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Jewish Federation donates hats

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The Poughkeepsie-based Jewish Federation's mission is to "perpetuate, protect, and enhance Jewish communal life and well-being locally, in Israel, and worldwide while supporting our greater local community," according to its website. Executive Director Karen Hochhauser explained during a recent visit to the Columbus Administration Building, one of the core values of the federation is "Tzedakah", or Charity, and the organization looks for opportunities to perform mitzvahs, or good deeds. This includes but is not limited to, its annual Mitzvah Day in May and one of its tent pole events, Hanukkah in August. Hochhauser and the Federation are working with the district on future opportunities to enrich the educational experience for all Poughkeepsie students, including initiatives to bolster the district's literacy programming. Learn more about the organization at www.jewishdutchess.org



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Eric Jay Rosser and Jewish Federation of Dutchess County Executive Director Karen Hochhauser pose with, and in, the winter hats donated to the school district.

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MEETING LOCATION

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

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SCHEDULE

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

SUCCESSFUL AGING TIPS FROM...KEITH RICHARDS?

"Sometimes, you know, a bell rings and something inside says, 'Hey pal, enough.'"

Nothing more to healthy aging than that, in the words of the legendary Rolling Stones guitarist known as much for his partying as his musicianship. It has not been his wealth that helped him make changes for the better as he turns 81 this week, and that should give all of us hope no matter what our past habits have been.

"It's good for your health to play rock 'n' roll in a clean-living band like the Rolling Stones. You should try it."

He's been able to stay mentally and physically active, doing the things he loves, with lifelong friends; and to improve his chances of being able to do those things for the rest of his life, his bad habits needed replacing with good habits. What are *your* good habits?

As with many older adults, it was injuries suffered in a fall that spurred Keith to make improvements. One thing you can do that Keith can't? Sign up for an OFA "A Matter of Balance" class. So here's *your* chance. If you're concerned about falls, our next "Matter of Balance" series begins in two or three months, depending on when classes are scheduled. Contact OFA to reserve a spot now at (845) 486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov.

"And really, there's nothing quite like having your kids or your grandkids or the people you know and love still say you're okay, because quite honestly I don't know if I am or not."

We couldn't have put it better.

What Your Bereaved Friends Want You To Know

submitted by Judy Elkin LMSW, Support Group Leader
We are commanded to comfort the bereaved. Sometimes our own feelings about death get in the way of being there for others. It's understandable.

Here's what you don't want to say to mourners. A popular theme from our grief support group members is "I can't believe what people say to me – I know they mean well but what they say hurts." And what kinds of things do people often say? A sampling might include – "I know how you feel" (No, you don't), or "He was suffering and he's in a better place now" (He may be in a better place, but I'm not), or "Are you staying in your house?"

As for those friends who want to comfort but worry, "I don't know *what* to say", here are some answers. Most of the time, for someone who is newly bereaved (i.e. during the first year after the death of a loved one) – it's best to say nothing and to offer a hug or share a cup of tea; give your friend the space to talk, to cry, and just to be silent. Your presence is what's important and deeply felt.

Immediately after a death, the survivor is in shock and has been catapulted into our reality, feeling lonely and isolated. That is why caring companionship is so important – at the time of loss, and for a long time afterwards.

So often at our Shiva minyans, you'll see desserts that are meant to be eaten by those who attend. Yet it is the bereaved, who often lose appetite and sleep, who really have need of lovingly made nutritious food. And one more observation about Shiva minyans. It's natural when we see friends – especially ones that we haven't seen for a while – to indulge the impulse to catch up and schmooze. But Shiva is meant to be about turning our attention to the person or family who has just buried someone very dear and who may want to talk about that person – or not talk at all and just hold your hand.

This is all part of being part of Kol Y'srael – being there for each other during the good times and the sad times. I hope this has been helpful.

Note: A grief support group for the loss of a spouse or partner has been meeting for two years under the auspices of The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. We welcome new members as space allows.



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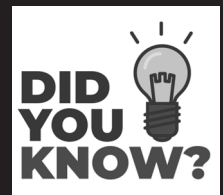
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Wednesday, April 23
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The Harding Club



Some information about my family.

I have a niece and a nephew who are living in Israel. Shira has been there for four years, and Yoni has been living there for over two years. They have large and growing families and are very happy. My brother, their father, will be joining them in the spring. All are making Alyiah or have already done so.

It takes a special commitment to make such a move. Especially in an era of war and antisemitism. So, I write to let you know that the word about life in Israel, from my relatives' perspective, is quite positive. All kinds of good things are happening there. Shira and Yoni report that it is a challenging life but a very fulfilling one as well. On occasion there is a siren, but mostly life is peaceful.

I include this in my monthly column because the Federation, as well as the Harding Club, is committed to the continued existence of Israel and support for its people. Things may not be as dire as the news reports show. Our continued support for the existence of Israel is indisputable.

Since October 7, 2023, the Harding Club has contributed monies to Mogen David Adam, an Israeli relief agency, and also contributed monies to a special unit of the Israeli Defense Force for equipment used in rescue of troops who have been injured.

The Harding Club has been active in Poughkeepsie for more than 100 years. We support many worthy causes, Israel included. Mostly we support local causes, helping to feed the hungry and to clothe those in need in our community. We are very philanthropic. But we also function as a social men's club. We meet twice monthly at a restaurant for a meal and an interesting speaker. Our speakers are from a wide range of interests: science, hiking, finance, history, medicine, real estate, travel and more.

If you are interested in learning more about the Harding Club, please contact one of the officers below. New members are always welcomed.

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Kosher in Amenia by Alyssa Kogon

A missing lake, a tiny synagogue and a kosher butcher are all part of the historic Jewish identity of Amenia, a small town in Dutchess County. But how did an old upstate ore mining hamlet surrounded by dairy farms become a center for Jewish life in the early to mid 20th century?

We need to start at the beginning. Two high rolling brothers, Frank and Walter Beekman of New York City, drove up to Dutchess County one day in 1927 and came away owning half of the former mining village of Amenia. This included an old mill pond that they quickly renamed Lake Amenia. Before the ink could dry on their purchase agreement, up sprang a dancehall complete with flappers, a fabulous floating stage that hosted big name musicians of the day, a sandy bathing beach and a two story wooden gazebo that looked out on the water. Frank and Walter additionally marketed rustic bungalows along the shore and promised that "sensible restrictions" were in place to keep out those not desired by polite society. Those constraints were aimed at Jews and blacks, despite the Beekman brothers being half Jewish on their father's side themselves and self identifying as Jews.

Meanwhile, Jewish families had also found their own slice of heaven in Amenia. At least five enormous boarding houses and hotels catering to Jewish clientele were operating throughout the town and frequented by those looking to flee the oppressive heat of New York City summers. Although not welcomed at Lake Amenia, Jewish guests often found lodging that boasted swimming pools and tennis courts and there were plenty of swimming holes left from the old mines to enjoy. A kosher butcher, Yiddish movie house and Jewish restaurant also were established. The local train station provided an easy route for these original "weekenders" to reach the town from New York City. Never as glitzy or as popular as The Catskills, summer life in Amenia was a vacation mainstay until the mid 1950's.

To add to the Jewish population, nearby Sharon, Connecticut and other towns just across the state line were not kind to their Jewish residents. Extreme anti-Semitic influences from famed Sharon resident R.R. Colgate, founder of the Palmolive Colgate Company, prohibited Jews from owning property there. Many Jewish families made their way over the border into Amenia to find better educational opportunities for their children. Electricity also flowed freely into Amenia, which was not available in the nearby Connecticut towns of the day.

By the 1920's, a decent sized Jewish population had established themselves permanently in Amenia, many running the popular hotel style boarding establishments as well as farms. Approximately fifteen Russian Jewish families had previously worshipped in their own homes when they decided to build a synagogue for themselves as well as their visitors. After raising money for several years, the jewel box of a synagogue, orthodox Congregation Beth David, opened their doors to the community in 1929. The fanfare was not left to the Jewish residents of the area. Over 700 revelers, including town and church officials joined in the festivities. Even leaders of other faiths made speeches warmly welcoming the new edifice and promising brotherhood with their Jewish neighbors. By the 1970's, the synagogue had been renamed Temple Beth David and had only 12 conservative members. These days the congregation has a reformed affiliation and services a vibrant and

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 don't forget to order your
 Holiday Greetings.
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Martin Hochhauser, Chief of Staff, Jewish War Veterans Post 625, Brigadier Gen. R. J. Garcia (Commandant of Cadets, USMA, West Point), & Ralph Schwartz, JWV Post 625 Vice-Commander, at ceremonies commemorating the 143rd birthday of FDR.

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Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Krasner*

Did we win?

We are currently at a ceasefire in the war in Gaza, or a ceasefire of sorts. We know that we have destroyed much of Hamas's army, infrastructure, and leadership. Yet, to reach this ceasefire, we have been forced to release over a thousand terrorists and murderers and make concessions that could pose a significant threat to our safety in the future. As we celebrate the return of the hostages and as we watch in horror of the evil performed on them, we understand why we capitulated even at great risk to ourselves. However, due to the ceasefire, Hamas has had the opportunity to regroup, and they have openly vowed to repeat the atrocities of October 7th. This raises a critical question: Did we win?



Rabbi Shlomo Krasner

I would like to propose the following two answers:

First, while the outcome of the war in the South remains uncertain, we have achieved a significant victory from Hashem through the heroic IDF against Hezbollah in the North. Israel successfully destroyed approximately 80% of Hezbollah's military capabilities, pushing them back from Israel's borders.

Yet, what was an even more important and amazing victory was when Hashem had given Israel the ability to vanquish the Syrian armories. Syria has long been a major threat, involved in virtually every war against Israel, with a top-ranked military (#21 globally). And in an instant, the military had fallen together with also around 80% of its heavy artillery. The "coincidences" that allowed this to happen are staggering: the fleeing of Assad right at the beginning when the rebels had not yet taken control of the military; at a time when Israel already had its forces there due to Hezbollah; after Hezbollah had sued for a ceasefire enabling Israel's forces to be available; at a time that the world was already condemning Israel for living, so the newer condemnation wouldn't be noticed; when there were so many fronts of war that the destruction of the Syrian armory would not be seen as a new conflict; and when the world as distracted by a very loud American presidential election - all of these factors came together in a way that can only be described as miraculous and a precious gift from Hashem.

Throughout the horrors of the past year and a half, we have witnessed an unprecedented unity among the Jewish people. Both in Israel and across the diaspora, Jews—especially the youth—have embraced their heritage with a level of pride and commitment that I have not seen since my own youth. In Israel, the love of mitzvot, Shabbat, Shabbat candles, Tefillin, prayer, etc, together with a deeply embedded kinsman ship has manifested in ways that cannot be compared by anywhere else in the world.

At the same time, we have seen hatred and terror spread, especially among our sons and daughters on college campuses and in schools around the world. While the Jewish community has started to wake up, speak out, and stand firm in defense of America, Israel, democracy, truth, and real peace, we have yet to fully mobilize and confront these threats with the resolve and capacity we possess.

So, did we win? Ultimately, the answer lies in our hands. If we can continue to foster love and unity among each Jew, internalizing how much we truly need each other, understanding that disagreements within our community are family matters, if we can take the time to thank Hashem for the miracles He has bestowed upon us, and if we can channel our energy to confront antisemitism and hate in our local communities—reaching out to our politicians to ensure that the antisemitic anarchist hate can be contained, fought back against, and that it does not infiltrate our local schools - then we will emerge stronger, safer, and victorious.

If not, we will weaken, and the losses and pain ahead will only grow.

Do you have what it takes to ensure that we will emerge from this war stronger?

Don't forget to order your Holiday Greeting by March 8.

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Jews IN THE NEWS.

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

Congratulations to Jacob Reckess, PAZ Management and The Arlington of Poughkeepsie, for being honored with the Next Generation award at the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce.



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 Chuck Mishaan who took time away from researching for lectures to answers our questions (including for our upcoming "Finding Light In Film Noir" series.)



Chuck Mishaan

1. **What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: *Respect.*
Least Favorite: *Suffering.*
2. **What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?** *Nature. The sky. The trees. The birds.*
3. **What is your favorite song?**
Beethoven's 9th Symphony
4. **What profession other than you own would you like to attempt?** *Teaching.*
5. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?** *Medicine.*
6. **What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *My curiosity.*
Dislike: *As part of curiosity, I dislike distraction.*
7. **What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**
Latkes.
8. **What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I performed on the stage of The Metropolitan Opera...I was a spear carrier in Aida.
9. **If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
Healing.
10. **What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?** *My family.*
11. **Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
To write a book.
12. **If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**
READ!
13. **What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
When I was in 3rd grade in Yeshiva, my teacher was very upset that the great Jewish comedian Milton Berle was on TV on erev Yom Kippur.
14. **What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**
Going to the café Feenjon in Greenwich Village after the '67 war in Israel to hear an Israeli group sing "Jerusalem of Gold."
15. **In what ways, does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish community?**
Being there.
16. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
"What? Already?"
17. **What is one question you wished we had asked and how would you answer it?**
Q: How will we have peace?
A: Sharing the beauty of the world.

**Member of the Tribe*

(Kosher in Amenia Continued from page 4)

growing population of weekenders and full time residents from throughout the Harlem Valley. As a side note, Temple Beth David was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2002, the only synagogue in New York east of the Hudson River and north of New York City to be listed.

And what happened to Lake Amenia and the Beekman brothers? In 1955, a devastating storm, Hurricane Diane, roared into Amenia. Town folklore blames the loss of the lake on the local dam keeper who got drunk during the torrential rains. The unnamed antagonist allegedly dropped the key to the sluice and was unable to hold back the waters that flooded the area for weeks and sadly, drained Lake Amenia. Frank Beekman remained at the former lake development despite falling onto hard times as the Depression hit and vacationers' tastes changed. He sold the marshy site of the lost lake for the sum of one dollar to the Town of Amenia in 1974 which was later established as Beekman Park. His brother Walter had long before moved away to pursue a career as a photographer. By the early 1980's both had passed away and with it the story of the grand Jewish era of Amenia life.

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Megillah by Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

Traditionally, the word Megillah means scroll. Like the scroll of Esther that we read during Purim. It has also come to refer to a long, tedious, involved story or account, modern day slang for a drawn out story. Megillah can also be a synonym for, "everything involved in or what is under consideration." Yes, the Megillah that we read on Purim can be lengthy. We read the entire story out loud in every detail. Why shouldn't we? It's a great story with many lessons. We learn about courage, standing up to injustice and faith in Hashem, to name a few. The reading fosters a feeling of community, participation and involvement. We interact when you-know-whose name is read. We boo, shout and make noise when we hear his name. We eat pastries in the shape of his hat, all to remind us to stamp out evil. The reading of the Megillah also serves to remind us that injustice is still around and needs to be stood up to.

Bat Mitzvah

Sofia Parsons, Vassar Temple, March 22, 2025
Daughter of Simona Cohen and William Parsons
Sister to Mischa, Eva, and Amalia

Sofia is a 7th grader at Todd Middle School. She is an easygoing, respectful, and charming young woman who lights up a room. Her hobbies include fencing, tennis, skiing, drawing, reading, travel, and spending time with her sisters.

She is enjoying volunteering at the Dutchess County SPCA with her B'nai Mitzvah class this year. She has worked very hard to prepare for her bat mitzvah and is grateful to all her teachers at Temple Beth-El who have taught her, supported her for many years, and are now helping her to prepare for success in her bat mitzvah and beyond. Mazel Tov to Sofia and the Parsons family.



Penelope Rivkah Hershfield, Temple Beth-El, April 5, 2025
Daughter of Jeremy and Megan Hershfield
Sister to Nathaniel, Isaiah, and Annabelle

Penelope is a 7th grader at Van Wyck Jr. High school in the Wappingers school district. She enjoys arts and crafts, cooking, tennis, music, anime and all things Studio Ghibli.

For her mitzvah project, Penelope has been working with her B'nai Mitzvah class volunteering at the Dutchess County SPCA.

Penelope wishes to thank all of the teachers who prepared her for this day.



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For more info contact:
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March 9

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Congregation Shir Chadash

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!

מגילה

Megillah
Scroll

Here is a fabulous and easy Purim craft from PJ Library:

Supplies:

- Two disposable cups
- Dried beans/peas
- Tape
- Markers or sticker for further decoration

Directions:

- Fill 1/3 of the first cup with beans
- Holding the second cup upside down, tape it to the top of the first
- Decorate the cups with markers and stickers
- Decorate the outside of the bird feeder however you like
- Make lots of noise!



Tamatha



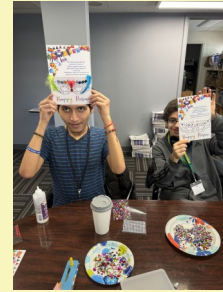
Suzanne



Working With Purpose by Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

The ARC's Greater Hudson Valley School To Work Program has intertwined the values of JFedDC, PJ Library and the ARC, incorporating a sense of community while teaching the value of a job well done. In our most recent collaboration with ARC, students creatively and independently crafted cards for Purim.

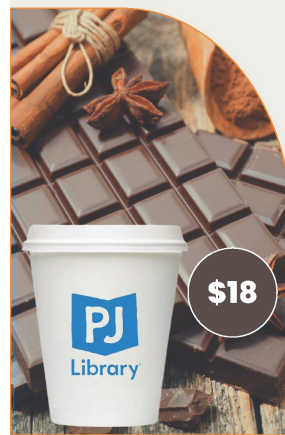
It has been such a pleasure to work with these students who pride themselves on their motivation and strong work ethic. Whether we were crafting or cleaning up, their efforts were continual and consistent. The nearly 200 recipients of hand-crafted cards will surely feel the care and consideration put forth. I am grateful for the collaboration with ARC's School To Work Program and look forward to continued collaborations with them.



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Get Ready, I'm Going To Spill The Beans

by Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

If you haven't heard the latest buzz on the new club in town, I'm here to fill you in on all the details. Before we begin, let's take a look at who PJ Library is and what PJ brings to our youngest generation of Jewish children.

PJ Library sends free high-quality Jewish children's books to families all over the world each month. The program was created by the nonprofit Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Harold Grinspoon, now in his nineties, is a man who had a remarkable vision to help people connect to Jewish values and culture. Building upon this, PJ Library also provides programming that helps unite and build Jewish communities.

While the books are free to families, books and programs cost money. Thousands of donors work together to help pay these costs. PJ Library is always seeking new funds to reach more families. In our local community, the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County is a key partner in making PJ Library possible but we can't do it alone.

That is why we have launched the Coffee Mitzvah Club! It is simple to join and your contribution will help to ensure the longevity of PJ Library.

There are 3 donor levels. As a petite coffee donor, simply make a monthly donation of \$18. As a tall coffee donor, your donation would be \$36 a month and as a grande coffee donor, your monthly donation would be \$54. All donations can be automatically billed to your credit card on file so no need to worry about keeping track of making the donations.

To donate, simply go to: [jewishdutchess.org/programs/pj-library](https://www.jewishdutchess.org/programs/pj-library) or call the office at 845.471.9811. You can also scan the QR code on our flyer.

Thank you in advance for joining our Coffee Mitzvah Club and helping to support PJ Library in our community.

Become a Coffee Mitzvah Club donor today and stay tuned for an invitation to our coffee kick off coming soon!



The Federation Board's Voice



Jonah Ritter

UNEXPECTED CALL

Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazeik. "Be strong, be strong, and let us be strengthened."

In the 2nd Book of Samuel Chapter 2, King David's army is going out to fight the Ammonites and the Arameans who had amassed a large army. David's general, Joab, saw that there were battle lines in front of him and behind him. So, he selected some of the best troops in Israel and deployed them against the front, and the rest of the men he deployed against the rear. Joab said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you are to come to my rescue; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will come to rescue you. Be strong (Chazak), and let us fight bravely for our people and the cities of our God."

Karen Hochhauser called me unexpectedly a few days ago to write the "board article" for this issue of *The Voice*. Purim is around the corner and was the obvious theme to build around. More than that, it felt like bershert (destiny) because it was two years ago while my family was at the Community Purim Carnival at Temple Beth El when I got an unexpected call from my mother's aide who said, "Your mom didn't wake up..."

Life goes along ... then you get a call. Perhaps it is bad news about a biopsy, a car accident, or another type of tragedy. Could anything have prepared us for Oct 7th 2023? Can you prepare for something that is going to rock your world?

Not entirely. But I would suggest that there are things to help you cope with a difficult blow:

- Be there for good friends. They will be there for you.
- Build up cushions to soften the blow psychologically or financially.
- Support your community. The people you serve with and for will be there for you.

That is part of the mission of the Jewish Federation - to connect and support our diverse Jewish community and Israel because we know there will come a day when each of us will get that "unexpected call."

Speaking of Purim, (were we speaking of Purim?) let's circle back to the four main mitzvot:

1. Listening to the public reading, usually in synagogue, of the Book of Esther in the evening and again in the following morning (k'riat megillah)
2. Sending food gifts to friends (mishloach manot)
3. Giving charity to the poor (matanot la'evyonim)
4. Eating a festive meal (se'udat mitzvah)

These are Jewish traditions at work and each of these mitzvot bring congregations together. The Jewish Federation strives to strengthen our entire community.

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik!



Marist University Day

Our Executive Director



"A New York Minute"

I had a whole article written and ready to go about the value and appreciation I have (and we should all have) about relationships with others. I often say, "We are stronger together," which I believe is completely accurate and true, and I continue to stand by it. However, that original article became practically irrelevant because of what I refer to as "A New York Minute." For those who don't know what I am referring to, it is the instance in which everything in your life has the potential to dramatically change. One example is receiving the phone call to determine whether your medical test results are positive or negative. Or the moment you find out whether you and your partner are pregnant (or not). Or barely missing being hit by a moving vehicle.

Recently, I had two examples of "A New York Moment". The first was a call I received from a college friend who I have not seen in a while, but had asked me to get some information that I had not yet been able to acquire successfully. When I saw it was her calling, I hesitated to answer, but decided to take the mature route and pick up the phone call. It turns out my assumptions were completely inaccurate. The reason for her call was because her son had been in a car accident in the mountains located 40 minutes away from Poughkeepsie. Thankfully, B'H, he was not injured though the car was totaled. Knowing I lived here, she asked if he could stay with us as his car was being towed to Poughkeepsie. Without hesitation I said yes. To be there for a friend and her family goes without saying, regardless of the fact that I had a full house of young adults staying overnight to celebrate my son's birthday. When I mentioned the situation to my sons, my boys did not hesitate and said, "Of course, without a doubt, he can stay with us." It was a very proud Mom moment. In the end, the weather was so bad that while the car arrived in Poughkeepsie after midnight, my friends' son ended up staying another night at the mountain.

My other "New York Minute" had a very surreal difference. As a Jewish Federation, we regularly receive standard notifications of security situations around the county and the world. In some instances, we receive calls from the NY State Trooper Counterterrorism Unit and local law enforcement contacts letting us know that they are monitoring situations with thankfully the subsequent comment that there is "no viable threat" in our area. Recently, to help ensure the safety and security of the community in Dutchess County, we hired a security consultant, part-time, from Community Security Initiative (CSI), who has engaged with many of the congregations already. When I received a message from Pat about a terror attack situation in NYC that was targeted to occur at a Friday Night Service at Central Synagogue my mouth dropped open. I actually had attended Central Synagogue that night! I was there! While the efforts of CSI resulted in collaboration with NYPD and thwarting the terrorist's efforts... this one hit home. My shabbat service experience could have been a very different one! While we noticed a heightened security presence, we had no idea how close to a potential terror attack we were. That is the thing with "A New York Minute" one instance can change your life. While I count my blessing each day, in this instance, I am extremely appreciative and thankful to CSI and the NYPD for their efforts and above all felt that some type of divine intervention was looking out for me on that particular night.

Stay Safe. Stay Vigilant.

Karen Hochhauser, Executive Director

Mazel Tov Memories

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

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Harissa-Honey Pargiyot Serves 4

taken from <https://www.hadassahmagazine.org/2019/09/01/sababa-will-bring-flavors-israel-kitchen/>

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons harissa, plus more for brushing chicken
- 2 tablespoons honey, plus more for drizzling
- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, plus more for seasoning
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 5 to 6 skin-on, boneless chicken thighs (about 1 3/4 pounds), patted dry
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive
- 3 small onions (red or white), each cut into 4 wedges through the root
- 3 medium loquats or apricots, halved
- Thinly sliced scallions (green parts only) or chopped chives, for garnish
- Rice, for serving



Directions

1. Arrange a rack in the upper third of the oven and preheat the broiler.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the broth, harissa, honey, vinegar, salt and cornstarch. Season the chicken thighs generously with salt and pepper.
3. Heat the olive oil in a large (at least 10-inch) oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken to the skillet, skin-side down, and cook without moving until the skin is browned and crisp, 4 to 5 minutes. Flip the chicken and cook until the underside is browned, 4 more minutes. Remove to a plate and drain and discard all but 2 tablespoons of the fat from the skillet.
4. Reduce the heat to medium and arrange the onions in the skillet with one of the flat sides touching the surface of the skillet. Cook until the onions are golden on the underside, 2 to 3 minutes. Flip the onions and brown the underside an additional 2 to 3 minutes.
5. Add the harissa-honey liquid to the skillet, raise the heat to medium-high and cook until the mixture thickens, 3 to 4 minutes. Nestle the chicken skin-side up in the pan. Add the fruit and cook the chicken, spooning some of the sauce over the skin, until the fruit begins to soften slightly, 2 to 3 minutes.
6. Transfer the skillet to the oven and broil until the skin crisps, the liquid thickens further and the chicken is cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes for smaller thighs, 6 to 7 minutes for larger ones. Remove the chicken from the oven and garnish with scallions. Divide among plates and spoon the sauce over the top. Serve with rice.

It's a new year. It's time to renew your holiday greetings for 2025.

2025 Holiday Greetings

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

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

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Passover Greetings

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

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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 SAMACH

 HAPPY PASSOVER
 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

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Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Monday

“Responsibilities of the Heart” Text Study and Discussion 11:00am. We will be using the classic Jewish text *Chovot HaLevaout* by Bachya ibn Pekudah, composed in Spain circa 1080 CE. The book discusses topics such as introspection, serenity, & devotion to G-d. The book is divided into ten “gates” or treatises.

Advanced Hebrew 6:00pm. We will be using the siddur (prayerbook) to learn about root words, and prefixes, and suffixes as well as the past, present, and future tenses.

Thursday

Mitzvot during the Times of Modernity 7:00pm, weekly presentation and discussion. March 20 topic is destroying chametz. This class presents a practical look at some of the mitzvot— what the commandment is and how we should pursue the mitzvah. Join as we explore this and other directives of Hashem

Other Events:

Sunday

Hamentaschen pick up March 2 11:00am—2:00pm.

Rosh Chodesh Breakfast March 30, following morning services to mark the beginning of the month of Nisan.

Tuesday

Cooking Club with Cassia March 4, 6:00pm. We will be making and sampling mock chopped live/vegetarian pate (a rose by any other name...) with Cassia Brown.

Wednesday

Dr. Yaakov Seigal, PsyD March 11, 6:00pm will be speaking on the topic, *Thriving in a Hostile World*.

Thursday

Yiddish Club March 6, 11:00am. This welcoming group meets on the 1st Thursday of the month. Join us to enjoy hearing, speaking, and learning Yiddish and its culture. Let’s keep Yiddish alive!

Hands of Judaism for the Foodie March 6, 6:00pm. Learn about the role (roll?) of Challah in our tradition and enjoy some Challah with a light dinner. March 27, 6:00pm Incense, in this class we will touch on some intriguing questions. The Torah mentions that when the Temple, Kings, and High Priests were instituted, they were to be anointed with Holy Oil—What was this oil? Where is it now? Where is the Ark of the Covenant really hidden? Join us to explore these questions.

Friday

International Shabbat Dinner

March 21 Join us for a Friday night meal with an international flavor. Once a month we host a meal with foods and dishes from a particular cuisine or region of the world. Call for more details.

Saturday

Night at the Movies March 8, 7:30pm, showing *A Stranger Among Us*.

Contact

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Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Saturday

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

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

Other Events:

Sunday

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

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

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Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

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

Other Events:

Sunday

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

Tuesday

Book Club 2:00pm in the Social hall at TBE. April 15 (*Looking for Jane* by Marshall), June 10 (*Cain v Abel: A Jewish Courtroom Drama*). If inclement weather, we meet via Zoom.

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Website: www.vassartemple.org
Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or rabbi@vassartemple.org

Weekly Services:

All services are hybrid (both in person and on Zoom). For further information contact office@vassartemple.org

Friday

Shabbat Evening Service March 7, 14, 7:30pm; March 21 7:30pm Annual Music Shabbat Service, March 28, 6:00pm Family-friendly intergenerational Simchat Shabbat Service. Speaker, 7:30pm.

Saturday

New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship March 1 (hybrid), 10:15am.
Shabbat Morning Service March 8, 10:15am; March 15, 10:00am.

Adult Education:

Tuesday

Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb generally meets on Zoom from noon to 1:30pm two Tuesdays per month. To be placed on the Talmud Study email list and receive the dates and study sheets, contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

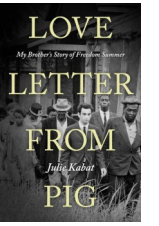
Saturday

Torah Study with Rabbi Renni Altman DD, 9:00am. (Hybrid) No class 3/15. Come join our lively discussions! Contact us at office@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570 to be placed on the Torah Study email list.

Other Events:

Journey Back to Freedom Summer

March 30, 3pm (snow date April 6) Join us for a journey through Freedom Summer 1964, and experience the story behind the moving memoir *Love Letter from Pig*, with author Julie Kabat and one of the former students at the Freedom School here as your personal guides. During Mississippi Freedom Summer in 1964, Luke Kabat taught biology and citizenship at the Freedom School in Meridian., Mississippi. Join us for a discussion of Freedom Summer, readings from the book, songs from the Civil Rights Movement, and firsthand memories and reflections that will be shared by both the author Ms Kabat, and Andreesa Coleman who was a teenager in Luke’s 1964 science class at the Freedom School. Free and open to all. RSVP: office@vassartemple.org. The book is available from the public library, Three Arts Bookstore, 3 Collegeview Ave., Poughkeepsie, and Amazon.



Thursday

Purim Vegetarian Pasta Dinner

March 13, 6:00, sponsored by Temple Brotherhood. Donations appreciated Email RSVP’s and special dietary requests to: office@vassartemple.org. Followed by 7:30pm Purim Spiel Service “All Together Now” including Beatles tunes. Wear your 60’s outfit. Bring a box of pasta to shake like a gragger. Afterward the Social Action Committee will donate it to a local food pantry.

Saturday

Healing Service March 22, 10:15am. Service led by Rabbi Renni Altman and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann. This beautiful services is designed for anyone praying for healing of the body, soul, or spirit for themselves or others, for caregivers, and for anyone, for any reason, in need of spiritual strength. The service will include prayers, reflections, and songs that focus on healing and on Shabbat. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend the services, which will be hybrid. For the Zoom link, watch the temple emails or contact office@vassartemple.org.

Contact :

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www.vassartemple.org

Temple Beth-El’s Nefesh Mountain Bluegrass Shabbat

On the Shabbat of January 17-18, 2025 Temple Beth-El hosted Doni Zasloff & Eric Lindberg of Nefesh Mountain for a Bluegrass Shabbat. We began with over 100 people at our community Friday Night Shabbat table where Doni and Eric shared some songs with everyone. Saturday morning services were enriched with Doni and Eric along with the Souls United Choir, Kulanu Students, and community members from Temple Beth-El and Congregation Shir Chadash singing songs of inclusion to help celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. Finally, on Saturday evening Doni and Eric performed a concert for the community that was both uplifting and spiritual in nature. The event was followed by coffee and dessert along with the honoring of Temple Beth-El’s beloved Miriam Rubin. “The Great Rubini” has been a fixture at Temple Beth-El for decades and it was an honor to give her the praise she deserves for all her contributions to our Kulanu School and Temple Beth-El. The Concert and Coffee house was a fundraiser for our Kulanu School and was a great success.



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

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Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

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 (845) 463-5801
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
 Website:
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 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.

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www.chabadmidsouthvalley.com

Beacon Hebrew Alliance

(Conservative)
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon
 (845) 831-2012
 Rabbi Justin David
 Rabbi Emeritus 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:
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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.

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Vassar College Bayit

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

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

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Bard College

Rabbi Joshua Boettiger
 Jewish Chaplain, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Humanities
 Phone: (802) 733-6342
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243 Albany Ave, Kingston
 (845) 338-4271 ext 101
 Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102
 Rabbi Jack Sherratt:
rabbijack@hvc.rr.com

Weekly Services:
Friday
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm,
 March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 25.
Tot Shabbat March 7, April 11, May 9, 9:15am.

Saturday
Morning Minyan 10:00am, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.
Education:
Zimet Jewish Learning Adventure 9:30am, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6, 27, May 4, 18 (last day)..

Mediation & Torah Study 8:45am via Zoom, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Hebrew Trope 12:00pm, via Zoom, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Hebrew, Shebrew! 4:00pm, via Zoom, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Talk Back with Rabbi Jack 8:45am, via Zoom, March 6, 13, and April 3, 10.

Contact: info@cehv.org
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or visit the website www.CEHV.org

Woodstock Jewish Congregation

241682 Glasco Tpke, Woodstock
 (845) 679-2218
 Admin: admin@wjcsul.org

Weekly Services:
Friday
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00pm,
Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat
 First Fridays 6:00pm
Saturday
Shabbat Service 10:00am

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

Contact: admin@wjcsul.org
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March

Candle Lighting Schedule

March 7	5:35pm
March 14	6:43pm
March 21	6:51pm
March 28	6:59pm



Shai Davidai, Columbia Business School professor came to speak to us regarding the antisemitism at the University and his efforts to protect Jewish students.



The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of the US, meets monthly at Congregation Schomre Israel, Poughkeepsie. We are the only active post between Westchester and Albany! Upcoming meeting dates are Sundays March 9, April 6, May 11, June 8 (9am schmooze, 9:30am meeting). The location is strictly kosher and tasty refreshments are provided. All are welcome to attend and/or join, both veterans and anyone else who would like to support our cause. We provide community service and support local veterans' facilities. We advocate against antisemitism and for the rights and benefits of all American military members and veterans. For more info contact Senior Vice Commander Ralph Schwartz at (845) 849-0025

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May 4, 2025





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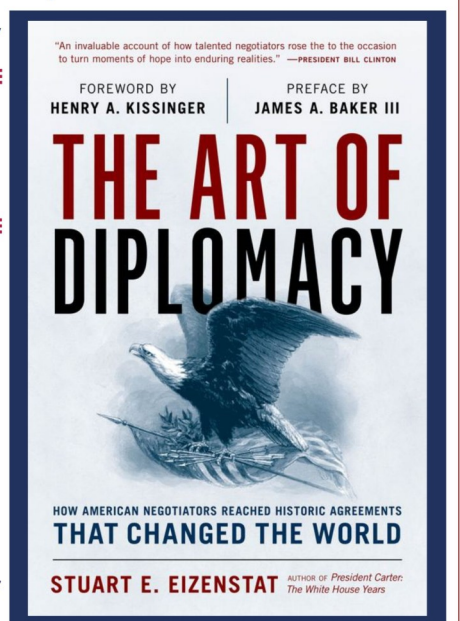
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