

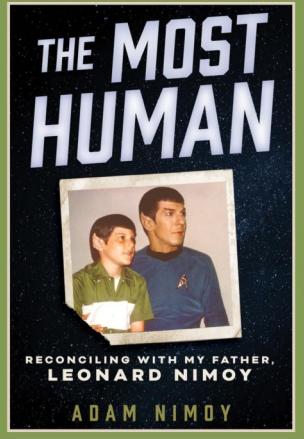
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JFNA General Assembly Speaker: Bari Weiss

"The Old World Is Not Coming Back" by Bari Weiss from www.thefp.com

On November 12th, I spoke to the General Assembly in Washington D.C., which is an annual conference of the Jewish Federations—the largest Jewish organization in North America. There was a lot to talk about this year.

I spoke at the end of the conference, which traditionally calls for uplifting words or an assurance that all will be okay. Here's what I said instead. – BW

When did you know?

Looking back, now that we are on the far side, I wonder: When did you realize that things had changed?

When did you know that the things we had taken for granted were suddenly out of our reach? That the norms that felt as certain as gravity had disappeared? That the institutions that had launched our grandparents had turned hostile to our children?

When did you notice that what had once been steady was now shaky ground? Did you look down to see if your own knees were trembling?

When did you realize that we were not immune from history, but living inside of it?

When did you see that our world was actually the world of yesterday—and a new one, one with far fewer certainties, one where everything seems up for grabs, was coming into being?

Maybe it was September 11, 2001, when Islamist terrorists murdered 3,000 Americans. Maybe you noticed, as my friend Jonathan Rosen did, that "an explosion of Jew hatred seemed to have ridden in on the contrails of the airplanes that jihadists had turned into weapons of mass destruction and aimed at the heart of American civilization."

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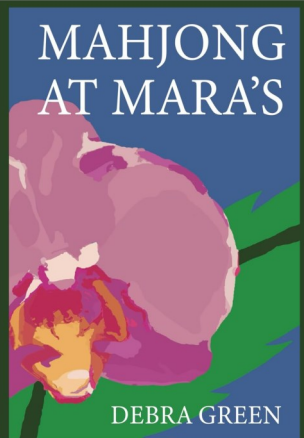
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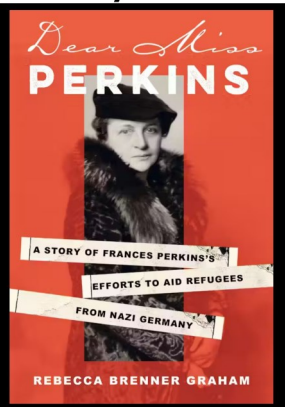
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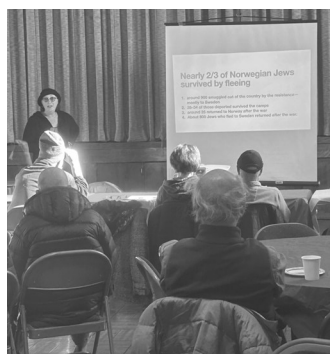
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Office for the Aging

submitted by Brian Jones, Outreach Coordinator, Dutchess County Office for the Aging

ALL THAT WINTER, ALL THAT FREE TIME...WHAT TO DO?

Many of us have a favorite season. There are fans of long summer days, crisp fall days, spring's freshness, and...any fans of winter out there? Don't everybody speak up all at once. It could be your grandkids don't mind winter all that much, especially snow days. If they're nearby and you've got a porch or a sidewalk to shovel, maybe their snow day is a good pretext for them to come by, take care of snow removal, and maybe build you a snow fort.

What else is available for older adults to stay active and fend off cabin fever? We have a few ideas:

Indoor Walking

In the winter, a walk in the park is not exactly a walk in the park, if you catch our meaning. Indoor walking (mall-walking, for example) is a great way to stay active, while reducing the effect of the elements. A museum visit counts as indoor walking.

Planning the 2025 Garden

Gardening is fantastic three-season exercise; and this fourth season is the time to assess how the 2024 growing season went for you, and look ahead. You can keep your ideas in a paper journal or on your mobile device. It may help to keep one set of ideas for garden infrastructure and tools you'll need; another set for edible vegetables and herbs; and a third for ornamental plants and flowers. Seed catalogs for 2025 should be available by now. Research which plants grow well together, and which plants excel in a lower-maintenance garden that may be necessary as you age.

Create In The Kitchen

Once the end-of-year holidays are past, winter is a low-stress time of year to put together something tasty, warming, and nutritious. You can find lots of healthy and warming recipes in back issues of OFA's *Nutrition News*, going back to 2022. See dutchessny.gov/ofanutrition for more.

If you're the keeper of the priceless family recipes, this is the time to share those with family and friends. Recipes that good need to be saved for posterity! Take pictures of that old index card where bubbe keeps her hamantaschen recipe, for example. (And send the recipe pictures to us at ofa@dutchessny.gov. Pretty please?)

Feed Your Mind

If you read, and you've got someone else in your life who reads, what you have there is the makings of your very own book club. Choose a title that works for both of you, or even a poem. Reading can settle the mind, in addition to being both informative and inspiring. Talk to your local library; they'll have plenty of ideas, and many libraries offer services to homebound readers who can't get to the library.

The Outdoors Is Still Out There - But Be Safe

Take precautions before heading out on a winter walk: Bring a buddy; have a charged mobile device handy; use the hand rails when you encounter stairs; cross *behind* snow removal equipment; wear proper footwear like boots with heavy tread; add traction and gripping devices to footwear; and **walk like a penguin** with your knees bent slightly and feet pointed out slightly.

A demonstration of walking like a penguin is available at dutchessny.gov/penguin.

Walk like a penguin this winter

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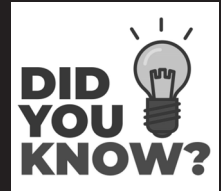


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The reviews are in. Journalism experts have commented that previous Harding Club updates to the community have become repetitious. So, in the spirit of the holiday season, we offer a new approach. I will avoid repeating the history, spanning more than 100 years, of the Harding Club. I will also not repeat the fact that the club is a Jewish men's social club. And I will not mention that the club is active in the community, doing many acts of kindness, support and compassion for Jews and non Jews in the greater Poughkeepsie community. And I will not even mention that the club meets regularly at a local restaurant for dinner or lunch, where we are entertained by our camaraderie and an interesting speaker. Sometimes our wives or significant others join us at our meetings. Finally, I will not repeat that new members are welcome. (Just get in touch with one of the club officers listed below, and the process will begin.)

I therefore have decided to devote this column to football. Specifically, I thought that you might be interested in some scores. Here we go: 35-28, 14-13, 21-7, 17-14 in overtime, and 38-35.

So, now we revert to our usual approach: We recently met for lunch at Longobardis restaurant in Wappingers. Our guest speaker was Pat Regan from the Community Security Initiative. We are always pleased to welcome speakers from all walks of life: science, business, politics, the arts and more.

Here is a list of upcoming speakers: Member Lou Newman will speak about the Walkway Over the Hudson. Member Bob Haas is scheduled to enlighten us on Hiking Trail Bridges. And Edward Schaeffer will discuss Strength for Life and Wellness. It's a lineup deep in interest and diversity.

We officers look forward to hearing from you.

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Maybe it was the second intifada, in which everyday places—Mike's Place and Sbarro and Café Moment and the Dolphinarium—became synonyms for slaughterhouses, even as few of our would-be allies said their names.

Or maybe it was on February 1, 2002, when al-Qaeda beheaded the journalist Daniel Pearl in Pakistan as he spoke his final words: "My father is Jewish, my mother is Jewish, I am Jewish." Or maybe it wasn't until the Shabbat morning of October 27, 2018, when a neo-Nazi gunned down 11 Jews at Tree of Life while shouting, "All Jews must die!"

Or maybe it was the shooting, six months later, at the Chabad of Poway. For Hannah Kaye, who witnessed the murder of her mother, Lori Gilbert Kaye, it surely was. Or maybe it was in January of 2022, when a gunman held the congregants of Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, hostage. Or maybe it was beforehand—the bombing of the AMIA Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina; the terror attack at the Chabad of Mumbai, India; the school shooting in Toulouse, France; the murder of Sarah Halimi, who was thrown out of her apartment window in Paris. (French prosecutors decided to drop murder charges against her killer, who had shouted "Allahu Akbar" and who had told them: "When I saw the Torah and a chandelier in her home, I felt oppressed," because, those prosecutors said, he had smoked weed.)

Maybe it was the rise of Jeremy Corbyn in England. Or the white supremacists marching through Charlottesville, Virginia, with their tiki torches. Maybe it was the antisemites at the helm of the Women's March. Or maybe it was the social consequences you suffered when you dared to notice them. Maybe, as it was for so, so many, it was the morning of October 7, when Hamas terrorists came across the border into southern Israel on foot and on motorbike and by truck and by car and by paraglider to murder and maim anyone they could find. They came armed with maps that indicated which houses

had children. Which family owned a dog.

But maybe even that wasn't enough. It was still over there. Not here.

Maybe it took until October 8 when, in Times Square, people were cheering, exhilarated at news of Jewish death. Or perhaps it was the moral inversion in the days that followed: the Chicago chapter of BLM using the symbol of a hang glider—the symbol of mass murder—as a sign of liberation. Or when the heads of Harvard and Penn and MIT, who run schools that cater to the most minute of microaggressions, could not answer in the affirmative to whether calling for the genocide of Jews qualified as bullying and harassment. Or the professors and Broadway producers that tore down posters of women and children and babies taken by Hamas.

Maybe it was when you organized the march. And none of the people who post about being allies showed up. Or maybe it was physical attacks on Jewish students at Tulane, at the University of Pittsburgh, at DePaul. Maybe it was the school shootings in Toronto and Montreal. Or maybe it was the now near-daily assaults on the streets of Brooklyn against the most visible members of our community. Or maybe it was more subtle—the quiet purging of proud Jews, like the novelist Elisa Albert, who refuses to be quiet about Israel, from the arts, from museum boards, from human-rights groups. Maybe it was watching what your children were learning in their "ethnic studies" class about Israel and the Jewish people.

Maybe it was the mobs that gathered outside of Michael Rapaport's comedy show, calling him a "racist Zionist," or the venue in Chicago that canceled a Matisyahu concert because they claimed they couldn't guarantee his safety. Or maybe you knew when an Orthodox Jewish man was shot while walking to his synagogue on Shabbat in Rogers Park, Chicago—only to be offered "thoughts and prayers" by the city's mayor. Or maybe it took the event of two weeks ago, when Jews were hunted in the streets of Amsterdam. A pogrom in twenty-first century Europe. They called it a "Jew hunt." In one of the recordings from the attack, a man jumps into one of Amsterdam's canals to escape his assailants. He is forced to say "Free Palestine" as he treads in the water. His assailants laugh and jeer that he is a "cancer Jew."

Soon, I am sure, Columbia students will hold a protest on the pogromist's behalf. Don't believe me? A group of them just spent Veterans Day on the quad, holding a memorial event for Sinwar.

Perhaps at the time, each one of these events felt like a nightmare or an illness. Something terrible to be endured until, in due time, it passed. Until things would go back to "normal," as they surely would.

But those whose parents fled Tehran and Moscow and Beirut and Baghdad—they knew better.

The Persians. The Russians. The Cubans. They never didn't know.

And that is because they came from a world where to be Jewish required knowing. They understood tyranny, because they have lived it. And so they have been alive to the threats against us and against liberty that left too many comfortable American Jews asleep.

The task for the rest of us in this moment is to learn this state of mind: the resilience, the vigilance, the mental strength, the courage, and the pride not just to survive but to thrive in this new world.

We must learn from those who never had the luxury of losing their instinct for danger.

And that begins with articulating first to yourself—and then out loud—what you know. Because only then can we get serious about what this new world requires.

If you find yourself often asking the people around you, "Can you believe . . .," then you need to ask yourself why reality is still catching you off guard. What little lies, what lies of omission, or lies told in the name of being polite, are you telling yourself even now?

Here's one of them: We told ourselves that multiculturalism and immigration were good, because we had benefited from both—because they had made our own lives possible. But we need to get serious about their limitations. Because what we are seeing right now in Europe is that people from profoundly antisemitic countries do not check their belief systems at the border of the Western world.

Want to see what happens when people are too embarrassed to discuss that problem? When they are too cowed to say plainly that some cultures are more tolerant and more inclusive than others? Look at Amsterdam. Look at London.

If you see what just happened in the Netherlands and think, That can never happen here, I urge you to take a very hard look at our history.

We need to get serious about who our allies really are. And to be able to say that some of the best defenders of our community, like New York Rep. Ritchie Torres and Free Press columnist Douglas Murray, are not Jews. And some of the biggest sellouts are. We need to level with ourselves and acknowledge that many of the institutions that have turned on us were funded by members of our own community. Walk through a museum whose staff would never hire a Zionist curator and look at the names above the galleries. Walk in a university and look at the names on the buildings. Look at what's being taught there. How did this happen? We need to ask and answer that question as we build new institutions to make sure it never happens again.

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Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Justin David*

If you're like me, your answer to the question of "Why, Hanukkah?" probably leans toward a historical understanding of tyranny, Jewish rebellion, and religious freedom rather than one involving light, awe and mystery. In fact, when I was 8, our Sunday school teacher made sure we knew who Antiochus was, but we never learned about Hillel, and why he thought that lighting one light and proceeding to eight was an act of increasing holiness. As a thought exercise, we might ask ourselves, what if we really embrace the motif of light, and make that the center of the holiday? What new thoughts, aspirations and yearnings would that evoke for us?



Rabbi David

By turning to awe and wonder, we are following the lead of our Talmudic Sages. In the few pages of the Talmud where our Rabbis discuss the observance of Hanukkah, it is clear that they knew the history, but instead, ponder the experience of illumination. Should people light one candle, or one lamp for each household, or one candle or lamp for each person in the household?

Should we begin the holiday by lighting eight candles and reduce the number each day, a la the school of the great Sage Shammai? Such a practice would correspond to the descending sacrifices of bulls on Sukkot, which figures deeply in the historical account and the festival of renewing the Temple itself. Or, according to Beit Hillel, do we begin with one candle and add each day through the holiday?

If Hillel's proposal strikes you as familiar, it's because it's his practice that we follow. And for our thought experiment, he also supplies the rationale, "We ascend in matters of holiness, and do not descend."

I would say that Hillel and the tradition built around him explore a pathway built around the depths of human consciousness, rather than history. Experiences of awe, wonder and mystery may offer a retreat from the world, but into a universal source of grandeur. After a moment, we re-emerge into the world as it is, with revived yearnings for wholeness and wellbeing - for ourselves, for all people and for all creatures. In this way, the spirituality of Hanukkah helps us become stronger and more active moral agents for the healing of our world. Chag Sameach!

Meet Your Neighbor *By Karen Hochhauser*

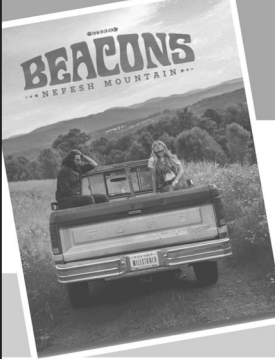
Each month, we ask a Member of the Tribe* (MOT) the following questions and feature their answers for a fun and insightful way to meet your neighbors. This month, we are excited to introduce Mark Alboher who took time away from buying Hanukkah presents to answers our questions.



Mark Alboher

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: *Enjoy.*
Least Favorite: *Hate.*
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?** *Love.*
- 3. What is your favorite song?**
"Night and Day" by Frank Sinatra
- 4. What profession other than you own would you like to attempt?** *Being a big traveler, I'd love to be a travel agent or tour guide.*
- 5. What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
Sanitation worker.
- 6. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *My empathy and compassion.*
Dislike: *Being impulsive.*
- 7. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**
Food—chicken chopped liver made with eggs. Dessert—mandlebrot.
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I played basketball in my junior college team.
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
Being able to read people's minds.
- 10. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?** *In 6th grade, as part of the graduating class, I placed 4th in the spelling bee contest.*
- 11. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
I have been to 34 countries but I'd like to go back to the roots of my mom's family in South Eastern Poland. I did my father's Sephardic side in 1982
- 12. What would you hope others do in the interest of our future?**
Being more literate and well read. Hopefully, that would lead others to being more intuitive.
- 13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
Being in grade aleph in Hebrew school and having a pictorial bible and looking at the picture thinking something wasn't right. At 8 years old questioning everything.
- 14. What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**
The after party of my bar mitzvah with all my friends and cousins.
- 15. In what ways, does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish community?**
Hopefully to get more Jews involved with regards to communal Jewish involvement and participation.
- 16. What is one question you wish we had asked and how would you respond:**
Q: *What was your favorite pastime through your past that you enjoyed?*
A: *Sports. Being an athlete brought me the most joy.*

*Member of the Tribe



BLUEGRASS SHABBAT

With Eric Lindberg and Doni Zasloff of NEFESH MOUNTAIN
A Tribute to Miriam Rubin & Fundraiser for our Kulanu School
Friday & Saturday, January 17-18, 2025

SHABBAT DINNER WITH NEFESH MOUNTAIN
FRIDAY | 6:15PM
Doni & Eric will share their music, teaching & stories at our community Friday Night dinner. (Members: \$12 Non-Members: \$18 per person)

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE | SATURDAY 10:00AM-12:15PM
Doni & Eric will work with Kulanu School students, local synagogue singers & Souls United Choir to craft a musical program that will be presented at the conclusion of our Shabbat Services.


EVENING CONCERT | SATURDAY 7:00PM
Join us for Havdalah and a spiritually uplifting concert with Doni and Eric of Nefesh Mountain. Proceeds from concert tickets (\$36 per person) will benefit the Kulanu School.

DESSERT & COFFEE HOUSE HONORING MIRIAM RUBIN | SATURDAY 8:00PM
Join us as we honor Miriam Rubin, beloved teacher and long-time director of the Temple Beth-El school. Coffee, tea and desserts will be served.

The band's creators, husband and wife team of Eric Lindberg and Doni Zasloff have created a sound all their own; blurring the lines between Americana, Bluegrass, Folk, Jazz and Blues with a masterful hand as songwriters, instrumentalists and composers. Nefesh Mountain has been proudly vocal about their heritage as Jewish Americans, and are among the first preeminent Americana / Bluegrass bands to infuse Jewish tradition and soul into the beautifully diverse tapestry of American roots music.

Bluegrass Shabbat will be held at:
Temple Beth-El, 118 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY
This weekend is funded by: Jonah Sherman Family Fund, Arnold and Deborah Most Kiddush Fund and many generous donations from community members

For ticket information:
Contact Karen Jacobs at educationassist@tbeny.org
(845)454-0570 ext. 108



ATTENTION MAH JONGG PLAYERS

It's that time of year when we start collecting for the 2025 Mah Jongg Cards. The prices remain the same as this year, **\$14 for Regular print** and **\$15 for Large print**. The cost is the same no matter where you buy your card, but by getting your card through Temple Beth-El, we get a donation from the National Mah Jongg League. This year, with your help, we received a check for \$1150 for Dutchess County's Outreach Lunchbox Program. Our goal for 2025 is to reach \$1500! We can only reach that goal with your help. Please do a real mitzvah and help spread the word to friends and relatives no matter where they live. Your card will be mailed to you via first-class mail. One of our former members who moved to Florida, consistently gets about 30+ names from people in her condo complex which now amounts to over \$150 for Lunchbox. Thank you for your support!

Since the Mah Jongg League accepts only one payment for the entire order, please make your check payable to: Phyllis Rosenfield, 32 Ferris Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.
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Trees By Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

Have you ever considered what life would be like without trees? Trees produce oxygen, help reduce air pollution, prevent soil erosion and provide shelter for our animal friends. Trees support biodiversity, help combat climate change and so much more!

Biblical trees symbolize life and growth. The Torah is referred to as the Tree of Life (Etz Chaim) because it is considered a source of life, providing wisdom and guidance. The tree of life as a metaphor for the Torah is from the book of Proverbs. The imagery of a tree signifies the potential for continuous growth, stability and the ability to bear fruit (representing positive actions and good deeds).

Shabbat Y'ladim (Children's Sabbath) Jan. 25

All young children up to first grade are invited to bring their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and/or friends to Vassar Temple on Saturday, January 25, 10:30am. Rabbi Altman and her stuffed bear friends *Kachol v'Lavan* will be there to help us greet the Sabbath and to learn about the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of trees. Tell your friends and neighbors--this short service, specially designed for young children, is free and open to the whole community. For questions and to RSVP, please contact office@vassartemple.org.



Rabbi Altman assists members of the pre-b'nai mitzvah class, as they roll a Torah scroll to maintain its health



Community Hanukkah Celebration



Thank you to The ARC Greater Hudson Valley's School to Work Program for helping make holiday gift bags.



Vassar Temple members donated turkeys and trimmings, the children decorated baskets and created holiday cards, and Temple teens put it all together, to bring holiday joy to local families in need.



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 Contact celia@beaconhebrewalliance.org
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CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH and TEMPLE BETH-EL

Kulanu: All of Us A School of Jewish Learning
 A joint religious school program with Shir Chadash and Temple Beth-El
 Our collaborative school models the true meaning of *Klal Yisrael* (Jewish peoplehood) by increasing the sense of Jewish community and partnership for our students and families. It allows students to get to know their Jewish peers and to receive a broader Jewish education. Students explore Jewish tradition, history, and culture through art, music, movement, and text. For grades Pre-K through Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Classes meet:
 Pre-K through grade 6, 10:00am-12:30pm on Sundays*
 January-Mid March we meet on Saturdays and explore Shabbat.
 Grades 3-7 also meet Tuesdays 4:45pm-6:15pm.
 B'Nai Mitzvah class (grade 7 meets Saturday mornings).

For more info contact:
 Rabbi Miriams Hyman: Education Director Temple Beth-El at education@tbeny.org
 Rabbi Glenn Jacob: Congregation Shir Chadash rabbigmj@gmail.com

VASSAR TEMPLE

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

The Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School for grades K-7 meets Sunday mornings under the administration of Rabbi Shoshana Hantman, our Religious School Director. The Hebrew School, under the direction of Temple Rabbi Renni Altman D.D., meets Wednesday afternoons, offers Hebrew language instruction and bar/bat mitzvah preparation for grades 4-7. Teens may work as *madrachim* (teachers aides) in the Sunday School. New enrollments are welcome throughout the year. For more information, rsdirector@vassartemple.org (845) 454-2570.

*PJ Library, a flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF), was launched with a humble beginning in 2005 in Western Massachusetts, sending children's books about Jewish holidays, culture, and values. Today, PJ Library has grown into an internationally recognized, \$40M global cultural literacy venture that partners with philanthropists and Jewish communities around the world to provide families raising Jewish children ages 0-12 with the gift of free, high-quality children's books and other resources that foster a deeper connection with Jewish life (www.hgf.org).
 Thank you!*

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Etz
Tree

Here's a cute craft from www.supersimple.com to make with your family!

Things you'll need:

- 2 sheets of heavy green construction paper or bristle board
- Black markers
- Scissors
- Paper towel tube
- Light and dark brown craft paint (you can make brown craft paint darker by mixing in some black paint)
- A fork
- Paint brush
- Pom poms to decorate

Directions:

Tree Trunk:

- Trim off the length of your paper tube by a couple of inches or more—this will help the tree stand up and balance better once finished, and you can make trees that are different heights.
- First, paint your paper tube the darker shade of brown. Leave to dry. (You can speed up the process with a hair dryer!) once the paint is dry, dip a fork onto the lighter shade of brown paint, and paint your paper tube. This makes a beautiful tree bark texture on the tree trunk!

Tree Top:

- Draw a large tree top shape onto a piece of green construction paper, and draw a medium and small tree top shape onto another piece of green construction paper.
- Place the paper tube (your tree trunk) on the bottom of your largest tree top shape and have it overlapping by three inches, or so. Trace the sides of the tube onto the tree top shape. Cut out all three tree top shapes, and cut along the two lines drawn on to the largest tree top shape.

Assembly:

- Insert the large tree top shape into the tube with slits sitting on either side—it should stay upright. With a glue stick, glue the medium size tree top shape onto the front of the tube. Now you can start to see the 3-D shape start to form! Then add the smallest tree top shape. To do this, cut two strips of paper about two inches in length and fold both of them in a Z shape (see photo). Glue one side of the pieces of paper to the back of the small tree top shape, and glue the other side to the medium size tree top shape.
- If your tree needs help standing up, you can glue bottle caps to the bottom!

Decorate:

- Decorate your tree however you like! We used pom poms to make different kinds of fruit. You may like to paint, stamp, cut out fruit or leaf shapes, add birds or squirrels, or leave it as is! Have fun getting creative with your trees!



Tamatha



Suzanne



Chanukah Cheer By Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

As I walked into the quiet party room, I envisioned the room filled with light and laughter. Our 2024 Community Chanukah Celebration was finally here and I enthusiastically joined the many helpers as we began to set up. Vassar Temple graciously welcomed us and tables and chairs were strategically placed for guests to sit and schmooze. We scurried around preparing crafts, a doughnut bar and food station, sprinkling holiday decor to add to the festivities.

I looked around the room, our event was about to begin and I silently smiled knowing that all of our planning would unfold into Chanukah cheer! In what seemed an instant, children, parents, grandparents and the community began to bustle in. Balloons were transformed into unicorns, snakes and magic wands by balloon artist Darryl Bielski. Doughnuts went from plain to spectacular as children poured fudge, caramel, sprinkles and whipped cream to their edible art, grins filling their faces as they ate. Oversized shields were adorned with stickers and colorful candles were chosen with care to coordinate with their paper menorahs.

Temple Beth-El's Rabbi Miriam taught us the Chanukah blessings and musical artist Chaya Soljoi wrapped the room in melody and movement. We danced and sang, children waving scarves and tapping wooden instruments to the musical beats.

I would like to thank our participating congregations, Vassar Temple, Temple Beth-El, and Shir Chadash for their collaboration with JFedDC and PJ Library. Thank you Congregation Schomre Israel for the food prep and thank you to all of our volunteers who helped with the event including set-up and clean-up. Thank you also to musical artist Chaya Soljoi and balloon artist Darryl Bielski.

Working With Heart By Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

An incredible group of hard-working students from The ARC Greater Hudson Valley's School to Work Program shared their hands and hearts to craft over 200 holiday cards and over 200 holiday gifts for seniors across Dutchess County.



It was such a pleasure and privilege to work side by side with the students and staff. Their laughter, enthusiasm and joy for life enveloped the JFedDC office over the past months. As they worked, they danced in their chairs to holiday songs and on their final visit we celebrated with gelt and doughnuts and lots of dreidel games!



While this time of year often comes with gift-giving, the most meaningful gift was the shared joy of getting to know the exceptional students, dedicated staff and generous volunteers

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Favorite PJ Book: Mr. Mintze's Blintzes
Favorite Color: Pink
Favorite Thing To Do: Spend time with a puppy

The Federation Board's Voice



Russell Rothman

There's little doubt that, like me, you have had many sleepless nights over the past year, thinking more about the safety of our families, the grit of our community and our future in general. We have been tested by politics and world affairs in ways we might never have thought possible. But it also serves to remind me of why our Federation exists and why we must stand together and be resolute. The attacks on October 7th and the following attacks from Yemen, Lebanon, Syria, and Iran, as well as the enmity displayed on college campuses towards Jewish students and Jewish organizations like campus Hillel chapters reflect on the depth of hatred we face at home, in schools, and while on vacations abroad. However, it also reminds us of the strength and resilience of our community and the Federation that serves our community. We are tested daily as we see signs of hatred in our streets and schools, spray painted on walls and doors. We read and hear about threats to our own Jewish institutions and on our local college campuses: they don't just occur at Columbia, Brown, and Berkeley. Reports of an alarming rise in bias incidents across the country and globe should make it clear that our Jewish communities are under siege.

Yet, as I write this on the darkest day of the year, I am also reminded that we are also approaching the Festival of Lights. Wherever there is darkness, there is also light. Our Federation works tirelessly to bring more light to our community, to strengthen our resilience and face this dark moment with action. With our partner, the Community Security Initiative, we are able to deepen our contacts with local and state law enforcement to help protect our schools, synagogues and community spaces. Antisemitism is attacked head-on with the help of our friends in local and state political office, law enforcement, and clergy of other denominations. We teach and empower our students to respond to antisemitism and make sure our voices are heard above the din. Your Federation also cares for those in need, visiting and feeding seniors, keeping them attached to the Jewish Community, also providing aid through the Jewish Family Services.

We build resilience by bringing our community together with excellent and engaging programming and speakers throughout the year. Your Federation also strengthens Jewish identity in young families through our successful PJ Library program.

This work, though, is not an option but essential, an urgent necessity in these times. Your help, through your participation or donation, is a commitment to our goals and a declaration that we will face hate and not cower from it. We have come together and will continue to do so, to support each other and to laugh and celebrate together. This is how we fight the darkness and spread the light.

Chag Sameach.

(Weiss Speech Continued from page 4)

We need to say out loud what we know to be true, which is a worldview that measures fairness by equality of outcome rather than opportunity, a worldview that thinks merit and excellence are suspicious, is one that is fundamentally hostile to us and all that we stand for. We need to be able to say that the politics of the mob will always be very dangerous for us. And that those who insist that the voice of the people are the voice of God are wrong.

We need to talk about a legacy press that our community still reads religiously, but which lies about the things we know to be true. The mainstream press would have you believe that the hunt in Amsterdam was a scuffle between football hooligans. It is no less a lie than insisting Sieg heil! merely means Hail Victory! We need to say out loud that anti-Zionism is antisemitism, full stop, and the idea that we should continue to have esoteric "panel discussions" to debate it in the Jewish community is perverse. We need to take the phrase "globalize the intifada" seriously. It is not a fun rally chant but a call to violence against our community.

What this moment requires is the truth. The hard truth. The uncomfortable truth. It means not backing down from telling it—to yourselves and to others. It means holding your leaders to account when they fail to deliver—and not just following them blindly out of convenience or convention. It means realizing that good ideas and good people don't just win on their own—they need others to defend them and to promote them and elevate them.

If all of this—if this moment—feels deeply uncomfortable, that is because it is. As my friend Alana Newhouse says: "It feels like the end because that's what beginnings feel like." And all new beginnings feel uncomfortable.

But it isn't inexorable. We have agency. We have power. And we have the blessing to be in America.

We can continue to offer bromides about how the arc of history bends toward justice, and how politics is a pendulum that naturally reaches its midpoint, about how history is a story of progress. Or we can accept what this moment requires and figure out how to build the world anew.

My hero—and I'm sure many of yours, Natan Sharansky—says that there were two kinds of Jews in the Soviet Union. The Jews who wanted to save the world. They became communists and ended up enslaved, their ideology enslaving millions of others. And then there were Jews who wanted to save themselves—to save other Jews, to save their families. They ended up refuseniks, the dissidents we rightly honor as heroes. They were the ones that ended up helping bring down the Soviet Union—and saving the free world.

History is back. The Old World is not coming back. It is on us to build the new one—and to ensure that it is free.

Our Executive Director



Rebooting in the New Year

I do not listen to as many podcasts as I probably should, but then again there are many things I "probably should" be doing. Things I theoretically could add to that list include working out more, drinking more water, getting more sleep, reducing my stress...and of course, a fan favorite, setting some/more/any boundaries to balance work and personal life.

Rest assured, this is not going to be an article listing my "resolutions" for the New Year because who is to say this is the only "New Year" for making such proclamations? After all, we just had Rosh Hashanah. We should also keep in mind that Chinese New Year is around the corner and Thai New Year follows soon after that in April. Instead, I prefer to think of every day as a "New Year" full of renewed optimism and the potential of what we can accomplish each and every day.

Rather than regretting what I did - or didn't do - yesterday, wouldn't it be healthier to view each morning a reboot and new opportunity to seize the day? Since I cannot turn back time, I should not dwell on how many Trader Joe's Dark Chocolate Coated Bamba I ate yesterday or how much time I wasted on social media instead of writing this article on time. No, that time has passed and is gone. It cannot be recovered or saved for another day.

How do you wake up each day? With a sense of gratitude? Anxiety? Appreciation? Dread? Hope? Or maybe a combination of all the above? I recently attended the funeral of my father's cousin, who passed away at the young age of 97 and a half. The Rabbi who led the service shared many meaningful thoughts, starting by asking, "Who woke up today feeling grateful?" I was one of the few who raised a hand. Despite anything that happened the day before - or whatever might happen tomorrow - I always wake up with a profound sense of gratitude for simply being here and having the opportunity to make a positive impact. I don't need a "New Year" to restart my goals. Every day offers the chance to reset, after taking a moment to appreciate the gift of life.

Now here comes the truth bomb. While, ideally, I do all the above and do not beat myself up over indulging in things that do not constructively add to my life, I must admit that is not always the case. We are all works in progress. So this "New Year," I encourage you to continue to be a work in progress. Last year's focus on "Karing for Karen" was just a starting point and not a "fait accompli".

However, there is one thing we can all do, which I have shared before but is worth repeating. As a mother of three boys, the expression "Man up" has always annoyed me. So, in our home, I used to say "Woman Up" when things got tough. To which my boys would reply, "Mom, most women aren't like you." So, I said, "Then you should 'Mommy Up,'" to which they responded, "Most moms aren't like you." Finally, I said, "Then Karen-UP!" Rise up, Succeed and Exceed! That phrase has since stuck with us.

So this beginning of 2025, as we await longer days and warmer weather, I encourage you to start the year with a little bit of gratitude each day and to "Karen-UP!" every chance you can.

Wishing you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director



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October 7th
Marking One Year

“Everything” Pletzel (Onion Board Bread)

taken from [Best Pletzel Recipe - How To Make Onion Board Bread](#)
Goes perfectly with every type of soup to keep you warm on these cold days.

Ingredients:

For the bread:

- 2 1/4 teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1 cup warm water (100° to 120° F)
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 to 3 cups bread flour

For the toppings and finishing:

- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds
- 2 tablespoons poppy seeds
- The previously made dough
- 1/2 tablespoon Kosher salt



Directions:

For the bread

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine the warm water and yeast. Let stand for about 10 minutes.
2. Stir in the beaten egg, oil, and salt. Gradually add the flour, starting with about 2 cups. Add more flour as needed until you get a soft but slightly sticky dough. Cover and let rest for 20 to 30 minutes.

For the topping and finishing:

1. To make the topping, gently sauté the onions in the olive oil until lightly browned. Once there, take the pan off the heat and grate in the garlic (use a microplane or garlic press). Stir in the sesame and poppy seeds and let cool to room temperature.
2. Generously oil a 9 x 13—inch baking pan and spread the rested dough in. I use wet hands to make the spreading easier.
3. Spread the onion and seed topping over the loaf and then sprinkle with the salt. Use a little more if you like your “everything” salty.
4. Let the bread rest for about 30 minutes and then bake in 400° F preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes. Best served warm.

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!



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May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!



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If you have free time and are interested in performing a Mitzvah...Wheelchair confined residents of nursing homes and other facilities benefit from having a small bag attached to their wheelchair armrest for easy access to their personal items such as tissues, eyeglasses and cell phones. Please contact the Jewish Federation at (845) 471-9811 and Vicki Grillot will reach out to you with specifics. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

2025 Holiday Greetings

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

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

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

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Your Name

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Your Name

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HAPPY
PASSOVER!

Your Name

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

Your Name

Large—E
Passover Blessings

Your Name

Large—F
CHAG PESACH SAMACH
HAPPY PASSOVER

Your Name

Small—A

Your Name

Medium—C
May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a New Year of health and happiness

Your Name

Small—B
Have a Sweet New Year!

Your Name

Medium—D
L' Shanah Tovah

Your Name

Large—E
Best Wishes For a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Your Name

Large—F
L' Shanah Tovah
Have a sweet year!

Happy New Year!
Your Name

Small—A
Peace to all!

Your Name

Medium—C
Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!

Your Name

Small—B
Hanukkah Blessings

Your Name

Medium—D
Happy Hanukkah!

Your Name

Large—E
HAPPY HANUKKAH

From Our Family to Yours,
Your Name

Large—F
May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

Your Name

Congregation Schomre Israel

(Orthodox)
18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-2890
Rabbi Shlomo Krasner
Website: www.schomreIsrael.org
Email: rabbishlomok@gmail.com

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Monday

Advanced Hebrew 6:00pm. We will be using the siddur (prayerbook) to learn about root words and prefixes and suffixes as well as the past, present, and future tenses.

An In Depth Look at the Book of Ovdia & Malachi 11:00am. We have all heard about **The End of Days**, but what exactly is going to happen? We will explore what has been foretold about the Jewish people, and how we are living through it today.

Thursday

Mitzvos during the times of Modernity 7:00pm, weekly presentation and discussion. The Torah commands us to be charitable—do I need to give money to the guy at the corner or to the random guy who gives you a call? Join as we explore this and a dozen other directives of Hashem

Hands of Judaism for the Foodie January 23, 6:00pm. The topic this month will be *Kosher Fish part 2*—Fishy Topics. A hot fish dinner will be served (class is free, dinner is \$10, RSVP a few days in advance.)

Other Events:

Sunday

Shatnez Demonstration January 19, Learn about the mitzvah of avoiding a mixture of linen and wool in clothing and see how to determine if this mixture is in a piece of cloth. Shatnez expert Rabbi Menachem Fogel to explain the mitzvah, demonstrate, & ensure that your clothes are clothing suitable for the Righteous. You are welcome to bring clothing to be tested.

Monday

Are your Mezuzot & Tefilin Kosher? January 13 & 27. Time and usage may wear down your precious signs of your devotion to Hashem. Unscrupulous dealers may have sold you empty wares so you definitely should check if these items are kosher. On either date bring in your Tefilin & Mezuzot to be checked and repaired, when possible, by expert scribe Rabbi Yehuda Horowitz of Brooklyn. For details and costs email rabbishlomok@gmail.com (the service of bringing them to and returning them from the Scribe is a public service and will be free).

Tuesday

Cooking and Baking Club January 7, 6:00pm. Deli rolls and potato knish rolls. Do you want to learn to cook & bake? Join us for a fun time of learning and noshing the first Tuesday each month. Also let us know if you want to demonstrate a special range.

Thursday

Yiddish Club January 2, 11:00am. The Dutchess County Yiddish Club is up and running. The club will meet monthly on the 1st Thursday.

Rosh Chodesh Breakfast January 30, following morning services. Join us for a light breakfast to mark the beginning of the month of Shevat

Saturday

Night at the Movies January 11, 7:00pm, movie to be determined.

Contact

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www.schomreIsrael.org

Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)
Interim: Freedom Plains
Presbyterian Church, Lagrange
(845) 232-1029
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. Bring an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and willingness to share your thoughts. For info: (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 info, contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: info@shir-chadash.org

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Temple Beth-El

(Conservative)
118 S Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-0570
Rabbi Michael Fessler
Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman
Website: www.tbeny.org
Email: info@tbeny.org

Weekly Services:

Friday & Saturday Shabbat Services are both in-person and Zoom.
Monday— Friday Minyan 8:00 am.
Monday & Thursday in person & Zoom,
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday only on 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

Tuesday

Book Club 2:00pm in the Social hall at TBE. February 11 (*An Unfinished Love Story* by Goodwin), April 15 (*Looking for Jane* by Marshall), June 10 (*Cain v Abel: A Jewish Courtroom Drama*). If inclement weather, we meet via Zoom.

Contact:

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



Nancy Rosen, owner and founder of Horses for a Change and Frog Hollow Farm in Esopus, NY, was guest speaker at Vassar Temple on Shabbat Noach. Ms. Rosen works with neglected and abused horses, as well as providing equine-assisted therapy for individuals with special needs



The Dutchess County Yiddish Club is Up and Running!

Mir Zenen Do! We are here!

Meeting at Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

the first Thursday of every month, 11:00 am

Come for conversation and all things Yiddish! Let's continue the tradition!

No previous knowledge of Yiddish is expected. You may already know more than you think.

For more information, please contact us: Phone/Fax: 845.454.2890 • Email: SchomreI@aol.com, attn. Jennifer Wollock.

Congregation Schomre Israel's Baking Crew

The baking crew at Schomre is gearing up to produce delicious hamantaschen for Purim which will be celebrated on March 14.

Here is what you need to know to order hamantaschen:

Cost \$19 per dozen, \$12 per half dozen
Filling flavors -apricot, chocolate poppy seed, prune, raspberry
Prepaid orders accepted through 2/28
Pick up will be 3/2 from 11am to 1pm
Sheloch Monot baskets \$27
Mailing charge \$18
Order forms are on the synagogue website

Mitzvah Knitters

Learn how to knit and crochet

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

10:30AM - 12:00PM

AT TEMPLE BETH-EL
118 S. GRAND AVENUE, POUGHKEEPSIE

Knitting scarves + headbands for children of Morse School & Bright Nights Program

BEGINNERS & ADVANCED ARE WELCOME

RSVP TBE 845-454-0570

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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 hybrid (both in person and on Zoom). For further information contact office@vassartemple.org

Friday

Shabbat Evening Service Every Friday, 7:30pm

Saturday

New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship

January 1 & 15, 10:15am.

Shabbat Morning Service January 8 & 22, 10:15am.

Adult Education:

Tuesday

Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb meets on Zoom from noon to 1:30pm alternate Tuesdays. To be placed on the Talmud Study email list and receive the dates and study sheets, contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Wednesday

Beyond the Matriarchs: The Lesser Known and Unnamed Women of the Bible with Rabbi Renni S Altman DD meets (hybrid) on January 15, 22, and February 5, 7:30pm. Meet some of the less "famous" women of the Bible including a judge, a prophet, an evil queen, a temptress, and a slayer of an enemy general. We will read their stories in the Bible, sometimes enriched by midrashic & contemporary writings. Bring a Bible if you can. If you are virtual and don't have a Bible you can access the passages by Sefaria.org. To participate RSVP to: adulted@vassartemple.org

Saturday

Torah Study with Rabbi Renni Altman DD, 9:00am. (Hybrid) Come join our lively discussions! Please contact: (845) 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org for details and to be placed on the Torah Study email list.

Other Events:

Sunday

Chai Noon Vassar Temple Sisterhood luncheon at an area restaurants on the 18th of each month (Chai Noon), as long as the date does not fall on a holiday or the weekend. Everyone orders, gets separate checks, and the restaurant is always wheelchair accessible. For more info about this event contact: chai@vassartemple.org.

Wednesday

Author at Sisterhood Book Club Author Julie Kabat will join our discussion of the book, *Love Letter from Pig*, on February 26, 2:00pm, on Zoom only. In the summer of 1964, shortly after the horrific discovery of the Mississippi Burning murder of James Chaney, Michael Schwerner, and Andrew Goodman, author Julie Kabat's beloved brother, Luke, arrived as a volunteer for the Mississippi Summer Project. Teaching history to Freedom School students in Meridian, Luke became one of more than seven hundred student volunteers who joined experienced Black civil rights workers and clergy to challenge white supremacy in the nation's most segregated state. It celebrates her brother's activism and many issues he grappled with that continue to haunt and divide us today: racialized oppression, threats of violence, and segregation whether explicit in law or implicit through custom. Community members interested in participating should RSVP to bookclub@vassartemple.org.

The book is available at the public library, 3 Arts Bookstore, and Amazon. Bonus: an in-person opportunity to meet author Julie Kabat and one of the former Freedom school students at a talk and book signing to be held at Vassar Temple

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or visit the website
www.vassartemple.org

Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592
 Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus
 Website: www.MyPardess.org
 Email: info@MyPardess.org

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or visit the website
www.MyPardess.org

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck
 (845) 876-7666
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht
 Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht
 Website:
www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
 Email:
RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Weekly Services:

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

Contact:
RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
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or visit the website
www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie
 (845) 463-5801
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
 Website:
www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com
 Email:
ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net

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 :
ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net
for current information
or visit the website
www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Beacon Hebrew Alliance

(Conservative)
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon
 (845) 831-2012
 Rabbi Justin David
 Rabbi Emeritus Brent Spodek;
 Email:
411@beaconhebrewalliance.org

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

Contact:
for current information
or visit the website
www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

Congregation Beth David

(Reform)
 East Main St, Amenia
 (845) 373-8264
 Rabbi Jon Haddon
 Website: www.CongBethDavid.org
 Email: JonRab33@gmail.com

Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am.

Contact:
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or visit the website
www.CongBethDavid.org

Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Ave, Poughkeepsie
 (845) 728-4792
 Rabbi Bryan Mann
 Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College
 Email: bryanmann@vassar.edu

Weekly Services:

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

Contact :
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Bard College

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 Jewish Chaplain, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Humanities
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Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley

243 Albany Ave, Kingston
 (845) 338-4271 ext 101
 Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102
 Rabbi Jack Sherratt:
rabbijack@hvc.rr.com

Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm, January 3, 10, 17 (Shabbat Tzedek)24, and 31 (Holocaust Remembrance

Tot Shabbat January 18, February 8, March 8, and April 11, 9:15am.

Saturday

Morning Minyan 10:00am, January 4, 11, 18, 25.

Education:

Zimet Jewish Learning Adventure 9:30am January 5, 12, 26.

Mediation & Torah Study 8:45am January 7, 14, 21, 28., via Zoom.

Hebrew Trope 12:00pm January 8, 22, via Zoom

Hebrew, Shebrew! 4:00pm, January 8, 15, 22, 29, via Zoom.

Talk Back with Rabbi Jack 8:45am, January 2, 9, via Zoom.

Contact: info@cehv.org
for all events and current info
or visit the website www.CEHV.org

Woodstock Jewish Congregation

241682 Glasco Tpke, Woodstock
 (845) 679-2218
 Admin: admin@wjcsul.org

Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm,
Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat
 December 6, First Fridays 6:00pm

Saturday

Shabbat Service10:00am

The 1st Friday Shabbat—The students of our Family School co-lead Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Raechel in a warm and fun mix of upbeat, traditional melodies, learnings from class, and sometimes their own original melodies. All children are invited to come up on the bimah, play shakers, and share their own ideas. The services culminates with the Priestly Blessing, a blessing over all the children in the space. The service lasts about 40 minutes and is followed by a full community potluck, where members of all ages come together to eat, chaat, and play games. This is a sweet intergenerational community experience.

Contact: admin@wjcsul.org
for all events and current info
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www.wjcsul.org



January

Candle Lighting Schedule

January 3	4:20pm
January 10	4:27pm
January 17	4:35pm
January 24	4:43pm
January 31	4:52pm

JEW'S IN THE NEWS.

Highlights, updates, and happenings of our Jewish business members of the community.

FELDMAN, KLEIDMAN, COLLINS & SAPPE LLP RECOGNIZED IN 2025 EDITION OF BEST LAW FIRMS®

Medical Malpractice and Personal Injury Law Firm Receives Two Designations

FISHKILL, NY (November 7, 2024) – Hudson Valley, NY law firm **Feldman, Kleidman, Collins & Sappe LLP** (FKC&S) is delighted to announce its designation as a Metropolitan Tier 1 firm in White Plains, NY for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, as well as a Metropolitan Tier 1 firm in White Plains, NY for Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants in the 2025 edition of **Best Law Firms**. Successfully trying cases at all levels of state and federal courts throughout the Hudson Valley and Capital District for more than 38 years, the firm has been recognized by Best Law Firms since its First Edition in 2010. "We are honored to receive this designation from our esteemed peers," said Founding Partner **Jeffrey M. Feldman**. "I am inspired daily by the talented and dedicated professionals on our team and I'm proud to work alongside them to achieve the best possible results for our clients."

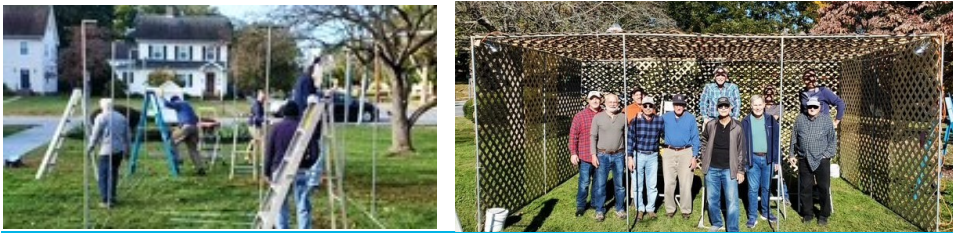


Earlier this year, Partners **Jeffrey M. Feldman**, **Robert R. Sappe** and **Kathryn C. Collins** were selected by their peers for inclusion in the 31st Edition of **The Best Lawyers in America®**. All three are being honored in the areas of Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants in Fishkill, NY, and Feldman is also being honored in the category of Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants in Fishkill, NY. Additionally, Feldman has been named Best Lawyers® 2025 Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in White Plains, NY, which marks the fourth time he has received a "Lawyer of the Year" distinction. Rankings are determined by rigorous, peer-to-peer, industry-driven evaluations.



The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of the US, meets monthly at Congregation Schomre Israel, Poughkeepsie. We are the only active post between Westchester and Albany! Upcoming meeting dates are Sundays Jan.12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, June 8 (9am schmooze, 9:30am meeting). The location is strictly kosher and tasty refreshments are provided. All are welcome to attend and/or join, both veterans and anyone else who would like to support our cause. We provide community service and support local veterans' facilities. We advocate against antisemitism and for the rights and benefits of all American military members and veterans. For more info contact Senior Vice Commander Ralph Schwartz at (845) 849-0025



Vassar Temple's Brotherhood gathered to erect a succah where congregants can come together in mitzvah to enjoy snacks and meals.



Vassar Temple Sisterhood members and their young apprentices made and froze yummy soups to nourish and comfort ailing Temple members.



JBC book launch at Marist College with Yarden Schwartz, author of *Ghosts of a Holy War*.



Central Dutchess Community October 7 Commemoration to mark one year at Temple Beth-El.



Dutchess County supporting Israel at Calvary Chapel of the Hudson Valley's 30th Anniversary at Tymor Park.



Northern Dutchess Community October 7 Commemoration to mark one year at Rhinebeck Jewish Center with guest speaker Yarden Schwartz.



"The Supernova" film with speaker was a moving, inspirational, and successful event. Thank you to all who attended and our sponsors.



Temple Beth El held its first annual craft fair, which was a huge success! Over 35 vendors participated giving the community a head start on their holiday shopping and an opportunity to shop local! Eating, shopping and socializing was a great way to start off the holiday season!

Hudson Valley Medical Health Choices

Life challenges? We can help!

Our new office is open and accepting patients!
1 Webster Avenue, Suite 402B in Poughkeepsie.
To schedule an appointment or to learn more, visit hvpalliativecare.org or call 845.240.7557.



Hope comes in many forms

For some, it means more time to make them laugh, cherishing each moment with loved ones.

Hudson Valley Hospice

Contact Hudson Valley Hospice: hvhospice.org • (845) 240-7555