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Mitzvah Day



Breakfast Bar Buffet by CSI's SisterhoodYellow Ribbon Project



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- ♦ Connecting and celebrating our seniors with holiday gift packages.
- ♦ Helping those in need through Mitzvah Day and Mitzvah Now initiatives.
- ♦ Scholarships for Jewish education, Jewish summer camps, and youth trips to Israel.
- ♦ Medical Loan Referral closet—providing medical equipment (free of charge) and referrals to other local medical loan closets.

LEARN & LUNCH BUNCH

JFS presents cultural, social, and educational programs.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS Join us!

MEETING LOCATION

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

Location

Temple Beth-El
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SCHEDULE

11:00 –11:30am
Schmooze
 11:30 –12:30pm
Program

Suggested Donation \$6; no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Learn & Lunch Bunch is partially funded by the Ann & Abe Effron Fund and Bernard and Shirley Handel Foundation Donor Advised Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley



June

June 11

"Setting the Record Straight" The music and careers of recording artist from the 1950's and 1960's in their own words- Presented by Tony Musso. (Tony spent much time meeting with recording artists and interviewing them for this book!)

Menu: Minestrone soup, noodles, tossed salad, and ice cream

June 25

True Crimes of the Hudson Valley presented by author Jodé Millman. Jodé returns to us for an encore presentation!

Menu: Quiche, GF quiche, salad, fruit, and cookies

July

July 9

Gilded Age of Figure Skating Presented by Maria Reynolds. Curator Staatsburg State Historic Site. Maria is also a figure skater!

Menu: Tuna and egg salad sandwiches, olives, salad, and ice cream bars

July 23

Poughkeepsie Almshouse presented by Head Historian Shannon Butler

Menu: Vegetable burgers, French fries, coleslaw, salad, and ice cream

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* Menu is subject to change

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Office for the Aging

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

OFA PICNICS AND PICKLEBALL

"Oh, you're the ones who do the picnics."

That's how many Dutchess County residents react when they first hear about the Office for the Aging. They haven't yet found out about all the things OFA does - but the picnics they know.

After over 30 great years, OFA's Summer Picnics are among our longest-running and most successful programs, serving thousands of older adults throughout the County every summer. We're gearing up for another season, with picnics taking place in June, July and August. Many thanks to The Pines at Poughkeepsie, Central Hudson, and Hudson Valley Medicare Group for their support.

The Picnics Are New To You?

An OFA Picnic is more than a free lunch with a few hundred of your closest friends and neighbors. Reserve your spot at a picnic and:

- enjoy a day of re-connecting with friends and neighbors you might not have seen in a while;
- find out about OFA programs and services of which you might not have been aware;
- talk with your community's elected officials;
- find out about offerings from other agencies, service providers, and non-profit organizations;
- enjoy some time on our "dance floor" with the music of Bob Martinson.

To get a feel for the picnic atmosphere, visit dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics, where you'll see Facebook postings looking back at all 12 of last year's picnics. While you're on social media, don't forget to like and follow OFA at facebook.com/DutchessCountyOFA.

QUICK SCAM PREVENTION RESOURCES

Visit dutchessny.gov/scamprevention for a printable Scam Prevention Resources flyer. Print one for yourself and one for that friend or neighbor who's not online and might not be savvy to scammers' tactics. If you are part of a civic organization in Dutchess County that would be interested in hosting an OFA Scam Prevention presentation, email bjones@dutchessny.gov or call (845) 486-2555.

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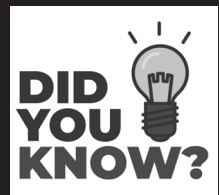


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Two Black Swans submitted by Mitchell D. Silber, Executive Director, Community Security Initiative, presented at UJA Wall Street Investment Management Event

Two Black Swan events changed my life.

If not for the FIRST, there's a good chance I'd still be in this room—BUT sitting in the audience with you, not standing here talking about counterterrorism and Jewish communal security.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, I was nine years out of Penn, deep into my finance career. I was a partner at The Carson Group running our biotech advisory practice and also one of two principals in our investment bank, Evolution Capital.

That morning, we were set to meet with the management of Aviron—a publicly traded biotech firm working on an inhalable flu vaccine—to discuss their secondary offering. While we waited in our Midtown office, the first plane hit the North Tower. Like many, we assumed it was a small plane accident and continued the meeting. At 9:03, our sell-side analyst burst in: a second plane had hit the South Tower.

Meeting over.

I told my team to evacuate. Walking north on Sixth Avenue, I turned back and watched the South Tower collapse. In that instant, the paradigm shifted. New York City was under attack.

A Black Swan had arrived.

What followed over the next few days and weeks was a deep internal reckoning.

The notion that the United States would be at war for some time became apparent.

As an espionage buff, I knew that during World War II, many lawyers and bankers gave up their careers in those fields to contribute to the war effort, with many joining the Office of Special Services (OSS). I'd previously considered a career in public service—West Point, the CIA, but now, as a New Yorker, whose city had been attacked and as a patriotic American, I felt an obligation and duty to find a way to get into the fight against Al Qaeda.

Five months after 9/11, I left finance. By January, I was enrolled at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs to gain the knowledge, expertise, and credibility I'd need to fight Al Qaeda.

Soon after graduation, I joined the NYPD. Not long after that, I received a battlefield promotion to Director of Intelligence Analysis for Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. When I accepted the job I was told what the job was:

"Prevent another terrorist attack in New York."

**That's it.
Full stop.**

In essence, my job was to stop the next Black Swan.

Now let me pause and share a counterintuitive truth: the discipline of counterterrorism shares more with portfolio management than you'd think.

Both are shaped by low-probability, high-impact events. For us, it's a terrorist slipping through the net. For you, it's a market crash, a geopolitical rupture, a pandemic. Events that live in the fat tails—beyond the limits of VaR models or standard deviation curves.

You don't need a Bloomberg terminal to know Black Swans break models and assumptions. They test systems in real time. But the answer isn't paralysis. It's preparation.

We rely on early warning systems: HUMINT networks, OSINT monitoring, foreign partnerships. You do the same—tracking volatility indices, parsing Fed language, watching for data anomalies. In both domains, speed and signal clarity are everything.

Diversification? It's not just a financial principle—it's a security strategy. At NYPD, we built a layered defense: specialized undercover teams, intelligence analysts from CIA and top grad schools, heavy weapons units, international liaisons. Redundancy wasn't waste—it was resilience.

In investing, you diversify across sectors, geographies, instruments. You don't bet it all on one class. The logic is the same.

We both work within constraints. We don't have infinite officers or unlimited capital. We prioritize, allocate, and hedge risk. And when we succeed, there's often no celebration. A stopped attack? A hedge that works? These wins are silent—but vital.

Perfection isn't the goal. Resilience is. You can't stop every attack or avoid every loss. But you can absorb shocks, adapt under pressure, and bounce back stronger.

These lessons would shape how I responded when the second Black Swan struck that changed my life.

In October 2018, I was in Kyiv, Ukraine of all places, working with former Police Commissioner Ray Kelly on a Ronald Lauder project. We were studying deadly antisemitic attacks in Europe, France, Belgium, Denmark - assessing how Jewish communities were protecting themselves all across Europe given the heightened threat environment from ISIS, neo-Nazis, Iranians and Hezbollah, among others.

That Saturday morning, during Shabbat services, a gunman entered the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and murdered eleven Jews. They were targeted simply for showing up to pray. It was, in my view, **the 9/11 moment for American Jews**. Nothing would be the same.

By late 2019, after three more deadly attacks—in Poway (California), Jersey City, and Monsey, which left 15 Jewish Americans dead in 14 months —UJA Federation and JCRC-NY had decided to create the Community Security Initiative (CSI). I stepped down from the Lauder project to lead this start-up.

Our Mission: Stop the next Tree of Life. Prevent the next Black Swan.

CSI is the security shield for greater New York metro's 1.8 million Jews—the largest Jewish population outside Israel. Our territory runs from Albany to Montauk and now includes Stamford and Greenwich in Southwest Connecticut. Our mandate: ensure that Jewish life is safe and secure in synagogues, schools, JCCs, camps, and in our communities.

We work hand-in-hand with the NYPD, FBI, and other agencies. We deliver threat assessments, security consultations, intelligence analysis, and rapid response coordination. We've built a communications and training network to protect our community against antisemitic hate and violence.

In just five plus years, we've grown from six people to twenty-one. We have assembled an organization that includes ten regional security directors, four intelligence analysts, a cyber security specialist, and a campus security director.

Our dream team of savvy veteran law enforcement officials hail from the NYPD, the New York State Police, Israel's Shin Bet, the CIA, the NY State Homeland Security Department, the Westchester Intelligence Center, the Stamford Police Department, and more. They're partnered with brilliant intelligence analysts recruited from Columbia's SIPA, Georgetown, the ADL Center on Extremism, and the ATF.

CSI is run like a start-up which was incubated at and by UJA. We treat our donors like investors. Our approach is unapologetically data driven. We have KPIs. We report metrics. And the ROI on a contribution to CSI is enviable. We have a \$4 million-dollar operating budget, and that enabled us to bring in \$53 million in federal and state grant funds to synagogues, schools, JCC's and summer camps to implement physical security enhancements - so a 13x Return on Investment for our "investors".

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The Harding Club is proud of its 102-years of leadership and community service. Let the accumulation of years continue!!

As the fall season slowly approaches, we reach out to you - Jewish men of a certain age - to come together to socialize, to make friends, to learn, to do good deeds, to give generous financial support to worthy local, national and international organizations, and to continue local traditions. Why not consider joining the Harding Club in the fall?

A new administration will be in place this summer and wonderful activities to celebrate summer and our club's longevity will be taking place. A picnic. A Renegades game. Deli night. Plans for the fall will be ironed out.

We wish you a productive and happy summer. The new Harding Club administration, led by Irv Miller, will be hard at work planning interesting and meaningful activities for the upcoming year. Please contact either Irv (irvinmmiller@gmail.com) or our outgoing president, Gene Fleishman (gene.fleishman@gmail.com), for more information. We hope you will consider becoming a member.

It has been a unique privilege for me to have authored these monthly columns over the last few years. Thank you for your loyalty, for your support, and for your time.

Alan Fox, former president and former secretary.

Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus*

No matter how many times I try to tame the lawn or cut the grass, the dandelions return, standing tall and unyielding. They sprout defiantly, their roots deep, their spirits unbroken. Unfazed by attempts to uproot them, they neither shrink nor cower. Some bloom in vibrant yellow, others puff white and wispy, and some spread wide with abundant leaves—yet all are dandelions, united in their essence.



Rabbi Sandhaus

The Baal Shem Tov, the revered founder of the Chasidic movement, taught that everything we see or hear holds a lesson in serving Hashem. One day, as I wandered through fields bursting with these resilient flowers, a truth stirred within me: the Jewish people are like dandelions.

For thousands of years, empires, nations, and tyrants have tried to crush us, to erase us, to scatter our roots. Yet, with Hashem's guiding hand and the eternal light of the Torah, we rise again—stronger, prouder, unbroken. When our ancestors left Egypt and stood at Mount Sinai, we were forged as a nation of the free, redeemed from slavery and bound to a divine purpose. No force can sever our covenant with Hashem; no distraction can derail a people chosen to serve Him.

The dandelions teach us to hold our heads high, to stand firm in our identity, unashamed and unafraid. The Jewish people, like these flowers, come in many forms — Ashkenazi, Sephardi, secular, religious — yet we are one. Dandelions don't divide themselves, saying, "You stay there, and we'll stay here." If you're a dandelion, you belong. How much more so for us, a nation woven from the divine, a single soul in many forms, united under one G-d and one Torah.

When we hold fast to our faith, trust in Hashem, and embrace each other with love, kindness, and unity, we triumph over those who seek our downfall. We outlive our enemies, not through might alone, but through the strength of the Torah, which empowers us to rise above and transform the darkness into light.

Let us be like the dandelions—resilient, radiant, and rooted in purpose. Together, as one nation, we will flourish, forever bound to Hashem, forever standing tall.

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 Laurie Ulmanoff Goldstein who took time from designing condolence cards to friends and family that helped take care of our family.



Laurie Ulmanoff Goldstein

- What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: *Forward*
Least Favorite: *Congrats.*
- What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?** *Family, especially Steve, my husband of blessed memory. Jewish connections. A garden.*
- What is your favorite song?**
"Fanfare For The Common Man" by Aaron Copland. It was played for my husband before he passed away.
- What profession other than you own would you like to attempt?** *Photographer.*
- What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?** *Flight Attendant*
- What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *That I am a good friend.*
Dislike: *That sometimes I'm not sure of myself.*
- What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**
Noodle Koogle.
- What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I was written up in the NY Times a couple of times, the most recent in the Real Estate section "The Hunt".
- If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
To go visit with my husband (z"l). I'd like to dance with him in the kitchen again.
- What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?** *That I met Steve and had 2 wonderful children with him.*
- Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
Make challah from scratch.
- If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**
Run for president.
- What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
The menorah that my mother and father had that played "Rock of Ages".
- What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**
My kids' bar and bat mitzvahs.
- In what ways, does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish community?**
Keep doing outreach. Connect to the community.
- If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
I'm glad you're here.
- What is one question you wish we asked and what is the answer?**
Q: *What brought you here?*
A: *Grief*

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Vassar Temple is delighted to announce that Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh will be the new religious leader of their congregation beginning in late June, upon the retirement of their beloved Rabbi Renni Altman. Rabbi Jeff is originally from Seattle, WA, graduated from the University of Washington, and attended the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, where he received his ordination, a Master's Degree in Jewish Education (specializing in Israel Education), and a Certificate in Jewish Nonprofit Management in 2018. After ordination, he served as the Jewish Emergent Network Rabbinic Fellow at *Mishkan Chicago*, an independent spiritual community. Most recently, Jeff served as Rabbi and Executive Director of *The Well*, a dynamic organization in and around metro-Detroit, focused on building Jewish identity and community for Jewish young adults and families with young children.



Rabbi Jeff is passionate about music, teaching, and pluralism. At *The Well* he developed initiatives such as *Sukkot Sounds* and *Friendseder*, creating bridges between Jewish institutions and unaffiliated Jews and Jewish families. He strives to innovate and invigorate progressive Jewish life, and is committed to building friendly and inclusive Jewish spaces that foster strong connections to Jewish culture, heritage, and community. Rabbi Jeff's family includes his wife Stephanie Belsky, CEO and Co-Founder of *Love of Good*, a social-impact agency, and their year-old son. We welcome them all to the Hudson Valley and to our local Jewish Community!



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Shavuot by Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

The word **Shavuot** means "weeks", and it marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer. The holiday celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai as well as the grain harvest for the summer. In biblical times, Shavuot was one of three pilgrimage festivals in which the Jewish people would go to Jerusalem and bring their first fruits as offerings to God. What does it mean to be open enough to receive? To be presented with, to acquire, to permit, or to admit. When you receive something, something as special as the Torah, how do you show the giver how grateful you are for the gift? We do the best thing we know how to do with our most special gifts: we share them with our children! We teach our children Torah and hope they live in it and keep passing it down! That is what you do with something special, you keep it in the family!



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For information contact Hindy Borenstein, Director
 (845) 463-5801
chabadmidthudsonvl@prodigy.net

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For information
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Monday, 4:00-5:30pm
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KULANU SCHOOL at TEMPLE BETH-EL

The Kulanu school welcomes all students who wish to learn Hebrew and deepen their knowledge of Jewish Tradition. We believe that Jewish learning should be an organic part of our students' experience. Our students explore religious and spiritual concepts through Hebrew texts. They also celebrate Shabbat and holidays together while extending their connection to Jewish culture through art, cooking, music, and movement.

Jewish Studies classes: Pre-K through grade 7
 Sundays from 10:00am–12:30pm (September–December)
 Saturdays from 10:00am-12:30pm (January–April) followed by a community Shabbat lunch.
 Fridays from 5:00pm–7:30pm (May) includes a Shabbat dinner

Ivrit (Hebrew): Grades 3-7
 Tuesdays 4:45pm–6:15pm

Ivrit (Hebrew) Tutoring: Grades 3-7
 Students receive 20-30 minutes of online instruction with their teacher individually or in groups of two.

For more information contact Karen Jacobs at:
education@tbeny.org

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 language instruction and afternoons, offers Hebrew language instruction and bar/bat mitzvah preparation for grades 4-7. Teens may work as madrichim (teachers aides) in the Sunday School. New enrollments are welcome throughout the year.

For more information,
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TENEMENT MUSEUM

The Kulanu School at Temple Beth-El took a trip to the Tenement Museum in NYC. There we traveled back in time to 1916 and met Victoria Confino (actress), a Sephardic teenage girl. Victoria's family had immigrated to the US in 1913 from Caesarea Turkey (modern day Greece). Victoria's native language was Ladino. She spoke to us in broken English about her daily life in the tiny, rudimentary tenement apartment that she shared with 9 other relatives. It was an educational day, and a good time was had by all. We thank the Diane Tinkleman Fund for sponsoring this trip for our students and staff.

PJ Library

PICNIC In The Park

COMING SOON: SUMMER BREAK 2025

Join us for breakfast in the park & a picture-perfect morning filled with sunshine, laughter, a PJ story time and craft!

Tribute Gardens
 21 Josephs Drive Millbrook

For more info email:
programs@jewishdutchess.org

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

Thank you!

שבועות
Shavuot
weeks

Here's an edible craft from PJ Library:

At Shavuot, we celebrate the receiving of the Ten Commandments atop Mt. Sinai. Here's a fun and yummy tribute from PJ Library—the perfect Shavuot treat to make with your child.

The basic design is a muffin or cupcake turned upside down, frosted or glazed, with an edible version of the tablets poked into the top (formerly the bottom) of the mountain. You can customize the basics any way you wish, going homemade-organic-whole-grain-healthy or straight-from-the-bag-Hostess-mini-muffin. I've listed some suggested variations below using my favorite ingredients.

Many of us don't have time to do tons of baking with our kids, so let the holiday give you an excuse to pull out the mixer and the cookbooks. Basic muffins with a classic buttercream frosting (just butter, confectioner's sugar, and a smidge of milk and salt) are kid-pleasers and very easy to make.

The edible stone tablets can be sized in proportion to the mountain; from big Milano cookies to teeny jelly beans. I've given you a variety of options below.

Concerned about too much sugar? Remember, the Torah is supposed to be sweet!

Variations:

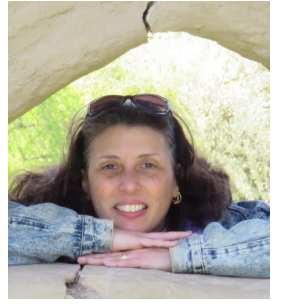
Mountain: Regular or miniature muffin or cupcake



Tamatha



Suzanne



A Meaningful Mitzvah Day by Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

Several months ago, I was asked if I would like to organize and facilitate Mitzvah Day 2025. I enthusiastically said yes! What could be more rewarding than overseeing a day where our community comes together to make a positive impact?

While I had a lot to learn, I was fortunate to have outstanding Mitzvah Day captains, a committee of individuals who selflessly donated their time. Together we planned for and executed numerous activities from collecting and distributing items for those in need, playing bingo and socializing with Lutheran Care nursing facility residents, crafting cards for veterans and lone soldiers, making blankets to warm cancer patients, Gift of Life donor collections, baking cookies and preparing and serving meals for the Lunch Box, and providing donations and bouquets for Grace Smith House. Other outdoor activities were planned such as flag planting at TBE, cemetery clean-up at Pershing Cemetery and light grounds maintenance at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. Unfortunately, May proved to be a very rainy month and some activities could not be carried out.

When the day finally arrived, I was humbled when I saw the impact that PJ Library children and other community volunteers had on Lutheran Care's residents. As our pint sized participants practiced their number recognition during high stakes bingo, the residents laughed at the "cuteness" of the children and smiled happily to have the companionship. When I drove to the Lunch Box and Community Action Partnership a few days after Mitzvah Day, greeted enthusiastically by employees eager to help unload a multitude of cereal donation boxes, I was again humbled knowing that our efforts were helping to feed people.

While Mitzvah Day is a day set aside to give back to our community, the mitzvahs of this special day have a much longer lasting impact. While we look ahead to Mitzvah Day 2026, I ask that all of you reading this article consider what impactful projects you would like to see and partake in for next year's Mitzvah Day. My hope is that we can continue the momentum to propel us to transform this significant day into one that continues to meet the needs of our community in the most relevant and meaningful ways.

Please feel free to email me at programs@jewishdutchess.org with any ideas or suggestions for Mitzvah Day 2026.



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<https://www.jewishdutchess.org/programs/pj-library>

The Federation Board's Voice



Betsy Kopstein-Stuts

John F. Kennedy's famous line, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country" is from his inaugural address on January 20, 1961. This call to action encouraged Americans to focus on civic duty and service. I would like to draw your attention to the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (JFedDC) in the same spirit that President Kennedy addressed the nation.

The JFedDC Board and staff are planning to participate in a retreat in the near future. Our goal has two parts: first, to evaluate how successful we have been in realizing our mission and our goals based on most recent five year plan. Then, benefiting from analyzing our accomplishments, we will create our next five year plan. However, we on the Board believe that we will be most productive if we can include *your* views.

Did you enjoy the programs that we provided? Which ones did you attend and would like to see more of? Are there topics that we didn't explore that would be of interest to you? To jog your memory, here are some of the programs we offered: there were speakers at the Rhinebeck Reformed Church; there were programs at the Boardman Road Library, some of which included authors while others focused on music. There were softball and pickleball games. Recently there was Mitzvah Day. And of course there are the Lunch and Learn programs held at Temple Beth-El. There have been others at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, Dutchess Community College, and the Beulah Baptist Church - to name just a few. And indeed there is our Annual Gala in June.

So on behalf of the JFedDC Board, I am asking you for your input: we want your ideas, we want your participation in our offerings, and of course we need your financial support.

In short: We need YOU.

You can contact the office at: (845) 471-9811.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Our Executive Director



LOCK IN

How distracted are each and every one of us? Every day? Every hour? Every moment? There is so much that we feel needs our attention, it is sometimes hard to focus. Technologically, our phones are no longer meant just to make phone calls. Instead, phones have become mini-computers, attached to us by the hip, the hand, and the head. When the phone makes a beep, a ping, or a jingle, how many of us jump to check who or what is demanding our attention?

These notifications are not necessarily critical, nor are they directed to us individually. We all have random emails, notifications, and spam filling up our inbox. We have social media and other communication apps continually asking for our attention. Of course we cannot forget regular text messages which now include more and more advertisements and announcements from organizations (don't worry, we have no immediate plans to start that).

Just listing all the ways we can be notified and connected exhausts me and overwhelms me. So much noise and sometimes so hard to hear what really matters. I previously described it as my head being stuck in a hornet's nest with things continually buzzing in my ear and stinging me when irritated.

It is sometimes very hard to **Lock In**, but that is what our team is trying to do. To focus. To achieve and succeed. For the "October 8" movie screening in Rhinebeck, we decided to invite all the D.C. school Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents. We invited all 5 college presidents. We invited elected officials and faith leaders. We invited them because of the rise of antisemitism and the belief that this viewing is an opportunity to help educate and provide an awareness to those who are impacting the lives of today's youth and tomorrow's future leaders.

We also need to **Lock In** because our Federation Celebration gala is coming. For us to offer as many free events as we do, we need to find ways to fund them. We want to be able to offer more and help more throughout the year. Our security costs, ever rising, are also critical. We hope you will be joining us at the Gala, which promises to be a fun, meaningful, and heartfelt event.

Sadly, the reason we most need to **Lock In** is due to the rise in antisemitism and incidents throughout Dutchess County. We are sadly not immune to the hate, ignorance, and malevolence. We again encourage that if you see something, say something and let us know.

Wishing you peace and safety, Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director

Order your Rosh Hashanah Greetings by August 8

2025 Holiday Greetings

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

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

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

The cost: Small ad: \$30 each or 3 for \$80
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Or complete online: www.jewishdutchess.org
DEADLINE for Rosh Hashanah Greeting is August 8

2025 Holiday Greetings

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Passover Greetings

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

Chanukah Greetings

<p>Small—A</p> <p>Peace to you this Passover!</p> <p>Your Name</p>	<p>Medium—C</p> <p>Happy Passover</p> <p>Your Name</p>	<p>Small—A</p> <p>Peace to all!</p> <p>Your Name</p>	<p>Medium—C</p> <p>Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!</p> <p>Your Name</p>
<p>Small—B</p> <p>HAPPY PASSOVER!</p> <p>Your Name</p>	<p>Medium—D</p> <p>May you be blessed with peace, prosperity, and joy this Passover</p> <p>Your Name</p>	<p>Small—B</p> <p>Hanukkah Blessings</p> <p>Your Name</p>	<p>Medium—D</p> <p>Happy Hanukkah!</p> <p>Your Name</p>
<p>Large—E</p> <p>Passover Blessings</p> <p>Your Name</p>	<p>Large—F</p> <p>CHAG PESACH SAMUCH</p> <p>Your Name</p>	<p>Large—E</p> <p>HAPPY HANUKKAH</p> <p>From Our Family to Yours,</p> <p>Your Name</p>	<p>Large—F</p> <p>May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!</p> <p>Your Name</p>
<p>Large—E</p> <p>Best Wishes For a Happy & Healthy New Year!</p> <p>Your Name</p>	<p>Large—F</p> <p>L' Shanah Tovah Have a sweet year!</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>Your Name</p>		

Having “A Third Place” *submitted by Adam Belok*

A recent NY Times Financial Section commentary was titled ostensibly about The Starbucks’ Board desiring to re-establish their stores as “a gathering space” where people want to “linger”. The writer noted “that vibe has been lost as drive-throughs and pickup orders have come to outnumber longer visits.” So sad!

While the expression, a “third place” was coined in 1989 referring to places to socialize outside work and home, the Pew Research Center has been documenting rising trends of reduced religious affiliation since 1972. In fact, non-sectarian Clubs’ growth, like Lions, Rotary.org, etc., has been in doldrums for several decades. Between Covid-19 lockdowns and the dawning of our digital era, zooming business meetings and online dating has become ‘derigeur’, which to me personally is especially weird. When I was in my 20s and 30s, we met new people after school over sports, or in Central Park on a bike, or at a dance!

Much of Jewish Federation programming is non-denominational and is attractive for everyone, whether you are younger or older, whether you have kids or not. As long as you want to be connected we have something for you.

Our events are for everyone to engage with each other, whether or not you are affiliated with a Jewish congregation, as we are a non-religious, non-profit, doing big things for the community. That has been a goal of Karen Hochhauser, to develop a “big tent”, welcoming all identities to create community. So come join one of our various programs and make JFedDC your new “Third Place”...starting with the Jewish Federation Celebration Gala on June 19th. You might meet someone nice in person!

FIGHTING What Leads to Antisemitism *Op-Ed by Jonah Ritter*

Measures of antisemitism have risen nearly 900% over the last 10 years and a 344% rise over the last year. Antisemitism has surged dramatically on U.S. campuses increasing by over 600% in the past year alone, according to the ADL.

Jewish students now face unprecedented levels of harassment, vandalism, and exclusion, often tied to anti-Israel activism. By one national measure, 83% of Jewish college students have witnessed or experienced Jew-hatred since October 2023. While some institutions are starting to put in checks against antisemitism, others are not doing nearly enough.

Case in Point

Colleges have been hosting highly controversial speakers known for minimizing antisemitism, blaming Israel, and supporting Hamas’ October 7th massacre. The insensitivity to the Jewish community is shocking when you realize that such programs even took place during the month of Yom Hashoah. Like the October 7, 2023 attack which took place on Simchat Torah, such timing is not coincidental.

Extremely biased messaging against Israel cultivates hostility toward Jewish students. Amplifying accusations of colonial violence and promoting the false narrative of Israel being a genocidal nation contributes to the antisemitic plague we are seeing in America and worldwide.

The New and Dangerous “Weaponization” Narrative:

A concerning trend on campuses is the claim that accusations of antisemitism are “weaponized” to silence criticism of Israel or pro-Palestinian activism. Such speakers are twisting the IHRA’s definition of antisemitism. Antisemitism is being reframed as a weapon that is creating Islamophobia. Pushing back draws accusations of “hate-speech.” This manipulative tactic echoes harmful stereotypes -- it echoes the terribly antisemitic trope that, “The Jews caused the Holocaust.”

Our Challenge

1. Allowing anti-Zionist, pro-Hamas rhetoric to go unchallenged risks normalizing hate, contributing to fear, and silencing Jewish victims and witnesses.
2. Providing an unchallenged platform and endorsement for speakers who embolden antisemitic attitudes and beliefs is unacceptable!

Meeting this challenge:

We must call attention to the dangerous normalization of extremist views that have led to a dramatic rise in antisemitism on campuses that in turn spread into our community. We must challenge colleges that host speakers without providing strong opposing pro-Jewish and Zionist viewpoints. Otherwise, speakers that support Hamas and celebrate attacks against innocent Jews can gather followers, and the problems that we are facing will continue to grow.

Conclusion

In an environment where Jewish students are increasingly marginalized, I believe it is critical to speak up when hate is given a platform. Given the rise of antisemitism, silence is not an option. We must fight what we know is antisemitism. We must demand greater accountability from institutions entrusted with our safety and the minds of America’s future.

(Two Black Swans Continued from page 4)

Friday morning, November 18, 2022: One of our analysts spots an online threat to “shoot up a synagogue.” We alert the NYPD and FBI. A citywide manhunt begins. By midnight, two suspects are arrested at Penn Station—armed with a Glock, ammunition, a hunting knife, and a swastika armband. Twelve hours from detection to disruption. A Tree of Life-style attack averted.

On Friday, February 14th 2025, as Shabbat approached in New York City, the Jewish community stood on a knife’s edge. A drop out from Marine officer training from Utah, Luis Ramirez, posts that he will “pull up to Shabbat at Central Synagogue” and “kill you first.” We detect it at 1PM and immediately alert the NYPD. By 2PM NYPD confirms that he owns multiple firearms. By 3PM NYPD is tracking him across state lines—potentially armed, moving fast. He was in Ohio that morning. By 3PM he is in Philadelphia. At 4:45 he is in New Jersey on a direct path to Manhattan.

CSI was in direct contact with Central Synagogue’s security team, its senior rabbi, and NYPD leadership. The decision was made — Shabbat services would proceed under a phalanx of heavy NYPD protection. We make the decision to issue an emergency “Be on the Lookout” (BOLO) to every synagogue in Manhattan.

At 5:30 NYPD leadership informed me that they and Port Authority Police were preparing to intercept Ramirez at the Lincoln Tunnel. And then we waited...5:35, 5:40, 5:45, 5:55. White knuckle time. Then word came in — Ramirez had been arrested on the New Jersey side of the tunnel. A collective exhale rippled through the community. Only five hours from detection to disruption. The system had worked. But it had been far too close a call, but black swan averted.

These outcomes weren’t luck. They were built on infrastructure, trained people, and the unwavering support of UJA and supporters like you. By enabling CSI to build the most sophisticated Jewish security program in the United States in a little more than five years, we have created a layered defense to better protect our community.

To close—CSI, like you, lives in a world of uncertainty. We don’t model risk, we manage it. Like portfolio managers, we absorb volatility, spot anomalies, and respond fast when the improbable becomes real.

We both deal in risk. We both ask: “What aren’t we thinking of?” And we both know that no system—no matter how smart—replaces sound judgment and readiness for the unimaginable.

In the end, we are all, in our own ways, **watching the edge of the map** for black swans.

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Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Tuesday

Responsibilities of the Heart 10:00am. Using a classic rabbinic work, we will discuss Introspection and Service. Rabbeinu Bechaya in his classic work *Responsibilities of the Heart*.

Wednesday

Hebrew Class 6:00pm. We will be working on verb tenses in a systematic way and will continue to learn more Hebrew through the Siddur.

Thursday

Open discussion with Rabbi Krasner 6:00pm, June 5, 12, 19. Bring your questions and concerns to Rabbi Krasner to discuss.

Mitzvot During the Time of Modernity 7:00pm, June 5, 12, 19. A close examination of various mitzvot to deepen our understanding of them.

Other Events:

Sunday

Erev Shavuot June 1, 7:00pm. Mincha and Maariv services at Rabbi's home, 60 Whittier Blvd followed by a Torah dairy buffet meal. RSVP requested.

Monday

First day of Shavuot June 2, 9:00am. Services at the synagogue followed by a dairy luncheon and class. RSVP requested.

Tuesday

Second day of Shavuot June 3, 9:00am. Services at the synagogue with reading of the Book of Ruth. Yizkor at 10:30am, kiddush and a barbeque following services.

Cooking Club June 10 and July 1, 6:00pm.

Thursday

Rosh Chodesh Breakfast June 26 following morning service a light breakfast to celebrate the beginning of the new month of Tammuz.

Yiddish Club June 5, July 3, 11:00am. Join us to hear, speak, and learn some Yiddish and to understand Yiddish culture. Let's keep Yiddish alive!

Hands of Judaism for the Foodie June 26, 6:00pm, We will take an inside look into the mitzvot and practices of kosher food with matching dinners. Class is free but please RSVP for dinner (\$10 per person).

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rabbishlomok@gmail.com
for current information
or visit the website
www.schomreisrael.org

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Presbyterian Church, Lagrange
(845) 232-1029
Rabbi Glenn Jacob
Website: www.shir-chadash.org
Email: info@shir-chadash.org

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Saturday

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

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

Other Events:

Sunday

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

Those interested in reading are invited (now done virtually) to our 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 or suggestion? Please let us know! For more info, contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: info@shir-chadash.org

Contact :

info@shir-chadash.org
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or visit the website
www.shir-chadash.org

Temple Beth-El

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

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

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

Other Events:

Sunday

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

Tuesday

Book Club 2:00pm in the Social hall at TBE. June 10 (*Cain v Abel: A Jewish Courtroom Drama*). If inclement weather, we meet via Zoom.

Contact:

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

Vassar Temple

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

Weekly Services:

Most services are hybrid (both in person and on Zoom). Contact office@vassartemple.org for Zoom link
Friday
Shabbat Evening Service June 6, Pride Shabbat Service, 7:30pm; June 13 Picnic Shabbat Service & Installation, 6:00pm, June 20, 27, 7:30pm. Every Friday in July, 7:30. For other services, please see our website: www.vassartemple.org.

Saturday

New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship June 14, 10:15am.
Shabbat Morning—Torah Service 10:15am, June 7 Adult B'Not Mitzvah, June 21, Shabat Morning Service

Adult Education:

Tuesday

Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb generally meets on Zoom from noon to 1:30pm two Tuesdays per month. In June we'll aim to meet once in person at the temple. Feel free to BYO lunch, with Rabbi Golomb providing NYC bakery cookies for dessert. Then the Talmud Study will go on hiatus over the summer. To be placed on the Talmud Study email list and receive the dates and study sheets, contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Saturday

Torah Study with the Temple Rabbi, 9:00am, (Hybrid). Come join our lively discussions!
Contact us at office@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570 to be placed on the Torah Study email list.

Other Events:

Sunday

Tikkun Leil Shavout in collaboration with Congregation Shir Chadash and Temple Beth-El (held at TBE), June 1, 7:30pm.

Monday

Shavout Festival Morning Service June 2, 10:30am.

Wednesday

Sisterhood Book Club June 18, 2:00pm, in-person at the Collegeview Tower meeting room, 141 Fulton Ave. All welcome. For questions contact bookclub@vassartemple.org. We will read and discuss *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a rusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as giraffes. (Amazon)

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JEW'S IN THE NEWS.

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

Congratulations Lisa & Scott Sweeney, owners of Dutchess Roots, opening this Spring. Lisa and Scott Sweeney aim to elevate customers' experiences through approachable products, personalized services and comprehensive education — and as part of their commitment to the community, have partnered with the Dutchess Community College Foundation to establish the Dutchess Roots Entrepreneurial Scholarship.



DUTCHESS ROOTS

Congratulations to Brooke Youngwirth and Debbie and Steve Domber for receiving the *Champion Against Child Abuse Award* for The Center For the Prevention of Child Abuse.



This year at Temple Beth-El, fifty people came together for an unusual Passover seder on the evening of Friday April 18th - the seventh night of Passover.

A standard Passover seder takes place at the beginning of the holiday and is meant to place us in the role of our ancestors the night of the 10th plague: gathering our belongings and unrisen bread and streaming out of Egypt toward freedom.

The less well-known seventh night seder - also known as a Red Sea Seder - takes us forward in the story to the seventh day after leaving Egypt when our ancestors stood at the edge of the Sea pinned between the churning waters and Pharaoh's advancing army. It's a time to relive our ancestors' fear, resolve, faith, and liberation as the waters split and they marched forward to liberation.



At our Red Sea seder this year, we welcomed both regulars and new friends to our community for delicious food; melodies familiar and new; and study and reflection on Passover throughout the generations. We discussed the disorienting times that we are living through and how seder can be a vehicle for hope that the waters may yet part before us, if like our ancestors, we find the courage to march ahead into the waters.

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

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Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Wednesday

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

Special Events:

Sunday

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

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Beacon Hebrew Alliance

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 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon
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 Rabbi Emeritus Brent Spodek;
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Weekly Services:

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

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

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Congregation Beth David

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Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am.

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Vassar College Bayit

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Weekly Services:

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

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 (845) 338-4271 ext 101
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Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm,

June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 4, 11, 18, 25.

Tot Shabbat June 13, July 25, 9:15am.

Saturday

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

Education:

Zimet Jewish Learning Adventure is on Summer Recess, resumes in September.

Mediation & Torah Study 8:45am via Zoom, June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Hebrew Trope 12:00pm, via Zoom,

Dates TBD.

Hebrew, Shebrew! 4:00pm, via Zoom, June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Talk Back with Rabbi Jack 8:45am, via Zoom, June 5, 12; July 3, 10.

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Woodstock Jewish Congregation

241682 Glasco Tpk, Woodstock
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Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm,

Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat

First Fridays 6:00pm

Saturday

Shabbat Service 10:00am

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

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June

Candle Lighting Schedule

June 6	8:10pm
June 13	8:13pm
June 20	8:16pm
June 27	8:16pm

July

July 4	8:15pm
July 11	8:13pm
July 18	8:08pm
July 25	8:02pm

A few influential Jewish Americans.

Neil Diamond

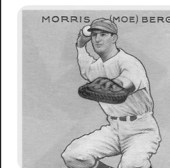


Hometown
 New York, New York
Arts: Musician

Contributions to American Society

Neil Diamond is a Grammy-award winning songwriter and musician who has sold over 130 million albums worldwide. He has proudly reflected on his Jewish heritage and experiences, inspiring many other artists to do the same.

Morris 'Moe' Berg



Hometown
 Harlem, New York
Sports: Baseball

Contributions to American Society

- Moe Berg, a Major League Baseball catcher known for his intelligence and athleticism, starred at Princeton where he famously rejected an invitation to join a prestigious dining club that had anti-Semitic rules, choosing instead to uphold his Jewish dignity.
- During World War II, Berg served his country as a patriot, using his position as a baseball player to gather vital intelligence as a spy for the U.S.



The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of the US, meets monthly at Congregation Schomre Israel, Poughkeepsie. We are the only active post between Westchester and Albany! Upcoming meeting dates are Sundays June 8. (9:00am schmooze, 9:30am meeting). The location is strictly kosher and tasty refreshments are provided. All are welcome to attend and/or join, both veterans and anyone else who would like to support our cause. We provide community service and support local veterans' facilities. We advocate against antisemitism and for the rights and benefits of all American military members and veterans. For more info, contact Senior Vice Commander Ralph Schwartz at (845) 849-0025.

Order your Rosh Hashanah Greetings by August 8
See page 8 for details



Purim in Morocco at Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley



“Breaking Bread—Building Bridges” 3 faith communities come together in Amenia with JFedDC and D.C. Commission on Human Rights



Rabbi Altman and a contingent from the Vassar Temple Civic Engagement Committee met with legislator Didi Barrett during National Council of Jewish Women’s “Jews for Repro NY Lobby Day” in Albany.



2022 Israel Trip Reunion and Planning Trip for 2026



Planning for 2026



Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration Program at Dutchess Community College



Yom HaShoah performance by the Hevreh Ensemble at FDR Presidential Library and Museum



More Mitzvah Day Photos



Cleaning at Pershing Cemetery



Entertaining seniors at Lutheran Care



Cooking for the Lunch Box

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