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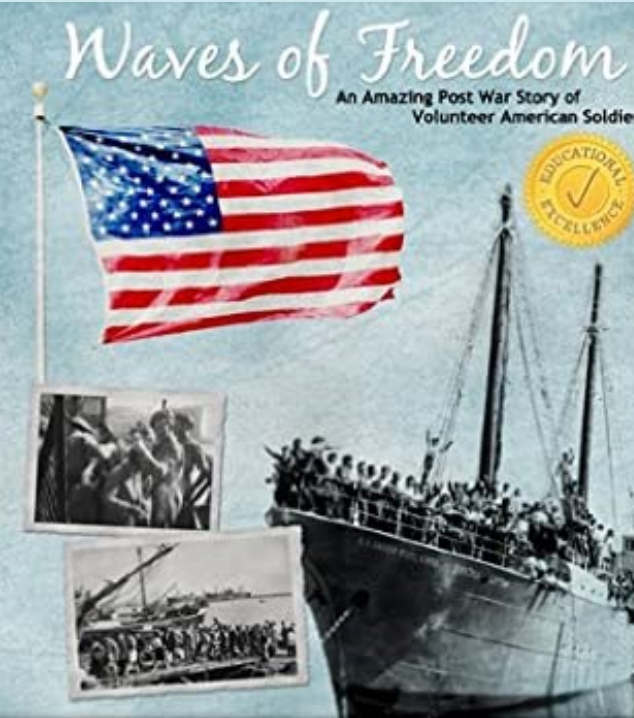
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The Importance of Grandparents by Melinda Margulies

Here in the Mid-Hudson Valley, families raising Jewish children have had the opportunity to enroll in PJ Library since 2010. This wonderful program of The Harold Grinspoon foundation sends great kids' books with Jewish values and heritage in the mail monthly completely free to participating families. To make this happen locally, JFedDC became the implementing partner in the MHV and has funded one half of every subscription. In addition, JFedDC, along with local support from The Harding Club and UCJF, has supported a team of family programming professionals to provide meaningful, local family programming for families raising young children. Since 2010, 822 kids between six month and eight years of age in the MHV have received the gift of a Jewish book in the mail for free monthly. Currently 378 kids ages six months to eight years and 110 kids ages 9-12 receive a book a month locally. That is a LOT of books! But PJ Library is so much more than a book program. Today's busy families need support with keeping their kids grounded in traditional values while living in a modern world, traversing the challenges of interfaith families, and finding resources to help them with the daily challenges of raising their kids.



Grandparents play an important role in the lives of their grandchildren. They pass down tradition and heritage through the values they've taught their children and the family history they share with future generations. PJ Library offers many resources to help you support your grandkid(s) on their Jewish journeys. Now the grandparents of kids enrolled in PJ Library can be enrolled in a special program. Though being enrolled grandparents does not sign you up for a PJ Library subscription, (Grandparents will not receive monthly books) you may receive two PJ Library books to have on hand at your home, as well as monthly emails with great

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 Frana will be teaching us about contributions from Jewish artists.

August 26 **Short films: Wendy's Shabbat and The Little Table.**
 Come watch how seniors celebrate Shabbat in Florida and how a synagogue committee has trouble coming to an executive decision.

*These sessions will take place on Zoom. Advanced registration is required. If you need assistance with setup or help registering, please call us at (845) 471-9811 or visit us www.jewishdutchess.org/events.

To help support this program and others, suggested donation \$5, donate at www.jewishdutchess.org/donate.

Warning: Big Changes Coming for Home Care under Medicaid in New York by Sandra Rich

This article serves as a public service announcement. The constraints of space prevent the full article from being published, but it can be viewed at <https://jewishdutchess.org/community/the-voice>. This excerpt does not replace qualified legal advice and can serve as a starting point for those seeking guidance about the upcoming changes. Sandra Rich is a long time Dutchess County resident who, in addition to raising three sons with her husband Jon, is a Medicaid paralegal.

On April 3, 2020 while many New Yorkers were just starting to understand the extent of the threat of the coronavirus pandemic, New York State passed its 2020 budget. The budget approved major changes to the eligibility requirements for home care under the Medicaid program which are set to take effect October 1, 2020. For anyone who may need home care, be proactive and educate yourself on these impending changes. Remember the words of Benjamin Franklin back in 1736: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Currently, most New Yorkers over 65 or disabled who need home care assistance pay out of pocket or apply for Community Medicaid. Paying out of pocket for home care is costly. Therefore, many New Yorkers who need home care services to stay safely in their homes rely on Community Medicaid. Right now, applying for and obtaining home care services with Community Medicaid is relatively easy and assured.

How does one obtain Community Medicaid? Simply stated, obtaining services at home through Community Medicaid is a two-step process. The first step is to apply through your local department of social services for financial acceptance and, the second step, qualify for care through managed long-term care agencies. To be financially eligible, the applicant must have limited resources and limited income. Currently, the resource limit for an individual to qualify for Community Medicaid is \$15,750.00. However, and this is critical, an individual can transfer or give away

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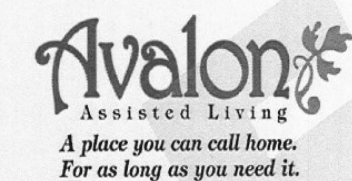
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Lydia & Albert J. Bauman, member of Temple Beth-El, celebrated their 60th Anniversary. They were married at the Pelham Parkway Jewish Center in the Bronx in 1960.

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Talmud Class with Rabbi Krasner Sunday Morning after Shacharis- Starting with the 4th Chapter of Brachos. Classes are free. All are welcome. View website at www.schomreisrael.org for recordings of previous classes. For information on cancellations and class schedules, visit www.schomreisrael.org or call (845) 454-2890.

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple (Please check website for updated information)

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text Thursday, TBA, 12:00-1:30pm. Taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb will continue during the summer. For further information and to obtain the study sheets, contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Torah Study Saturday, (No class July 4, 11), 9:00am. Examines passages from the week's Torah portion or haftorah, led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D. New attendees should contact rabbi@vassartemple.org for the study sheet. Check with the temple for any schedule changes.

All are welcome to come and join in all the classes- -no previous training required! No charge to attend. *As long as the building is closed for public health reasons, all classes will be conducted on Zoom. Contact the temple for Zoom instructions and any updated information at (845) 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org*

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El (Please check website for updated information)

Rabbi Daniel Victor is holding classes and social gatherings via Zoom. If you would like to join, email rabi@tbeny.org for the Zoom links and passwords.

Monday: 11:00 AM	General Community Schmooze
Monday: 9:00 PM	35—55ish Community Schmooze
Wednesday 1:00 PM	General Community Schmooze
Thursday: 9:30 AM	Virtual Adult Education with Rabbi Victor

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

Chabad Center Classes (Please check website for updated information)

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

Please visit our website www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com.

Congregation Shir Chadash (Please check website for updated information)

Virtual Torah Study: Saturdays continuing into the summer: Engage in an informal virtual discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish. Everyone has a chance to participate. No expertise or knowledge of Hebrew is needed just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend. Check our website or Facebook page for dates: www.shir-chadash.org or <https://www.facebook.com/pg/shirchadashhv/posts/> and for info on how to participate.



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Congratulations Lauren (Domber) Feinstein and David Feinstein and Steven & Debbie Domber on the birth of Noah Feinstein.

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Those interested in reading are invited to the "Rosh Chodesh reading group" - a potluck brunch and discussion, dates and 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 suggestion, please let us know!

For info contact Sandy Lash at (914) 456-5266, info@shir-chadash.org, or www.shir-chadash.org



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Golden Living . . . News for Seniors, Their Families and Caregivers
Todd N. Tancredi, Director Dutchess County Office for the Aging

CAN YOU HELP DELIVER 5,000 MEALS A WEEK?

Office for the Aging volunteers have been busy for ten weeks, helping ensure nutritious meals for Dutchess County seniors who find themselves homebound due to the COVID-19/coronavirus pandemic. OFA has been able to meet the increased need: During the last week of May, for example, OFA volunteers and staff brought 5,000 meals (as mentioned in the headline) to 840 qualifying seniors throughout Dutchess County. We're getting close to serving three times as many seniors as we did before the pandemic began, and we could not have done it without the dozens of volunteers who stepped up to help.

We anticipate that more volunteers will be needed through the summer and into the fall. Many of our volunteers came to us after being furloughed from their jobs, and with Dutchess County in the initial stages of phased reopening, some of them will return to those jobs. That's why we're asking for more volunteers, so that any transitions will be smooth ones.

WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE SENIOR PICNICS?

Social-distancing protocols and prohibitions on large gatherings will preclude us from hosting our Senior Picnics in person, as we have since 1993. We are, however, working with County Executive Marc Molinaro on a curbside-pickup alternative for later this summer.

We continue to work on the final plans – and we will share them when they are complete – but we'll still need volunteers in many of our communities to make them just as much fun for our seniors as past picnics. If you'd like to help at any of these summer events, you can connect with us through the contact information below. Volunteers under age 18 will require the signing of a parental waiver.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, (845) 486-2555, email: ofa@dutchessny.gov website: www.dutchessny.gov/aging

Harding Club News

It may be summer, but Harding Club goes on. Perhaps you would like to join us. Keep reading and learn about some of the things we have done and are doing. Then you might be tempted to learn more. Just keep reading; ways to join will be found below.



In late May Harding Club members were found in the Macy's parking lot at the Galleria Mall helping with food distribution for needy families. The effort was coordinated by the local Interfaith Council, and the following stalwart Harding Club members were there loading food into cars: Vic Stern (and his wife Ellen), Stan Cooper, Les Muldorf, Russell Rothman, Robert Goff, Mike Elkin, Martin Hochhauser, and yours truly, Alan Fox.

In keeping with the theme of helping those in need, you should be aware that the Club has been very active over the past several years in helping to distribute needed food to the kids at the Morse School in the City of Poughkeepsie. Many thanks to Eliot Hudes for being our main contact with the professional staff at the school.

On that theme: The Jewish Social Action Coalition is involved this summer in a program to get needed school supplies to the Morse School kids, and Harding Club is a vital player in this effort, along with the four local synagogues: Schomre Israel, Beth El, Vassar, and Shir Chadash.

These are just a few of the worthy activities of which Harding Club is proud to be a part. If you read on and learn how to become a member, you will have a chance to make a meaningful contribution to the community at large.

But that is not all. In normal times, when there is no fear of Covid, what is Harding Club all about? Normally we meet twice every month at a restaurant, where we enjoy each other's companionship, dinner, and an interesting speaker. During the pandemic, we have continued to have regular meetings through the magic of Zoom.

Recently we have enjoyed Zoom presentations by Lee Miringoff, founder and director of the Marist Poll; Kim Ritz, director of PJ Library (a recipient of much financial support by the Harding Club); Fred Schaffer, the prime mover in the construction of the Walkway Over the Hudson; and Steve Domber, an expert on

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"GIVE YOU LIBERTY OR GIVE YOU DEATH? THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. YOU HAVE NINE LIVES."

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A New Israeli—Based Project Is Born In Poughkeepsie

In the fall of 2017, several Jewish Federation board members, Dutchess County government and business leaders (including County Executive Marc Molinaro) traveled to Israel on a mission sponsored by our Jewish Federation to explore the reasons that gave Israel its nickname "The Startup Nation." That trip resulted in new relationships with leaders of Israeli organizations doing business in areas such as government management, agriculture, water purification, urban development, culinary arts and others, new technologies designed to improve productivity, reduction of operational costs, and improvement of the quality and competitiveness of their products. The members of the group have since then established on-going partnerships with Israeli-based companies and have encouraged them to visit Dutchess County with the goal that they would open or expand their activities here. One of the first concrete examples of this is the brand new "vertical farm" now in operation at a local restaurant, *Farmers and Chefs*. Thanks to the efforts of a Federation board member, Dutchess County is the United States' site for the pilot program for Vertical Fields - an Israeli company manufacturing and distributing walk-in vertical vegetable gardens.

John Lekic, owner of *Farmers and Chefs*, has always focused on using local, organic ingredients as much as possible on their menu. The idea of growing organic greens, vegetables, and herbs on site in the city of Poughkeepsie, directly under the Walkway Over the Hudson, fit perfectly with his vision of just how fresh and local cuisine can be.

Established in 2006, Vertical Fields' goal is to transform the way we consume food and make shifts in the food supply chain, shortening the distance from the consumer to the edible plant and largely removing transportation expenses. The company brings all the benefits of plants into the urban ecosystem by, among other

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Dear Zoomer,

For the sake of keeping some type of normalcy in our lives, of course it is! If the mountain can't come to you, you virtually visit the mountain!!! Seeing people on your device isn't exactly the same as being right there with them; we know that. But it sure beats the alternative which is not seeing those you want to be with at all. Modern technology has made communication accessible for times when we can't be up close and in the same room. Embrace it, try it; it's the next best thing to being there!

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Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Sandhaus*

I was volunteering as an EMT at the East Fishkill Fire Rescue a few years ago, when one night while on shift, the fire lieutenant and I struck up some conversation. Out of the clear blue, he looked at me and said, "Did you know the Rebbe?" Hardly expecting that question from an Italian fire lieutenant in Hopewell Junction, I wasn't sure I heard correctly. It wasn't just what he asked, but how he said it. "The Rebbe," the way I, as a follower of Rabbi Schneerson, refer to him. "What did you say?" I asked.



Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus

"Did you know the Rebbe?" he repeated. "Of course. I grew up in Crown Heights and my way of life is all because of him, but how do you know the Rebbe?" I asked. "I used to be an NYPD officer," he explained, "and everyone knew the Rebbe. Everyone knew that whatever he said goes. You didn't ask questions."

On June 25 (the 3rd of *Tammuz*) we commemorated 26 years since the passing of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Schneerson. The rebbe was known far and wide for his wisdom, leadership, compassion, and foresight. One of the greatest impacts the Rebbe made was the establishment of Jewish centers around the world. These are directed by what we call *Shluchim* (emissaries), usually a rabbi and rebbetzin duo, who invest their heart and soul to provide physical assistance and spiritual guidance to their surroundings. It is the reason my family is here today, in Dutchess County.

The Rebbe's positivity was unmatched. He found the good in everything and everyone. He taught that every event and every encounter has a purpose, and even when a circumstance seems to be negative, we are to turn it into a positive action.

When Shirley Chisholm, the first African-American woman was elected to Congress in 1968, she was eager to help her hometown, but was sidelined by her peers. They assigned her to the Agricultural Committee, where as an inner city Brooklyn native, she could have little influence. Chisholm was crushed, until she received a call from the Rebbe's secretary that the Rebbe wanted to see her. At their meeting, Chisholm told the Rebbe how upset and hurt she was. "What should I do?" The Rebbe reversed the situation and advised, "This country has so much surplus food and there are so many hungry people. Use this gift G-d has given you to feed hungry people." Shortly after their meeting, Chisholm was approached by Senator Bob Dole who was trying to help Midwestern farmers who were losing money on their crops because they had too much food and did not know what to do with it! Chisholm immediately remembered what the Rebbe had advised and implemented the WIC program that provides food to pregnant women and young children. Today eight million Americans benefit from this program.

At her retirement party Chisholm said, "I owe this to a Rabbi who is an optimist and taught me that what you may think is a challenge is a gift from G-d. And if poor babies have milk and poor children have food, it's because this Rabbi in Crown Heights had vision."

This is but one story of the Rebbe's far-reaching impact. Multiply this by the hundreds of thousands of individuals that the Rebbe personally advised throughout his leadership and the way he empowered each one to impact others positively. The ripple effect is endless.

In a time when the world faces much darkness, the Rebbe's message to bring light is more relevant than ever. Do one more mitzvah, reach out to someone lonely, find the good in someone you disagree with, and make the world a brighter place.

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things, filtering air and noise pollution, decreasing waste, and creating pesticide-free and naturally bug-free plant walls. (Vertical Fields is owned by the same parent company that owns WaterGen, which has developed technology to produce drinking water from the air!)

I encourage you to watch the video and to visit the restaurant to see the container - a prototype that John and his crew are helping to tweak to perfection - and to taste the delicious results highlighted in the food on the menu at *Farmers and Chefs*. You can also purchase the organically grown produce picked fresh from the container on the premises. John has completed his first harvest and is in the process of increasing production to provide a variety of fresh vegetables for use in his restaurant and catering service and to provide for others as well. See for yourself and be proud of Dutchess County and our Israeli counterparts and connections.



Inside the Jewish Studio By Karen Hochhauser

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

Each month, we ask a MOT* these questions and feature the answers. This month, our special guest is Sue Marcoe who found time to answer our questions.



Sue Marcoe

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: Love Least Favorite: No
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
I like to make a difference.
- 3. What sound or noise do you love/dislike?**
Love: My kids' voices, especially now that they are grown up and live far away.
Dislike: The loud music they put on while you are put on hold, while waiting to finally being connected.
- 4. What is your favorite song?**
"Shalom Rav" by Kol B'seder
- 5. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
Right now, I'm very content being retired.
- 6. What is your greatest achievement?**
In Massachusetts, I delivered a student teacher training program for teens to keep them involved in religious school and to give them a skill to use at their college towns. I also received a grant for that program.
- 7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: My creativity.
Dislike: When I allow someone to intimidate me.
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I was director of a religious school in Massachusetts with over 100 families and I ran family programs for 300 people.
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
Invisibility—so I could sometimes be a fly on the wall.
- 10. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
2 years ago, I got to take my kids to Italy and that was my ultimate on my bucket list.
- 11. What is your most favorite Jewish Memory?**
The seders with my kids when they were growing up. Instead of family, we had friends and wrote our own Haggadah.
- 12. What is your earlier Jewish Memory?**
When I was little, seders at my grandparents. It was all in Hebrew but fun and I felt proud to drink a little bit of wine with seltzer.
- 13. In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**
The JFedDC bring the entire Jewish community together as a forum for Jewish leaders, and is a coordinator of Jewish activities and programs.
- 14. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
Welcome! You did good!

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Congregation Shir Chadash's Religious School

A religious school that is fun? Yes! Parents and children kicked off the 2019-2020 Religious School year at Shir Chadash with a scavenger hunt. This re-imagined, inter-generational school is totally different and Shir Chadash would like you and your family to experience it. Parents and children started the year visiting various stations to complete tasks and earned prizes while learning. Every session will involve something special & different! Bagels & juice are provided at beginning of class.

Come check it out in the Fall: bi-monthly at 9:00am (**exact dates at: www.shir-chadash.org**) Located inside Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, Rte 55 & Stringham Rd., Lagrangeville, NY. The first month is **FREE** with no obligation. Questions? Call Sue Marcoe at (845) 723-4045.

A Year Like No Other

By Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Ed. Dir. & Cantor Devorah Gartner, Youth & B'nai Mitzvah Dir.

Classes/programs took place through mid-March and continued online through the end of May.

It was an extraordinary year. With PJ Library and PJ Our Way, we offered our Free Early Childhood Programs for ages 2-8. Our **Shalom Tots** (PK) and **Gan** (K-2) families experienced joyful Jewish traditions and culture with art, cooking, crafts, movement, music, stories, and yoga.

Religious School grades 3-6 explored holidays, Torah, Israel, life cycle, history, and culture through discussions, activities, games, cooking, music, movement and art. In **Ivrit**, our joint Temple Beth-El/Congregation Shir Chadash Hebrew Program, students mastered the alef-bet, basic reading and were introduced to Kabbalat Shabbat, as well as to important concepts, vocabulary and conversation. Older students explored the deep meaning underlying prayers and customs.

Our **B'nai Mitzvah Program** met twice weekly for bimah training, prayer practice, Torah and Haftarah reading. Three students celebrated Bar and Bat Mitzvahs on Zoom. The services were joyous and moving.

Our award-winning **Youth Group** participated in the annual CROP Hunger Walk. Their **Bright Nights** winter clothing drive provided coats for adults at Dutchess Outreach, and distributed 150+ coats and winter accessories at the Morse School, thanks to a generous grant from the Schlossberg Fund.

Our **Mishloach Manot Project** supported local and Israeli charities during COVID-19. We donated hand sanitizers, soaps, disinfectant wipes, and tissues to Dutchess Outreach. A donation of 500 biodegradable food containers was made to LunchBox, and we sent \$180 to feed Israeli Guide Dogs.

We hope to return to normal classes, but we are making alternative plans. The TBE Re-Opening Task Force is working hard. It has been a year like no other. We wish everyone a healthy, restful and enjoyable summer.

Religious Education at Vassar Temple in a Virtual World

Virtual religious education is a challenge, but Vassar Temple teachers and families have met the task with determination and creativity. In preparation for Passover, families in our Sunday School each embraced one of the symbols of the holiday, researched it, and then taught everyone else about its meaning. To observe Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day), each family, along with all the teachers, took on the assignment to learn about an aspect of Israeli life or a place to visit, and then we all went on a grand visual tour together, featuring great video presentations from everyone and the singing of Israeli songs. Our end-of-the-school-year event was highlighted by a slide show of the year's school activities. The teachers reflected on all the fun and learning of the past year, and the children chose various creative formats to express their appreciation to their teachers.

In our Hebrew School, teachers worked individually with each student virtually as we all sheltered in place and arranged group time as well. Teenage students in our Post-B'nai Mitzvah Program met with Rabbi Altman virtually and discussed ways in which Jewish values and teachings can guide us through the challenges of these times. We decided to postpone the Reform ritual of Confirmation, which usually is held around Shavuot, so that it can take place in the presence of the entire congregation back in our beloved sanctuary.

Vassar Temple's religious education programs are all personally directed by our Rabbi Renni S. Altman, DD and taught by highly qualified and dedicated staff, who are assisted by a cadre of energetic madrachim (aides). While the last few months of the school year certainly proved to be unique, we hope to be safely back together in person in the fall! For more information, please contact Rabbi Altman at rabi@vassartemple.org

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resources, updates on the books and activities your grandkid(s) are receiving, and more! Being a PJ Library Grandparent is a role I treasure. Just recently my son said, "Mom, I can't believe how much we rely on the PJ Library books! We didn't even know we needed this wonderful content in Chloe's life, and every single day as she brings us stacks of books to read to her. I am so thankful that those stacks contain books filled with Jewish values, recipes, and symbols." ***This program is free to families, but it costs a lot to be this free! We need your donation to keep the books and programs coming.***

You can help change the way families connect with Jewish life. Every new tradition. Every question asked. Every proud moment. **You help them happen.**

Donate today to ensure future generations have the same access to a childhood filled with joyful Jewish moments. Because of you, families in your neighborhood and beyond can continue to receive the best in Jewish children's books and family resources. You can donate directly to PJ Library to support their efforts around the world, or to make an impact locally support PJLMHV by sending a donation to The Jewish Federation Of Dutchess County earmarked for PJ Library. Your dollars help us provide our half of each enrollment (\$40) and allow us to create meaningful family programming. If you are interested in becoming a PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley Grandparents' Circle member, contact Kim or Lucia at the Federation. We would love to have your support financially or through your volunteer hours.

PJ Library has been the center of my professional life since 2010, and now that I have retired from the position of PJ Library Director- I plan to continue supporting this amazing program and the efforts of the JFedDC to support families raising young children as a volunteer and financial supporter. OUR grandchildren's future is at stake! Join me. (www.pjlibrary.org to enroll in grandparent's program, www.jewishdutchess.org to donate and join our local Grandparents' Circle)

My deepest thanks to all the individuals who support PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley,

Melinda Margulies,
PJ Library Grandparent



We are looking to expand our PJ Library team. If you are interested in a part-time job, working with an amazing team, helping support our PJ program and engaging the community, for details email:

pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

PJ Library, JFedDC and the Jewish Social Action Coalition Joint Effort: Mitzvah Now

Back to School Drive: For the Morse School

Check out for more info.:

<https://jewishdutchess.org/mitzvah-now>

Start collecting supplies TODAY!

RSVP to volunteer:

Kim Ritz at
pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

Let's Support Morse School Kids with Back-to-School Supplies!

Please let us know if we can shop for you or pick up supplies.


DECORATE and FILL Gallon Ziplock Bags with the following items:

- Box of crayons
- Box of Colored Pencils
- 2 Glue Sticks
- Safety Scissors
- 2 Sturdy Plastic Folders

Thank you! for your support!

Jewish Social Action Coalition Members:

Congregation Schomre Israel, Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El,

PJ Library, Vassar Temple, and The Harding Club 

שלום
shalom
peace

TRY A GET-ALONG JAR

This little trick is a two-for-one in the shalom bayit department. Kids can work together to help you make the jar, and then put it to use when it's needed. There are loads of tutorials on Pinterest for creating these. Basically a "Get Along" jar is like a tip jar but full of activity ideas to promote harmony among siblings. "Draw a picture together" or "read each other a story" or "give each other a BIG hug" are some of the ideas that kids can pull from the jar. When siblings start to get riled up with each other, call for a quick "pause" in the action, have each child randomly pick an activity from the jar, and then both kids have to do the suggested item.

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/september-2017/teaching-kids-to-get-along#do>



PJ LIBRARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Family Name:
Gershman-Blachman

How many kids are in your family and what are their ages?
12, 10, and 7

Where are you from?
Where do you currently live?
We are from Long Island and currently live in Poughkeepsie

How long have you been receiving PJ Library books?
Since 2014

What is your family's favorite PJ Library book?
The Adventures of Rabbi Harvey

How did you hear about PJ Library?
At the former JCC Nursery School

Why is PJ Library important in your home?
PJ Library brings our Jewish culture and traditions to our home through books and community gatherings with wonderful family activities. We feel a stronger connection to the Jewish community since we joined.

How has PJ Library influenced your family's Jewish living and decisions?
It has encouraged us to be more involved in the Jewish community from holiday charity events to Mitzvah Day and many more activities encouraging to follow Jewish traditions

Is PJ Library helpful to you as a parent? How?
Yes, the kids feel a sense of community and belonging. The PJ books help the kids develop a sense of pride in their Jewish culture and traditions.

*PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and made possible through gifts from the Jewish Federations of Dutchess and Ulster Counties, The Harding Club, and the generous support of PJ Library donors.
To make a donation online, go to www.JewishDutchess.org.
Thank you!*

Kim



PJ Library
Bring Jewish stories home

Lucia



Shalom is a Hebrew word meaning "peace, harmony, wholeness, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquility" and can be used idiomatically to mean both *hello* and *goodbye*" (www.wikipedia.com). Jews throughout the world may or may not speak Hebrew at all, but most know the word *Shalom*. That fact alone is a reason to take pause. Isn't it amazing that society at large also associates Shalom with Judaism and the Jews as a people. Jews universally feel and value all of the meanings of Shalom and having that kind of "peace" in their homes, with one another, and in their communities.

However, we often take universal acceptance of wanting peace for granted by not thinking about it deeply or having a clear cut plan of how to achieve it. For example, if we do not consciously challenge and discuss how we will achieve peace in our homes as a family then how can we expect it to exist in our community? Shalom, peace, is in the details. As we are still spending lots of time at home, as a family, what better time to think of a few concrete ways that we will bring peace, wholeness, and tranquility to our homes Jewishly, our most important institution. Creating shalom bayit, peace in the home, takes a lot of work but teaches strong values to our children. According to PJ Library's Leading Experts "To attain shalom bayit, family members need to listen carefully to one another, treat one another with respect, willingly cooperate with one another, and graciously forgive mistakes.

As our hearts ache watching our country break over a lack of peace with one another, let's go back to our roots and use stories from our past to help our children understand that Jews have always deeply valued peace and social justice and that they must too. Here is an activity courtesy of PJ Library to help support bringing peace to you and your family at home.

Summer 2020 Schedule of PJ Library MHV Events:

July:

7/3: Shabbat Across the Mid-Hudson Valley

3:00pm Shabbat Story Time with Lucia Parents/Grandparents
Welcome to Join! RSVP: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

7/9: PJ Library and PJ OurWay Camp Challenge

Scavenger Hunt Keshet/Rainbow Challenge
10am, RSVP: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

7/15 PJ Library Parent's Night In

8:15-9:00pm RSVP: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

7/23 PJ Library and PJ OurWay Camp Challenge

Keshet/Rainbow Shabbat Cooking Challenge
10am, RSVP: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

7/31: Shabbat Tots with Lucia

10am-Storytime and Challah bake activity

August:

8/7: Shabbat Across the Mid-Hudson Valley

3:00pm Shabbat Story Time with Lucia Parents/Grandparents
Welcome to Join! RSVP: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

8/12: PJ Library Parent's Night In

8:15-9:00pm RSVP: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

8/13: PJ Library and PJ OurWay Camp Challenge

Scavenger Hunt Rainbow Challenge
10am, RSVP: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

8/20: PJ Library and PJ OurWay Camp Challenge

Rainbow Shabbat Cooking Challenge
10am, RSVP: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

8/28: Shabbat Tots with Lucia

10am-Storytime and Challah bake activity

Not a part of PJ Library yet?

Receive a FREE children's book each month and become part of the PJ Library family.

Register online at www.PJLibrary.org

Monthly e-newsletters. Special program invitations!
Contact: (845) 471-9811 or PJLibrary@JewishDutchess.org

The Federation Board's Voice *by Russel Rothman*



Russel Rothman

Six months ago, while visiting my daughter and her family in Chicago, I was outside in her backyard, making a snowman with my grandkids. Bitterly cold as only Chicago can be, I imagined summertime, on a beach or a lake, sipping a cold drink, reading a good summer book, a Daniel Silva spy thriller usually reserved for summer reading. January was also when my wife and I plan a bucket list trip for the spring or summer, this year to the lesser known National Parks out west.

Man plans and G-d laughs. Now, our summer involves social distancing and sheltering in place in beautiful Dutchess County, along with my NYC children, girlfriend, spouse, and boisterous granddaughters, all fleeing the city. Summer has become a daily challenge, keeping them occupied, challenged, fed, and busy. We discovered wonderful walking trails all over the county, skipping stones on the Hudson from a small beach only coming into view during low tide. Our dogs enjoy joining our walks and sniffing all the trees, checking for information, like a JDate for dogs. Wearing masks or face coverings took some getting used to but soon became part of the daily routine out of the house. Racism came to the forefront this spring when a number of black men and women were killed by police across the country. Protests occurred in big cities and small towns, some as small as Red Hook, suggesting that perhaps a tipping point has finally been reached and that real change may finally be possible. On an even more positive note, local interdenominational groups banded together in late spring to help people all over Dutchess County that may be food deprived due to job loss or illness during the pandemic. Led by two Dutchess doctors, over \$25,000 was raised, nearly 1000 boxes of food were distributed thanks to the efforts of our local synagogues, the workaholic members of the Harding Club, your local Jewish Federation and various Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh community members. Efforts will continue throughout the summer.

While Mitzvah Day was cancelled due to Covid-19, JFedDC still created a system for community members to lend a hand or receive help through the Mitzvah Now Project. Check the Voice and Federation website for details. While many other projects were affected by the pandemic, your Federation has been able to continue services to the community, virtually. PJ Library programs continued via Zoom, including Mom's Night In. Zoom Movie Night began on June 25 with the movie, Hidden, by Gidon Orman (my cousin), a documentary about Jewish children in Europe, protected by ordinary heroes. The second movie, on July 16, Waves of Freedom, about how American WW2 veterans helped bring Jewish war survivors to Israel against the British blockade. One of the quiet heroes of that effort, Paul Kaye, will be on hand to discuss his role and to answer questions.

So, while we are still in partial pandemic lockdown and isolation, your local Federation remains active and available to help our community; to inspire and share strength, to support, to lend a hand or a shoulder to lean on.

Life goes on, even if at a safe social distance.

**Holiday Greetings
Due August 8
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for available options.**

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resources above \$15,750.00 and then qualify financially on the first of the following month. This rule of resource eligibility based on current values is set to change on October 1, 2020, unless a delay is enacted.

On October 1, 2020, all applications for Community Medicaid will now require a mandatory thirty-month financial lookback. Program eligibility will include a review all of the applicant's financial records for two and half years prior to the application date - the purpose of which is to determine if the individual transferred assets for less than the fair market. If so, the applicant will be penalized for a specific period of time by making the person ineligible for the program. The change in the law will likely result in many New Yorkers being unable to receive timely and needed home care services for applications submitted after September 30, 2020.

Other changes enacted in the 2020 New York State budget to Medicaid will also likely make it generally more difficult to obtain and/or keep services for those at home. Individuals will have to show greater than before need in terms of inability to perform certain activities. In addition, independent physicians are expected to be the determinators for need for care. Another layer of eligibility added was for independent physician to determine hours and type of care. Additionally, regulations directed at those currently receiving services are being implemented with the apparent goal of reducing services for those who currently have an extraordinary amount of home care. Changes are coming to Community Medicaid, and I encourage the public to understand these changes and be proactive in taking steps to help themselves so they can stay at home safely.

Our Executive Director



livelihood. Loss of innocence.

While our stories are all different, there is a constant that as of mid-March, our lives changed in ways none of us could have expected. We are now three plus months later. While some of us can consider this to be a small percentage of our lives, this "small" time frame has made a huge impact. We have all suffered loss. Loss of loved ones. Loss of business and

Being a mother of a graduating senior, on the one hand I want to remind him that this is a "small blip" on his storyline, but I also see the pain and frustration he is experiencing. He worked hard for 12 years to be rewarded with his final senior celebrations, but now there is no prom, no traditional graduation, no year book signing, no closure to his high school career and saying goodbye to his friends and teachers. This may seem less significant to us adults (as most of us probably barely remember our own high school graduations), but for this class of seniors, it means the world. It will be interesting to see how this impacts this generation and how it will mold and shape who they are and who they become.

I do feel and believe that now more than ever the need for community and connectivity is needed and valued. We do not know what the future holds and how this pandemic will continue to impact us. We do not know whether we will need to go back into being together apart. One thing that is certain and a constant, JFedDC will be here for you. Through thick and thin (and I am looking forward to working out again to try and stay on the thin side - haha) we are here for you! So know that you are not alone. Together we are stronger, and congratulations to all the graduating high school and college seniors!

From one proud mother,
Karen Hochhauser



Next Year in Jerusalem!

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for our trip to
Israel 2020.**

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Real Estate in our area.

This fall, plans include guest appearances by Sally Cross, Director of Dutchess Responds/Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (another recipient of major financial support by the Harding Club); Sam Simon, dairy farmer, who will speak on the History and Future of Dairy Farming in the Hudson Valley; Brian Jones, who will speak on Internet Security; and Lou Newman's cousin, who has biked on every one of the world's continents.

We are always open to accepting new members.

Harding Club, in Poughkeepsie since 1923, is a Jewish social club for men interested in **camaraderie, community, philanthropy, good food, and Jewish culture**. The club meets two times most months at a local restaurant for dinner and an interesting speaker. There are opportunities for you to become a member. For more info, check out our website at <http://harding.jigsy.com>, look on Facebook, or send an email at harding1923@gmail.com.

We would love to hear from you.

Alan Fox, Harding Club president

Dear Community Representatives, Volunteers, Community Members, Food Drive Contributors, and Elected Officials

We have no words to express how thankful we are to all of you for your participation, generous contributions, and overwhelming support - investing your time and kind effort on this food drive. "All for one Food Drive-Thru Joint Community Effort" was a great example of us all standing on one platform as one community helping humanity at this difficult time of COVID-19 crisis which has caused an unprecedented demand for food that has tripled locally.



"All for One", Dr. Rizvi and Dr Sinha began this effort and joined hands with community representatives and religious and cultural organizations in collaboration with Christian, Muslim, JFedDC, Dutchess Interfaith, Latinx, Bhai, Sikh, Hindu, Muslim Jewish Alliance, Unitarian Universalist, Vassar Temple, and Wingate Nursing home with our beautiful community. This food drive was a great success because of collective action and enormous support from our diverse community. The food distribution day was on May 31 at the Poughkeepsie Galleria Macy's parking lot. We had a dedicated team of volunteers who helped in food distribution. We had a huge turnout of deserving people who came for food boxes and we gave 650 boxes in addition to 200 boxes delivered to people in need. Last Friday and Saturday Dr Sinha and his volunteer team dropped perishable food items to 110 Main Street, Poughkeepsie and Beulah Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie. Around 150 food boxes were given to Spanish Church, Poughkeepsie from which people came to pick up the boxes. The total food boxes and grocery bags donated so far is over 1000.

Thanks to each of our community representatives who worked on food boxes. Thanks to each and every individual who contributed time and kind effort with compassion and thoughtfulness while making food boxes. Thanks to our volunteer coordinators Mr Jilla Balaji and Aena Iqbal, the whole dedicated volunteer team comprised of high school/college students and dedicated community members. We could not have packaged, transported, and distributed the boxes without you and your immense help. Thanks to Harding Club volunteers and Kate Fakler, the general manager of Poughkeepsie Galleria. Thanks to all of our fifteen female volunteers who came at 7:30am at Barnegate on distribution day for loading the food boxes and bags into the truck and cars to transport to the parking lot. Special thanks to JFedDC Executive Director Karen Hochhauser for her help. The fifteen women who showed up redefined "manpower" and showed the true strength of women! We also appreciate the two men who helped out, including Dr. Sinha. Thanks to elected officials from both parties. Thanks to Senator Sue Serino for her tremendous support helping in outreach and participation, County Legislature Rebecca Edwards, Legislature Nick Page, Candidate Assembly woman Lorrette Giardino, candidate local Senator Karen Smythe for their enormous support, contribution, and volunteer work at the distribution day. Thanks to Poughkeepsie Town Supervisor Jay Baisley for help getting permission for Macys entrance. Special thanks to Legislature Rebecca Edwards for making eighty Latinx food boxes with her volunteers and also to Legislature Nick Page for helping church in Dover Plains, also delivered food boxes to the food pantry at Dutchess Community College



The total amount collected through "Go Fund Me" and checks is close to \$60,000. Your generous donations was and will be used for these noble causes: food boxes, gift cards, and food banks. We gave \$ 5,000 donation to Dutchess outreach. We are planning to do a second round in Poughkeepsie in a month or so. I really appreciate your kind effort and tremendous support in making this drive-thru food drive successful as a collective action. Hopefully we will continue our effort to continue this food drive as we all know that COVID -19 crisis unfortunately is ongoing.



For we truly are-- "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." May God bless you all with health and happiness for this noble cause. May God save all of us here in US and the entire world from this COVID 19 crisis and keep us healthy and safe.

With sincere gratitude, Seema Rizvi, MD and Rabi Sinha, MD , All for One Food Drive Thru Organizers

MESSAGE FROM THE Consulate General of Israel in New York

New York has witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of COVID-19, and we at the Consulate have followed along with grave concern for the local Jewish community. Halfway across the world, we too are seeing a spike in infection rates that is affecting our communities as we experience a second wave in Israel. We believe that the COVID-19 crisis is not only a challenge, but also an opportunity that allows us to learn from each other, find innovative solutions to our collective challenges, and share best practices for a safer new normal. We must continue building upon our partnership with Dutchess County, New York State, and the local Jewish community.

Our special relationship with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, and the county as a whole, including the personal relationship with County Executive Marc Molinaro, reminds us of our shared values, spirit of creativity, innovation, and determination. Following the County Executive's visit to Israel, he has inspired us to "Think Differently". Our new normal, however, now forces us to think differently TOGETHER. Israeli scientists, researchers, and doctors are part of this new way of thinking, and they are working diligently each and every day as we face new challenges. Whether in the telemedicine sector where Israeli scientists and doctors are using artificial intelligence and radar technology to minimize human-to-human contact, or whether in food tech and supply chain technologies where we are innovating solutions to develop a more reliable food supply, we must work together in a variety of ways, and together we can make a technological difference.

From the 'StartUp Nation' to the 'County of Innovation', we've also promoted our models for innovation to create a social impact. Here in New York, we are looking for ways to advance cooperation between Israeli innovators and American creators, ranging anywhere from testing to vaccines and from mental health to remote learning. We hope for the day when we see many of you visit Israel again, but in the meantime, we are looking to collaborate on solutions that will help us overcome our shared obstacles and bring us closer. As the State of Israel and Dutchess County set in motion the foundations for a 'new normal', remember that we are always here for you.



B'shalom,
Israel Nitzan, Deputy Consul General

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The Jewish Social Action Coalition Joint Efforts:**
Mitzvah Now—Back to School Drive: for the Morse School
Start collecting school supplies now

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See flyer on page 6 for more details



Harding Club Zoom Meeting

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Commemorate Tisha B'Av

Tisha B'Av, the Ninth of Av, marks the destruction of both the first and second Temples as well as a number of other tragedies that have befallen our people over the ages.

Traditionally observed as a day of communal mourning, with fasting and the reading of the Book of Lamentations, reformers have invested it with new meaning and relevance to today.

Vassar Temple will commemorate with a program incorporating some of the traditional elements along with study and an exploration of its message for our time. Rabbi Renni Altman will be leading this program

DETAILS
Wednesday, July 29, 7:30pm (Erev Tisha B'Av). If possible, we will meet at the temple in person; if not, we will gather virtually on Zoom. All are welcome—Call the office for updates (845) 454-2570.

Anticipating the New Year

Sisterhood of Schomre Israel will be offering for sale beautiful flower arrangements to enhance your celebration of the High Holidays.

DETAILS
Cost will be \$25. Details available on the synagogue website: www.schomreisrael.org

Schomre to Host NCSY Bike Ride

Once again Schomre Israel will be the gathering point for NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) members and friends from all over who will be participating in the Hudson Valley Ride. After morning service and breakfast at the synagogue, ride participants will set out on bikes riding various lengths from 15 to 100 miles. All participants need to pre-register and get sponsorship for their ride. Monies raised will improve programs of NCSY. Following the bike ride there will be a post-ride gala BBQ.

Tisha B'Av at Schomre Israel

In preparation for Tisha B'Av Rabbi Krasner will present a special program before Tisha B'Av via Zoom entitled "The Evil Empire—The History of Rome through the Jewish Timeline."

DETAILS
Thursday, July 23, 7:00pm

Fast begins: Wednesday, July 29, 8:16pm
Mincha: 7:55pm followed by Maariv: 8:20pm and the reading of Eichah, the book of Lamentations. Thursday, July 30, Shacharit, 8:30am. It includes a Kinot program during the davening. Appropriate videos and video speakers will be available throughout the day. There will be a special video presentation at 6:00pm. The fast ends at 8:57pm.

New Paths Morning Worship

Join us at New Paths sabbath morning services on select Saturdays during July and August at 10:15am. They will be held on Zoom. The readings will be displayed on the screen. Always different, the moving liturgy includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English, and participants may bring supplemental materials to share. We take the time to let the service get through us, rather than getting through the service. Each service, whether lay led or rabbi led, provides a unique and thoughtful shabbat morning experiences. A brief mini-kiddush follows (BYO wine/grape juice). It is sponsored by Vassar Temple. For more info, service dates, Zoom instructions, or a copy of the next service; please contact Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or call (845) 45-2570

Items and Services Sale!

Shir Chadash is presenting an online sale with unusual and unique items & gifts at bargain prices! A variety of assorted services will also be available for sale. Find that special gift for someone or yourself while supporting Shir Chadash.

There's something for everyone—tell you relatives and friends! Check out www.shir-chadash.org for items and services available for purchase. Payments can be made through **Venmo or by check.**

Return of Yiddish Club

We have reestablished a Yiddish club! If you want to speak a bisele, to chap a nosh, to schmooze; then this club is for you. The Yiddish club will be a nostalgic trip to the times and culture of our bubbies and zeydies, mixed with Yiddish music, Yiddish comedy, Yiddish learning, Yiddish Hanae as well as a look at how Yiddish is faring in contemporary times. As with all events and programs spearheaded by Schomre Israel, this is intended to be open to all in the community. You don't need to be fluent in the language.

DETAILS
4th Thursday of the month, 10:00am, Schomre Israel. Let us know you are interested in joining; contact us at schomre1@aol.com or (845) 454-2890.

Schomre Israel Raffle

Originally planned for June 28, Schomre's annual raffle and cocktail party will be held at a future date. \$8000 in cash prizes will be given away during the course of the party and all participants will enjoy delicious food and libations.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for a donation of \$100 each. Prizes are as follows:
Grand Prize: \$5000
2nd Prize: \$1000
8 additional Prizes: \$250 each

DETAILS
To purchase tickets contact Irwin Lifshay (845) 797-0063.

2020 Holiday Greetings

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

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

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

The cost: Small ad: \$30 each or 3 for \$80
Medium ad: \$40 each or 3 for \$110
Large ad: \$70 each or 3 for \$190

Sm Ads—2" by 1.4"
Md Ads—1.5" by 2.9"
Lg Ads—3.2" by 2.7"
Approximate sizes

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Or complete online: www.jewishdutchess.org
DEADLINE for Rosh Hashanah Greeting due August 8

2020 Holiday Greetings

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Holiday	Small	Medium	Large
Passover (circle one)	A B	C D	E F
Rosh Hashanah (circle one)	A B	C D	E F
Chanukah (circle one)	A B	C D	E F

Your name(s) on the Greeting: _____

Checks should be made out to:
Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

Passover Greetings		Rosh Hashanah Greetings		Chanukah Greetings	
Small—A Peace to you this Passover! Your Name	Medium—C Happy Passover Your Name	Small—A Happy Rosh Hashanah Your Name	Medium—C May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a New Year of health and happiness Your Name	Small—A Peace to all! Your Name	Medium—C Wishing you peace in this season of miracles! Your Name
Small—B Happy Passover Your Name	Medium—D May you be blessed with peace, prosperity, and joy this Passover Your Name	Small—B Have a Sweet New Year! Your Name	Medium—D L'Shanah Tovah Your Name	Small—B Hanukkah Blessings Your Name	Medium—D HAPPY Hanukkah! Your Name
Large—E Passover Blessings Your Name	Large—F Chag Pesach Sameach Your Name	Large—E Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year! Your Name	Large—F Happy New Year! Your Name	Large—E From Our Family to Yours, Happy Hanukkah! Your Name	Large—F May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness! Your Name

Local CHECK organizers' WEBSITES for UPDATED STATUS & INFORMATION**Sunday**

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

Temple Beth-El Serves at Lunchbox Call Nancy Judson (845) 216-7563 to help in this mitzvah. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

Congregation Schomre Israel 4K (Kvetching, Kvelling, Kibbutzin, Koffee) Last Saturday of the month, 10:00am. A different topic is presented each month.

Monday

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

Temple Beth-El Board Meeting 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees meeting. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

Tuesday**Wednesday**

Congregation Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Davening July 22, 8:30am. For more info (443)-388-0033.

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

Thursday

Return of the Yiddish Club 4th week of the month, 10:00am at Schomre Israel. If you want to speak a bisele, to chap a nosh, to schmooze; then this club is for you. The Yiddish club will be a nostalgic trip to the times and culture of our bubblies and zeydies, mixed with Yiddish music, comedy, lernin, Yiddush Hanae as well as a low at how Yiddish is faring in contemporary times. All events are spearheaded by Schomre Israel but are intended to be open to all in the community. You don't need to be fluent in the language. Let us know if you are interested at schomre1@aol.com or (845) 454-2890.

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat Service Weekly, 7:30pm. Lay led Virtual Evening Service during the summer. All are welcome. Check our website: www.shir-chadash.org or <https://www.facebook.com/-/pg/shirchadashhv/posts/> to participate.

Congregation Schomre Israel Kabbalat Shabbat Service July, 7:00pm. A student singer will lead the Kabbalat Shabbat and Licha Dodi. For info contact-(443) 388-0033.

Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service Streamed weekly, 7:30pm. www.vassartemple.org for link. When the public health situation has resolved, we will resume holding services in the Temple. Services will be led by trained lay leaders on dates when Rabbi Altman is on vacation.

Temple Beth-El Evening Service each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian service. All welcome. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Virtual Religious School Programs Recessed until the Fall 9:30-10:15am.

Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program Recessed until the Fall 9:00-10:30am.

Congregation Shir Chadash Torah Study Weekly, 9:15-10:30am. Check the website or Facebook page for dates. See page 3 for more details.

Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service Recessed until the Fall 10:45-11:30am.

Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship Via, Zoom, 10:15am. Call the office for the link (845) 45-2570.

Vassar Temple Shabbat Morning Service Streamed weekly, 9:30am. www.vassartemple.org for link. When the public health situation has resolved, we will resume holding services in the Temple.

Temple Beth-El Shabbat Morning Service Every week, 9:30am. Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

Out of Area**Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events**

243 Albany Ave, Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 www.templemanuelkingston.org.

All services held in our chapel are available to live stream. Visit our website: www.cehv.org and click on the live stream link on the homepage. You can also view archived services and classes.

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley continues to follow CDC recommendations in regard to COVID-19 precautions to ensure the health and safety of our community. At the time of submission, all events are being held online. Please visit www.cehv.org or call (845) 338-4271 x 101 for updates and changes to location for events.

All services are held virtually via Live Stream: www.cehv.org/livestream/

Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service Friday, July3, August 7, 6:00pm, July 10, 17, 24, August 14, 21, 28, 7:30pm,

Tot Shabbat Friday, July 3, August 7, 9:00am. Introduce your tot to Shabbat through music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.

Religious School 2020/2021 Registration is open. Saturdays 9:30am -12:30pm. Now offering Pre-K class from 9:30am to 11:00 am. Call Samara Genee (845) 338-4271 x110 for more info.

Morning Service Saturday, August 15, 29, 10:00am, a celebratory Bar Mitzvah service

All following classes and special events are held via Zoom. Please call the (845) -3.38-4271 x101 or email: templemanuelaa@hvc.rr.com or CEHVwebmaster@gmail.com for class links and passwords.

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Tuesday, 8:45am, followed at 9:15am by Torah Study Led by Rabbi Yael Romer. Designed to prepare participants to receive the day's blessings and explore Jewish traditions with a progressive, egalitarian approach.

Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi :

Hebrew Trope Wednesday, 12:30pm.

Conversational Hebrew (Beginner and Intermediate) Wednesdays 4:00pm.

Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah, Private Conversion Tutorials, Adult B'nai Mitzvah by arrangement and other special programming available at CEHV. Please contact our office to sign up.

Calendar**July/August**

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Beacon Hebrew Alliance (Conservative)

331 Verplanck Avenue, Beacon (845) 831-2012

Rabbi Brent Spodek; Cantor Ellen Gersh; Education

Director, Ashley Baker

Website: www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

Email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org

Services: Fridays, 7:30pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit website for information about services, religious school, and community events

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie (845) 463-5801

Rabbi Yacov Borenstein

Website: www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Email: ChabadMidHudsonVly@prodigy.net

Services: Fridays, call for time and Saturdays at 10:00am

Congregation Beth David (Reform)

East Main Street, Amenia (845) 373-8264

Rabbi Jon Haddon

Website: www.CongBethDavid.org

Email: JonRab33@gmail.com

Services: usually Saturdays, 10:00am twice monthly

except January and February; call for schedules

Congregation Schomre Israel (Orthodox)

18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2890

Rabbi Shlomo Krasner

Website: www.schomeisrael.org

Email: rabbishlomok@gmail.com

Services: Monday-Thursday, 7:00am, Sunday, 8:00am,

Saturday, 9:00am Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm

Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown

Congregation Shir Chadash (Reform)

Interim: Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Lagrange

(845) 232-1029

Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang Website:

www.shir-chadash.org

Email: info@shir-chadash.org

Services: Friday, 7:30pm; bimonthly Saturday children's

religious school, 9:00am, Torah study, 9:15

Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592

Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus

Website: www.MyPardess.org

Email: info@MyPardess.org

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck (845) 876-7666

Rabbi Hanoth Hecht and Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht Website:

www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Email: RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Friday services call for time; Saturday services, 9:30am

Temple Beth El (Conservative)

118 So Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-0570

Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman

Email: info@tbeny.org

Website: www.tbeny.org

Services: Friday, 8:00pm, Saturday Shabbat service at

9:30am, weekdays, 7:30am daily

Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 451-3920

Liz Aeschlimann, Rose and Irving Rachlin Director of

Jewish Student Life at Vassar College

Email: eaeschlimann@vassar.edu

Services: Friday, 6:00pm service, 7:00pm dinner when

school is in session

Vassar Temple (Reform)

140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2570

Rabbi Reni Altman Website: www.vassartemple.org

Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or

rabi@vassartemple.org

Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah

study Saturday, 9:00am. New Paths 1st and 3rd Saturday

every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

July/August Candle Lighting

July 3	8:15pm
July 10	8:13pm
July 17	8:09pm
July 24	8:03pm
July 31	7:56pm
August 7	7:47pm
August 14	7:38pm
August 21	7:28pm
August 28	7:16pm

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We're listening.

Email us at

TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org



Muslim community Assists Local Veterans
Seema Rizvi, MD, a leader in the local Muslim Community, presented a check to Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer of Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of the USA. Every year the Muslim community contributes money for a worthy cause.



This year the need to "shelter in place" prevented Jewish War Veterans Post 625 from holding its annual Memorial Day ceremony. But Post Commander Ron Markowitz was at Schomre Hadath Cemetery of La Grange Avenue on the appointed date to raise the flag in remembrance. The Post also made it possible for flags to be placed on all veterans' graves in Dutchess County's Jewish cemeteries. For more information about the Post and how to join or support it, please contact PvtHermanSiegelPost625@yahoo.com



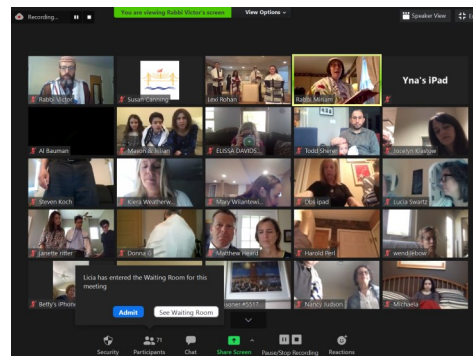
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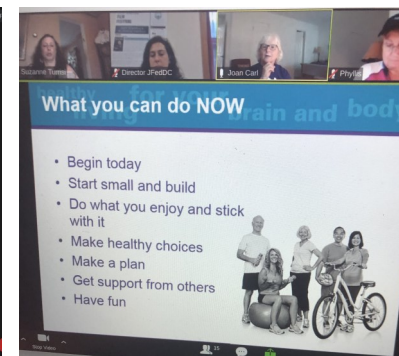
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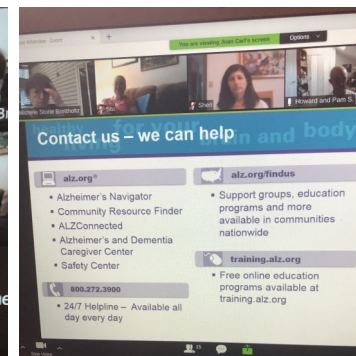
TBE Community Shavuot Service



TBE Bat Mitzvah via Zoom



Learn & Lunch Bunch learn from Joan Carl about Alzheimer's



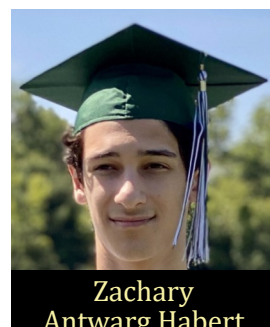
Congratulations Class of 2020



Isaiah Bienemann



Lindsay Efron



Zachary Antwarg Habert



Samuel J. Marks

Ryan Ale—Arlington High School
Isaiah Bienemann—Southwestern AG University
Jacob Gilman Domber—Millbrook School
Lindsay Efron—Arlington High School
Brian Grogan—Arlington High School
Zachary Antwarg Habert—Spackenkill High School
Jacob Seymor Klein—John Jay High School
Samuel J. Marks—Arlington High School
Mason Moskowitz—Spackenkill High School
Iris Raz—Spackenkill High School
Evan Rich—Arlington High School
Jack Sims—Arlington High School
Alex Sinn—Roy C. Ketchum High School

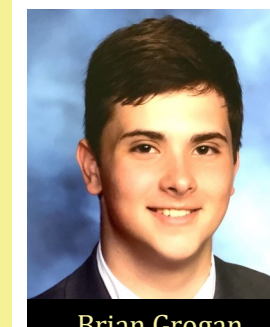
If you have a 2020 High School or College graduate that has not been included in this month's Voice, please feel free to send a picture and their information to thevoice@jewishdutchess.org by August 1



Ryan Ale



Jacob Gilman Domber



Brian Grogan



Evan Rich



Alex Sinn



Mason Moskowitz



Jack Sims



Iris Raz



Jacob Seymor Klein