, 6:30pm.

Zimet Jewish Learning Adventure Sunday, January 8, 22, 29, 9:30am.

Other Events:

Monthly Brotherhood Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 7:00pm

Mah Jongg Returns Monday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:15am

Israel Trip—now forming for June 29, 2023. For info contact our office.

CEHV's Food Access and Security Initiative continues to support The Blue Fridge. This ongoing program accepts a variety of donation items including prepared meals, fresh produce, or pantry staples. For more details contact info@cehv.org.

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for all events and current information
or visit the website www.CEHV.org



January

Candle Lighting Schedule

January 6	4:22pm
January 13	4:30pm
January 20	4:38pm
January 27	4:46pm

Mazel Tov Memories

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

Happy 60th Birthday Hector!



The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the U.S. Military (active, Reserves, or National Guard) or any person who wishes to support veterans are invited to attend Post meetings.

We will be in person at Schomre Israel. The next meeting will be January 8 at 9:30am (9:00am schmooze). The Post will supply nosh stuff and coffee, and refreshments will be strictly kosher. Masks are optional.

For more info, please contact Post Commander Schwartz at (845) 849-0025 or Rschwa9881@aol.com

Jewish Trivia

Q: What Jewish actor was the FIRST bad boy method actor, and, at the time, had the largest funeral of any celebrity since Valentino?

A: Jacob Julius Garfinkle aka John Garfield grew up in poverty on the Lower East Side, and later said, "If I hadn't been an actor, I might have become Public Enemy #1."



Vassar Temple Sisterhood opened its new year with a cupcake decorating demonstration by Daisy of Adams Bakery and has resumed its monthly Chai Noon Luncheons, as seen here recently at Cafe Maya. Come join them! For more information, please contact sisterhood@vassar temple.org.



Building the ark at Vassar Temple's religious school. Young and old filled it with pictures of their favorite animals at Shabbat Noach services.



Vassar Temple Religious School children enthusiastically decorated baskets which were then filled by Temple teens with foods donated by congregation members. The baskets, along with turkeys, roasting pans, and other trimmings, were distributed by Hudson River Housing to bring holiday joy throughout the community.



Vassar Temple at Dutchess Interfaith CROP Walk. Front: Marian Schwartz (CROP Committee member), Ralph Schwartz (Registration Table volunteer). Back: Walkers Rabbi Renni Altman, Dave Wolf, Howard Susser, Ron Rosen (Team Capt.)



On Saturday night November 12, Temple Beth El hosted a murder mystery diner show! Frank Marquette and his Murder Cafe troop put on a production of murder at the speakeasy! Guests were encouraged to participate, dance in a Charleston contest, and guess who done it! A delicious dinner was served in between acts! Prizes were awarded and a great time was had by all!



140 Mitzvah Now Chanukkah Care Packages created and distributed to seniors in 13 facilities and private homes throughout Dutchess County

There is still time to give to the 2022 Annual Campaign.
Donations accepted until January 15, 2023
Donate at: www.jewishdutchess.org



Fun was had by all at Hit After the Holidays!



Sinterklaas Winter Festival in Rhinebeck and the Annual Sinterklaas Havdalah

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