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

Promoting healthy choices in nutrition and physical activity can go a long way toward improving quality of life for older adults; but it's non-medical factors that can cause health disparities to persist, even in cases where we continually make healthy choices.

We call these factors "social determinants of health": the conditions in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age. These factors affect health and quality of life as surely as our choice of nutrition and activity level. Individually, older adults can be affected by poverty, limited access to health care, lack of education, and racism.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) emphasizes several groups at risk of health disparities: people from racial and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, members of the LGBT community, individuals with limited English proficiency, and rural communities.

It is possible a reader might think none of the above applies to them, and they could even be right - until the moment their doctor retires and they are scrambling to find a doctor who is accepting new patients. That is a social determinant of health that can affect us all. Dutchess County's over-60 population is close to 80,000 and growing, with the most recent Census figures showing another 22,500 in the 55-59 age group. Together that is over a third of the county's population. Among them are the health care workers with the most experience - and they are retiring.

If that is not an "uh-oh" moment, we do not know what is.

As a result, the Office for the Aging's key message becomes increasingly vital: *get to know us before you need us.* We want you staying independent as much as you want it, and we can help you anticipate and adapt to aging's challenges.

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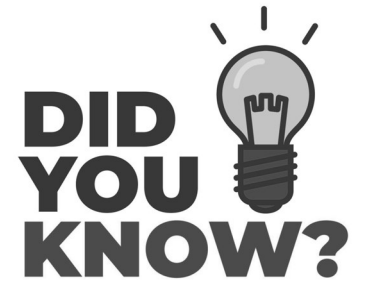


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The Harding Club meets regularly, enjoying a meal and speakers of wide-ranging areas of expertise and experience. Recently, too, Andy Steinvurzel spoke to the club about his work in connection with the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Swiss Holocaust Accounts. Werner Steger also from DCC spoke about Yom Hashoa.

Recently our charitable work has taken on a new dimension. We are now supporting the Community Seder being put on by Temple Beth El. We are underwriting the Seder itself (\$500) and are also paying for up to three families who may not be able to afford the cost. We have also supported needy families attending the Chanukah dinner.

We are an active group of Jewish men who continue to make philanthropic contributions to our community, delivering food to the needy and making financial contributions to worthy causes, both in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. Our membership is growing, but there is plenty of room for you if you are interested. We are a friendly group, and we enjoy each other's camaraderie. Check in with any of us listed below. We will gladly share a meal with you and offer you the opportunity to join us.

I am Alan Fox, Club Secretary. Gene Fleishman is our President, and our Vice President, responsible for membership, is Irv Miller.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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## A Month of Antisemitism in Dutchess County

submitted by Zachary Lewis

I was sent the words that Rhinebeck's Le Petit Bistro owner, Joseph Dalu, right after it was posted. My blood boiled. All over Rhinebeck community pages, many said "I will never eat there again." What happened next made it erupt. All over Rhinebeck on various group pages, in comment sections, in town itself, this post was condoned.



To parse through all the words and summarize it: The owner of Rhinebeck just said F\*\*\* the one Jewish State, F\*\*\* the Jewish control on media, F\*\*\* Jewish allies, and F\*\*\* Zionism, a belief held by 95% of Jews as central to their identity. In effect, he said "F\*\*\* Jews." How could this be defended? How could this be allowed? Washed away?

To the credit of Rhinebeck resident, Maish Freedman, he acted quickly. Maish organized a demonstration in town to make sure that we would not be silent nor that what Mr. Dalu wrote would not go publicly uncontested. What happened next took that erupting blood to a new level, one that admittedly I had to look up, called "Ultra-Plinian." Mr. Dalu had the gall to call for a "Brunch for Peace" on the same day as Mr. Freedman's planned rally.

Mr. Dalu, who in so many words just said, "F\*\*\* Jews," now wanted to host a "Peace Brunch." For many, they praised the event. Even the Rhinebeck Town Supervisor, Elizabeth Spinzia, publicly acclaimed the event. Did she listen to the Jewish community about why this is so jarringly offensive? Of course not. The gaslighting of our community continued.

On the day of the event, an event called "A Walk Against Hate," while the supporters of Israel gathered, in front of the restaurant a group of counter demonstrators showed up. The event was not about Israel and Palestine, it was about hate speech. What were we met with? Pro-Palestine protesters (and some Jewish Voice for Peace members) who were calling for Jewish genocide with the slogans like, "From the River to the Sea."

The event was fine but served as a reminder: Antisemitism is in our community and it is not just limited to ceasefire resolutions. In the weeks following, Vassar College had an encampment and Bard College had their administration building taken over. According to reports, Bard capitulated to the violent demonstrators in full.

At the playground, yes, the playground in Tivoli, "Death to Israel" and "Death to Amerikkka" was painted on an electrical box, "From the River to the Sea," a burning police car, and "Intifada" among other slogans, were intricately painted onto a picnic table. After a police report was filed, it took one week to remove the calls for Jewish genocide. To his credit, Mayor Griffith did not find out until six days after the police report was filed and quickly sprung into action, removing the graffiti and table completely.

In the famous story of Pandora's Box, all the evils of the world were unleashed and it was "Hope" that came out last, a reminder that a glimmer of goodness can always work to defeat the bad. It seems hard to find hope in these moments while so much evil is still pouring forward. For many Jews around the world, "HaTikva," "The Hope," is to "be a free people in our land, the land of Israel and Jerusalem." Many around the world, even right here in our community, call for that hope to be extinguished. We cannot let it. We must fight it everywhere.

Many people participated in "A Walk Against Antisemitism and a Stand Against Hate" rally in Rhinebeck.



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## Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Jon Haddon*

Over these past few months, we have all been contemplating what it means to be Jewish, both historically and at this moment in time. We could easily look at the time we are in now relative to the scope of Jewish history and say we are better off now than we have ever been before. At various points in our history, Jews have been killed for no other reason than the fact they were Jewish. They have been expelled from their homes with nowhere to go. And, they have had to practice their religion in secret, for fear of death. Thank G-d none of those things are happening right now.



Rabbi Jon Haddon

And yet, it would be hard to argue with a person who looks at the current landscape and can't help but see a bleak outlook for Judaism. We are constantly faced with the existential threat of anti-Semitism. No longer does it generate outrage when there are calls for Israel to be wiped off the map or when Jewish students on campus feel like their very safety is in question. If the world continues to accept this kind of rhetoric, what does it mean going forward?

Is this a moment to see echoes of history and sound the alarm, worrying about what our very futures look like? Or is this all just a part of what it means, and has always meant, to be Jewish?

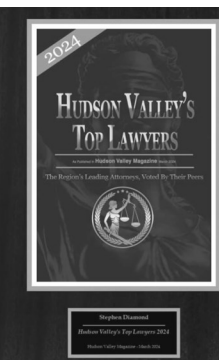
We have just commemorated and celebrated Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut; and we are grappling with these very questions related to our Jewish identities with mixed emotions. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, we paused to remember the six million Jews who were tragically killed in the Holocaust. And that Monday, we marked Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day dedicated to the memory of Israel's fallen soldiers, followed by the jubilant celebration of Israel's Independence Day on Yom Ha'atzmaut. Needless to say, that celebration looked very different this year.

In the very way that these holidays are scheduled, we recognize something that is an essential part of the Jewish experience—which is that we are constantly balancing the bad and the good. We tearfully memorialize all those who died for being Jewish or in defense of our homeland, and then as a culmination to this stretch, our mood completely changes as we celebrate the miracle that is Israel's very existence.

That wild swing of emotion, ultimately, is what it means to be Jewish. We experience contradictions. Our sorrows and joys blend together. We look at the scope of Jewish history, understanding that by all conventional logic with all the hate that we have experienced, we should not even be here. We question our existence one minute, and then celebrate it the next. That is central to our Jewish experience. As one of Israel's greatest songwriters, Naomi Shemer, put it so artfully in her beautiful song, "Al Kol Eleh", we are constantly living with the mar and the matok—the bitter and the sweet. And unfortunately, I don't anticipate that changing any time soon. These are questions that will always define our Jewish identity. But as we continue to process our place in the world at this fraught moment, as we always have, we will maintain our hope that the sweetness outweighs the bitterness going forward.

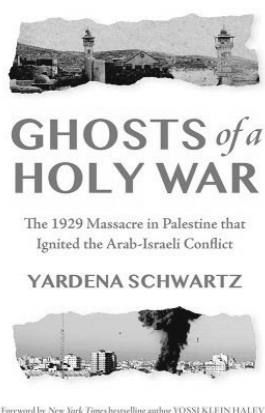
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Foreword by New York Times bestselling author YOSHI KLEIN HALEVI

## 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 Chaya Soljoi (Heather Wahba-Pallone) who took time away from singing to music in her car to answer our questions.



Chaya Soljoi (aka Heather Wahba-Pallone)

- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**  
Favorite: *Love*.  
Least Favorite: *Hate*.
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?** *Music. Nature. Love. Spirituality.*
- 3. What is your favorite song?**  
*"Feels Natural" by Rini*
- 4. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?** *Being a professional singer.*
- 5. What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?** *Anything military, though I highly respect those who protect our county and Israel.*
- 6. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**  
*Bamyas (Okra) & Basbousa.*
- 7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**  
Like: *That I'm kind and that I have a profession in which I help people.*  
Dislike: *The heightened level of anxiety when speaking out about things that I think are wrong and that are injustices.*
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**  
*I started writing my own music 6-7 years ago, and I'm self-taught.*
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**  
*To heal the world.*
- 10. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?** *My children.*
- 11. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**  
*Performing my music at a Jewish Music Festival and in Israel.*
- 12. If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**  
*Take care of one another. To care of each other as a community.*
- 13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**  
*My parents always did Shabbat. Listening to my father sing the prayers, which I now sing to my family. Lighting shabbat candles with my mom.*
- 14. What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**  
*I love Passover and my dad leading the seder and my mom cooking wonderful food.*
- 15. In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish community?**  
*By being a resource and having events that bring the community together. It is also comforting that they are pro-Israel.*
- 16. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
*It was all for the higher good.*
- 17. What is one question you wish we had asked and how would you respond:**  
Q: *What is a song of mine (under the name Chaya Soljoi) you should listen to?*  
A: *"Miracles" - a song written for the hostages.*

\*Member of the Tribe

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## Independence *By Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director*

Israel just celebrated its Independence Day. According to Merriman-Webster.com, the word independence means, “the quality or state of being independent /freedom from outside control or support.”

Today, the Israeli flag, or degel/דגל is one of the most recognizable symbols of the State of Israel but this was not always the case. The design we have come to know and love came from several previous iterations which look nothing like it does now. Even when the Jewish people were wandering in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt, each of the 12 tribes had their own decorative flag.

Theodore Herzl’s original design for the flag of a modern State of Israel featured seven golden stars on a white background. The blue and white (kachol ve’lavan/כחול לבן) of the flag represents the striping colors of a tallit/טלית or prayer shawl, while the 6-pointed star is the ancient Jewish symbol of the Magen David/מגן דוד or Star of David. Some people say the blue represents the sky



MITZVAH DAY



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE

Friday afternoons, ages 9-13 years  
 Sunday mornings, ages 5-13 years  
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon  
 Contact [celia@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto:celia@beaconhebrewalliance.org)  
 Led by Education Director, Celia Bacowski -Masa is filled with joyful Jewish experiences, including song, dance, art, food, field trips, and more!

### CHABAD MID-HUDSON VALLEY

Sunday, 10:00am-12:15pm, ages 5-12 years  
 63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie  
 For information contact Hindy Borenstein, Director (845) 463-5801  
[chabadmidsudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto:chabadmidsudsonvly@prodigy.net)

### JUDAIC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm  
 For information [www.mypardess.org/JSA](http://www.mypardess.org/JSA)

### RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

Monday, 4:00-5:30pm  
 Tiny Tots Division (ages 1-5)  
 Intermediate Division (ages 6-10)  
 Bar and Bat Mitzvah (ages 11-13)  
 For information, contact Rebbitzin Tzvie Hecht, Director (845) 876-7666 or [tzviehecht@gmail.com](mailto:tzviehecht@gmail.com)

### CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH and TEMPLE BETH-EL

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

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

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

### VASSAR TEMPLE

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

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

COMING SOON!!!



PJ LIBRARY  
 &  
 PJ OUR WAY  
 ARE GOIN’ FISHING



*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!*

**עצמאות**  
**Asma'uth**  
**Independence**

Here is a tasty craft from Ujia-Israeli Crafts:

**ISRAELI FLAG CUPCAKES**

Have your flag and eat it too! Make your favorite cupcakes and decorate them in white and blue!

**Cupcake Ingredients:**

- 110 g Softened Butter or Margarine Chemah חמאה
- 110 g Caster Sugar Sukar סוכר
- 2 Eggs Beitzim ביצים
- ½ tsp Vanilla Vanil וניל
- 110 g Self-Raising Flour Kemach קמח
- ½ tsp Salt Melach מלח

**Buttercream Ingredients:**

- 150 g Softened Butter Chemah חמאה
- 300 g Icing Sugar Sukar סוכר
- 1 tsp Vanilla Vanil וניל
- ½ tsp Salt Melach מלח
- 3 tbsps Milk Chalav חלב
- Blue Food Colouring Tzeva Ma'achal צבע מאכל

**Instructions:**

1. Beat butter and sugar together until fluffy, then mix in 2 eggs.
2. Add vanilla, flour and salt.
3. Spoon the mixture into cupcake cases, then cook at 180 C / gas 4 for 15 minutes until golden brown.
4. To make the buttercream, whisk butter until creamy, then add icing sugar, vanilla and salt. When smooth, add milk and blue food coloring. Pipe onto tops of cupcakes.



Tamatha



Suzanne



**Succulent Success**

By Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

As part of our 2024 Community Mitzvah Day: A Day of Caring and Service, PJ Library was thrilled to orchestrate the assembly of nearly seventy five mini succulents that were delivered to nursing facilities in Dutchess County! As a multigenerational activity, volunteers enthusiastically decorated white ceramic pots, using their creativity to express heartfelt sentiments.



With the help of a succulent aficionado and wonderful volunteer, Shelly Rosenblatt, the volunteers successfully transferred the varied succulents into their hand-crafted pots. Once all of the plants were ready, I headed out with my five year old daughter to deliver these very special gifts, teaching her the meaning of doing a mitzvah.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and creativity to make Mitzvah Day and our succulents a success!



If you have a child celebrating a birthday send their information to:

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PJ Library would like to celebrate them in *The Voice*.



If you are interested in participating in a youth choir?

email: [programs@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:programs@jewishdutchess.org)

**Happy Birthday!**

**HANNAH K**

**PJ Library**

Wishes Hannah K  
A Happy May Birthday!

**FAVORITE FOOD: PASTA**  
**FAVORITE ACTIVITY: GYMNASTICS**

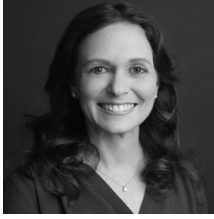
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## The Federation Board's Voice



Susan G. Hecht

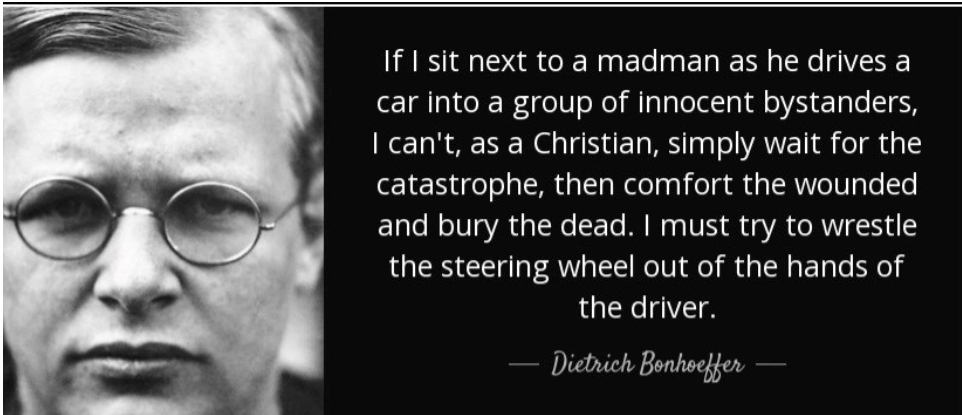
Although spring has sprung – bringing all the beauty that comes along with it – the evil of October 7<sup>th</sup> and every day since blurs the beauty. Like many of you, every day I pray for the end of this evil, the safety of all of Israel, the safety of all Jewish people, and the return of the hostages. And, like many of you, every day I hear the news, and I wonder: “What is happening?”

The 1979 song by Elvis Costello called, *What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding* rings out in my mind. Here are some of the lyrics:

As I walk through this wicked world  
Searchin' for light in the darkness of insanity  
I ask myself, "Is all hope lost?  
Is there only pain and hatred and misery?"  
And each time I feel like this inside  
There's one thing I wanna know  
What's so funny 'bout peace, love and understanding?

....  
And as I walk on through troubled times  
My spirit gets so downhearted sometimes  
So where are the strong, and who are the trusted?  
And where is the harmony, sweet harmony?

But deep in my heart, I know the answers to these questions. Using Elvis Costello's words: WE are the strong, and WE are the trusted. That is, right here in our community – you and me and the people reading *The Voice*. We are either Jewish or we are not afraid to support Jewish people. We yearn for peace – not just for the Palestinians but for the Israelis as well. We strive for harmony, sweet harmony, through peace, love and understanding. I'm grateful to have *The Voice* and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County so that I know I'm surrounded by others who strive for the same.



### Silence In The Face of Evil is Evil by Jonah Ritter

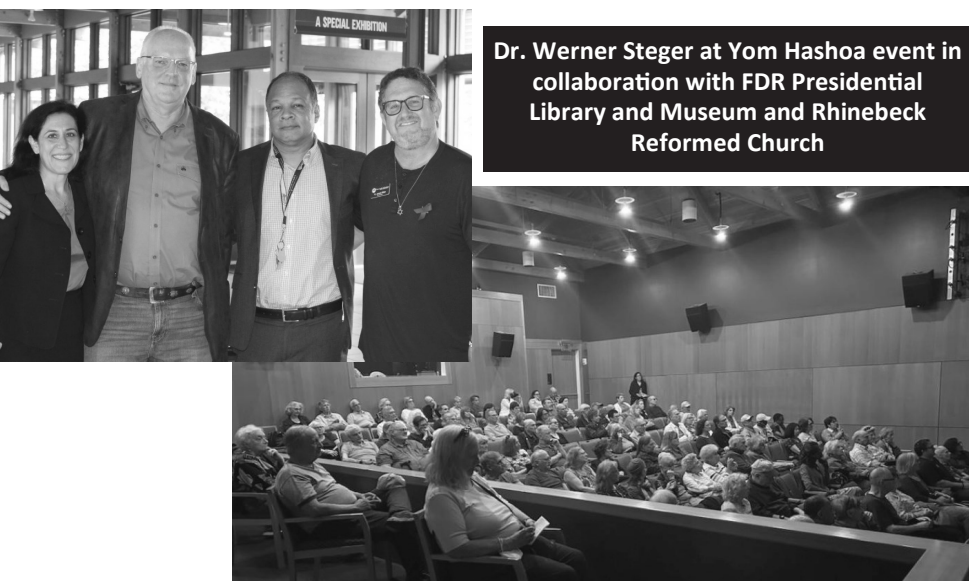
May 3, 2024 --An audience of over 120 from the community filled the FDR Presidential Library theatre in remembrance of the Shoah. The event was organized by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County in partnership with the FDR Presidential Library and the Rhinebeck Reformed Church. The program featured an opening lecture by History Professor Dr. Werner Steger, who is the Endowed Chair in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Dutchess County College. Dr. Steger's lecture was paired with a film called "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace."

Dr. Steger spoke to the role of the Church during years leading up to and including the Holocaust. His particular focus was on the little known heroic efforts of one Lutheran Minister, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Bonhoeffer was an exceptional and central clergy person whose outspoken rebellion against Hitler and the Nazi movement, including attempts to assassinate Hitler, cost him his life. Bonhoeffer was arrested in 1943 and executed in the Flossenbürg concentration camp in April 1945 just weeks before the liberation.

Jonah Ritter, one of the event organizers, remarked during the Q&A, "We live at a time when the Jewish Community deeply needs the support of the Christian. It is time for greater love and connection."

*"Silence in the face of evil is evil itself. God will not hold us guiltless. Not speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."* Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Dr. Werner Steger at Yom Hashoa event in collaboration with FDR Presidential Library and Museum and Rhinebeck Reformed Church

## Our Executive Director



A little en"lighten"ment

So I realize that recently I may have been sounding a bit "down", feeling the weight of the world on my shoulders, or at least the safety and security of the Jewish community, and the community as a whole, in our little corner of the world.

That being said, I think we all need a little bit of en"lighten"ment. A friend from Thailand used to say that the grass is not greener on the other side; it is greener where you water it. Or to paraphrase an amazing scene from "The Neil Diamond Musical: A Beautiful Noise", he shared a story about the two wolves inside of each of us, warring with each other. One is good and happy and the other is angry and sad. When asked which wolf wins, the answer is whichever one you feed.

So I am trying to water my grass and feed the happy wolf. A year ago though, life was much different. Different stressors and activities. There was continuous travel soccer. Down time was finishing the twins' college applications/visiting schools/waiting for answers and then making the final decision. There was a BA graduation at Binghamton, but knowing there was one more year, a subsequent degree and graduation, it did not seem so "final". On top of all of that, I was working on some professional development classes, online, based in Asia, so I was getting up at 3:30am for a 4:00-6:00am class. Not sure how everything got done, but it did...and while antisemitism was rising, it was nothing like we see today.

For those who say ask a busy person to do something and it will get done (because our time management skills are off the charts), ask a busy mom and watch out world!

So where are we now? Drum roll please...I am choosing to show my "Mommy Pride." The eldest completed his second graduation. This time with Master's and somehow, brilliantly, this young man, in 4 years, pulled off 2 degrees (BA Political Science and MA in Public Administration) with 4.0GPA. A 4.0!!!! Insane! I am gob smacked and excessively proud. Not to take away from him, but his brothers also successfully completed their freshman year at their respective universities and made Dean's list both terms! Better than I did freshman year.

As for antisemitism, there still "are no words". Direct and indirect acts. City Council challenges. Encampments on colleges in Dutchess County. Vandalism and graffiti found throughout the County. Public people openly communicating anti-Jewish tropes. People feeling scared, uncertain, and angry...but we are still here, and we are not going anywhere. We have found strength in unity, hence in part why our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Theme is "Unity in the Community".

I will positively focus on the relationships we have with law enforcement on every level to help address this evil tide of terror. I will highlight that we have many elected officials at every level who have taken a stand against antisemitism, though as we have seen, not all. I will showcase the relationships and programming we have with other organizations throughout the county. And the craziest of all things happened...I was invited to the WHITE HOUSE! Yes, THE White House in Washington, DC...not the bar in Fishkill. Regardless of one's politics, being in the Rose Garden is really something special, even when standing in the hot sun. I did our best to represent our County well and then followed it up with meetings with our Congressmen and the CEO of Jewish Federation of North America, because, well, why not. Having those contacts and relationships can only benefit our community.

With the school year ending (please send us names and photos of graduating high school and college graduates so we can honor them), I encourage you to send us your "Good News" because we want to highlight and honor you! We want to rebalance our newsfeed to remind ourselves of good in the world and our little part of it. Hope, or "Hatikvah" is a special thing that keeps us going through the darkness.

Keep on smiling,  
Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director

P.S. If any of my sons read this article, three things to share:

1. I love you and am excessively proud of you.
2. Sharing good things is not per se bragging or being cringy.
3. You may not think this is my best article, but I am profoundly in awe of all that you do and will do going forward.

**Israel Burgers with Fattoush Salad** taken from [www.jamiegeller.com](http://www.jamiegeller.com)



These burgers are perfect when cooking for 2 or 20, they're so easy and so delicious with a bright fresh salad you will want to make them part of your regular rotation of meals.

Choose either ground beef or chicken to make the burgers, they both work amazing and taste so good with the addition of our favorite spices. Use za'atar for a more herby, nutty and bright burger or use baharat for a warmer peppery and earthy flavor profile.

- Duration:** 30 minutes
- Cook Time:** 15 minutes
- Prep Time:** 15 minutes
- Servings:** 2

**INGREDIENTS**

**FATTOUSH**

- 4 radishes, sliced thin
- 5 cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1 Persian cucumber, diced
- 1/2 small red onion, sliced thin
- 1/2 ounce arugula
- 1/4 cut fresh mint leaves, torn
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 lemon, zest and juice
- Garnish: toasted pita pieces, Jamie Geller Sumac

**BURGERS**

- 8 ounces ground beef or chicken
- 1 teaspoon Jamie Geller Za'atar or Jamie Geller Baharat
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 4 mini pitas
- Garnish: tahini

**PREPARATION**

1. In a large salad bowl combine radishes, tomatoes, cucumbers, onion, arugula, mint and parsley. Dress with 2 tablespoons evoo, lemon juice, and lemon zest.
2. In a medium mixing bowl, combine ground beef and zaatar or baharat. Form into 4 patties.
3. Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat 2 tablespoons evoo in a medium pan on medium-high heat. Cook patties about 3 minutes until golden brown, flip and cook 3-5 minutes more until patties are fully cooked.
4. Warm Pitas for 4 minutes in oven on an oven safe pan.
5. Cut top edge off each pita and stuff with burger, fattoush and a drizzle of tahini, serve alongside salad.
6. Garnish fattoush with pita pieces and serve with your favorite condiment, like more Tahini and/or a sprinkle of sumac!



Catskills, NY

**Hudson Valley: A destination embracing inclusivity and diversity for all**  
By Sarah Kimball, marketing manager at The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark

Yes, Hudson Valley businesses are starting to realize the importance of diversity, accessibility, inclusivity and belonging – and that's important progress. The next critical step for all of us who live, work, and lead here is for such values to catalyze change.

At The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark, I've seen how destinations can deliver spaces to provide fun for everyone. Embracing our region's diverse residents and visitors is a fundamental aspect of who we are, so that every guest who walks through the door, whether for a conference or event, or a resort or waterpark guest, feels welcome and respected, no matter what.

In particular, we work hard to ensure that our guests are able to practice their faith throughout their stay and provide the accommodations necessary to do so. Here are three ways businesses, especially those in the hospitality space, can ensure they hit the mark for Jewish guests:

**Religious and cultural accommodations:** No matter the occasion, businesses should be prepared to thoughtfully accommodate people from all faiths. Our Catskills-based team welcomes people from many religious backgrounds but takes special steps to ensure Orthodox Jewish families know their beliefs, traditions and practices will be respected. We host an array of celebrations in our 11,000-plus square feet of meeting and event space, from bar/bat mitzvahs to quinceañeras and from weddings to church groups, and partner with a kosher caterer when needed. To further accommodate, we offer waterpark buyouts for after-hours group excursions, "Shabbos mode" rooms for guests who observe, and Kosher food options in many of our outlets. Flexibility, sensitivity, and precision, as well as a commitment to being well-versed in hosting Jewish guests, ensures everyone feels welcome and safe.

**Food and beverage:** Diverse food and beverage options are essential and should not be an afterthought. Throughout the resort, our team is equipped to advise guests with food allergies and aversions including conditions like ARFID, as well as those who abstain from certain foods for religious reasons. Similarly, many of the resort's eateries can accommodate vegan, vegetarian, dairy and pork-free diets. These options not only help to broaden the appeal of the venue, attracting a wider audience, but also enhance the overall guest experience.

**ADA accessibility options:** Going above and beyond in terms of accessibility efforts helps to create an inclusive environment that enables access for all. Here, the resort prioritizes wheelchair accessibility including wheelchair-friendly walking paths, various arcade amenities and several waterpark attractions (including some with wheelchair lifts). With many ADA-compliant hotel rooms, those with mobility limitations can navigate our spacious rooms with ease. The waterpark team, who are accredited and routinely named one of the top waterparks in guest safety in the world by Ellis & Associates, are trained to support guests with intellectual disabilities, mobility needs, and chronic illnesses. Our lifeguards also understand modesty and ensure guests who cover their hair can do so, even on the Flowrider Surf Simulator. These accommodations ensure that all guests – both adults and children alike – can be fully present and participate in activities, fostering a sense of belonging.

Now, more than ever, being a destination where all feel welcome is crucial. True inclusivity means remembering our Jewish community and taking steps to prioritize their experiences.

For more information, or to plan an event or visit, head to [www.thekartrite.com](http://www.thekartrite.com).



**Calling all 2024 High School or College Graduates**

If you know a 2024 High School or College graduate, email their name, picture and from which school they graduated so we can honor them.

Email the information by July 1: [Thevoice@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:Thevoice@jewishdutchess.org)



**ReStore**  
Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County



**Spring Cleaning**

**Clean with a Purpose.**

**Spring Clean and Donate to Habitat**

Drop off donations  
Tuesday - Saturday  
10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Call us for a pick up at  
845-297-7610  
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**EVERY donation helps build a safe and affordable home in Dutchess County.**





Vendors Wanted

Craft Fair

November 17, 2024

10am-4pm

Temple Beth-El  
118 S. Grand Ave  
Poughkeepsie, NY

Please Contact Karen Jacobs  
to apply  
845-454-0570  
[educationassist@tbeny.org](mailto:educationassist@tbeny.org)

All vendors must be secured by  
**October 18, 2024**

## 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

**Book of Jonah** 10:30am. Join us as we engage in a close reading and study of the book of Jonah. We all know this story, but what does it mean and what is it trying to teach us? Join us as we explore an in-depth understanding of this classic that will change your perspective on man's relationship with G-d and G-d's relationship to man.

**Writing Hebrew Script** 11:45am. In the near future a Hebrew Immersion course will be offer at this time.

**Hebrew in the Siddur** 6:00pm.

Practice reading and understanding the language of the prayerbook..

#### Thursday

**A Window into Yesteryear** 7:00pm in June/July. We will examine what it will like living as a Jew during different eras and lands with a focus on the leaders of that time and place. We will continue the May mini-series which considers US presidents and their interactions with the Jewish community and with various Jews.

**Hands of Judaism for the Foodies** June 27, 6:00pm. An inside look into the mitzvot and practices of kosher foods (with matching dinner). Class is free but please RSVP for dinner (\$10 prepaid). June topic is The Incense of the Beit Hamikdash the Holy Temple-with an apropos dinner served. We will discuss the incense used in the Holy Temple.

### Other Events:

#### Tuesday

**Prepare for Shavuot** June 4. Special guest speaker Rebbetzin Peretsky will speak on preparing for Shavuot.

**Shavuot Meal and Discussion** June 11, 8:00pm, 60 Whittier Ave. Meal and discussion of An Ethical and Analytical View of the Ten Commandments.

#### Wednesday

**Shavuot Service** June 12, 9:00am, at the synagogue. Service with a special dairy lunch and class on The Written Law, the Oral Law, and Evolution of Halacha

#### Thursday

**Shavuot Service** June 13, 9:00am. Service with the reading of the Book of Ruth and Yizkor prayers at 1030am. Join us for a knish kiddush and meat barbeque and continued discussion of Wednesday's topic following services. RSVP for the kiddush and lunch.

### Contact

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

### Upcoming Jewish Holidays

Yom Yerushalayim—June 5  
Shavuot—June 11 (1st Day)  
Shavuot—June 13  
Tish'a B'Av—August 13  
Rosh Hashanah—October 2  
Yom Kippur—October 12

## 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. Bring an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and willingness to share your thoughts. For info: (845) 232-1029, email: [info@shir-chadash.org](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 :

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[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.  
Monday— Friday Minyan 8:00 am.  
Monday & Thursday in person & Zoom,  
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday only on Zoom  
Call the Temple Beth-El office for the current schedule.

### Adult Education:

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

### Other Events:

#### Sunday

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

#### Tuesday

**Book Club** 2:00 pm in the Social hall at TBE. If inclement weather, we meet via Zoom.

Upcoming dates and book selections are: 6/11/24—Selections TBD.

### Contact:

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

### 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)

### Congratulations to Paula and Azzy Reckess and the whole Reckess family.

3GNY partnered with the Onondaga County to educate middle and high school students about the Holocaust and anti-Semitism. 3GNY trains the grandchildren of Holocaust survivors how to share their family stories in the classroom and community settings. To read the full article visit: [Onondaga County middle and high school students to hear personal Holocaust survival stories | WAER](#)



Dave Reckess Exec. Dir. Of 3GNY addresses the audience at the Jewish Community Center

## Vassar Temple

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

### 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

**Picnic Dinner and Shabbat Service** June 7, 6:00pm and service 7:00pm.

**Installation Shabbat** June 14, 7:30pm.

**Shabbat Evening Service** June 21, 28 July 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:30pm

#### Saturday

**New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** June 1 & 15 10:15am.

**Shabbat Morning Service** June 8, 22, July TBA, 10:15am.

### Adult Education:

#### Monday

**Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb** June 3, 12:00pm via Zoom. After June 3 the class will be on hiatus for the summer. For details, study sheets, and to be placed on the Talmud Study email list contact [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net).

#### Saturday

**Torah Study with Rabbi Renni Altman DD**, Hybrid, 9:00am. Any classes held during July will be lay led. Join our lively discussion. Contact: (845) 454-2570 or [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) for details and to be placed on the Torah Study email list.

### Other Events:

#### Sunday

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

#### Tuesday

**Joint Tikkun Leil Shavuot** June 11 8:00pm, hosted at Temple Beth-El. Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El, and Vassar Temple are co-sponsoring a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, where everyone can come together to spiritually prepare to receive the Torah on Shavuot. Clergy from the three synagogues presenting the program. A Ma'ariv service followed by desserts (cheesecake) and study at 8:30pm The theme to be discussed will be How We Gather. Exploring the Nature of Community in Jewish Life The study will be hybrid. Contact Temple Beth-El for Zoom info.

#### Wednesday

**Shavuot Festival Service & Yizkor** June 12, 10:30am

**Sisterhood Book Club** June 19, 2:00pm in person at the Colledgeview Tower meeting room, 141 Fulton Ave. We will be discussing *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. An enveloping, multigenerational tale of the Trần family, set against the backdrop of the Việt Nam War. Vivid, gripping, and steeped in the language and traditions of Việt Nam, *The Mountains Sing* brings to life the human costs of this conflict from the point of view of the Vietnamese people themselves, while showing us the true power of kindness and hope. All are welcome! The book is available through the local library system, or purchase your own copy. For questions, or to RSVP, please contact: [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org).

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## Pardess Center for Jewish Life

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## The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

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### Weekly Services:

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

### **Contact:**

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## Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie  
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[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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**[www.chabadmidsouthvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidsouthvalley.com)**

## 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

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 Rabbi Jon Haddon  
 Website: [www.CongBethDavid.org](http://www.CongBethDavid.org)  
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### Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am.

### **Contact:**

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## 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

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## Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley

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 Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102  
 Rabbi Yael Romer:  
[rabbioromer@hvc.rr.com](mailto:rabbioromer@hvc.rr.com)

### Weekly Services:

#### Friday

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 6:00pm, held in the sanctuary or chapel..

**Tot Shabbat** May 10, 5:15pm

#### Saturday

**Morning Minyan** 10:00am.

#### Education:

**Mediation & Torah Study** Tuesday, 8:45am June 4, 11, 18, 25 via Zoom.

**Hebrew Trope** Wednesday, 12:30pm, June 5, 12, 26, via Zoom.

**Conversational Hebrew** Wednesday, 4:00pm, June 5, 12, 26, via Zoom.

**Coffee Chai with the Rabbi** (Zoom)

June 6, 13, Thursday, 8:45am.

**Contact: [info@cehv.org](mailto:info@cehv.org)**  
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## Woodstock Jewish Congregation

241682 Glasco Tpke, Woodstock  
 (845) 679-2218  
 Rahel: [rahel@wjcschul.org](mailto:rahel@wjcschul.org)

### Weekly Services:

#### Friday

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service** 7:30pm,  
**Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat**  
 First Fridays 6:00pm

#### Saturday

**Shabbat Service** 10:00am

#### Education:

**Family School Registration** Family School  
 Wednesday, 4:00-6:30pm

#### Other Events:

**WJC Men's Group** Thursday, 7:30pm,  
**WJC Women's Group** First Monday at 5:00pm, includes potluck dinner  
**"A Shtickle Toyrah" (a bit of Torah)**  
 Monday 9:00am. Members of the community take turns offering a short teaching on the weekly Torah portion.

**Contact: [Rahel@wjcschul.org](mailto:Rahel@wjcschul.org)**  
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## June/July

### Candle Lighting Schedule

June 7	8:10pm
June 14	8:14pm
June 21	8:16pm
June 28	8:16pm
July 5	8:15pm
July 12	8:12pm
July 19	8:07pm
July 26	8:01pm

## Interesting Facts of Jewish New York

- In 1902, the Beef Trust raised the price of kosher meat on the Lower East Side from 12 to 18 cents per pound. After butchers' boycotts proved ineffectual, 20,000 Lower East Side women stole meat from kosher butcher shops and set it on fire on the streets in protest. The Forward supported their efforts, running the headline "Bravo, Bravo, Jewish women!"
- On March 25, 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist fire claimed the lives of 146 garment workers, the majority of whom were Jewish immigrants. Reporting on the tragedy, the Forverts wrote that 'the disaster is too great, too dreadful, to be able to express one's feelings.'
- When entertainer Al Jolson came to New York City at age 14, he held jobs in the circus and as a singing waiter. Born to a cantor, Jolson's career took off when he began performing in blackface.



## 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 meetings will be June 9, 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)



Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, Rabbi Renni S. Altman, Sandra Mamis (Temple Anniversary Committee Chairman), and Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson, shown in Albany, where a proclamation was presented honoring Vassar Temple on its 175th anniversary, and where Rabbi Altman gave the invocation at the opening of the day's legislative session.



Rep. Patrick Ryan spoke at Vassar Temple as part of their Civic Engagement speaker series. These are not political events, but rather opportunities to meet with one's elected officials to discuss matters of importance to us as citizens and as members of the Jewish community.



Heather Kernes and Maddy D'Angelo at the Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration at Dutchess Community College.



"Keeping the memories alive" with 3GNY at Dutchess Community College



David Reckess of 3GNY, a NYC based organization for grandchildren of Holocaust survivors.



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