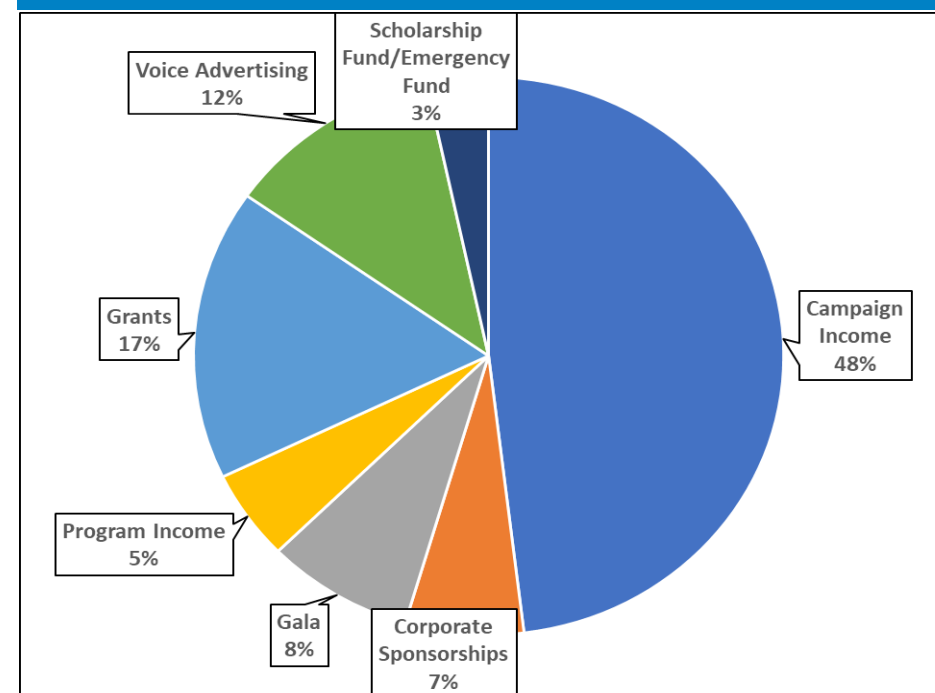


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Noted journalist Jane Eisner will be the distinguished guest speaker at the annual Community Shabbaton March 29-31, 2019. Eisner will be speaking on a variety of current issues of importance to us as members of today's Jewish community. Friday, March 29 at Congregation Shir Chadash during the 7:30 sabbath evening service, she will discuss "Contours of the Relationship between American Jews and Israel". Saturday, March 30 at Temple Beth El, she will participate in Sabbath services that start at 9:30am, and during the Kiddush lunch to follow she will speak about "Responses to the New Anti-Semitism." To conclude the Shabbaton, Eisner will give a short intimate talk and take questions on Sunday, March 31 at Vassar Temple during a 10a.m. brunch. Everyone in the community is warmly invited to attend any or all of the events of the weekend.

Eisner, truly a pioneer in journalism, served as editor-in-chief of the Forward for ten years starting in 2008, the first woman to hold the position at the influential Jewish national news organization. Before joining the Forward, she held executive editorial and news positions at the Philadelphia Inquirer for 25 years. Eisner's editorials have won numerous national and regional awards, she is a frequent commentator on radio and television, and she served for six years as the host of "The Salon", the first-ever women's program produced by The Jewish Channel. Eisner also has deep roots in academe, and is author of the book "Taking Back the Vote: Getting American Youth Involved in our Democracy."

The sponsoring congregation locations are Congregation Shir Chadash, interim location 1168 NY-55, Lagrangeville, Temple Beth El, 118 S. Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie, and Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie. Please RSVP for the kiddush lunch and the Sunday brunch to [programs@theny.org](mailto:programs@theny.org)



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**March**

- March 6** **Keeping Our Children Safe**—with John Fay  
 John is from the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse  
 Menu: veggie burgers, fries, coleslaw, coffee/tea, dessert
- March 13** **Aging Gracefully**  
 with various members of Hudson Valley Strategic Alliance  
 Menu: Salad fiesta: egg salad, tuna salad, potato salad, coffee/tea, dessert.
- March 20** **Winter Film Festival Part 3:**  
 Buster Keaton in "Free and Easy"  
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert
- March 27** **Self Defense**—with Craig Gittelman  
 Craig will be giving us role playing scenarios to show us how to protect ourselves.  
 Menu: hot dogs, beans, salad coffee, tea, dessert

**REGISTRATION STRONGLY REQUESTED BY MONDAY EACH WEEK FOR FOOD AND ACTIVITY PLANNING PURPOSES**  
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 Learn & Lunch Bunch activities are open to the public.

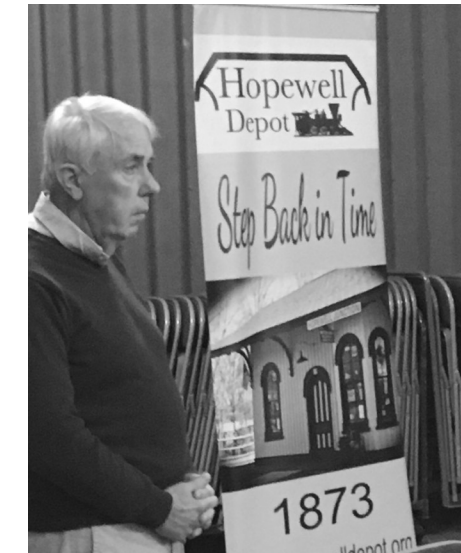
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 12:30pm —Lunch

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**Classes with Rabbi Langer** Thursday, 7:00pm, March 7—Are We Moonies?; March 14—Stand your ground vs. Duty to React: Would a Jewish Court Have Convicted George Zimmerman?; March 28—Poaching Employees from Rival Companies

Classes are free. All are welcome. View website, [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) for recordings of previous classes.

For information on cancellations and class schedules visit [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) or call (845) 454-2890.

### Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text**, will be held once a month at noon, generally a Thursday Taught by Senior Scholar, Rabbi Paul Golomb. For this month's schedule, or if you have other questions contact Rabbi Golomb [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net)

**Torah Study** every Saturday, (no classes March 30), 9:00am, with Rabbi Renni Altman. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftorah.

**Class on Reform Judaism** Thursday, March 14, 21, April 11, 7:30pm-9:00pm. Rabbi Renni S Altman, DD will teach a 3-session course "Reform Judaism: Why We Do What We Do."

All welcome to come learn and join in the lively discussion at both classes. No charge to attend. No previous training required. For more information or if you have questions email [rabbid@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbid@vassartemple.org) (845) 454-2570.

### Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

**Shabbat School Adult Schmoose with Rabbi Victor** Saturday, March 2, 9, 16, 9:30am-10:15am. "Kinship as Spiritual Practice" directing our hearts minds, and souls to the rough questions concerning how we build long lasting and meaningful relationships in faith communities. Through a spiritual prism, we will examine strategies and theories on *Relation Judaism*, and how they play out and/or can be adapted to our own community. All sessions are free and open to everyone. The essential questions, session material, and possible answers are from Won Wolfson's book on *Relational Judaism*. Questions? Contact Rabbi Victor (845)454-0570.

**The Mind and the Mystical with Rabbi Daniel Victor**, Every Thursday, 9:30am, at The Crafted Kup, Raymond Avenue. Using the textbook *My People's Prayer Book* we explore as many different voices of commentary as our learners are interested in.

#### New Adult Discovery Course

Temple Beth-El is pleased to present this year's discovery course of study which for many will conclude with a formal commitment by the student to embrace Jewish life and a warm embrace by the Jewish community adding new members to our congregations. Classes begin with "Jewish Museum" Program begin in February and runs every two weeks. For more info contact Rabbi Daniel Victor [rebvictor@tbeny.org](mailto:rebvictor@tbeny.org) or (845) 454-0571

**Learn to Read Hebrew Saturdays** Whether you are learning to read Hebrew for the first time or just need a refresher, this class is for you! No fee but a suggested donation of \$36 is encouraged. To sign up contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman at (845) 454-0570 or [education@tbeny.org](mailto:education@tbeny.org)

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### Chabad Center Classes

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

Please visit our website [www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)

### Congregation Shir Chadash

**Torah Study:** Saturday, March 2, 23, 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish while enjoying a light breakfast. Everyone has a chance to participate. No Hebrew expertise or knowledge is needed. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend the bi-monthly session. Check website calendar for exact dates.

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

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We will display our latest wares to enhance your Seder table in the Vassar Temple East Chapel. Passover fun items for the children too! Looking for a special gift, look no further—come and see us.

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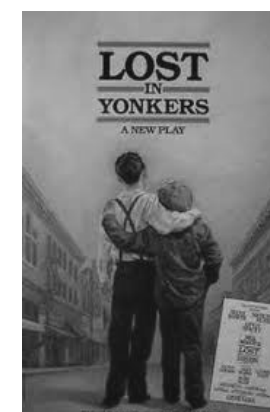
Participants meet monthly to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry, and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest.

This month's pick is the play "Lost in Yonkers" by Neil Simon. As I am sure you all know the play, as well as the movie, was a great success. The play is widely available at the Library, and the DVD and CD are also available.

This meeting should be a lot of fun—you'll get a chance to try out your acting skills.

#### DETAILS

Date and location TBD. For more info contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, or via email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org).



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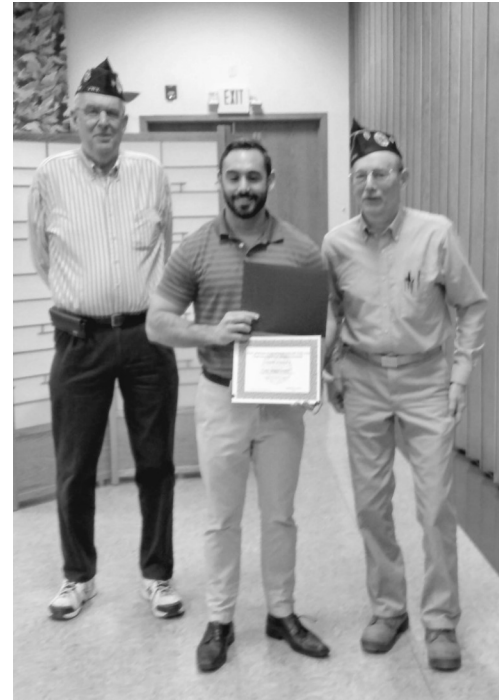
*Debbie's Voice*—is currently recouping. We look forward to her voice returning to *The Voice* soon.

**County Division of Vets Affairs Speaks to JWV**

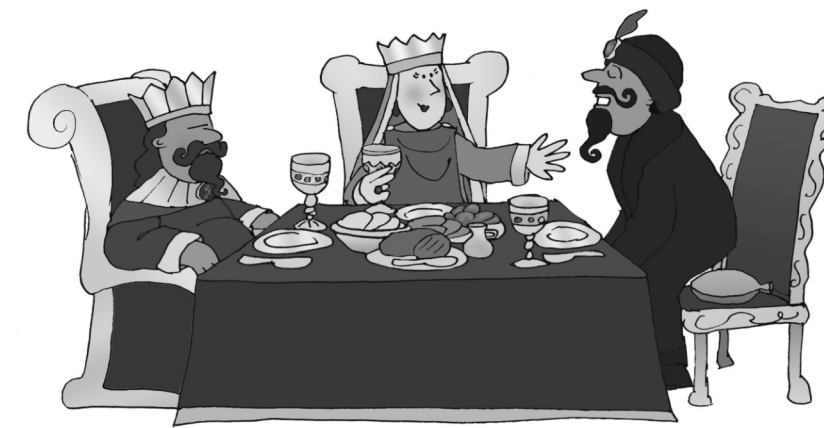
Marc Coviello, Director of the Dutchess County Division of Veterans Affairs, was the special guest of JWV Post 625 at their February meeting. Coviello explained that he can help with many common veterans' concerns, such as acquiring military records and medals, disability compensation, pensions, various military benefits, and medical services from the V.A. He can connect veterans with counseling services and special assistance for homeless vets. He also urged vets to keep copies of their discharge papers on file in his office, where they will be kept secure and available to the veteran and his/her family as needed.

Coviello then addressed some of the concerns of the veterans present. He assured them that the V.A. clinic on Rt. 55 will not only be staying there but expanding. Also that all towns and cities in the County now offer some sort of tax break for qualifying vets and their surviving spouses. He discussed the recent expansion of benefits to those who were exposed to Agent Orange while in planes or at sea.

Coviello invited anyone seeking info or assistance to contact his small, friendly office in the old Poughkeepsie Journal building in the City of Poughkeepsie (where there is also free parking). It is best if you call a day in advance for an appointment at (845) 486-2060, although walk-ins will always be accommodated. Marc Coviello is a graduate of Arlington H.S. and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He can be reached at [Veteans@DutchessNY.gov](mailto:Veteans@DutchessNY.gov).



Rob Rubin and Ron Markowitz, Officers of JWV Post 625, present Certificate of Appreciation to Director of the County Division of Veterans Services Marc Coviello.



Esther plots a little extra humiliation for Haman at her party.

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Dear readers,

It is with great pride that we wish to announce the coming of a great new feature in our newspaper: OUR ADVICE COLUMN.

In the tradition of "bintel briefs", we encourage our readers to submit articles from their Jewish life that they feel they might need some advice for.

Articles submitted will be printed and advised by our very own Shoshana, who is a skilled problem solver! Please submit problems to be solved to: [TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org](mailto:TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org).

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Dear Alta

What was considered old in the 1920's, is considered middle aged today. People are living longer and healthier than ever before . AARP says seniors begin at fifty. Many say fifty is the new thirty! Age is a state of mind, it's only a number. Just because you became a bubbe, doesn't mean you have to start knitting! However, if you're raiding your teenagers closet, something might be amiss. You don't want to go from Posh Spice, to Scary Spice, to Old Spice! I've seen "old" people at 35 and young at heart octogenarians.  
**Bottom line: you define yourself!**

## Rabbi's Blog

**A Match Made in Heaven** by Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus

There is a special aura that surrounds newly married couples. People like to be in their presence and observe the beauty of their blossoming relationship. How sweet it is when the new husband does everything he can to please his wife, how he jumps at every opportunity to help her, and with a spring in his step, he brings home a bouquet of flowers "just because."



Rabbi Sandhaus

However even more beautiful, and surely more rare, is the husband of 50 years who excitedly jumps at every opportunity to help his wife with whatever she needs and continues to buy flowers "just because." These are the couples who are featured on videos that go viral on social media. A romantic relationship after 50 years of marriage is novel. It means they've been through thick and thin together, and yet with all their challenges, they are still as committed—and even more so—as the day they tied the knot.

When G-d offered the Jews His Torah at Mt Sinai, the Jewish people unanimously accepted. It was a no brainer. G-d had done the miracles of the 10 plagues and the Splitting of the Sea, and the Jews were eating Manna that fell from heaven daily. G-d's presence surrounded them. They were experiencing spiritual bliss. Their relationship with G-d was romantic. How could they not accept the Torah and its commandments?

Then the Jews settled in the Land of Israel, and slowly life began to hit. For a while miracles continued on a smaller scale, particularly in the Holy Temple. Yes, there were prophets, but the direct communication with G-d diminished. As the years progressed, there was corruption and idol worship. Then finally came the destruction of the first Bet Hamikdash, the Holy Temple. Before they knew it, the Jews found themselves in exile. They were now on foreign terrain living among foreign nations. The romance with G-d was a thing of the past.

Living in Persia the Jews slowly started to grow accustomed to their new reality. They were accepted by the broader society and enjoyed much prestige in the royal Persian court. Their beloved leader, Mordechai, was a trusted aide and advisor to the king himself.

And then came Haman with a great plan to take care of the Jewish Problem. He deceitfully manipulated the mind of the foolish king Achashveirosh (who was no Jew lover himself) to issue a genocidal decree against the Jews.

With the threat of death looming, the Jews could have saved themselves by abandoning their religion. They could have told G-d, "Hey, this relationship was nice while it lasted, but it's just not working for us now. We have our lives at stake." But no one did that. Instead they united and joined Mordechai in repentance and prayer, re-accepting upon themselves an uncompromising commitment to a life of Torah and Mitzvot.

We may have accepted the Torah at Mt Sinai, but the sages say it was through the Purim story when the acceptance of the Torah was proven to be sincere. On Purim we don't only celebrate the story of Jewish survival but also our recommitment to the Torah and its teachings.

So go ahead and celebrate Purim! On March 21 be sure to hear the Megillah, give Tzedakah, distribute shalach manot, and say L'chaim!

### Purim Events

#### Purim Dinner

A festive Purim dinner will be held at Congregation Schomre Israel. You can look forward to great food, fun and costumes!

#### DETAILS

Thursday, March 21, following 5:30pm service . Reservations required by March 7. Cost is \$36 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3-12.

#### Purim Celebration & Spiel

Celebrate Purim by enjoying a special service and an original Spiel. If you love Purim and appreciate a unique take on things, this spiel is for you! Come and listen to the story you know, but with a twist. Enjoy the fun, music and, of course, delicious homemade Hamantaschen! (Costumes & hats optional) All are welcome!

#### DETAILS

Friday, March 15, 6:30pm, Congregations Shir Chadash. For more info contact (845) 232-1029, email: info@shir-chadash.org or website: www.shir-chadash.org

#### Make Merry on Purim

Join Vassar Temple in celebrating the joyous holiday of Purim with a lively megillah reading, interspersed with hilarious parodies based on songs of the 60's and 70's (to which everyone will be able to sing along). Adults, children, everyone—come in your favorite costume or one evoking the 60's—70's era! Join in the Great Costume Parade! And don't forget to bring unopened boxes of pasta to shake as noisemakers to drown out the name of Haman during the megillah reading. After Purim, the boxes of pasta will be delivered to a local food pantry by the Social Action Committee. And for your dining enjoyment, prior to the megillah reading Men's Club will be serving a pasta dinner in the social hall.

#### DETAILS

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30pm, Dinner, 7:00pm, Megillah Reading. Please RSVP for dinner to mensclub@vassartemple.org by March 15, Dinner \$5 for adult and kids under 12 are free.

## Inside the Jewish Studio

By Karen Hochhauser

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

Each month, we ask a MOT\* these questions and feature their answers.

This month, our special guest is **Monica Frydman** of Hyde Park, NY, who found time to join us to answer our questions...

1. **What is your favorite word?**  
*Mensch*
2. **What is your least favorite word?**  
*Schmendrick*
3. **What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?**  
*Creatively - brain storming for ideas*  
*Spiritually - Shabbat and lighting candles*  
*Emotionally - good sense of humor*
4. **What turns you off?**  
*People who are late. I always say never be later than 5 minutes early.*
5. **What is your favorite curse word?**  
*Are you kidding me? F\*!\$*
6. **What sound or noise do you love?**  
*Rain Storms*
7. **What sound or noise do you hate?**  
*Pigeons*
8. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*Talent Agent*
9. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**  
*Putting away clothes in a department store*
10. **What are you really bad at?**  
*Parallel parking*
11. **What is one interesting thing most people don't know about you?**  
*I was Miss Double Bubble in 1970*
12. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
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By Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Ed. Dir, & Cantor Devorah Gartner, Youth & B'nai Mitzvah Dir,

No winter doldrums for us! Tu b'Shevat stations at **Shabbat School** put an extra "spring" in our steps as we celebrated spring in Israel and the birthday of the trees. It was so much fun, no one wanted to "leaf". We've brought the outdoors in and Israel to Poughkeepsie with our new indoor/outdoor traveling gaga pit. It can be such a drag to be stuck inside for recess in the winter, but not when you can play gaga. You don't know how to play? Drop by during our **Ivrit Program** recess on Tuesday afternoons or after lunch on Shabbat to take in a game and get pointers from the experts.

Each Shabbat, we welcome one of our classes to the bimah. We are looking forward to presenting our students with their own *siddurim* (prayer books) and *chumashim* (Torah books), as well as their personalized Hebrew bookmarks in March.

The B'nai Mitzvah class has been busy learning one another's Torah portions, getting acquainted with Haftarah blessings and trop, practicing their prayers, and joining Rabbi Miriam and Cantor Devorah on the bimah to hone their service leadership skills. It is such a pleasure to watch their mastery and their confidence growing week by week. The B'nai Mitzvah Class has been joined by Kitah Vav for a special series of programs on weaving mitzvah and tzedakah into daily life. This special series and curriculum is made possible by a grant from **Chai Mitzvah**.

The **Gesher Hebrew High School** program students are completing their second trimester of classes. The holiday cooking class continues to brew up delectable delicacies and the Torah yoga class allows our students to relax and decompress while internalizing Jewish concepts & values. The art class is making Purim-character groggers.

The Youth Group's annual Mishloach Manot Project has kicked off. (It's hard to imagine needing 600 hamantaschen). They're involved in planning booths for the Purim Carnival (March 17!), as well as studying, planning and writing for the **Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration on May 2**.

Spring and Pesach will be here before we know it. Stay warm!

## Bar Mitzvah

**Ryan Morris Freedman, Shir Chadash on March 23, 2019.**

Ryan is an enthusiastic, caring and creative 7th grader at Todd Middle School. For his Bar Mitzvah project he wanted to provide assistance for the hungry and food insecure members of the local community. He collected car-loads of food and personal hygiene supplies from patrons at Stop and Shop (Burnett Blvd) and Shop Rite (South Rd). Ryan then brought the donations to the Dutchess Outreach Food Pantry in Poughkeepsie, where he helped to unload and organize the supplies



Ryan channels his creative energies into playing viola in the school's orchestra and cadenza, singing in the Shir Chadash youth choir, performing in the school's drama club, drawing, solving puzzles and building models. He is also a passionate gamer and reader, and is the happiest when spending time with friends and family.

### Vassar Temple Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat is a half hour introductory morning worship experience specially designed for toddlers and their families. The community is warmly invited to attend. The program is led by Rabbi Renni Altman and music teacher Olivia DeLorio. Join us singing, a story, healthy snacks, and engaging with families and children.

#### DETAILS

Saturday, March 9, 10:30am-11:00am RSVP's appreciated (845) 454-2570, walk ins are welcome! For info [rabbid@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbid@vassartemple.org)



## Community Purim Carnival 2019

Sunday, March 17 10:00 AM-12:30 PM

Temple Beth El, 118 Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603

Admission is \$5 for children 2 and older, or \$20 per family and includes gift bags, all activities, free coffee and hot chocolate bar

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Matanot l'Evyonim

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Director (845) 876-7666 or [tzviehecht@gmail.com](mailto:tzviehecht@gmail.com)

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Classes meet two Saturdays a month at 9:00am. February 2, 9

For information, contact (845) 723-4045,

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9:30am-12:30pm, grade 7

Sunday, Judaic Studies  
9:30am-12:30pm, grades PreK-6

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**Simple Hamentashen Recipe** taken from [www.jewishboston.com](http://www.jewishboston.com)  
Makes about three dozen

**Ingredients**

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 5 1/2 to 6 cups flour
- 1-2 small jars filling (apricot, prune or cherry preserves, poppy seed filling, etc.)

**Directions**

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix together eggs, oil, sugar and vanilla.
3. Add baking powder and flour.
4. Knead until smooth.
5. Roll out very thin (1/8 inch if you can) on a floured board.
6. Cut out circles with a drinking glass.
7. Put a dollop of filling in the center of each circle.
8. Fold in three sides over the filling to make a triangle with filling showing in the center.
9. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes on a greased cookie sheet.



**Tiny Temple Purim Party**

Please join us for Tiny Temple's free Purim Party at Vassar Temple. The tots, along with the Religious School, will learn about Purim through crafts, story, and song in a relaxed and friendly setting, and a special holiday snack will be served. Parents, grandparents, families and children ages infant to 5 are warmly invited to join in the fun. Please come in costume!! Tiny Temple is open to all regardless of temple affiliation, is always free of charge, and is sponsored by the Sisterhood.

**DETAILS**

Sunday, March 3, 10:30am-11:30am. To assist in our planning, please RSVP to Emma Arnoff and Jas Russo at [tinytemple@vassartemple.org](mailto:tinytemple@vassartemple.org).



The word "tzedakah" is often translated to mean "charity" or "good deeds", but the literal translation is closer to "justice" or "righteousness". We are commanded to pursue justice, and this includes giving charity and doing good in our communities. (Gathering for Good)

PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley has been invited to participate in a Volunteering with Families Grant program through the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and PJ Library. With this as our foundation, we have dedicated 2019 as a "Year of Giving". Every program we do this year will include a focus on giving back to the community. We have formed direct partnerships with The Dutchess County SPCA, Hudson River Housing's Liberty Station Residence for Veterans, and Dutchess Outreach.

Our Leadership Lollaploozza in February included a pet food collection for the SPCA's Community Pet Pantry and participants made pull toys with fleece to be added to the Pets for Vets gift bags we will complete on Mitzvah Day. The Dutchess County SPCA's Pets for Vets programs makes it possible for local Veterans to adopt and support a pet. We will continue collecting food for the Pet Pantry at all events throughout 2019.

Our major program in March will be the Community Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 18 at Temple Beth El in Poughkeepsie. It is a tradition to collect Tzedakah, or gifts for those in need, for Purim, "Matanot l'Evyonim". In this spirit we ask you to bring a donation for Jewish Family Services of the JFedDC, along with pet food for the SPCA. Tzedakah boxes will be spread throughout the Carnival. Another aspect of community service at the carnival is the fact that this carnival is something we do for each other. It can only happen through the efforts of the collected Jewish Community. Every game, painted face, and carton of popcorn happens because of the efforts of volunteers. Want to join us by volunteering to work a shift at the Purim Carnival? Email us [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org) or call the Federation office (845) 471-9811.

Save the date for Mitzvah Day, Sunday, May 5 It is an entire day dedicated to doing good deeds together to lift up our community. There are projects addressing food insecurity, homelessness, the environment, Veterans' services, and many others at sites all over the Hudson Valley. At Headquarters, will be at Congregation Schomre Israel in Poughkeepsie, PJ Library will be hosting "Mini Mitzvah Day", a full day of projects for families with young children to participate in together as we explore what it means to create a family culture of service.

Remember we are also hosting a family book swap at each event to take and leave a PJ Library, PJ OurWay, or Parent choice book.

How about hosting a get together for Purim or Passover and receiving \$100 back in the mail afterwards? Go to [www.pjlibrary.org/gettogether](http://www.pjlibrary.org/gettogether) to find out more. In the box below is more information.

Your PJ Library Team  
Melinda Margulies, Kimberly Ritz, Emily Soltanoff, and Bekah Starr

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- For details and to apply, go to <https://pjlibrary.org/gettogether2018>



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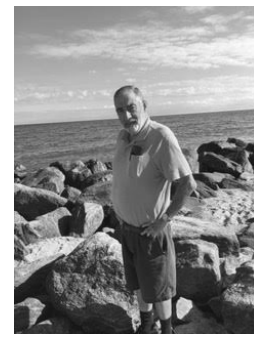


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## JFedDC Community Programs...



Dr. Jack Fein

### Literary Notables Part 1

A valuable asset is often most appreciated when it is suddenly lost.

The Jewish literary world suffered a number of losses last year. 2018 witnessed the deaths of Philip Roth, Neil Simon, Aharon Appelfeld and ended with the sudden passing of Amos Oz, most recently on December 28. The loss of Amos Oz was especially felt both in the Jewish literary and Israeli political worlds.

Oz was born in Jerusalem in 1939, nine years before the founding of the State of Israel. In the course of his career, he chronicled its inner dialogue and revealed just how complex patriotism could be.

His was an intellectual, bookish family in a middle-class neighborhood in Jerusalem and he grew up surrounded by literature. His memoir, *A Tale of Love and Darkness* was made into a film that starred Natalie Portman. It revealed that his actual upbringing was the opposite of the liberal Zionist ideal which he embraced as an adult. His family politics were strongly right wing and Revisionist. His uncle was the renowned historian Joseph Klausner, who ran for president in 1949 as a representative of the Herut Party against Chaim Weizman.

The languages spoken in the household were to help shape his attitudes and interests. Oz's parents were multilingual; his father claimed he could read in 16 or 17 languages, while his mother spoke four or five languages. Neither was comfortable speaking in Hebrew. They spoke with each other in Russian or Polish, to help shield their son from their incessant talk about the ongoing threats to the Jews. In the early 1940's the Jews of Jerusalem were following news of the fate of European Jewry closely and were regularly threatened with violence from their Arab neighbors. But his parents insisted that Amos be fluent in the language of the new land and encouraged his creative thinking.

In school, the noted poet "Zelda" Schneerson Mishkovsky, granddaughter of the Lubavitch Rebbe, and one of Joseph Klausner's neighbors, was one of Amos's teachers. She had an early and profound influence on his literary development. His mother, who suffered from chronic depression, committed suicide in January 1952. The impact it had on him is described in his memoir. Without familial structure and support, at age 14, young Amos turned to the Labor Zionist movement and joined Kibbutz Hulda, where he changed his surname from Klausner to Oz.

Oz did his Israel Defense Forces service in the Nachal Brigade, participating in border skirmishes with Syria. After concluding his three years of mandatory regular army service, he was sent by his kibbutz to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he studied philosophy and Hebrew literature. He graduated in 1963 and began teaching in the kibbutz high school while continuing to write. He then served as an army reservist in a tank unit which fought in the Sinai Peninsula during the Six-Day War and in the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War.

Oz was to become one of Israel's most widely read authors and one of the nation's greatest spokesmen as well as its conscience. He wrote 43 books including novels, short story collections, children's books, and essays. More than any other Israeli writer, his work was translated into 45 languages. He was an Israel Prize laureate, receiving the country's top civilian recognition. He also won the Legion of Honour of France, the Goethe Prize, the Prince of Asturias Award in Literature, the Heinrich Heine Prize, the Franz Kafka Prize, the Koret Jewish Book Award, the Prix Femina and the Frankfurt Peace Prize, among countless other literary prizes and distinctions.

He adored the Hebrew language and enthusiastically described its evolution. "...to call it exciting is an understatement, especially as the literature is not exactly new. It's new in one sense. And it's a renewal of one of the most ancient literatures in the whole of civilization on the other hand. We are using Hebrew for musical instruments and this musical instrument is both ancient and brand new. To some extent, you could compare contemporary Hebrew to Elizabethan English. It's a volcanic eruption. A writer or a poet of modern Hebrew can still legislate into the language, create new words and new form..."

(to be continued in the April edition of *The Voice*)

### A Silent Witness: The Czech Torah Scroll at Temple Beth-El

On the evening of Tuesday, February 5, the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum at Temple Emanu-El in Manhattan opened its Spring 2019 exhibition *The Guiding Hand, Torah Pointers Past and Present*. To mark the opening of this exhibition, the Bernard Museum, in partnership with the Memorial Scrolls Trust (MST) of London, hosted a gathering of Czech scrolls which survived the Holocaust. Rabbi Daniel Victor, accompanied by Marlene Straus and Jonathan Raz transported Torah scroll # 1485, currently on housed at Temple Beth-El, to this gathering. It was a moving and memorable event for all involved.

It is particularly meaningful that Marlene was able to accompany the scroll to this event. This Torah was welcomed into Temple Beth-El 19 years ago through the efforts of Marlene and Eric Straus as the centerpiece of the Temple Beth-El Holocaust Memorial exhibit

Torah scroll #1485 is displayed in the lobby of Temple Beth-El as part of a living memorial to the Jewish communities destroyed in the Holocaust. It is one of the 1,564 sacred scrolls stolen by the Nazis from the synagogues of Moravia and Bohemia during the Czechoslovakian occupation of World War II. Along with other Jewish ceremonial objects, these were systematically numbered and catalogued by the Nazis.

In 1965, after finding the scrolls stored in a synagogue in Prague, a British art dealer purchased and brought them to the Westminster Synagogue in London. Many were repaired and restored to use, but most including this one, were damaged beyond repair.

Torah scroll #1485, written in 1913, according to historical records, was once in the ark of shul in the town of Bruno in Moravia. Though now tattered, aged, and waterlogged, it stands majestically as the eternal symbol of Jewish heroism, courage, and hope for the future.



## Our Executive Director



Karen Hochhauser

I have always felt and believed that Poughkeepsie, and Dutchess County, is a unique and magical place, and every once in a while, something happens that reminds me of just how special. The other day, my friend and I were out, when we saw these lovely older ladies with the most amazing hats. We said to each other that when we got 'older' that is exactly what we would do too – go out on the town wearing awesome hats and living life to the fullest. We were so captivated, that when they were leaving, we asked if we could take a photo with them. As we were doing so, I remarked to one of them that she looked familiar. When I told her my name, she said, "I was a classmate of your mother's!" I was so startled that she knew my mother and felt so connected to her, but then that connection became surreal.

She then shared with me that she also knew my grandparents and when my grandfather was deployed, my mother and grandmother moved near them...but wait, there's more... She even knew my Great Grandma Kati, the one I was named after. She recounted how Grandma Kati used to make the best strudel and then sneak it to her and her sister while whispering that they should not tell her granddaughters (my mother & aunt).

To be with someone who actively engaged with my Great Grandmother, brought five generations of my family to me in that one moment, in Poughkeepsie. In getting older, I seem to value my family roots even more, and being in Poughkeepsie is a treasure chest of people who can share special memories with me about my family. As I try to count my blessings every day, meeting these new friends, who knew relatives I never had the chance to meet, was definitely a highlight.

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Each New Paths service, whether lay-led or rabbi-led, provides a unique and thoughtful Shabbat morning experience. A brief mini Kiddush follows.

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, March 2, 16, 10:00am. For info, contact: Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Altman rabbi@vassartemple.org or call the Temple office (845) 454-2570.

**Shabbat Happy Hour**

Please join us in the Vassar Temple Social Hall for a pre-Shabbat gathering featuring food, wine and good company. Your hosts will be Melissa Erlebacher and Fern Wolf. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Guests are always invited and welcome! Stay for shabbat services at 7:30pm in the main sanctuary. Happy Hours are generously sponsored by Sisterhood, we suggest a \$10 per person donation to help defray expenses.

**DETAILS**  
March 6, 6:00pm, Vassar Temple, suggested donation \$10, for more information contact Elena, bellaviol1@gmail.com

**JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625**

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States holds regular monthly meetings.

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in the armed forces and others of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate. 9:00am is an informal coffee and cake "schmooze."

Congregation Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, so no outside food may be brought in. We look forward to seeing you there.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday: March 3, at 9:30am. 18 Park Ave. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer qbee5@optonline.net

**Baker's Needed**

Please join us for Vassar Temple Sisterhood's annual baking day. Make friends while making hamentashen for the homebound, out of town college students, and our Purim service.

Please bring a batch of dough (and your favorite rolling pin, if you like). Remaining ingredients will be provided. Please use the dough recipe available by email: hamentashen@vassartemple.org; the Temple office, website, or Sisterhood Facebook page. Unable to come and help? Make a batch of dough and leave it in Temple freezer in a Ziploc bag, let us know.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, March 3 (snow date 3/10), 9:00am-1:00pm. RSVP to Judy Rosenfeld (845) 635-2414 or hamentashen@vassartemple.org

**The Golden Gelt Raffle!**

Vassar Temple is holding a raffle, and only 200 tickets will be sold, increasing the odds of winning!

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Third prize: \$500.00 cash  
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The drawing for all prizes will be held Sunday, April 14, at 1:00pm, in the Vassar Temple Social Hall. For info, or to purchase tickets, contact Gail D'Alessio at gaildalessio@yahoo.com.

Note: Prizes above based on sale of 200 tickets, to be adjusted as follows:  
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3rd prize: 2.5% of sales,  
4th prizes: 1.25% of sales.



**Don't Miss Out on Hamentaschen**

This is your last chance to order some delicious hamentaschen for Purim, bked by the Sisterhood of Schomre Israel. Filling flavors are prune, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry and chocolate. The cost is \$14 per dozen and \$10 per half dozen.

Please contact Roberta Grosman at rgrosman@aol.com as soon as possible to take advantage of this extended offer to order hamentaschen.

**Spring Rummage Sale**

Start cleaning those closets of gently used items and packing your bric-a-brac. The Vassar Temple Sisterhood Rummage Sale is coming very soon.

We start collecting items on March 31. All rummage must be brought to the downstairs lounge, and then to the social hall. Bring your items, place them on the left side and keep the area in front of the stage clear. Items may be dropped off any time the temple is open, and the evenings of April 3-4 from 6-8pm. No items received after April 5. Please come during any of those times and do not leave items outside the building when it is closed. Note that we CANNOT accept textbooks, TV's or old computers, or heavily damaged goods. For large items, please contact us before you bring them!

Tax receipts will be given for donations. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help sort items the week prior to the sale, as well as on sale day!!!

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, April 7, 9:30am-12:30pm; the bag sale starts at 2:00pm and ends 5:00pm. For information, or to volunteer, please contact rummage@vassartemple.org or the Vassar Temple (845) 454-2570

**Tuesday, May 28**

**Israel Friendship Caravan**

**Dinner and Concert**

**at Temple Beth-El**

**2019 Holiday Greetings**

It is that time of the year! 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: \$25 each or 3 for \$60  
Medium ad: \$36 each or 3 for \$90  
Large ad: \$64 each or 3 for \$170

Please fill out the form and mail it back to us with your payments to: THE VOICE, PO Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Or complete online: [www.jewishdutchess.org/community/the-voice](http://www.jewishdutchess.org/community/the-voice)  
**DEADLINE IS for Passover is March 8**

\*Please note, due to the recent increase in postage, after Passover, Holiday Greetings' rates will be increasing.

*2019 Holiday Greetings*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Your name(s) on the Greeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# Local

## Sunday

**Bagels, Lox, Torah (Tefillin too!)** 9:00am led by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein. Morning minyan will follow Torah discussion on the coming week's Torah portion, upcoming holiday or topic of Jewish interest.  
**Temple Beth-El serves at Lunchbox** Volunteers always needed to keep this program running. Please call (845) 454-0570 if you can help.  
**Community Shabbaton Brunch** March 31, 10:00am, at Vassar Temple.  
**Congregation Schomre Israel Hamentaschen Pick-Up** March 10, 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

## Monday

**Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga** with Toni Farkas, 11:30am. \$5 per session. All welcome.  
**Temple Beth-El Board Meeting** TBD 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board Of Trustees meeting.

## Wednesday

**Learn & Lunch Bunch** every Wednesday, 11:00am-1:30pm. 118 So. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. Please RSVP each week by Monday so we can prepare appropriate amount of food. For information, menu and program schedule, see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.  
**Vassar Temple Purim Pasta Dinner** March 20, 5:30pm, Megillah Reading 7:00pm.

## Thursday

**Congregation Schomre Israel Purim Dinner** March 21, following 5:30pm services, reservations required by March 7.

## Friday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service** March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:30pm, evening service with Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg. All welcome.  
**Vassar Temple Shabbat** March 1, 15, 22, 29, 7:30pm.  
**Vassar Temple Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour** March 8, 6:00pm Happy Hour, 7:30pm Shabbat service.  
**Temple Beth-El Evening Service** each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service. All welcome.  
**Community Shabbaton** March 29, 7:30pm, at Congregation Shir Chadash.

## Saturday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs** March 2, 23, 9:00-10:30am. Come early at 8:45am and have breakfast on us! Registration for religious school is ongoing. New parents are encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation. Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays and history while having fun and making friends. All are welcome.  
**Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program** March 2, 23, 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult, learn through doing crafts, food and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge.  
**Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service** March 2, 23, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome!  
**Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** March 2, 16, 10:00am.  
**Vassar Temple Tot Shabbat** March 9, 10:30am.  
**Community Shabbaton Shabbat Service** March 30, 9:30am and lunch at Temple Beth-El  
**Temple Beth-Shabbat Morning Service** every week, 9:30am, Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.

**DCIC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The 2019 Annual Membership Meeting of Dutchess County Interfaith Council, Inc.

Will be held on:  
 Tuesday, March 12, 2019 @ 5:30pm  
 First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 (325 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601)

**Guest Speaker: Jody Miller**  
**(Dutchess County Commission of Human Rights)**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
 The agenda of the Meeting will be available in March on our website:  
[www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org](http://www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org)  
 To RSVP and for more information please email: [office@dutchesscountyinterfaith.org](mailto:office@dutchesscountyinterfaith.org)

# Out of Area

**Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events**  
 23 Albany Ave, Kingston NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 [www.templeemanuelkingston.org](http://www.templeemanuelkingston.org).  
 All Services held in our Chapel are available to live stream. Visit our website: [www.cehv.org](http://www.cehv.org) and click on the live stream link on the homepage. You can also view archived services and classes.

**Kabbalat Shabbat evening service** First Friday evening, 6:00pm, with a symbolic Oneg following. All other Friday's 7:30pm with an Oneg following.  
**Musical Kabbalat Shabbat** is the second Friday of the month.  
**Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation** is the fourth Friday of the month.  
**Religious School** Saturday, 9:30am—12:30pm, September—May. Contact our Religious School Director Samara Genee for more info (845) 338-4271 x 110  
**Saturday Morning Service** 10:00am, for an uplifting morning communal prayer, meditation and Torah study.  
**Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi** Call (845) 338-4271(x101) for class dates/time: Hebrew Trope, Torah Study, Introduction to Judaism, Beginner and Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew, Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah and Private Conversion Tutorials.  
**Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study** Tuesday, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, Led by Rabbi Yael Romer.  
**Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer** Meeting first Wednesday, Shabbat Dinner the third Friday, Community service TBD monthly on either the second or fourth Thursday. Religious School registration required.

# Community Outlook Calendar

## March

**REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Beacon Hebrew Alliance (Conservative)**  
 331 Verplanck Avenue, Beacon (845) 831-2012  
 Rabbi Brent Spodek; Cantor Ellen Gersh; Education Director, Ashley Baker  
 Website: [www.beaconhebrewalliance.org](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org)  
 Email: [411@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto:411@beaconhebrewalliance.org)  
 Services: Fridays, 7:30pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit website for information about services, religious school, and community events

**Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley**  
 63 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie (845) 463-5801  
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein  
 Website: [www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)  
 Email: [ChabadMidhudsonVlv@prodigy.net](mailto:ChabadMidhudsonVlv@prodigy.net)  
 Services: Fridays, call for time and Saturdays at 10:00am

**Congregation Beth David (Reform)**  
 East Main Street, Amenia (845) 373-8264  
 Rabbi Jon Haddon  
 Website: [www.CongBethDavid.org](http://www.CongBethDavid.org)  
 Email: [JonRab33@gmail.com](mailto:JonRab33@gmail.com)  
 Services: usually Saturdays, 10:00am twice monthly except January and February; call for schedules

**Congregation Schomre Israel (Orthodox)**  
 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2890  
 Rabbi Eliezer Langer  
 Website: [www.schomreIsrael.org](http://www.schomreIsrael.org)  
 Email: [SchomreI@aol.com](mailto:SchomreI@aol.com)  
 Services: Monday-Thursday, 7:00am, Sunday, 8:00am, Saturday, 9:00am Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm  
 Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown

**Congregation Shir Chadash (Reform)**  
 Interim: Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Lagrange (845) 232-1029  
 Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang Website: [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)  
 Email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)  
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm; bimonthly Saturday children's religious school, 9:00am, Torah study, 9:15

**Pardess Center for Jewish Life**  
 (845) 440-7592  
 Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus  
 Website: [www.MyPardess.org](http://www.MyPardess.org)  
 Email: [info@MyPardess.org](mailto:info@MyPardess.org)

**The Rhinebeck Jewish Center**  
 102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck (845) 876-7666  
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht and Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht Website: [www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](http://www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)  
 Email: [RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto:RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)  
 Friday services call for time; Saturday services, 9:30am

**Temple Beth El (Conservative)**  
 118 So Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-0570  
 Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman  
 Email: [info@tbeny.org](mailto:info@tbeny.org)  
 Website: [www.tbeny.org](http://www.tbeny.org)  
 Services: Friday, 8:00pm, Saturday Shabbat service at 9:30am, weekdays, 7:30am daily

**Vassar College Bayit**  
 51 Collegeview Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 451-3920  
 Liz Aeschlimann, Rose and Irving Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College  
 Email: [eaeschlimann@vassar.edu](mailto:eaeschlimann@vassar.edu)  
 Services: Friday, 6:00pm service, 7:00pm dinner when school is in session

**Vassar Temple (Reform)**  
 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2570  
 Rabbi Renni Altman Website: [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org)  
 Email: [Office@VassarTemple.org](mailto:Office@VassarTemple.org) or [rabi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabi@vassartemple.org)  
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah study Saturday, 9:00am, New Paths 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

**March Candle Lighting**

**March 1** .....5:28pm  
**March 8** .....5:36pm  
**March 15**.....6:44pm  
**March 22**.....6:52pm  
**March 29**.....6:59pm

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 about *The Voice*? Got an idea  
 you'd like to see in print?  
 We're listening.  
 Email us at  
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Vassar Temple Sisterhood and women of MHIA serve at Lunch Box

Vassar Temple's Intergenerational Tu B'Shevat celebration featured seder and song, planting and recycling projects, and holiday games.



Shir Chadash's Tu B'Shevat Seder luncheon provided & prepared by Robbie Schiff and her helpers, Sarah Rothman and Nicky Turner



Congregation Shir Chadash's members & friends enjoying their Tu B'Shevat Seder.



PJ Mom's Night Out at Crew.



As part of black history month, Mordekai Gordon, put together a display of ritual objects, books and information about the African American Jewish community.

Marlene Straus, Jonathan Raz and Rabbi Daniel Victor brought the Czech Holocaust Torah on loan to Temple Beth-El to Temple Emanu-El in Manhattan to participate in a gathering of Czech scrolls which survived the Holocaust. It was a moving and memorable event for all involved

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 36th Annual  
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 on Sunday, March 10th from 12:00-2:00pm

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