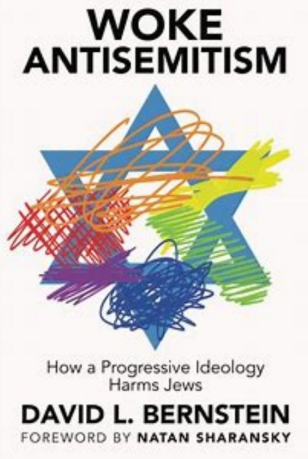


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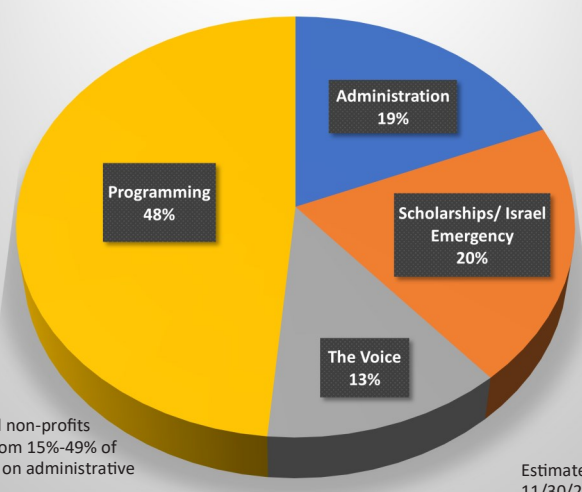
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submitted by Brian Jones, Outreach Coordinator, Dutchess County Office for the Aging

READ THIS ARTICLE RIGHT AWAY (OR NOT)

A key tactic of scammers is to create false urgency – the belief that you need to act right away on their fake solicitation, a fraudulent bargain, or a perceived threat. The scammers’ aim is to disrupt your usual logical thought with emotional appeals, painting a picture that’s too good to be true or too scary to be true. They’re trying to rush you into giving up personal and financial information before you think things through. Classic false urgency scams include the “grandparent” scam, where the scammer impersonates a family member who’s in trouble with the law and needs immediate financial support, sometimes in the form of...wait, gift cards? Don’t be overconfident. This scam seems obvious while you’re calmly reading this article, but you might not be so calm if the scammer calls you at 2:30 in the morning.

If there’s anybody you consider vulnerable to false urgency scams, let them know. Scam Prevention and Identity Theft Prevention flyers are available at dutchessny.gov/aging. They include quick tips on how to prevent being victimized in the first place and useful contacts for local and regional officials who can help investigate scams.

SCAMMERS KEEP ADAPTING...SO YOU SHOULD, TOO

A new version of the false urgency scam involves quick-response codes, better known as QR codes. You’ve seen them, even if you’re not sure what they are: a square-shaped black-and-white symbol that is scanned with a smartphone or laser to learn more about a product or service. These encrypted squares can hold content, links, coupons, event details ... or harmful links from scammers.

Scammers have been known to cover up legitimate QR codes with harmful codes of their own on everything from parking meters to restaurant menus. The Federal Trade Commission adds that fake codes can be sent by email or text message, including content aimed at creating false urgency like “there’s a problem with your account” or “your package could not be delivered.”

The FTC recommends staying a step ahead of QR code scams by keeping your mobile device’s operating system up to date, maintaining strong passwords for online activities, not scanning any QR code you weren’t expecting without first verifying it, and using methods other than scanning the QR code to contact any organization that may have legitimate reason to want you to contact them.

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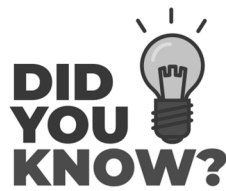
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Winter is the time when many of our members flee the cold north for more comfortable lodgings and warm weather activities in the south. Consequently, meetings are once monthly rather than the usual twice monthly. We usually meet for dinner at a local restaurant. Camaraderie is followed by appetizers and dinner. Then the highlight: an interesting speaker. Our speakers are experts in a wide range of topics. They are professors, business people, community leaders, doctors, or just ordinary people who have become interested in any number of pursuits. Recently we heard Andrew Schmidt speak on "Hamilton's New York." Carl Neumann, Assistant Vice President of the Ulster Savings Bank, spoke on Cybersecurity. Azzy Reckess updated us on the war in Israel, and Melaine Rottkamp, President and CEO of Dutchess Tourism, filled us in on all of the attractions in our area that bring commerce in the form of tourists to our community.

The Harding Club is over 100 years old. A group of young Jewish men in Poughkeepsie, banned from local sports leagues in the early 1920's, formed the club and named it after the current US president to conceal their religious identity. Since then, the club has been a haven for Jewish men interested in enjoying each other's company while doing good things in the community.

Members of the club regularly aid in the distribution of food from the Food Bank to needy kids and their families at the Morse School. The club makes large financial contributions to worthy organizations both within and outside of the Jewish community. We have sent substantial amounts of money to support Israeli soldiers during the current military crisis, and we have supported the PJ Library and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. Find out more by contacting me (Alan Fox) or any of the officers listed below.

YOU can become a member. It is never too late. We would love to hear from you so that you can attend a meeting or two as you begin the process of becoming a member. If you are interested in good food, socialization with friends, interesting programs, and doing good things within the community; consider joining our club. Contact any of us listed below or just check out our website: harding.jigsy.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

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As West Point cadets look on, local JWV Post 625 Chief-of-Staff Martin Hochhauser places a stone, in the Jewish tradition, at the Hyde Park gravesite of FDR at the annual ceremony commemorating FDR's birthday.

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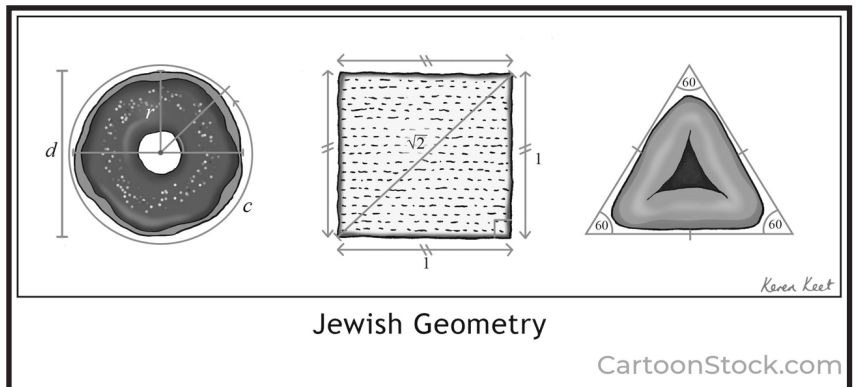
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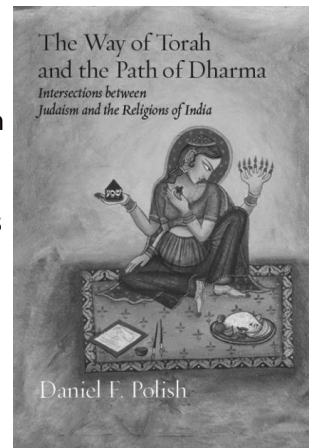
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Dear Brave

Bravery isn't the absence of fear. It is doing what you need to do in spite of fear. It is very hard to overcome fears. It wasn't easy for Queen Esther to be brave. It's not easy for any of us. Try taking "baby steps" to face your fears. Walk in the knowledge that G-d has your back! If He leads you to it, He'll see you through it! Think you're too blessed to be stressed!

Shoshana

Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Shlomo Krasner*

Hope

This is a word that has not garnered too much focus in the past few months. We are all still reeling from the horrific inhumanity that was wrought upon our brothers and sisters and from the repeated callousness of many in the world who cannot be distracted from the bloodstains on their own coats. While we are so gracious to our friends and supporters throughout the world, the greater world's apathy for our suffering reminds us of how not that long ago, in our darkest hour, most of the world turned their backs on us. This is especially true knowing that there is not a single country or college in the world that would tolerate even a fraction of what was done to Israel, yet that is what they demand of us.



Rabbi Shlomo Krasner

How can I have hope? I, regrettably, go to check up on the news almost every day - reading of another hero who has fallen. How can I have hope when the images and videos of that horrific day keep on playing in my mind. When I know of the over two hundred thousand Israelis who have been displaced through no fault of their own. When I see the NY Times and other antisemitic major news outlets trusting every lie that Hamas has stated, even when so many have been proven false. When I know of the hundreds of the families of the hostages are waiting in constant pain, not knowing if their beloved ones will ever return. How can I have hope?

I am reminded of a story that came to light right before the Yom Kippur War. President Anwar Sadat of Egypt met with King Hussein of Jordan in an attempt to convince the latter to join in the upcoming war. Sadat showed Hussein an Israeli newspaper which had an article about the funeral of an Israeli soldier. It showed a large crowd crying over his death. Sadat told Hussein, "Any army that cries so much over an individual soldier is an army that can never prevail through a long war. They will be too broken over each loss to be able to endure."

A Torah leader commented, "That exactly is the strength of the Jewish people. We can cry and mourn over each individual yet never allow that to sap us of our strength or our courage to fight for all that is necessary and just."

So as I read the news, I contemplate who we are as a people and from where we come. We are a people with unparalleled strength, courage, and fortitude. As the great novelist wrote, "The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains." We are a people who throughout history have never been broken and have never bowed down in defeat. We understand our destiny and purpose, and throughout history we have never allowed evil to take that from us. We are a people who have been credited for giving the world a conscience, even if they have never forgiven us for it. And therefore, I know hope.

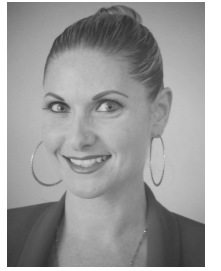
We are a people who are currently unified, our hearts going forth with each Israeli soldier and citizen on the front lines. We are seeing donations and love pouring into Israel in ways, to my knowledge, that have never been witnessed in history - from helmets to boots, from jewelry to drones, from nurses to farmers to therapists. We are seeing Jewish reservists and regular citizens going to Israel to show their support and assist, and we are seeing within ourselves a people that goes to sleep every night thinking, "What can I do to help." We are seeing Jews from Bnei Brak bringing in portable washing machines to the Military bases and seeing taxis taking soldiers throughout the land while refusing payments. We see unity, dancing, and song amongst the heroes who know that they must go out to ensure our safety with the knowledge that they are forfeiting their own. And therefore, I find hope.

We are a people who never give up hope. It is more than a two-thousand-year-old dream. For I've received the promise and so have you. As we will read this Pesach, "For in every generation they stand up against us, and Hashem saves us from their hands."

We are eternal. And therefore, I have hope.

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 Heather Kernes, who took time away from her new role at the Jewish Federation to answer our questions.



Heather Kernes

1. **What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: *Zionist*
Least Favorite: *Goodbye*
2. **What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
Recipes from the older generations.
3. **What is your favorite song?**
Am Yisrael Chai.
4. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
Stay at home mom.
5. **What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**
Matzah ball soup. We literally make it in our house every 2-3 days.
6. **What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *Being Jewish.*
Dislike: *That I wasted so much time around people who I thought were my friends but who turned out to be antisemites.*
7. **What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I am in a Latina sorority.
8. **If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
To talk to the dead.
9. **What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?** *Coming home to be with my dad before he died.*
10. **Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
To go to Israel.
11. **If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?** *Make more Jewish babies.*
12. **What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
For Israel's 36th Independence Day, being outside the Mid-Hudson Hebrew Day School eating a cupcake and singing Hatikvah.
13. **What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**
My grandparents.
14. **In what ways, does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish community?**
By bringing the entire community together, regardless of level of observance, and reminding us that we are all one community.
15. **What is one question you wished we ask and the answer?**
Q: *How has the rise of antisemitism affected you?*
A: *It woke me up from being woke. Now I am awake, not woke.*

*Member of the Tribe

BONUS - Learn a little more about our newest team member Heather Kernes

Heather grew up here in the Poughkeepsie area attending the Mid-Hudson Hebrew Day School in her early, and most formative, years. While at Marist College she came back to the community and secured an internship with Jewish Family Services, while also working part-time for the after-school program as the Assistant to the Educational Director (Mr. David Furash) and also part-time as a Secretary for the JCC.

Heather went to college for social work but found herself socially working - networking through the doors of Sean "Diddy/Puffy/Puff Daddy" Combs' marketing agency in Midtown Manhattan, down to the UniWorld Group in Brooklyn - which is the oldest multicultural advertising agency in the U.S. She also spent some time living and working in Miami and Las Vegas.

Heather moved back to her childhood home shortly before her father (whom she misses dearly), Marc Terry Kernes, passed away from longtime illness in August of 2020. She then decided not to leave her mother, Barbara Kernes, alone in their family house. They are like a modern day version of "The Odd Couple" together, but wouldn't have it any other way.

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Annual Greenspan Trust – Handel Foundation Endowed Chair Lecture In Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Dutchess Community College

Dr. Helmut Walser Smith, Vanderbilt University
 "Last Gathering in Haigerloch: German Jewish Survivors
 in Their Hometowns, 1945-1949"

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 7:00 pm
 James and Betty Hall Theatre
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Dr. Helmut Walser Smith is the Martha Rivers Ingram Professor of History at Vanderbilt University and currently a National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar in Residence at the Center for Jewish History in New York. He is the author of several books, including *The Butcher's Tale: Murder and Antisemitism in a German Town* (W.W. Norton, 2002), and *Germany: A Nation in Its Time: Before, During and After Nationalism* (W.W. Norton/Liveright, 2020). His current book project is tentatively titled *Local Truth: How Jews and Germans Made the Memory Culture of the Federal Republic, 1945-2000*.

His talk focuses on Jews who returned to their German hometowns from Riga and Theresienstadt and investigates the role they played in postwar memory work. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more info, please contact Dr. Werner Steger at (845) 431-8522 or steger@sunydutchess.edu.

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Tiny Temple Fun!

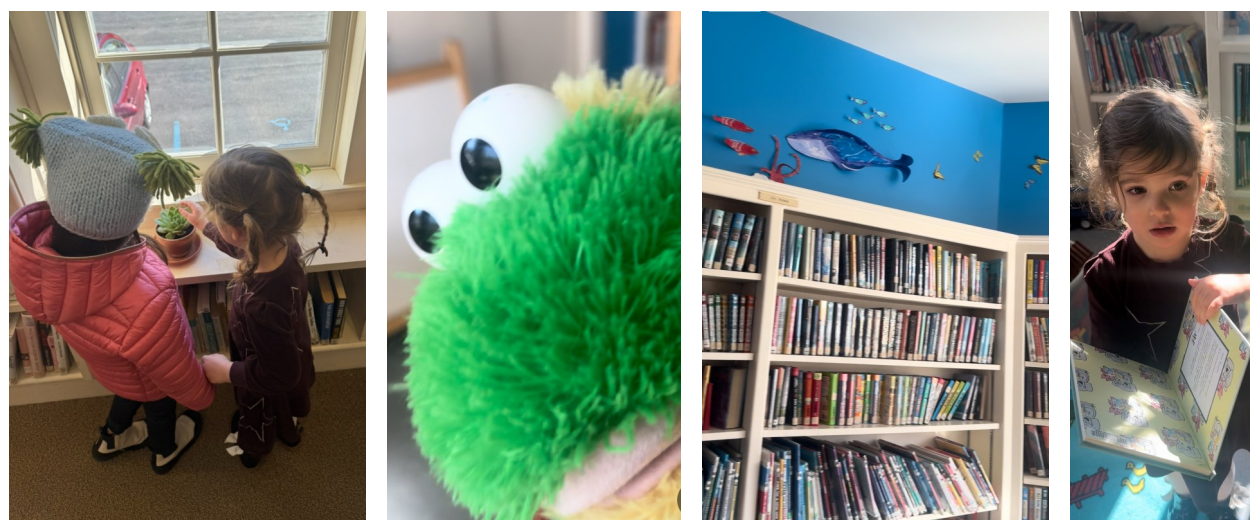
Sunday March 3, 10:30am, in Vassar Temple

All young children up through kindergarten are invited to bring their grownups to Vassar Temple for this free program of fun and learning, featuring hands-on activities, stories, and song. We will be preparing for the joyous holiday of Purim by making our own hamantaschen cookies! (Snow date March 10). To RSVP, please contact the office at (845) 454-2570 or office@vassar temple.org.

Acts of Loving Kindness *By Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director*

According to Rabbi Akiva, "Whatever you hate to have done to you, do not do to your neighbor; therefore do not hurt him; do not speak ill of him; do not reveal his secrets to others; let his honor and his property be as precious to you as your own. The Medieval Jewish sage Rambam explained that acts of loving kindness can include visiting the sick, inquiring how other people are doing, helping to facilitate weddings and funerals and treating everyone with warmth.

Treating everyone with kindness can help to make the world a happier place – one act of kindness can often lead to more! Acts of kindness can make the world a happier place for everyone. They can boost feelings of confidence, being in control, happiness and optimism. Together, respect and kindness create a positive feedback loop, reinforcing each other and building a culture where individuals feel valued, heard and motivated to contribute their best. This combination not only strengthens relationships but also fosters a sense of belonging, well-being and collective achievement.



PJ Family Meet-Up at the Staatsburg Library.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE

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

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

JUDAIC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm
 For information www.mypardess.org/JSA

RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

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

CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH and TEMPLE BETH-EL

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

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

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

VASSAR TEMPLE

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

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

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TEMPLE BETH-EL
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17

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 Carnival Games,
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 Costume Contest

10:00

MARCH

AM

Suggested donation \$5 per person/\$18 per family

RSVP : jewishdutchess.org/events

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!



Tamatha



Suzanne



גמילות חסדים Gemilut Hasadim Acts of Loving Kindness

Here is a kindness craft from www.carrotsareorange.com:

Kindness Rocks

- Collect smooth rocks and provide paint or markers.
- Encourage preschoolers to decorate the rocks with colorful designs and uplifting messages.
- Once dry, take the children on a walk in the neighborhood or a local park, allowing them to leave the kindness rocks in places where others may find them.
- This simple gesture can brighten someone's day and spread positivity.



About Our Guest Story Time Reader

By Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

Welcome Banna Rubinow, our guest story teller! Banna joined PJ Library as a volunteer reader at our collaborative Tiny Temple event where we planted seeds of thankfulness and listened to a most meaningful book, *If You Plant A Seed* by Kadir Nelson.

Banna majored in theater at the Interlochen Arts Academy and in college. She holds a Master's degree in early childhood and elementary education. In addition to appearing off Broadway, Banna spent 21 years as the Story Time Reader at a bookstore in Oswego before relocating with her husband to Poughkeepsie. She has volunteered at the Morse Elementary School library as well as in two fourth grade classrooms, reading stories aloud to children.

It was a pleasure having Banna as our guest reader and we look forward to having her share story time with us again!

If you would like to volunteer with PJ Library to share your time and passion, please reach out to Tamatha, PJ Library Director at programs@jewishdutchess.org or call the Jewish Federation office at (845) 471-9811.





If you are interested in participating in a youth choir?

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The Federation Board's Voice



Zachary Lewis

“לכל איש יש שם.” “To every person there is a name.”

On October 7th I was in Disney World with my family. I woke up and checked my phone like all of us do. I opened up my X feed and saw that the hour after I went to sleep, Hamas attacked. I immediately switched to Facebook to check on friends of mine who live in the small kibbutz community of Holit, a place I lived in Israel.

Holit is a small kibbutz situated one and a half miles from the Gaza border to the north and approximately three and a half miles to the west. This was a place that I lived with multiple friends, where the kibbutz took us in and treated us, a group of more than 20 lone soldiers, like family. Vered, Gigi, Gerida, Shir, Dor, Abi, all of these people were like mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers. They prepared Shabbat meals, would drink in the pub and watch soccer with us, laughed, played guitar late into the Negev nights, celebrated birthdays. They were under attack, and I was in Disney World waiting for my family to wake up.

I never felt more connected to and disconnected from Israel simultaneously. My heart was breaking while Shir, in particular, was posting on social media begging for the army to come to their rescue. Videos of fires to the homes from the rockets quickly shifted to gunfights where bullets were flying into her kitchen. All of this with the words, “איפה צה”ל?” “Where is the army?” It was not until hours later that our lone soldier kibbutz WhatsApp, dormant for years, started firing up as those in Israel tried to find out the status of so many on Holit. We knew that Abi Koren, head of Kibbutz security, was at worst missing, likely dead. We knew that Adi Vital-Kaplan, a young Canadian mother of two was dead and her children taken - released by Hamas on the same day. We knew that Haiym Katzman, an American who moved to Holit like so many in the Gaza Envelope did with the intention of being an advocate for peace, was dead.

Gerida called me a few days later and told me her story of survival with her husband, Lior and their son. For an hour she spoke, nonstop, reliving every harrowing detail from her hotel in Ein Gedi. She sent me pictures of her home - burnt to a crisp while she was hiding laying flat on her roof for nine hours. Gerida could not understand how the world was celebrating.

Back here, in Dutchess, countless chapters of national organizations were doing just that, celebrating. They were writing words like, “All forms of resistance are justified,” and posting pictures of paragliders. That disconnect and guilt that I felt on the 7th, was transformed and I never felt a stronger connection than on the 8th. Even in our backyard, people were overjoyed at the deaths of my friends, the kidnapping of their children, and the horrifying pogrom, yes, pogrom, that the Jewish people were experiencing. They were rejoicing and holding calls for a ceasefire before Israel had even cleared the streets of Sderot from the Hamas invaders.

It was incumbent on me that we, the Jewish people in the diaspora, forever changed. We could not pretend that Jewish life is just local anymore. On February 13th, the American Jewish Committee released a new survey that said 66% of Jews feel less safe than the year prior. How could we not when our neighbors openly celebrated the murder, rape, and kidnapping of Israelis? My friends? Their children?

I can assure you of one thing, “I am not a Jew with trembling knees,” and we cannot pretend that we are somehow removed from the fate of Israel. I carry with me the names of those in Holit who are gone. I think about my friends who were called in on their Order 8's to go back to Israel to fight. We often forget that the Jewish population is only 15 million people, half of whom live in Israel. For these reasons and others, I chose to get involved with the Jewish Federation and you should too, in whatever way possible. We need to unite now more than ever

“לכל איש יש שם.”

(Bonus Material Continued from page 5)

In the midst of personal challenges, the global pandemic, racial uprisings and the alarming increase of antisemitism, she took some time to reflect and realized she had learned so much about everyone else's struggle and took such a strong stand for them... that she forgot how to stand up for herself.

When Israel was under attack in May 2021 she saw, what many called, a social media pogrom occurring, Heather determined it was time to re-learn what being Jewish in America meant to her. And that included being a strong and proud Zionist. Since then she has been driven to learn as much as she can about the current landscape and the challenges we face here in the U.S., in Israel, and beyond.

The terror attack in Israel on October 7, 2023 greatly impacted Heather. Two of her friends were working unarmed, civilian security at the Nova Peace Festival when it was attacked. Her friend Jake Marlowe was brutally murdered by Hamas terrorists, suffering nine gunshot wounds and was missing for four harrowing days. While her friend Shlomi Ziv (Shlomi ben Rozita) was abducted and is presently being held captive as a hostage in Gaza.

Heather attended the Federation's Community Solidarity Vigil at Temple Beth-El on October 12th where she was introduced to our Executive Director, Karen Hochhauser, who welcomed Heather aboard a few months later. She is excited to help the organization grow and will be leading our community engagement initiatives, programming and events.

Our Executive Director



More Sunshine - Please!

I am tired – emotionally, physically, mentally. I cannot wrap my head around the blind hate the world is currently demonstrating. I seem to lack the capacity to understand why people hate us just for who we are; why people want to destroy us, just because we wake up each morning. Regardless of one's opinion about any government in any country, there are too many who are using excuses to demonstrate their overt and subtle antisemitism.

So much hatred, ignorance, and stupidity exists. We have people who are not willing to have a civil conversation or discussion, and some may question whether some even have the capacity or capability. Some shout slogans without having any factual correctness but scream (loudly and online) inaccurate truths that work to meet their narrative. It is all overwhelming to me.

But then there are those few conversations with people who are both Jewish and non-Jewish who share in my pain and grief, who want to work to discuss how we try to better communicate with those who have differing opinions. They may be fewer. They may be quieter. But they are the ones who are the rays of sunshine poking through the otherwise dark and cloudy sky.

Some of these rays of light are law enforcement members who want to ensure our safety when we try to and do have a peaceful meet-up or celebration. Some are elected officials who help to ensure that our lives as Jewish Americans are not being defined or persecuted because we are Jewish. Some are other non-profits who share the same belief that antisemitism is unacceptable in any way, shape, or form.

I have to believe that I am not the only one who looks back in history and clearly sees what happens when people view Jews as “the other” and are filled with hate against us. The rhetoric, the hatred, the targeted attacks (first verbally, then physically).

I know I cannot change the world, nor solve any global issues. But, as a friend has reminded me, what we can do is try to improve our little corner of the world, and I invite you to help me do just that.

So for those who may have wanted to hear how the 2024 Year of Caring for Karen is going ... it is definitely a work in progress. For now, I will focus on the “kindness” and not beat myself up for having focused more on the “caring” for the community and the Jewish people than what Karen may need for herself at times.

With caring and kindness,
Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director

Mazel Tov Memories

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

We at the JFedDC want to celebrate with you and share the nachas. Send your information to: thevoice@jewishdutchess.org



Congratulations to the entire Hochhauser family for the upcoming celebration of the life of Susan Peltz Hochhauser. You are welcome to join the Hochhauser family and the community for this special celebration.

Please join
Assemblymember Didi Barrett for a
Women's History Event

Celebrating the life of
Susan Peltz Hochhauser

Sunday, March 3 | 2-3:30 P.M.
Bowne Hall
Dutchess Community College

53 Pendell Road
Poughkeepsie

To RSVP, please contact Matthew Hartzog at hartzogm@nyassembly.gov

Assemblymember Didi Barrett

For more information on this or any other community issue, please contact my office.
12 Raymond Ave., Suite 105, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, 845-454-1703
420 Warren St., Hudson, NY 12534, 518-828-1961, BarrettD@nyassembly.gov

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The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County has partnered with My Tree in Israel for a fundraiser to assist the Israeli economy and farmers. My Tree in Israel has added farmers to their program and has expanded the options and offerings.

To purchase wine, in time for Passover or to participate in this fundraiser in a variety of ways (create your private brand of Israeli olive oil, create your private brand of Israeli wine or create your private brand of Israeli whiskey), visit:

www.JewishDutchess.org/support-israel
or

www.mytree.org.il/partnership-1/jewish-federation-of-dutchess-county-

Support Israeli Farmers



Receive an exclusive private collection of award-winning wine in time for Passover!

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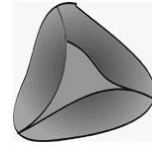


**Order your Holiday Greetings
by March 8**

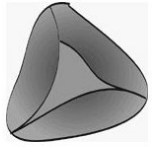
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Congregation Schomre Israel

18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie

www.schomreisrael.org · (845) 454-2890

Purim Holiday Packages

If you know a senior who would like a Purim holiday gift, email:
admin@jewishdutchess.org



**NOW AND ALWAYS,
WE STAND WITH THE
PEOPLE OF ISRAEL!**

2024 Holiday Greetings

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

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

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

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

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

Please fill out the form and mail it back to us with your payments to:
THE VOICE, PO Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Or complete online: www.jewishdutchess.org
DEADLINE for Passover Greeting is March 8

2024 Holiday Greetings

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Your name(s) on the Greeting: _____

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

Passover Greetings

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

Chanukah Greetings

Small—A
Peace to you this Passover!

Your Name

Medium—C
Happy Passover

Your Name

Small—B
HAPPY PASSOVER!

Your Name

Medium—D
May you be blessed with peace, prosperity, and joy this Passover

Your Name

Large—E
Passover Blessings

Your Name

Large—F
CHAG PESACH SIMACH

Your Name

Small—A

Your Name

Medium—C
May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a New Year of health and happiness

Your Name

Small—B
Have a Sweet New Year!

Your Name

Medium—D
L' Shanah Tovah

Your Name

Large—E
Best Wishes For a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Your Name

Large—F
L' Shanah Tovah Have a sweet year!

Happy New Year!
Your Name

Small—A
Peace to all!

Your Name

Medium—C
Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!

Your Name

Small—B
Hanukkah Blessings

Your Name

Medium—D
Happy Hanukkah!

Your Name

Large—E
HAPPY HANUKKAH

From Our Family to Yours,
Your Name

Large—F
May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

Happy Hanukkah
Your Name

Congregation Schomre Israel

(Orthodox)
18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-2890
Rabbi Shlomo Krasner
Website: www.schomreisrael.org
Email: rabbishlomok@gmail.com

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Tuesday

Class on Maimonides 10:30am. We will study The Collected Writings of Maimonides. Join us as we discuss the philosophy of Maimonides (the Rambam) and study his classic works.

Writing and Reading Hebrew Script 11:45am. We will practice our Hebrew penmanship and reading skills.

Hebrew in the Siddur 6:00pm. Practice reading and understanding the language of the prayerbook.

Thursday

A Window into Yesteryear

March 7, 14, 7:00pm. We will examine Jewish life in different eras and locales as filtered through the lens of the life of various interesting individuals. We will examine the lives they lived and the Torah they taught.

Hands on Judaism for the Foodie March 28, 7:00pm. This class is a mix of Jewish philosophy and practical understanding of the topic—Kosher Fish.

Other Events:

Monday

Planning for the Future March 18, 6:00pm. Our guest will be Attorney Karen Tobias who will be explaining how to create wills and what is involved in elder estate planning. This informative program is open to the public.

Friday

Mincha And Kabbalat Shabbat March 8, 5:30pm followed by Mexican meal.

Saturday

Movie Night March 9, 7:30pm. Join us in viewing the film *Megillas Lester*. This is a full length animated film depicting the fictional story of Lester, a boy whose imagination turns the Purim story upside down. Suggested donation of \$5 to help defray costs. All are invited to attend.

Megillah Reading March 23, 8:30pm. You are invited to bring a box of pasta to shake as a noisemaker at the mention of Haman as the Megillah is read. Collected pasta will be donated to the Morse School after Purim. Other noisemakers will also be available.

Sunday

Rosh Chodesh Adar II March 10, breakfast following morning service. Mark the beginning of Adar II during this Hebrew leap year by joining us for morning minyan and breakfast.

Purim Dinner by Sisterhood of Schomre Israel March 24, following 5:00pm service. Paid reservations by March 8. \$36—Adults, \$15—Children

Hamentaschen Pick-Up March 10, 11:00am—1:00pm. Pick-up your prepaid orders.

Megillah Reading March 24, 8:30am and 4:10pm. Fulfill the Purim Mitzvah by hearing the Megillah read a second time.

Contact

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

Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)
Interim: Freedom Plains
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 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)-- interesting and provocative discussions. Dates & times TBD. Participants meet to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry, and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest. Have a topic suggestion, please let us know! For more info, contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: info@shir-chadash.org

Contact :

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

Kulanu School Fundraiser at Temple Beth-El a Success

On January 27th Temple Beth-El hosted **A Day with Ellen Allard**. In the morning, Ellen, an award winning performer, composer and music educator, led Kulanu school students in song and taught them a new piece she had written to honor Lilli Zimet of blessed memory. Ellen then led the community in an Interactive and uplifting WOW Worship Service. After lunch, Ellen brought a group of volunteers together to form an instant choir.

On Saturday evening, Temple Beth-El hosted a concert with Ellen followed by a coffeehouse to benefit the Kulanu School (a joint Temple Beth-El & Congregation Shir Chadash Religious & Hebrew education program). Everyone enjoyed singing along with Ellen's uplifting songs. And many were deeply moved when Ellen and her instant choir performed *L'dor Vador* (From Generation to Generation), a new piece written in Lilli Zimet's memory. The delicious desserts served at the coffeehouse included many of Lilli's favorites, some of her original recipes among them.

Lilli Zimet of blessed memory was the founder of the Temple Beth-El Religious School as well as its High Holiday Choir. As an educator and Holocaust survivor, Lilli made it her mission to keep the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust alive. So, it was fitting that this event took place during International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Lilli taught a Holocaust class for teens as part of "Wednesday Night School", while younger children heard of her escape from the Nazis through her telling of the story of the "Little Torah". The teachers in our Kulanu school are honored to help pass Jewish teachings on to the next generation, just as Lilli did for so many of us.

We would like to thank the Irving and Gloria Schlossberg Family Fund, the Temple Beth-El William and Sadie Efron Speaker's Fund, and the Temple Beth-El Sherman Family Fund for underwriting this event. Special thanks go out to those who sponsored tickets so that others would have the opportunity to attend. Finally, thank you to everyone who supported us. Whether you were a sponsor, a dessert baker, a volunteer or you just bought a ticket, your support made the day a tremendous success.

Temple Beth-El

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

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

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

Other Events:

Sunday

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

Tuesday

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

Upcoming dates and book selections are: 4/9/24 and 6/11/24—Selections TBD.

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 rabbi@vassartemple.org

Weekly Services:

All services are hybrid. For Zoom link contact office@vassartemple.org For current in-person health protocols visit: www.vassartemple.org

Friday

Shabbat Evening Service March 1, 8, 22, 29, 7:30pm.

Simchat Shabbat March 15, 6:00pm.

Saturday

New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship March 2, 16, 10:15am.

Shabbat Morning Service March 9, 23, 10:15am.

Purim Service & Spiel March 23, 7:00pm.

Adult Education:

Monday

Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb 12:00pm via Zoom on March 4, 18. For details, study sheets, and to be placed on the Talmud Study email list, contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Saturday

Torah Study with Rabbi Renni Altman DD, Hybrid, 9:00am. Join our lively discussion. Contact: (845) 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org for details and to be placed on the Torah Study email list.

Other Events:

Sunday

Chai Noon Vassar Temple Sisterhood holds a luncheon at one of a variety of area restaurants on the 18th of each month (Chai Noon), as long as the date does not fall on a holiday or the weekend. Everyone orders off the menu, gets separate checks, and the restaurant is always wheelchair accessible. The photo is from a recent Chai Noon at Casa Vallarta. For more info about this fun monthly event contact: chai@vassartemple.org.

Bakers Needed March 3 (Snow date 3/10), 9:00am. Please join us in the Temple kitchen for Vassar Temple's annual Hamantaschen Baking Day! Make friends while making hamantaschen for our Purim services, for outreach, and for out-of-town college students. If you can bring a batch of dough and rolling pin. Remaining ingredients will be provided by Sisterhood. We will use the SAME dough recipe. Not able to come and help? Please make a batch of dough and leave it in the Temple freezer in a Ziploc bag—just let Judy know! For the recipe, and to let her know you're coming and/or making dough, RSVP to Judy Rosenfeld at: hamantaschen@vassartemple.org.

Saturday

AN ALADDIN PURIM-March 23- 7:00pm (Hybrid) 2024 Purim celebration will feature a megillah reading, a family service, and a Purim spiel set to the music of the movie "Aladdin." Come in costume-- follow our "Aladdin" theme, or dress as a character from the story of Purim, or in any favorite costume, whether you're coming in person or participating on Zoom! There will be prizes for all who come in costume and homemade hamantaschen treats. Don't forget to have a box of pasta handy to shake like a grogger and drown out the name of the villain Haman when it is read. Following the holiday, the Social Action Committee will deliver all your boxes of pasta to a local food pantry. The Temple Brotherhood will be sponsoring a vegetarian pasta dinner prior to the spiel, at 5:30pm. There is no charge for the meal, but donations to help defray expenses are appreciated. Just contact office@vassartemple.org to RSVP for dinner and to let us know of any special dietary needs or for the Zoom link for the service and spiel.

Contact :

office@vassartemple.org
for current information
or visit the website
www.vassartemple.org

Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592
 Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus
 Website: www.MyPardess.org
 Email: info@MyPardess.org

Contact:
info@MyPardess.org
for current information
or visit the website
www.MyPardess.org

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

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

Weekly Services:

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

Contact:

RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
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or visit the website
www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie
 (845) 463-5801
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
 Website:
www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com
 Email:
ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Wednesday

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

Special Events:

Sunday

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

Contact :

ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net
for current information
or visit the website
www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Beacon Hebrew Alliance

(Conservative)
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon
 (845) 831-2012
 Rabbi Brent Spodek;
 Email:
411@beaconhebrewalliance.org

Weekly Services:

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

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

Contact:

for current information
or visit the website
www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

Congregation Beth David

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

Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am.

Contact:

jonrab33@gmail.com
for current information
or visit the website
www.CongBethDavid.org

Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Ave, Poughkeepsie
 (845) 728-4792
 Rabbi Bryan Mann
 Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College
 Email: bryanmann@vassar.edu

Weekly Services:

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

Contact :

bryanmann@vassar.edu
for current information

Bard College

Rabbi Joshua Boettiger
 Jewish Chaplain, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Humanities
 Phone: (802) 733-6342
 Email: jboettiger@bard.edu

Contact:

jboettiger@bard.edu
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Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley

243 Albany Ave, Kingston
 (845) 338-4271 ext 101
 Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102
 Rabbi Yael Romer:
rabbioromer@hvc.rr.com

Weekly Services:

Friday

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

Tot Shabbat March 8, 5:15pm

Saturday

Morning Minyan 10:00am.

Education:

Mediation & Torah Study Tuesday, 8:45am, March 5, 12, 19, 26, via Zoom.

Hebrew Trope Wednesday, 12:30pm, March 6, 13, 20, 27, via Zoom.

Conversational Hebrew Wednesday, 4:00pm, March 6, 13, 20, 27, via Zoom.

Coffee Chai with the Rabbi (Zoom) March 7, 14, Thursday, 8:45am.

Contact: info@cehv.org
for all events and current info
or visit the website www.CEHV.org

Woodstock Jewish Congregation

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

Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30pm,

Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat

First Fridays 6:00pm

Saturday

Shabbat Service 10:00am

Education:

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

Other Events:

WJC Men's Group Thursday, 7:30pm,

WJC Women's Group First Monday at 5:00pm, includes potluck dinner

"A Shtickle Toyrah" (A bit of Torah)

Monday 9:00am. Members of the community take turns offering a short teaching on the weekly Torah portion.

Contact: Rahel@wjcschul.org
for all events and current info
or visit the website
www.wjcschul.org



March

Candle Lighting Schedule

March 1	5:29pm
March 8	5:37pm
March 15	6:45pm
March 22	6:53pm
March 29	7:00pm

Passover Wine Sale-Vassar Temple is once again sponsoring a Kedem Winery sale for the holiday with a huge variety of Kedem and other kosher labels at a range of price points. New wines have been added to the list this year, plus Passover juices, gefilte fish, olive oil and vinegar are also available. Shop from the convenience of your home! Orders and payment are due by April 1, and your order will be at the temple by April 11. If you need assistance, we can arrange delivery. The complete list and order form will be available on the temple website www.vassartemple.org from the temple office or at fundraising@vassartemple.org. Don't see what you're looking for? We will be happy to contact Kedem with your inquiry.

Tai Chi – Second Series

Miriam Rubin, Instructor

fnmrubin@aol.com (845) 297-4833 text (845) 866-6832

While Tai Chi has been called Meditation in Motion, Harvard University Medical School suggests it could also be called Medication in Motion. Harvard further says that this gentle form of exercise can help maintain strength, flexibility, and balance and could be the perfect activity for the rest of your life.

No equipment is needed, no special physical ability is required, and while movement is part of the discipline, it can also be done seated if need be.

Why this traditional Chinese discipline in a synagogue? In our High Holiday liturgy we acknowledge that our body is God's as well as our soul, and the Torah and the Talmud direct us to care for our body as well as our soul. Again from Harvard, "There is growing evidence that this mind-body practice has value in treating or preventing many health problems. And you can get started even if you aren't in top shape or the best of health."

Newcomers are welcome! We'll help you catch on. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes - looking forward to seeing you! Miriam Rubin has been practicing Tai Chi for more than ten years. She was Temple Beth-El's Education Director for 18 years, and before that was a private piano teacher. She still helps prepare Bar and Bat Mitzvah students and teaches Hebrew in adult education settings.

8 sessions, Thursdays 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25 or May 2 (to be determined by the group)

A \$36 donation for the course is suggested to support quality adult education at Temple Beth-El.



The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

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

We will be in person at Schomre Israel. The next meetings will March 17, April 14, May 19, and June 9, at 9:30am (9:00am schmooze). The Post will supply nosh stuff and coffee, and refreshments will be strictly kosher. Masks are optional. We look forward to seeing you there.

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



NYS Sen. Rob Rolison (2nd left) spoke at a recent meeting of Jewish War Veterans Post 625. Also pictured Post members SrVC Ralph Schwartz, Cmdr Marty Korfman, Lee Klein.



Vassar Temple religious school students learn to make their own challah from baker extraordinaire Sandra Mamis.



Vassar Temple's Congregational Tu B'Shevat Seder



Andi Ciminello of the Vassar Temple Civic Engagement Committee shown with Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi, who spoke at the Temple about current issues in which his office is engaged.



A few pictures from yesterday's wonderful conversation with our own JJ Ofer speaking with his friend and best selling author Dan Senor. We had a full house of close to 100 people at Silo Ridge.

It was a beautiful day at a terrific venue. Rabbi Jon introduced Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director of Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, and spoke to the Silo Ridge guests about our Jewel of a Shul.

We all enjoyed JJ's conversation with Dan Senor. Dan's thoughtful insights and deep understanding of the issues kept the audience riveted for the two hours. Dan is the real deal, and hopefully everyone gets a chance to read his latest book, The Genius of Israel.

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May 5
Mitzvah Day
May 7
Community Yom Hashoa Commemoration with Dutchess Community College
June 5
7th Annual Federation Celebration Gala
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Monday, March 18, 2024 7:00pm

The Theatres at Schomre Israel
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 Tickets \$18 member, \$25 non-member, \$60 Family
 Must RSVP by March 11

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An Afternoon with Eleanor Reissa

Eleanor Reissa, coined the "Reigning Queen of Yiddish Cabaret" is known for her career as an American actress, singer, theatre director, playwright, librettist, choreographer, translator, and author. Nominated for a Tony Award, amongst many others, Eleanor has been described as a master storyteller, whose "voice... is earnest and speaks directly to the reader." Eleanor has directed, acted, playwritten and sung in over fifty films, plays, and musicals, in English and Yiddish. And amongst a long list of accomplishments, she was artistic director of the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene for five years.

Eleanor will be coming into our Community to discuss and share her masterpiece, *The Letters Project: A Daughter's Journey*. She will likewise bring the community in to share her experience and love of her fascinating career with Yiddish and the arts.

Eleanor will graciously be available for Book Signing at the end of her shepil.

Location: Schomre Israel - 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY
 Date: March 31, 4:00pm

Coffee & Conversation

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 April 14, 2024: *Immigrants*
 May 19, 2024: *Poor People*

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 RSVP highly encouraged for planning purposes at www.jewishdutchess.org/events