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**Antisemitic Attitudes in America: Conspiracy Theories, Holocaust Education and Other Predictors of Antisemitic Belief Pt. 3**

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**Is Personally Knowing Jews Related to One's Level of Anti-Jewish Attitudes?**

The study included several questions to understand respondents' level of contact with Jews and the Jewish community, including questions pertaining to the size of one's Jewish network and how they would describe their past experiences with Jews.

Researchers explored whether the size of one's Jewish network was related to one's level of anti-Jewish attitudes. The chart below shows the average number of anti-Jewish tropes believed by the number of Jews a respondent personally knows, with each bar representing approximately 25 percent of the American population.

While the chart below shows an overall decrease in anti-Jewish trope belief associated with the more Jews a respondent knows, the differences are only statistically significant at the two extremes. Put another way, people who don't know any Jews were likely to agree with

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## Office for the Aging

submitted by Todd N. Tancredi, Director Dutchess County Office for the Aging

### Golden Living . . . News for Seniors, Their Families and Caregivers

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Distribution will continue throughout the 2023 growing season for as long as supplies last. SFMNP checks can be used until November 30th or a participating market closes for the season, whichever comes first. Leftover checks from 2022 or earlier years are no longer valid.

The most recent available list of participating markets in Dutchess County is available at [www.dutchessny.gov/OFAnutrition](http://www.dutchessny.gov/OFAnutrition). For a statewide list, go to [www.agriculture.ny.gov/farmersmarkets](http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/farmersmarkets). New markets often enter the program in the summer and fall, so check back regularly.

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**This column is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, telephone 845-486-2555, email: [ofa@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov) website: [www.dutchessny.gov/aging](http://www.dutchessny.gov/aging)**

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## Harding Club Celebrates 100 Years

It's a good news/bad news situation. The good news is that the Harding Club has completed 100 years of existence. Through times of prosperity and times of depression the club provided aid. Through times of war and times of peace the club supplied manpower. Through times of turmoil and times of serenity the club provided leadership and friendship.

The bad news is actually a challenge. Can the past 100 years be prologue to another successful and meaningful 100 years? We are well on our way.

At the time of the writing of this column, plans were under way for the June 14 Celebration of the Harding Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The event may have already taken place or is still upcoming, depending upon the delivery date of the Voice. Either way, the event will be/was an acknowledgement of 100 years of good deeds and a commitment to continue the work of the past. A new President and Board of Governors is in place. And membership opportunities abound. Just get in touch with us as noted below.

The Harding Club typically provides a twice monthly social outlet for its members. We enjoy each other's company for a meal at a local restaurant, followed by an interesting invited speaker. Speakers come from a wide range of areas of expertise, including the arts, sciences, politics, hobbies, and more. The club is also deeply involved in support of local Jewish institutions such as the Jewish Federation and the PJ Library. And we also give aid to those in need in the Greater Poughkeepsie community. We help to deliver needed food to hungry kids at the Morse School in downtown Poughkeepsie. Recently, the club made a substantial financial contribution to Friends of Seniors, a nonprofit organization which, for more than twenty years, has been providing transportation to appointments for people who cannot transport themselves. Look in these pages for a photo.

These are just a few examples of the many things the Harding Club does to make our community a better place in which to live. We wish you a very pleasant summer, and we hope to hear from you about your interest in joining our organization.

The Harding Club: "Since 1923, a social club for men interested in camaraderie, community, philanthropy, good food, and Jewish culture."

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a greater number of anti-Jewish tropes than people who know 7+ Jews (5.0 vs. 3.6 anti-Jewish tropes, respectively). However, the differences in anti-Jewish attitudes among those who know 1-2 or 3-6 Jewish people are not statistically significant when compared to those who don't know any Jews or those who know 7+ Jewish people.

Researchers then sought to understand the relationship between how people described their past experiences with Jews and their current levels of anti-Jewish attitudes. Encouragingly, most respondents in the study described their past experiences with Jews positively. It follows, though, that envy respondents who described their past experiences with Jews as "very positive: or "positive" agreed with some anti-Jewish tropes. However, the fifth (21%) of respondents who described their past experiences with Jews as only "somewhat positive" or "negative" were significantly more likely to agree with a much greater number of anti-Jewish tropes.

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Dear Looker,

It doesn't mean bubkas! What should a Jew look like? Seriously? People look like people! Perhaps they think you should resemble some idea of what a Jewish person looks like or they think you should identify with some stereotype they have. Either way it's not your responsibility to look like anyone other than yourself!

Shoshana

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## Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Altman*

At this time of year, our cycle of Torah readings has us in the wilderness, still in the early *parshiot* of the fourth book of the Torah, *Bamidbar*. The English name, Numbers, is derived from the opening of the book where Moses takes a census of the Israelites, a counting of all males, age 20 and over, those able to bear arms, as they prepare to set out on their journey towards the Promised Land.

Having completed the *Mishkan*, their place of worship and a visible sign of God's presence among them, at the end of Exodus, and having received all of the laws regarding the worship that will take place in the sanctuary and learned how to live a life of holiness as prescribed in the book of Leviticus, they are now ready to move on towards the Land where they will settle.

The Hebrew name, *Bamidbar*, comes from the opening word of the book. It means "in the wilderness" and that name really captures the essence of the book itself much more so than does the name Numbers. *Bamidbar* tells of the 38 years of the wanderings of the Isarelites. As they set out, the Israelites have no idea that it will, in fact, take them 38 years; that their multiple rebellions – very much their adolescent years – will reach the boiling point that will cause them to remain in the wilderness until that slave generation passes on and their children, born in freedom, will have what it takes to enter into the Promised Land. It is *Bamidbar*, in the wilderness, that this motley band of former slaves can actually be transformed into a people, one capable of settling in a new land and forming a society that is grounded in the ritual and moral teachings of their faith.

The *midbar* is a desert, wilderness, an open and empty place. It can be overwhelmingly frightening. Fear will certainly be a factor in the Israelites' continual rebellions and the desire of many to return to slavery in Egypt, rather than face the wilderness and the unknown beyond it. Their leaders Moses, Aaron and Miriam will try to guide them through the wilderness with God's promises to protect them and lead them. But among the twelve scouts who will be sent to scope out the new land, only two – Joshua and Caleb – will have the vision to see beyond what is frightening and the faith in God to believe that they will succeed.

Thus, the Israelites will be forced to remain in that wilderness until they or their children can see new possibilities and find the strength and courage to begin anew. The openness of the *midbar* is ripe for reflection, creativity and seeing things differently.

In his work in the field of transitional management and change, Dr. William Bridges used the *midbar* as an illustration of what he views as the most important stage of transition. He defines transition as a three-phase process that begins with letting go of the way things used to be and ends by taking hold of the way they subsequently become. In between the letting go and the taking hold again, he teaches, there is a chaotic but potentially creative 'neutral zone' when things aren't the old way but aren't really a new way either. The most important phase of Bridge's three-phase process is the one that we tend to try to skip over: the neutral zone. In his book, *Managing Transitions*, Bridges describes the neutral zone as "both a dangerous and an opportune place. It is the time when repatterning takes place: old and maladaptive habits are replaced with new ones. It is the winter in which the roots begin to prepare themselves for spring's renewal. It is the night during which we are disengaged from yesterday's concerns and preparing for tomorrow's. It is the chaos into which the old form dissolves and from which the new form emerges. It is the seedbed of the new beginnings that you seek."

Bridges applies his process of transition to the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the *midbar* as the all-important neutral zone: an open space that on the one hand can be frightening, filled with uncertainty; if, on the other hand, we choose to take advantage of the opportunities that this open space can provide, the neutral zone can have the potential for creativity, growth, and redefinition of self.



Rabbi Renni Altman

## 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 Sylvester Phekoo, who took time from teaching his daughter how to box to answer our questions.

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**  
**Favorite:** "Grit", by Angela Duckworth, meaning the power of passion and perseverance for long term goals. I learned this from my wife.  
**Least Favorite:** Powerless
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**  
*My grandfather's perseverance. "When you put G-d first, there's nothing you can't do in life".*
- 3. What is your favorite song?**  
*"When You Believe" from "The Prince of Egypt"*
- 4. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*Being a lawyer (\*he is starting law school at night Fall 2023).*
- 5. What profession would you not like to attempt?**  
*A doctor.*
- 6. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**  
*Latkes—and my wife makes the best.*
- 7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**  
**Like:** *My interpersonal skills, particularly empathy.*  
**Dislike:** *I take things personally.*
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**  
*I got my blackbelt at age 18 and I am first generation Guyanese.*
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**  
*Speed.*
- 10. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**  
*Being one of the youngest federal agents at 22 years old after completing a four and a half month academy.*
- 11. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**  
*The ability to create a community farm in a low economic community.*
- 12. If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**  
*With the times we are living, that people take time to get to know each other and discover the similarities between people.*
- 13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**  
*My 1st Passover. Reading the Passover stories and me trying to pronounce some of the words.*
- 14. What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**  
*The baby naming of my daughter. I loved the whole experience.*
- 15. In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**  
*Continue to do your interfaith work because it helps others bridge a gap and eliminate misconceptions.*
- 16. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
*You accomplished everything you needed to do and now you can rest.*
- 17. What is one question you wished we ask and the answer?**  
*Since becoming part of the Jewish community, what is one thing you learned? "Family is more than just blood related."*



Sylvester Phekoo

\*Member of the Tribe

*(Rabbi's Blog Continued)*

So it was with the Israelites in the *Midbar*. The book is replete with stories of challenge and rebellion, of struggles for identity and self-definition, searching for security, developing trust and faith in God. Appropriately, the opening of the book begins with preparation: an accounting of those able to bear arms, preparing for the danger that they will encounter. They learn the roles that each tribe will play on the journey as they move forward the Promised Land. As the book unfolds, we read of their growth as they use this neutral zone to transform from former slaves to the people Israel.

May we learn from the Israelites and take advantage of neutral zones when we encounter significant changes in our lives.

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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](mailto:rsdirector@vassartemple.org) (845) 454-2570.

### Vassar Temple Welcome New Religious School Director *submitted by Marian Schwartz*

Vassar Temple is very pleased to welcome back Rabbi Shoshana Hantman as our Religious School Director. Stepping into her role here immediately following Spring break, she is overseeing the K-7 religious school program on Sunday mornings, while Rabbi Altman continues to oversee the Temple's mid-week Hebrew program. Rabbi Hantman previously served as Religious School Director at Vassar Temple from 2009-2011, leaving at that time to pursue full-time work and to write. She received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, her M.Ed. from Temple University, and rabbinical ordination by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Rabbi Hantman founded the independent Halutsim Hebrew School in 1992. In 2014 she published the award-winning *Passover Parodies: Short Plays for the Seder Table*. This work was followed by *Choose Your Path*, and *Hanukkah Parodies*. Rabbi Hantman's career has included a decade in the pulpit and over thirty years as a Jewish educator. She lives in northern Westchester County with her husband, Richard Weill, and their children, Mollie and Isaac.



*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](http://www.hgf.org)).  
 Thank you!*



תשעה באב

Tish B'Av

The PJ Library hub has many suggestions for books about Israel! Here is a creative Kotel craft from Creativejewishmom.com. Others can be found on the PJLibrary Hub.

For ages: Ages 3 - 7

You'll need:  
construction paper, safety scissors, glue stick

**Directions:**

- Cut out various shapes depicting the Kotel, (Western Wall) and the background.
- Arrange in a way that looks like the Kotel in Israel.



It's always tough to impart the meaning of Tisha B'Av to younger children. An easy hands-on Kotel collage can help them begin to visualize the concept of the Beit Hamikdash and Western Wall.

Tamatha



Suzanne



**Craft Brews and Crafting Our First Dad's Day Out**

By Tamatha Williams PJ Library Program Director

The weather refused to cooperate as we tried to plan for our first Dad's Day Out. While going on a hike needed to be postponed, PJ parents remained optimistic for a day of adventure. In an effort to make the most of the stormy day, we chose to head to a local brewery, Plan Bee Brewery, with the promise that it offered a family friendly atmosphere.

With raincoats, boots and umbrellas in tow, the dads and their children made the most out of the muddy surroundings, checking out the farm animals and "performing" on the child-friendly stage. When the rain came down, the children were able to go inside where they decided to make mosaic lollipops, with a round plate as the center and another plate rolled up to form the stick. Using multicolored tissue paper, the colorful candies seemed to brighten the dark day outside.

The dads had lots of fun sampling the craft beers and the children equally enjoyed their arts and crafts. This Dad's Day Out was the first of many to follow and I am excited to facilitate these heartfelt and most meaningful outings.



**Vassar Temple Genizah Service**

A Genizah service - ritual burial of sacred texts - was held in the Vassar Temple cemetery on April 30. Vassar Temple Religious School students helped place these sacred materials lovingly to rest in accordance with Jewish tradition. Members also placed unusable family belongings to rest. Then everything was covered by hand with earth, with the plot filled in later by our cemetery caretaker. The event was planned by the Cemetery and Ritual Committees, along with Rabbi Altman. The designated area is deep enough to be accessed again in the future for ritual burial of congregants' additional books, and the surface will be planted with native wildflowers to support life-sustaining pollinators. We appreciate everyone who came out to lend a hand and witness this ritual despite the inclement weather.



**MITZVAH NOW: HANUKKAH IN AUGUST!**

**MORSE SCHOOL CLOTHING EQUITY DRIVE**

*Help Morse School Kids start the new school year right!*  
**August 1-31, 2023**

Join our community in raising funds so we can provide sweatpants, socks, underwear and, of course, school supplies for kids 6-11 who need our help. We'll shop for you and maximize every shekel!

**Send Morse School donations to:**  
Jewish Federation of Dutchess County  
**PO Box 2525**  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603  
Please make your check out to Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and write "Morse Mitzvah Project" in the memo.

**For Questions:**  
Pam Mason  
admin@jewishdutchess.org  
845.471.9811

**\$18 outfits 1 Morse School student.**  
All donation amounts welcome!

THE MORSE SCHOOL CLOTHING EQUITY DRIVE is a joint Tzedakah project of: Jewish Federation of Dutchess County; PJ Library; and the Jewish Social Action Coalition members: Congregation Schomre Israel; Congregation Shir Chadash; Temple Beth El; Vassar Temple; and the Harding Club.

**PJ Library & PJ OUR WAY**

**PJ LIBRARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH:**

**Family Name:**  
The Camac Family

**How many kids are in your family and what are their ages?**  
2 boys—3.5 years old and 1 year old

**How long have you been receiving PJ Library books?**  
3 years

**What is your family's favorite PJ Library book?**  
*Only a Tree Knows How To Be a Tree*

**How did you hear about PJ Library?**  
Friends!

**Why is PJ Library important in your home?**  
It is great to have a Jewish based monthly story to read to the kids. We also enjoy the events that take place and connecting with other Jewish families.

**How has PJ Library influenced your family's Jewish living and decisions?**  
It has helped us continue to incorporate Judaism into our everyday lives through stories, holidays, and events. It's a great, easy tool to have to explain our heritage to our children and to pass on traditions.

**Is PJ Library helpful to you as a parent? How?**  
Yes! It makes explaining stories and holidays easy. It's also a great way to connect with other families in our area.

**The Camac Family**

**Tish B'Av** By Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

Tisha B'Av is an annual fast day in Judaism, on which a number of disasters in Jewish history occurred, primarily the destruction of both Solomon's Temple by the Neo-Babylonian Empire and the Second Temple by the Roman Empire in Jerusalem.

9th day of Av - "the saddest day in Jewish history"

On Tisha B'Av we **commemorate the destruction of the two temples**; the first was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BCE and the second temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. The Holy Temple was a magnificent temple built by King Solomon in Jerusalem over 3,000 years ago. King Solomon also known as Shlomo, was one of the wisest leaders of Israel in ancient times. Known in Hebrew as the *Beit HaMikdash*, this Temple was the center and magnetic core of Jewish life at that time.

The Temple was destroyed in the year 70 CE by the Romans, constituting one of the most monumental events in Jewish history. Since this time, Jews have commemorated the Destruction of the Temple with a day of mourning and fasting. Why remember destruction? Why remember anything painful at all? A painful history can be disturbing, but it can also remind us from whence we came. If we teach our children about our history, including the "bad parts," it helps remind us how far we have already come. Then we are in a position to not only go forward but to build back better!

Please check out all of our **PJ Library Events** on our Facebook Page: "PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley" and in our bi-monthly PJ Library and PJ OurWay E-News and Mid-Month Update emails!

Got Questions? New to the community or looking to make connections with other families?  
Interested in a Grandparent's Circle?  
Want to start a Parent's Night In or a monthly playgroup?

**We can help! Email: [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)**  
**Join our PJ Library Mom's What's app Group or our Mid-Hudson Valley PJ Library Families FB Group**  
**via Email: [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)**

## The Federation Board's Voice



Jonah Ritter

### A HEALTHY DISAGREEMENT IS A JEWISH THING

Submitted By Jonah Ritter

According to oral Jewish tradition, Moses received the Torah at Mount Sinai in 1312 BCE. We have spent the last 3,335 years debating it - which is a very Jewish thing to do!

In a divided world with so much disagreement, let us consider what Judaism teaches us about the settling of disagreements. Judaism celebrates the diversity of opinion and disagreement! Our tradition teaches us to engage in machloket l'shem shamayim (disagreement for the sake of Heaven).

Every body of people, be it government, organization or marriage, will face challenges when dealing with issues about which there is disagreement. That is why it is so important to have a clear mission as a guide. Most non-profit organizations formulate a "mission statement." JFED's mission statement is essential for keeping our organization centered on its greater purpose.

**JFED Mission:**  
To perpetuate, protect, and enhance Jewish communal life and well-being locally, in Israel, and worldwide while supporting our greater local community.

**JFED Vision:**  
Culturally connect and support the diverse Jewish community of Dutchess County.

As an example, the Jewish Federation Board are members of various political parties. Diversity of opinion in politics is the norm but political disagreements are reduced here because we are a non-political, non-religious non-profit. Most contentious political issues fall outside the scope of our mission and we can simply avoid a subject. Yet when it comes to some topics such as advocating for Israel and antisemitism, sticking to the mission does get tricky so healthy debates do pop up. Since disagreements are inevitable, when there is one, it is important to recognize HOW we disagree with one another is what matters.

According to Jewish values, the purpose of debate that arises from a disagreement is to seek truth, not victory. "It matters less about who is sharper or smarter, and more about who can see the bigger picture and acknowledge multiple sides of an issue." Pirkei Avot (Ethics of Our Fathers) 5:17 states, "Every dispute that is for the sake of Heaven, will in the end endure; But one that is not for the sake of Heaven, will not endure."

Pride is the enemy of a healthy debate. Good conflict resolution requires humility and the ability to honor different sides of an issue. Argument for the sake of

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## Our Executive Director



### AI Technology: yeah or nay

Many of us have been hearing about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its potential (benefits and dangers). My son and I were recently discussing this new technology and various applications. As an experiment, we went online and asked one specific application, ChatGPT, to provide us with a brief essay about AI and its risks and rewards. Here is what it created:

Unveiling the Power and Slight Scariness of New AI: Exploring ChatGPT

New AI technologies like ChatGPT offer tremendous potential for revolutionizing various aspects of our lives. The power to engage in natural language conversations, provide information, and assist in various tasks is awe-inspiring. However, we must also acknowledge the slight scariness associated with AI's rapid advancements and potential implications.

By embracing responsible AI practices, prioritizing ethical considerations, and ensuring human-AI collaboration, we can fully explore the capabilities of ChatGPT and other AI systems. With proper safeguards, education, and awareness, we can leverage these technologies to benefit society, while mitigating the risks and addressing the concerns associated with their development.

I was overwhelmed to say the least. With a few minor suggested words/phrases, an entire essay was generated in less than a minute. The diction was intelligent, professional, and mature. The content addressed both sides of the discussion. All of this was done right in front of our eyes instantaneously. We then experimented by taking one of my paragraphs from a different article and asked ChatGPT to modify it. I could only dream of producing such a final product in such a short time.

There are no doubts that we should be concerned about the application and misapplication of AI but it is truly a fascinating technology nonetheless. While I do not plan on using AI regularly, as my son pointed out, did any of us ever consider the internet becoming such an integral part of our daily lives? Hmm..

Wishing you all a reality based summer!  
Karen Hochhauser

## 2023 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

Please fill out the form and mail it back to us with your payments to:  
THE VOICE, PO Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603  
Or complete online: [www.jewishdutchess.org](http://www.jewishdutchess.org)  
**DEADLINE for Rosh Hashanah Greeting is August 8**

### 2023 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

**Small—A**

Your Name

**Medium—C**

Your Name

**Small—B**

Your Name

**Medium—D**

Your Name

**Large—E**

Your Name

**Large—F**

Your Name

### Rosh Hashanah Greetings

**Small—A**

Your Name

**Medium—C**

Your Name

**Small—B**

Your Name

**Medium—D**

Your Name

**Large—E**

Your Name

**Large—F**

Your Name

### Chanukah Greetings

**Small—A**

Your Name

**Medium—C**

Your Name

**Small—B**

Your Name

**Medium—D**

Your Name

**Large—E**

Your Name

**Large—F**

Your Name

# JEWISH FOOD

Connecting our Community through Food

Send us your favorite Kosher recipe so we can share it. Please email to: [TheVoice@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:TheVoice@jewishdutchess.org).

## Truck Load Farm's Roasted Ratatouille *Submitted by Lisa Arnoff*

Here's a recipe that was especially created for me by our cousin, Chef Shari Robins. Chef Shari created the recipe for me when she was visiting and we had a "truckload" of veggies from our garden. This freezes well. I use it as a side, to top pasta, or I put it in the food processor, smooth it, put it and serve with crackers and crudites for a dip!

### Ingredients

- 10 oz onion cut into 1/4-inch-thick half-moons
- 14 oz red bell peppers peeled (as much as possible with a vegetable peeler; serrated works best), cored, and cut into 1/4-inch-wide strips
- 1 lb eggplant peeled if desired and sliced crosswise 1/2-inch thick, slices then cut in halves or quarters, depending on size
- 1 lb zucchini trimmed and cut into 1/4-inch-thick rounds
- 15 whole cloves garlic, peeled
- 1/2 cup plus 2 Tbs. extra-virgin olive oil; more as needed
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh rosemary or thyme
- Kosher salt
- 1 1/2 lbs ripe tomatoes cored, and cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil

### Directions

1. Position racks in the top and bottom thirds of the oven and heat the oven to 400°F.
2. Line two large rimmed baking sheets (12x16-inch sheet pans are a good size) with foil and top with a sheet of parchment.
3. In a large bowl, toss the onions, peppers, eggplant, zucchini, garlic, olive oil, rosemary, and 1-1/2 tsp. kosher salt.
4. Spread the vegetables evenly over both sheets. Don't spread the vegetables too thin or they may burn (they shrink a lot as they cook).
5. Roast, stirring the vegetables a few times and swapping the positions of the pans once, until the vegetables are slightly collapsed or shriveled, starting to brown, and very tender, about 45 minutes. If the vegetables look like they may burn, turn down the heat or pile them closer together. If they look dry, drizzle on a little olive oil.
6. Divide the tomatoes between the two pans and continue to roast until the tomatoes soften and shrink and the other vegetables are well-browned, another 30 to 50 minutes.
7. Scrape all the vegetables and any juices into a serving bowl. Toss with the basil, taste for seasoning, and serve warm.

### Nutritional Info:

nutrition information (per serving): Size : based on four servings;

Calories (kcal): 430; Fat (g): fat g 35; Fat Calories (kcal): 310; Saturated Fat (g): sat fat g 5; Protein (g): protein g 6; Monounsaturated Fat (g): 25; Carbohydrates (g): carbs g 29; Polyunsaturated Fat (g): 4; Sodium (mg): sodium mg 450; Cholesterol (mg): cholesterol mg 0; Fiber (g): fiber g 10;



## Keshet *Submitted by Lisa Sue Quakenbush, President Vassar Temple*

Keshet is a Hebrew word meaning both "rainbow," a symbol of LGBTQ pride, and "bow," an instrument for action. It is also a national organization that works for LGBTQ equality in all facets of Jewish life. Keshet equips Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge to build LGBTQ-affirming communities, creating spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen and valued; and advances LGBTQ rights nationwide.

Being seen and valued seems like something that is simple, natural and accepted. In the LGBTQ community, unfortunately this is often not the case. This community is often ignored, bullied or marginalized in both subtle and not-so-subtle ways. Keshet has developed the leadership of LGBTQ Jewish teens and trained Jewish educators to prevent anti-LGBTQ bullying and celebrate LGBTQ identity as well as mobilizing Jewish communities to protect marriage equality and transgender rights.

They are an amazing organization that envisions a world in which all LGBTQ Jews and families can live with full equity, justice, and dignity. The URJ, JGN (the Jewish Grandparents Network) and Keshet share a commitment to an inclusive Jewish community that reflects and affirms marginalized identities.

We at Vassar Temple have an LGBTQ Safe Zone sign (marketed by Keshet) out in front of our building and on our front door. We like to think this makes all people feel welcome, acknowledged and safe. I am not always sure that it does. I believe we need to feel a bit more comfortable as a congregation and as individuals as to what this means and entails. In order for us to exude the feeling of Audacious Hospitality (Reform Jewish Movement's focused effort on Racial Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) I believe we need to educate and familiarize ourselves with some of the terminology and issues surrounding LGBTQ members of our community.

Some of us are comfortable with correct terminology, gender identity and use of preferred pronouns. Many in our congregation and of a certain generation are not. I am a firm believer in the adage "Without knowledge action is useless and knowledge without action is futile." - Abu Bakr. Knowledge is a tool and the more comfortable we are in using these tools, the more authentic we can be in participating in Audacious Hospitality and truly welcoming members of the LGBTQ community into our congregation.

Every year, during the month of June, Pride month is celebrated by the LGBTQ community and beyond. June was chosen because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place back in 1969. And while we have certainly come a long way since the riots of 1969, it is imperative that we continue to do what we can to raise awareness, improve attitudes of society and encourage inclusiveness in our own congregation.

Friday, June 2nd at 7:30, Vassar Temple will celebrate Pride Month with a Pride Shabbat. Wear your Rainbow colors. Learn something new. Join us for an Introduction into understanding Gender Diversity and to the challenges of our Trans Community to maintain their connections and involvement in our Jewish Community. Imbibe yourself with inspirational words and stories of those who continue to pave the way for better understanding and acceptance of those who feel misunderstood and marginalized.

For information on some of these great organizations, I've enclosed some links.

Keshet [www.keshetonline.org](http://www.keshetonline.org)

Jewish Grandparents Network JGN [www.jewishgrandparentsnetwork.org](http://www.jewishgrandparentsnetwork.org) ;

URJ Audacious Hospitality [www.urj.org/what-we-do/audacious-hospitality](http://www.urj.org/what-we-do/audacious-hospitality)

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victory has a destructive nature that is unlikely to expose truth. The result is that both sides ultimately suffer.

Conversely, when an argument is for the "sake of Heaven," even if one loses the argument they win — because the truth was sought and found. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z"l said, "being defeated by the truth is the only form of defeat that is also a victory."

## JEW IN THE NEWS.

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

### Congratulations

Suzanne Turrisi- educator, and

Shannon Buttlar - historian,

on your educational and funny podcast!

Come learn things you didn't know about people you thought you knew!

This entertaining and informative podcast

may contain adult language, listener discretion is advised



## Congregation Schomre Israel

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

#### Tuesday

**The Collected Writings of Maimonides, Writings of the Rambam, The Letter of Sanctification** 10:30am, hybrid.

Maimonides has been considered as one of the greatest Jewish philosophers and teachers of all time. What makes Maimonides and his teachings so respected and cherished throughout all of the ages? Join us as we discuss his philosophy and study his classic works together.

**Introductory Hebrew Class and Conversational Hebrew** Zoom & live. Hebrew reading 6:00pm and the Conversational class will be at 11:45am and 7:00pm.

#### Thursday

**Contemporary Halachic Questions** 7:00pm, live and hybrid class. What goes into a Halachic Torah decision? While some topics are pretty straightforward (“no, you cannot kill him”) there are some which are exceedingly complex. We will take a contemporary topic and question which has vexed laymen and scholars. Then analyze and debate the issue and consider the Torah’s approach. *June 22 -Of Clones and Golems.*

### Other Events:

#### Tuesday

**Special 4K Meeting—Fishing Event** June 14, 5:30pm. Join us for a late afternoon and early evening fishing trip on a boat on a private lake. The 4K (Kvetching, Kvelling Kibbitzing, Koffee) Club meeting are generally held the last Sunday of each month at 9:30am. Contact the synagogue office for more info.  
**Rosh Chodesh Breakfast** June 20, Breakfast after the prayer service for Rosh Chodesh Tammuz.

#### Thursday

**Yiddish Club** June 29, 11:00am. This is your chance to hear and maybe even speak a *bisele mame lushun* and to learn about Yiddish culture. As will 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.

**Two fast days in July** July 8 Fast of the 17th of Tammuz, July 27-Tish B’Av. Please check the synagogue website to find out about special programs for these fast days.

### Contact:

[rabbishlomok@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com)  
for current information  
or visit the website  
[www.schomreIsrael.org](http://www.schomreIsrael.org)



Tiny Temple hosted PJ Library to celebrate Yom Ha’amaut (Israel’s Independence Day), at Vassar Temple.

## Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)  
Interim: Freedom Plains  
Presbyterian Church, Lagrange  
(845) 232-1029  
Rabbi Glenn Jacob  
Website: [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)  
Email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)

### Weekly Services:

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

### Adult Education:

#### Saturday

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

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

### Contact :

[info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)  
for current information  
or visit the website  
[www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

## Temple Beth-El

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

### Weekly Services:

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

### Adult Education:

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

### Other Events:

#### Sunday

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

#### Thursday

#### Temple Beth-El Book Club

Please register for each meeting no later than 9:00am the Friday preceding each meeting. Questions? Contact Merri Sedgwick at [moodoggie7@optonline.net](mailto:moodoggie7@optonline.net). Future meeting will be July 11.

### Contact:

[info@tbeny.org](mailto:info@tbeny.org)  
for current information  
or visit the website  
[www.tbeny.org](http://www.tbeny.org)

## Vassar Temple

(Reform)  
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### Weekly Services:

All services are hybrid. For Zoom link contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) For current in-person health protocols visit: [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org)

#### Friday

#### Shabbat Evening Service

June 2 “Pride Shabbat”, June 16 Shabbat & Installation of Officers, June 23 & 30 Lay Led Shabbat 7:30pm; June 9 Picnic Shabbat 6:00pm. July 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:30pm.

#### Saturday

#### New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship

June 3, 17, 10:15am, hybrid.  
**Shabbat Morning Service** June 10, 10:15am.

### Adult Education:

#### Monday

**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text:** On Zoom alternating weeks June 5,19, 12:00pm. Taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, for study sheets and link [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net).

#### Saturday

**Torah Study** Hybrid at 9:00am, Examine passages from the week’s Torah portion or haftarah. For info and to be placed on the class list, contact: [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).

### Other Events:

#### Wednesday

**Sisterhood Book Group** June 21, 2:00pm, College View Tower community room, 141Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie. Based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during World War II, Janet Skeslien Charles’s *The Paris Library* is a moving and unforgettable ode to the importance of libraries and the power of books. All are welcome, please RSVP to [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org).

#### Tuesday

**The Borscht Belt Boys: Growing Up Jewish in the Catskills** June 13, 7:00pm, In Person at Vassar Temple and via Zoom. Hal Lesser (member of Vassar Temple) and Lew Sims (member of Temple Beth-El) will share memories of their childhoods growing up Jewish in the Catskills during the 50’s and 60’s. Raised on farms, Hal and Lew shared many colorful experiences in the hamlet of Kerhonkson, which came alive during the summer in its bungalow colonies, hotels and Jewish day camps during this once vibrant era. Sponsored by Vassar Temple’s Adult Education Committee, this program is FREE, donations are appreciated. Pre-Registration is REQUIRED for Zoom participants. RSVP call (845) 454-2570 or [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org), and let us know if you will be attending in person or via Zoom.

### The Bargain Basement Returns!!!

The Bargain Basement Sale (formerly known as the Rummage Sale) finally returns Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>!!! Hours are 9:30AM to 12:30PM; Bag Sale from 2PM to 5PM. Featuring seasonal items & clothing, shoes, books, luggage & purses, and more... Volunteers are always needed and appreciated!!! We will issue a letter for any student that needs volunteer hours. Questions, call (845) 454-2570 or contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org), [bargainbasement@vassartemple.org](mailto:bargainbasement@vassartemple.org).

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### Mazel Tov Memories

Send us information about what you are celebrating: birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, and simchas.

We at the JFedDC want to celebrate with you and share the nachas.

Send your information to:  
[thevoice@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:thevoice@jewishdutchess.org)

Congratulation to Steven and Judy Fleishman on receiving the Glenn G. Bartle Distinguished Alumni Award  
The Binghamton University Alumni Association presented its 2023 Special Recognition Awards May 4, at the Penn Club in Manhattan.

Judith Garczynski Fleishman ’90 and Steven Fleishman ’91  
Glenn G. Bartle Distinguished Alumni Award

*The Bartle Award recognizes and honors graduates who have rendered outstanding voluntary service to the Binghamton University community, while also serving their communities, their careers and their country.*



## Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592  
 Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus  
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 Email: [info@MyPardess.org](mailto:info@MyPardess.org)

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## The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

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

### Weekly Services:

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

### Contact:

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**[www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](http://www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)**

## Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie  
 (845) 463-5801  
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein  
 Website:  
[www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)  
 Email:  
[ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto: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](mailto:ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net)**  
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## Beacon Hebrew Alliance

(Conservative)  
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon  
 (845) 831-2012  
 Rabbi Brent Spodek;  
 Email:  
[411@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto: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](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org/calendar)

### Contact:

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## Congregation Beth David

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

### Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am, December 17, 24

### Contact:

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**[www.CongBethDavid.org](http://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](mailto:bryanmann@vassar.edu)

### Weekly Services:

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

### Contact :

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## Bard College

Rabbi Joshua Boettiger  
 Jewish Chaplain, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Humanities  
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 Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102  
 Rabbi Yael Romer: [rabbieromer@hvc.rr.com](mailto:rabbieromer@hvc.rr.com)

### Weekly Services:

#### Friday

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00pm, June, July and August will be outdoor, whether permitting. June 2 special guest leading in Israeli dancing.

**Childcare Activity for First Fridays** 6:00pm

**Tot Shabbat** June 9, July 7, August 11, September 8, 5:30pm

#### Saturday

**Morning Minyan** 10:00am through June 24 and will resume September 16.

**Tot Shabbat** 9:00am email: [assistant@cehv.org](mailto:assistant@cehv.org) to be put on the email list.

### Education:

**Rhinebeck Mediation & Torah Study** Tuesday, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, September 5, 12 8:45am, via Zoom.

**Hebrew Trope** Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21, 25 July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, September 6, 13, 12:00pm

**Conversational Hebrew** Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, September 6, 13, 4:00pm, via Zoom

**Coffee Chai with the Rabbi** (via Zoom) Thursday, June 1, 8, July 6, 13, August 3, 10, September 7, 14, 8:45am, via Zoom.

### Other Events:

**Monthly Brotherhood Meeting** Tuesday, TBD, 7:00pm

**Mah Jongg Returns** Monday, TBD, 10:15am

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**for all events and current information**  
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## June—July

### Candle Lighting Schedule

June 2	8:06pm
June 9	8:11pm
June 16	8:14pm
June 23	8:16pm
June 30	8:16pm
July 7	8:14pm
July 14	8:11pm
July 21	8:06pm
July 28	8:00pm



**Monthly Kosher Food Delivery From Evergreen—**

Congregation Schomre Israel has organized a monthly Evergreen delivery program.

Evergreenkosher.com offers an amazing variety of items. You can order online and pick up your items at Schomre Israel. Deliveries are scheduled to arrive via Evergreen truck at the synagogue early afternoon.

If interested in ordering, call the synagogue at (845) 454-2890 or email Rabbi Shlomo Krasner at [rabbishlomok@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com)



## The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

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

We will be in person at Schomre Israel. The next meeting will be June 11, July 9, August 13, October 8, November 12, and December 13 at 9:30am (9:00am schmooze). The Post will supply nosh stuff and coffee, and refreshments will be strictly kosher. Masks are optional. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

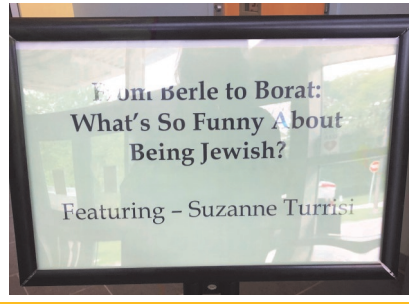
## Jewish Trivia

Q: Which Disney Channel star is Jewish?

A: Shia LaBeouf co-stars in the Disney Chanel series *Even Stevens* with Christy Carlson Romano. He was also the star of the 2022 movie *Hole*, based on the novel by Louis Sachar. Another Jewish Disney Chanel star is Adam Lamberg, who co-stars with Hilary Duff, Jake Thomas, and Lalaine in the hit series *Lizzie McGuire*.



Vassar Temple volunteers with partners from the Mid Hudson Islamic Assn. twice monthly at LunchBox



May was Jewish heritage month! In honor of that, Suzanne Turrisi spoke in front of a crowd of over 50 people at the Boardman Road Library about the influence of Jews in comedy. The well attended class discussed "what's so funny about being Jewish" and the contributions that Jewish Americans have made to entertainment.



Shir Chadash had family trivia night. The fun program had snacks, pizza, prizes, and of course trivia! People enjoyed playing, and schmoozing! A great time was had by all who attended!



Check was presented by President Elkin to Commander Korfman of The PVT Herman Siegel Post 625 of The Jewish War Veterans of the United States. Also attending is JYW Chief of Staff Hochhauser.



The Evolution of Yiddish Event with Motel Didner. Thank you to Blessing for Israel Fund for making this event possible.



Do you know someone graduating from High School or College?  
 If so, email their name, a picture, and from which school they are graduating from so we can celebrate them?  
 Email by July 1<sup>st</sup>:  
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International Holocaust Remembrance Day January 2023 in collaboration with the FDR Presidential Library

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