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**Hate Really Has No Home in Dutchess County**

Regardless of whether looking at the statistics from the FBI, the ADL, or any other source, one thing is clear - hate crimes and particularly anti-semitic incidents - are rising at an increasingly alarming rate. Silence, as we have seen historically, benefits no one. With this environment, it is critical that we as a community stand together against all forms of hatred, and we must be intentional in our efforts.

By now you have probably noticed garage sale style signs dotting the Dutchess County landscape. The message on these signs is clear and direct **Hate Has No Home Here**. With each visible sign, we are clearly communicating that we will not be silent and we will not accept hatred. This project has one message - to declare neighborhood residences, businesses, and places of community free from hate speech and behavior by providing safe places for conversation, work, learning, and living.

Founded in 2017, the **Hate Has No Home Here** project was interestingly imagined by a third grader and a kindergartner at a local elementary school in North Park, Chicago. The group grew and is now an international campaign. In Dutchess County, following a long spat of racially and religiously charged incidents, several organizations including JFedDC, the Dutchess County Interfaith Council, Vassar Temple, Temple Beth El, The Unitarian Fellowship, Christ Church and others have joined together to publicize the campaign.

Last fall, anti-Semitic fliers were posted by supporters of neo-Nazi hate groups on three Poughkeepsie college campuses and two Beacon churches. During the first week of January 2019, seventeen notices were posted in the Town of Poughkeepsie on stop signs and light poles - this



**HATE HAS NO HOME HERE.**

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 이집에는 미움이 없다  
 לשנאה אין בית כאן  
**El odio no tiene hogar aquí.**

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**WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS**

**May**

- May 8** **Historic Poughkeepsie with Tonie Mauro**  
 The Commissioner of Historic Districts and Landmark  
 Preservation Commission will speak all about Poughkeepsie  
 Menu: spaghetti, meatballs, salad, coffee/tea, dessert
- May 8** **Author Anastasia Goodman**  
 She will discuss the refusenik movement and the modern  
 immigration of Russian Jews.  
 Menu: Carole's kasha varnishkes, Estelle's Lebanese stew,  
 coffee/tea, dessert.
- May 15** **The Book of Israela by Rabbi Rena Blumentahl**  
 She will lead a discussion on and read from her book  
 Menu: assorted wraps, coffee/tea, dessert.
- May 22** **Going to the Hospital? Be your own best advocate  
 with Sandra Mamis**  
 Get information and tips on dealing with a hospital stay.  
 Menu: bagel, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert.
- May 29** **Movie: GI Jews: The story of American Jews in World War II**  
 Menu: salad fiestas, coffee/tea, dessert

**REGISTRATION STRONGLY REQUESTED BY MONDAY EACH WEEK FOR  
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 12:30pm —Lunch

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Congratulations to Don and Suzanne Turrisi on the engagement of their daughter Rachel Turrisi to Aaron Simonson.

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### Educational Opportunities Abound at Congregation Schomre Israel

**Know Your Book with Rabbi Langer** Tuesdays, 10:30am. May 7: Joy and the Jew; May 14: Organ Donor Card - Should One Sign?; May 21: Family Planning; May 28: High Government Officials - May One Violate Jewish Law for the Sake of Government Needs?

**Classes with Rabbi Langer** Thursday, 7:00pm. May 2: Yom Hashoa Community Program; May 9: Yom Haatzmout Program; May 16: Gun Control - May a Jew Own a Gun Store?; May 23: Nachal Charedi - Soldiers with Beards and Payos; May 30: Burial in Israel - What's Its Worth? - What's Its Cost?

Classes are free. All are welcome. View website at [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) for recordings of previous classes. For information on cancellations and class schedules, visit [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) or call (845) 454-2890.

### Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text** will be held once a month at noon (generally on the 3rd Thursday) and taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. For this month's schedule or if you have other questions, contact Rabbi Golomb at [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net).

**Torah Study** Saturdays, 9:00am, with Rabbi Renni Altman. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah.

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

All are invited. Come learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes. No charge to attend. No previous training required. For more info or if you have questions, contact [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org) or (845) 454-2570.

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

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

**The Mind and the Mystical with Rabbi Daniel Victor**, Thursdays, 9:30am, at The Crafted Kup. Purchase a coffee and meet with us in the back room at 44 Raymond Ave, Poughkeepsie.

**Adult Discovery Course** Wednesday, May 29, 8:00pm. Temple Beth-El continues this class which for many will conclude with a formal commitment by the student to embrace Jewish life. Classes are at 8:00pm on specific Wednesdays and run approximately every two weeks through September. For more info, contact Rabbi Daniel Victor [rbvictor@tbeny.org](mailto:rbvictor@tbeny.org) or call (845) 454-0571.

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

All welcome. Details at the Temple Beth-El [www.tbeny.org](http://www.tbeny.org), or call (845) 454-0570, or email [info@tbeny.org](mailto:info@tbeny.org).

### Chabad Center Classes

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

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

### Congregation Shir Chadash

**Torah Study:** Saturday, May 4, 18, 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish while enjoying a light breakfast. Everyone has a chance to participate. No Hebrew expertise or knowledge is needed - just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts. All are welcomed to attend the bi-monthly session. Check website calendar for exact dates.

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

### Rosh Chodesh Reading Group presented by Congregation Shir Chadash

Those interested in reading are invited to the 'Rosh Chodesh Reading Group' -- a potluck brunch and discussion held every month. Participants meet monthly to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry, and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest.

Have a topic suggestion, please let us know! For more info contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029 or via email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org).

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**Newburgh Free Academy Veteran Honored**

With the Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America in Poughkeepsie being the only Jewish War Veterans post, in the area, has become somewhat of a repository of local New York Jewish military history. Recently Rob Rubin, the post's Presiding Officer, became aware of a sweater that is on display at the Newburgh Free Academy. That sweater was owned by Walter Allison, a Jewish graduate of that school, who was killed in action during WWI on 9/29/1918 in Europe.



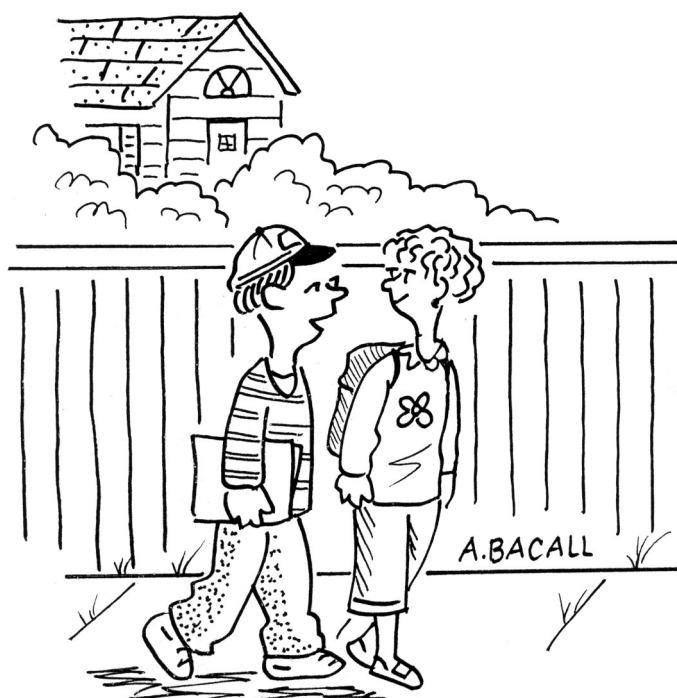
After Allison's death the sweater was found by another graduate of that High School who was a doughboy at the Quartermaster's and looking for some warm clothing. The Quartermaster told him to look through a pile of clothing from other doughboys who had been killed. Recognizing the "N" on the sweater and also having graduated from Newburgh Free Academy, he took the sweater.

He subsequently returned the sweater to the High School. Upon receipt the school framed the sweater, put it on permanent public display, and adopted the sweater's colors as the school's colors.

After viewing the display, taking a picture, and posting that picture on Facebook, Mr. Rubin was then made aware of a beer put out by the Newburgh Brewing Company in Walter Allison's honor exactly 100 years after his untimely death. Mr. Rubin visited the brewery and received a four-pack of the Walter Allison beer which he donated to the JWV Post 625.



Happy Mother's Day,  
to all the mothers, aunts, grandmothers,  
sisters, nieces, and caregivers out there!




"What I like most about my mom is that she always supersedes her hugs."

*You have probably had occasion to appreciate the legacy of the people, many of whom you never met, who cared enough about the future to ensure that the organizations dear to your heart are here for you today.*



*Now it's your turn to do the same thing for those who follow in your footsteps. Together, let's begin that important conversation on how you can leave a legacy at the JFedDC.*

**Thursday, May 2**



**6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Annual Community Holocaust Commemoration at Dutchess Community College**

**ANTI-SEMITISM: THEN & NOW**

Kenneth S. Stern, Director,  
Bard Center for the Study of Hate  
Area Clergy & Geshur Hebrew High School

**Where:** DCC, Dutchess Hall 202, Park in Lot D  
**RSVP:** JewishDutchess.org/Events

\*This program is partially funded by the Ann & Abe Efron - Donor Advised Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley



The Harding Club represented by Sergeant-at-Arms Martin Hochhauser (L to R) and President Al Lemberger presents a donation of \$250 to the Pvt. Herman T. Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, NY, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, represented by Past Commander Irv Baum and Commander Ron Markowitz.

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August	July 1
September	August 1

Dear Readers,

We are glad that you have been enjoying the "Dear Shoshana" column and hope that you will continue reading.

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

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

The advice shared is solely that of Dear Shoshana and does not represent the position of *The Voice* or JFedDC.



**Dear Kvelling,**

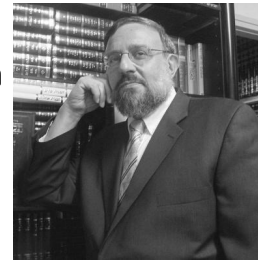
Nobody likes a braggart. On the other hand, if you got it, flaunt it!!! If you have reasons to "schepp nachas", then by all means you should do so. Not to the point where your friends avoid you, but yes be proud!! By keeping balance and by keeping things in perspective, you should be able to celebrate. But also know when it's time to take the lampshade off you head!!

# Rabbi's Blog

**You Are Royalty!**

רב יוסף ביומא דעצרתא אמר: עבדי לי עגלא תלתא. אמר: אי לא הא' יומא דקא גרים כמה יוסף איכא בשוקא פסחים ט"ז ע"ב

**Rav Yosef would request a special veal dinner before the holiday of Shavuot because "if not for this day, there are many Yosef's out in the street." (Talmud Pesachim 68b)**



Rabbi Eliezer Langer

In 1968 the US Government passed legislation known as the Uniform Holidays Bill which moved Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day from a fixed calendar date to a designated Monday, thereby making a three-day weekend. This year in the Jewish calendar we also have a three-day weekend, Shabbat followed by two days of Shavuot. How exactly should we be celebrating these days - joy that we have the opportunity for so many mitzvot at one time, or a sense of dread, "What's this holiday, and how can I manage three days in a row?"

The Talmud tells us that based on the sentence, "Declare the Shabbat a day of pleasure," that Shabbat is to be a day of enjoyment. When it comes to Yom Tov, there is a disagreement among the rabbis (surprised?) as to how it should be celebrated. According to Rabbi Eliezer, the Yom Tov day should be either entirely "spiritual - for G-d" or entirely "a day of physical pleasure - for us". Rabbi Yehoshua says, "split it - half for G-d and half for us."

Rabbi Eliezar explains the argument is only in regard to Passover and Sukkot. However, when it comes to Shavuot everyone agrees, we must also have "lachem - for us - because on this day the Torah was given."


Rabbi Yosef on Shavuot ordered very fine veal because, as he said, *if not for this day, I would just be another "Joe" out on the street.* This is the day, the day of the Torah, that made him unique. And in fact, this is the day that makes us, the Jewish people, unique for on this day we received the Torah. In our prayers when we mention Shavuot, we call it the "Day of the Giving of Our Torah" for we are then thanking G-d for His gift to us. But when we otherwise refer to the holiday it is called the day, not of the giving of the Torah, but, of our receiving it. It did not and does not depend solely on G-d's giving but rather upon our receiving. For this is the day that made us unique; this is the day that made us into a treasured nation; this is the day that made us into the Jewish people. Yes, have a celebration - a physical one. Eat fine food, drink fine wine, wear fine clothes. You are royalty - for you have accepted the Torah.

Chag Sameach

Al Lemberger (far right), president of the Harding Club, presenting a check to the committee working to bring the Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan to Poughkeepsie on May 28. The Harding Club is a Jewish Men's Club which makes donations to various causes its members support. More info about the club: <http://hardingjigsy.com/>



The committee working on this project pictured from left to right, Beth Richardson, Melinda Margulies, Susan Canning, Karen Jacobs and Rabbi Miriam Hyman. The program promises to be an exciting, fun filled event for youth and adults alike. It will be a community celebration of Israeli music, culture, and food. For more info about Israel Scouts Friendship Caravan: <https://www.israelscouts.org/friendship-caravan>.



## The Caravan is Coming!

ISRAEL SCOUTS FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

Temple Beth-El • 118 South Grand Avenue • Poughkeepsie

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**6:00pm**  
Israeli Style Dinner  
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845-454-0570 or [info@TBENY.org](mailto:info@TBENY.org)

**CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR THE CARAVAN:**  
[www.israelscouts.org/friendship-caravan](http://www.israelscouts.org/friendship-caravan)

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# Inside the Jewish Studio

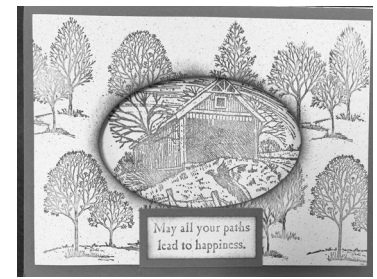
By Karen Hochhauser

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

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

This month, our special guest is **Stacey Platt** who found time to take a break from checking *The Voice's* grammar and Mitzvah Day planning to join us in answering our questions...

1. **What is your favorite word?**  
*I just love words, but I'd say "Oy!" It covers so much.*
2. **What is your least favorite word?**  
**FIRE!!!**
3. **What turns you on creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**  
*Just learning new things. I apply that to everything: cooking, crafts, religion, travel...*
4. **What turns you off?**  
*When a person is talking and another person cuts him off without hearing the full answer.*
5. **What sound or noise do you love?**  
*Toddlers laughing. It is my favorite thing to hear young children laugh.*
6. **What sound or noise do you hate?**  
*Screaming*
7. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*Writing. Being an author of a book.*
8. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**  
*A sanitation worker. Good for them as we need them, but no.*
9. **What are you really bad at & really good at?**  
**Bad:** *Understanding finances, yard work*  
**Good:** *Creative card making, teaching*
10. **What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**  
*I was paralyzed for several years, and in 1983 doctors gave me six months to live. I appreciate every day now.*
11. **If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**  
*Telekinesis - moving things through the mind*
12. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
*Welcome. You're in the right place!*



Stacey Platt\*\*

\* Member of the Tribe

\*\*Stacey makes cards in exchange for donations for causes such as Liberty Station, the residence for homeless vets, of which she is captaining the Mitzvah Day project. Come join us on Mitzvah Day!

## Sisterhood Spotlights Indego Africa

**The Sisterhood Annual Donor Dinner with Hors d'oeuvres & Dinner**

Please join us for this exciting evening of African inspired cuisine and a program by Vassar Temple's own Shelby Quackenbush. Shelby is the Development and Communications Manager for Indego Africa. From genocide survivors, to youth, to refugees; Indego Africa helps women in Rwanda and Ghana thrive as global entrepreneurs.



Come learn about Indego's recent initiative to empower female refugees through employment opportunities and education. As an added bonus, you can shop home décor and accessories handcrafted by women artisans in Africa.



DETAILS

Thursday, May 16 at Vassar Temple Social Hall, 6:00pm - hors d'oeuvres and 7:00pm - dinner. Donation: Donor - \$40, Honor Donor - \$60, Patron Donor - \$75, Guests/non members - \$45. To RSVP by May 8 or for more info, contact Marcia Tanzman [attanzco@aol.com](mailto:attanzco@aol.com) or (845) 471-6643.




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## B'nai Mitzvah

**Lia Megan Malley, Congregation Shir Chadash on May 4, 2019.**  
Daughter of Tamzyn Malley

Lia is a creative soul with song and art. She exhibits a strong personality and is always willing to try something new. Lia is excited to celebrate her simcha with family, friends, and her congregation.

Lia's mitzvah project involved fostering two rescue kittens from a litter of five. Lia raised funds to donate toward the litter's medical fees and contribute to the rescue foundation. Her mitzvah has taught her "a new look on life."



**Jacob Mosden, Temple Beth-El on May 4, 2019.**  
Son of Sharon and Aelan Mosden

Jacob is energetic, funny, and creative. He attends Union Vale Middle School where he plays the flute in the 7th grade band and has been in the last two plays. He enjoys listening to music, watching movies, playing video games, and telling corny jokes.



Jacob began helping at The Lunchbox three years ago on Mitzvah Day when he baked and handed out cookies to patrons. He has continued to help the local community by shopping for food needed at The Lunchbox. He is excited to share his celebration with friends and family.

**Samantha Rubinstein, Congregation Shir Chadash on May 18, 2019.**  
Daughter of Karen Marder and Adam Rubinstein, Sister to James

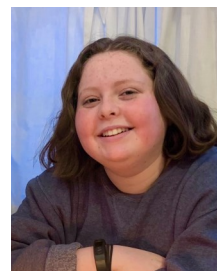
Samantha is in 7th grade at Union Vale Middle School. She is involved in the UVMS drama club. She continues to be an active Girl Scout and enjoys art, reading, and exploring new places with her family. She is looking forward to sharing this special day with her family and friends.



Samantha's mitzvah project was volunteering at Hudson Valley Animal Rescue and Sanctuary. One of her favorite responsibilities was walking dogs on weekend mornings. She also helped at adoption events to help the dogs find their forever homes.

**Tamar Hyman-Fessler, Temple Beth-El on May 25, 2019.**  
Daughter of Rabbi Miriam Hyman and Rabbi Michael Fessler  
Sister to Ariella and Rafi

Tamar is an excellent student, artist, singer, animal lover, and voracious reader. She recently overcame her inherent care for others to play the evil Scar in her school's production of *The Lion King*. She attends Todd Middle School where she is finishing 7th grade and looking forward to her last summer camp at Sprout Lake.



For her mitzvah project, Tamar worked on collecting, sorting, and distributing winter clothes for homeless families as part of the Bright Night Project.

**Congratulations on your Bat Mitzvah**  
**Isadora Kaye,**  
Temple Beth-El  
on May 5, 2019.

**Daughter of**  
**Caroline and Jacob Kay**

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PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley will conduct three complete, age appropriate projects:

- 10-11 Laundry bag decoration and stuffing for residents at Liberty Station Veteran's Housing
- 11-12 Creating centerpieces and decorations for The Lunch Box
- 12-1 Pets For Vets bag decoration and stuffing for the SPCA. Stay for Lunch and a wrap up of our day of good deeds.

*Activities include a visit from a Therapy Dog, creating beautiful things boxes, family tzedakah shopping bags, and "I did a Mitzvah" buttons.*

*Families are invited for the whole day or any part of it. Stories will be read throughout the day in our PJ Library Story Station.*

Please bring pet food, cat litter, etc for donation to the SPCA Community Pet Food Pantry

Drop in Zone for kids ages 3-8 when parents are off site at a project—must be pre-registered.

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For information, contact (845) 723-4045,

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grades 8-12

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

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

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# הקהילה kehilla community

**Hooray for May Activity!**

taken from [www.theresourcefulmama.com](http://www.theresourcefulmama.com)

It is finally time to get those garden plants in the ground. Here is a simple DIY activity even the youngest kids can help with Garden Markers.

- Purchase several sets of inexpensive wooden spoons or collect several wooden paint stirrer sticks.
- Paint the spoons or sticks with acrylic paint in various colors and allow to dry.
- Simply use a black Sharpie to letter the markers to identify the rows in your garden.

A complete set would make a wonderful Mother's Day gift!



**Shabbat Y'Ladim ( Children's Shabbat)**

All young children, from birth to 1st grade, are invited to bring their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and/or friends to Vassar Temple to join with Rabbi Altman and music teacher, Olivia Dilorio, for this new Shabbat celebration. Rabbi Altman's stuffed bear friends *Kachol v'Avan* will be there to take part in the singing stories and marching with the Torah. After this brief, child friendly Shabbat service, we will celebrate with yummy challah and rejoice!

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, May 11, 10:30am-11:00am RSVPs appreciated (845) 454-2570; walk-ins are welcome! For info contact: [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org)



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PJ OurWay is for kids ages 9-11. It is kid-driven--they choose their own books, creating a totally tailored experience based their own interests and reading levels. To make the choice easier, our website, [www.pjourway.com](http://www.pjourway.com), includes summaries and author bios, along with ratings, reviews, and video trailers created by members themselves. Kids can also take polls and quizzes, participate in monthly interviews and challenges, post their own reviews, and comment on blog posts.

The PJ Our Way site is a completely safe and moderated space, perfect for acclimating older kids to using the web independently. It even has a blog for parents where they can read about the books on offer for your child, and find family discussion questions for each book. You can also find out what values or topics are covered, as well as any content advisories you aor your child should know before choosing a book." ([www.pjourway.com](http://www.pjourway.com))

Though the PJ OurWay books are paid for completely by a group of Alliance Partners, local programming occurs through our local implementing partners: The Jewish Federations of Dutchess and Ulster Counties, The Harding Club, and many local donors. As with the book choices, we try to tailor PJ OurWay programming to the interests of the kids in our community. After consulting local experts, our PJ OurWay leadership team of 9-11 year olds, we held leadership conferences; we went rock climbing, roller skating, and hiking; had swim parties; and enjoyed book clubs. Soon we hope to host a PJ OurWay *Author in a Skype Session*, complete a service project of our own design, and take an adventurous hike in a different part of the Hudson Valley.

PJ Library kids (those already enrolled) may join PJ OurWay at age 8½. If you have a child ages 9-11, help them enroll in PJ OurWay today. Once they join, they automatically become enrolled in our email list if they live in Dutchess, Ulster, or lower Columbia Counties which allows us to include them in great local programs. Do you have an enrolled PJ OurWay child who would like to be part of our local leadership team and help design experiences for their peers? Contact Kimberly Ritz at [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org).

And what comes after PJ OurWay? Well, locally that is a team of 12-18 year olds who volunteer as PJ Library and PJ OurWay mentors and who help us make these programs happen. Interested in being a teen volunteer? Contact Melinda Margulies at [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org). You can meet many of our teen volunteers at Mitzvah Day on May 5.

We hope to see you at a program soon!

Your PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley Team,  
Melinda Margulies, Kimberly Ritz, Bekah Starr, and Rachel Jakobs

Have questions? Need help finding resources?  
Contact: [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org)

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Thank you!*

## JFedDC Community Programs...



Jonah Ritter

I remember as a child my father going to and hosting Israel Bond Drive meetings at the homes of friends of the Jewish Federation. People would raise their hands and pledge to purchase thousands in Israel bonds with pride & pleasure.

The diaspora helped build Israel. Today, at 70 years, the State of Israel is a modern miracle of innovation, arts, culture, fashion, medicine, science, technology, and more. From the Galilee in the north to the Red Sea in the south, the desert blooms as this economic engine roars, thanks, in no small part, to the Jewish Federation support and the Jewish Diaspora around the world.

While Israel is doing amazing, it is fair to say that the City of Poughkeepsie has a way to go to get back to its prime. It got me thinking what Israel could do to reciprocate - not as a favor or charity but rather as an investment in our mutual success. I am not alone in my thinking!

Two years ago, the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (JFedDC) organized an "Economic Mission to Israel" for Dutchess County leaders. Azzy Reckess, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, who grew up in Israel, led and cleared the way lining up high level introductions with Israeli leaders in government in business.

The response has been tremendous. A fantastic team including Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, Deputy Executive Ronald Hicks, Dutchess Tourism Inc. President and CEO Mary Kay Vrba, Think Dutchess CEO Sarah Lee, and others saw why Israel is called "The Start-up Nation". Israel's leadership in Agri-Tech, computer science, health, science, and other fields makes a strong impression. The group returned home inspired and motivated to leverage new relationships to help Dutchess County.

This March, Israel's Deputy Consul General in New York joined top-level county officials and members of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County at The Mill House Brewing Company in Poughkeepsie to talk about potential partnerships between Dutchess County and Israel. DC Executive Marc Molinaro who spoke said, "Israel, our truest friend in the Middle East, defines what a true startup economy is" with regard to agricultural technology, healthcare, computer tech, along with water treatment, preservation, and desalinization. He called Dutchess County the "food shed for New York City" as he explained, "This region and Dutchess County provide produce and food products for New York City."

As the Jewish Federation and Dutchess County leaders started to reach out to others to form strategic alliances, we found a very receptive audience. One result is an upcoming "Hudson Valley Food and Beverage Innovation Summit" taking place at the Culinary Institute of America that will feature a track on the preparation of kosher foods which have a large market share in New York's metropolitan area and around the world.

The JFedDC and Dutchess County leaders expect more to come from the partnership being formed with Israeli leaders. There are pending announcements by Israeli firms that are going to establish a beachhead to the USA market right here in Dutchess County.

One of the things Israel and Dutchess County have in common is our prowess in patents. Dutchess County ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in New York and 31<sup>st</sup> in the country for the number of registered patents. Israel ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the world in patents per capita. With a population of 8.5 million, smaller than NY City, Israel is a powerhouse when it comes to innovation, making it a phenomenal nation with which to partner. Consider these rankings:

- Israel is top ranked globally for employees working in R&D - 140 per 10,000 of the population (the US is second with 85 per 10,000)
- There is one start-up for every 1,200 people in Israel
- Nine of the world's 10 biggest companies have R&D facilities in Israel, as do dozens of other multinationals.
- Only the US and China have more NASDAQ-listed companies than Israel
- Just under 45% of all Israeli exports are in the high-tech sector
- Israel ranks number one in terms of Venture Capital investment per capita

Source:IAM

The Jewish Federation will continue to be a great supporter of Israel. We will continue to build bonds between our local Jewish population. But today, thanks to Jewish Federation supporters, JFedDC is working in innovative ways to build our local economy by leveraging the relationships that we have nurtured with Israel. As the local economy is lifted, the benefits reach area businesses, households, non-profits, and houses of worship. The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County has a role to play.

**Hate Has No Home Here** (Continued from page 1)

time targeting the immigrant community. 100 posters were glued to sign posts in Beacon in January and removed by two good Samaritans. The Southern Poverty Law Center describes the group posting these fliers as a "white nationalist hate group that formed in the aftermath of the deadly 'Unite the Right' rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, August 12, 2017." Even more recently, a teenaged Jewish employee at the Mother Earth Health Food Store in Kingston was targeted by a fellow worker who shut the light on her while she was in a produce refrigerator and told her "Now you're in a gas chamber" and then called her a "f-cking Jew". The management at that store did not fire the offending employee until public pressure forced it to act. Governor Cuomo held a press conference on the incident. Additionally, the current Town of Hurley Highway Superintendent admitted he used anti-Semitic language against an employee there. He continues to serve out his elected term.

As part of our support, JFedDC, as well as other organizations, have lawn signs, window posters, and bumper stickers for you to help show your support and our communal unity in strongly demonstrating that **Hate Has No Home Here**. For more info on the national HHNHH campaign or to download posters go to: <https://hatehasnohomehere.org/>. These materials are FREE but if you, your household, group, or congregation would like to contribute to this effort, you can do so at the following webpage (ALL proceeds will be used for purchasing more signs and bumper stickers so our message reaches further): <https://www.gofundme.com/hate-has-no-home-here-dutchess>

Thank you for participating in this community effort!

"I don't speak because I have the power to speak; I speak because I don't have the power to remain silent." Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook

## Our Executive Director



Last month, I had the honor and joy of attending services at Congregation Beth David in Amenia. It is such a beautiful synagogue, rich in history, and will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. My father and I were made to feel so welcome, which further reinforced what I highlight to my children that being Jewish means being a part of a greater community, locally and worldwide. It also strengthened my conviction that we are the Federation of **Dutchess County**, the whole county, not just Poughkeepsie. This is a little challenging at times because we are a geographically big county and my desire is to support our whole community, all at once. While we have an amazing Board, many awesome volunteers, and Nancy, who is my work everything (assistant, accountant, office manager, JFS Medical Loan contact, etc.) there is so much to do and so much more we want to do that it gets overwhelming at times...and I am just one person.

That Saturday though, as if it were meant to be, Rabbi Haddon questioned how much power does one person have? Is one person "just" a drop in the bucket? He continued by sharing the thoughts of Albert Schweitzer, who had something very different to say about the human "drop in the bucket." "We see no power in a drop of water; but let it get into a crack in the rock and be turned to ice and it splits the rock; turned into steam, it drives the pistons of the most powerful engines."

With these words, I felt reenergized—my commitment to our entire community even deeper than before—while trying to cut myself some slack with the reality that I cannot necessarily do it all, all at once...but be a work in progress. That being said, I am excessively happy to share with you our new partnership and program offerings with Pastor Luis Perez of the Rhinebeck Reformed Church. We will be having a monthly Sunday afternoon Learn & Lunch with guest speaker Dr. Bruce Chilton from Bard College starting in the fall, a Film & Faith series, as well as special guest speakers from around the world. Keep your eyes posted for more upcoming details.

As we head into May (with seven events) and our exciting Federation Celebration in June, I want to thank you for your continued support as we are a work in progress and always ready and receptive for volunteers (and donations small or large) to help make JFedDC bigger and better than before!

Happy Mother's Day, Karen Hochhauser

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"State-approved case managers play an integral role in supporting our residents," said Jacob Reckess, Vice President of Operations and Development, PAZ Management. "We are grateful for the dedication and clinical expertise that Cheryl and Ellen bring to our team, and most importantly, to the residents that we support. Cheryl and Ellen have both advocated for countless patients since joining our team, and we're so pleased to have them on board."

**About PAZ Health Care:**

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Cheryl Chianese



Ellen Tucker-Roman

**TIKKUN OLAM IN PUERTO RICO**

Isabel Canning, daughter of Todd and Susan, and Julia Cooper, daughter of Mark and Susan, attended Young Judaea's Alternative Winter Break (AWB) in Puerto Rico this past December. Adam Cooper, son of Mark and Susan, worked there as a counselor.

AWB is a week-long service-learning program emphasizing *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world), social responsibility, and volunteerism. Through a partnership with Young Judaea Puerto Rico and the Jewish Community Center of Puerto Rico, the group worked with the municipality of Loiza, in the center of the island, on project rebuilding, debris removal, food delivery to the homebound, distribution of supplies, and more. Participants also engaged in a special workshop given by IsraAid, an Israel-based international NGO that provides a broad variety of services after natural disasters, environmental crises, and humanitarian events. In addition, the program included a visit to Old San Juan, fun on the beach, and many more adventures. The group was even featured on Puerto Rico's news during the trip. Both Julia and Isabel are enthusiastic participants in Young Judaea's year-round programs and have attended Young Judaea sponsored summer camps.



Above: Adam painting, Isabel working on roof repairs, Isabel and Julia during AWB

Below: AWB group picture



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**New Paths Morning Worship**

Join us at New Paths Sabbath morning service in the informal, intimate setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. The moving liturgy of the *New Paths* prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English. You may also bring supplemental materials to share. We take the time to let the service get through to us, rather than us get through the service.

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

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, May 4, 18, 10:00am. For info, contact: Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Altman: rabbi@vassartemple.org or call the Temple office (845) 454-2570.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625 Jewish War Veterans of the USA will hold an annual Memorial Day Ceremony in Schomre Hadath Cemetery.

All are invited to come to honor our deceased veterans on this day of remembrance and gratitude for their service. The Post assures that flags are placed on the gravesites of veterans at Dutchess County's Jewish cemeteries in time for Memorial Day.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, May 26, 11:00am, Schomre Hadath Cemetery, Lagrange Ave. For more info, contact Ron Markowitz at ronwarko@prodigy.net.

**Jewish Heritage Museum Trip**

Congregation Schomre Israel is planning a bus trip to the Jewish Heritage Museum in Manhattan to see the acclaimed exhibit "Auschwitz. Not Long Ago, Not Far Away".

The trip is open to the community, and reservations will be on a "first come first served basis". After all bus seats are sold, reservations will be put on a cancellation waiting list. A lunch stop at a kosher restaurant (TBD) in Manhattan is planned (not included in the cost) after the tour, before returning to Poughkeepsie.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, July 14 the bus will leave from Schomre Israel at 7:45am. The cost including bus trip and museum admission with a 90 minute guided tour is \$49. Reservations need to be made by June 1 with a check for \$49.00 per person made out to Congregation Schomre Israel and mailed to Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Please note on the check "Bus trip JHM." For info call Irwin Lifshay (845) 797-0063.

**JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625**

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

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in the armed forces and others of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate. 9:00am is an informal coffee and cake "schmooze." Congregation Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, so no outside food may be brought in. We look forward to seeing you there.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday: 5/5, 6/2, 1st Sunday of each month at 9:30am. 18 Park Avenue, Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer: qbee5@optonline.net

**SISTERHOOD/GENERATIONS SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER**

Vassar Temple will both honor long-time members of the Temple and celebrate the contributions of its Sisterhood. Members of Sisterhood will lead the service during which everyone who has been a member of the congregation for 40 or more years will be recognized.

Come enjoy a delicious Shabbat roast chicken dinner (with vegetable option). Rather than charge a set amount for the dinner, donations for the cost of the meal are appreciated.

Those who are being recognized as "Generations Members" are invited to be our guests at the dinner, but please let us know if you plan to attend.

**DETAILS**  
Friday, May 31, 6:00pm Dinner, 7:30pm Service. Please RSVP for the dinner by May 24 to Susan Colodner at sacolodner@gmail.com or by phone at (845) 896-9502.

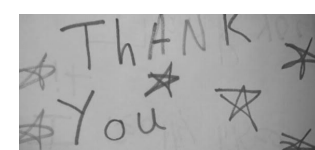
**What is the Mitzvah Day Birthday Project?**

Let's provide birthday parties for local children in need who otherwise would have none - a tote bag filled with birthday cake fixings, a special toy and book reflecting the child's interests, perhaps a party decoration, and a gift card. Choose from many ways to help:

Bring boxed cake mix, canned icing, boxed birthday candles, birthday decor to the donation boxes located in area Jewish houses of worship from after-Passover-ends to May 2.

Kids & teens, adults & preschoolers register at [www.jewishdutchess.org](http://www.jewishdutchess.org) to sort all the birthday fixings, to decorate, to stuff bags, and to make birthday cards on Mitzvah Day on Sunday May 5. Donate \$36 to sponsor a bag\*. Adopt a child's bag to shop for it\*.

\*For info on sponsoring or adopting a bag or if you have any questions about this project, please contact Jasmine Russo at (845) 476-4261 or [jasmainerusso@gmail.com](mailto:jasmainerusso@gmail.com).

**Congregation Shir Chadash Honors its Religious School Teachers**

Congregation Shir Chadash will honor their volunteer religious school teachers on Friday, May 31, 7:30pm. The religious school teachers, along with their high school-age assistant teachers, have been volunteering their time for several years and enjoying the rewards of passing on the knowledge of Jewish learning. The low-pressure, open environment of the school allows for an enriching, fun time—while encouraging learning for all. The Kabbalat Shabbat service will be dedicated to the teachers & their assistants, with an introduction by school coordinator Sue Marcoe. In addition, the students will be presenting their year-end projects. A special oneg will follow. All are welcome! For more info, please call (845) 232-1029, email [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org), or check out the website [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org).

**The "Cabaret Rabbi" to Perform**

Rabbi Deborah Zecher, also known as "The Cabaret Rabbi," will perform her acclaimed show "Broadway Bible".

Rabbi Zecher had always sung primarily in the synagogue. But in 1995 when she was invited to do a presentation at another local temple, the opportunity led to a new passion. She created "Broadway Bible," a program linking familiar Bible stories with beloved Broadway show tunes. Don't miss this entertaining social event!

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, May 19, 7:30pm in the Vassar Temple event hall. \$36 tickets include dessert and a glass of wine and are on sale at the Vassar Temple office. For more info: call (845) 454-2570 or email [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).

**Save the Date: 50th Anniversary Cocktail Party/Raffle**

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of this special event. Only 200 raffle tickets will be sold at the price of \$100 each. The prizes to be given away are 8 prizes of \$250, one prize of \$1000, and the grand prize of \$5000. All ticket holders are invited to attend a delicious buffet with an open wine bar. The winning tickets will be selected at this event. It is possible to purchase a ticket jointly with others.

Please join us for an afternoon of good food, good company, and the possibility of coming away with some extra money in your pocket.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, June 23, 2:00pm, Schomre Israel. For info or to purchase a ticket, contact Irwin Lipshay (845) 452-2051 or the synagogue (845) 454-2890.



Congregation Shir Chadash is hosting a painting party on Sunday, June 2 and will be held in the old social hall at 1168 Rt. 55 across from Arlington High School.

Cost is \$50 per painter which includes two hours of painting instruction and all materials.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and complimentary food and drinks. All welcome!

For info call (845) 232-1029, or to RSVP email: [barbarastapholz@gmail.com](mailto:barbarastapholz@gmail.com)

**THE LEAH's (Ladies Eating at Hadassah)**

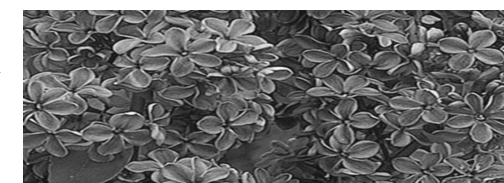
The lilacs are in bloom and so are we. Come join us (Hadassah membership not required) for lunch with a congenial group of ladies.

The LEAH's (Ladies Eating at Hadassah) will be celebrating on OCHO DE MAYO ~~~ for the Gringas within us all; that's **May 8 12:30pm lunch at Margarita's 1810 South Rd (The Kohl's Plaza)**

As in the past, we will be ordering off the menu, and separate checks will be provided. At the luncheon we will collect a voluntary, minimum donation of \$3 for Hadassah.

For questions or to RSVP by May 3, please call Grete at (845) 297-0775 or [grete15@optonline.net](mailto:grete15@optonline.net) or Judy at (845) 462-6310 or [judydym@gmail.com](mailto:judydym@gmail.com). Reservations are a MUST.

1. Do you need a ride?
2. Can you give a ride?
3. Please let us know if you have an April or May birthday that you would like announced.

**End Hungry Summers - Cereal Counts!**

At every age, breakfast is essential for sound physical and mental health. Scientific research suggests that children who eat breakfast score better on math, reading, and memory tests. Adults also feel more alert and concentrate much better following a breakfast meal. But in food-insecure homes, where financial resources to buy food are limited, simple items like cereal can be hard to afford. Hungry summers are coming especially for those children and teens who are not able to attend free breakfast and lunch programs while school is out. This is when *Cereal Counts!*

Join in our annual spring boxed cereal drive that has become a Mitzvah Day tradition! Most cereals today are loaded with nutrients that provide energy and promote good health and growth. Please bring your boxes to the Cereal Counts drive to be held at your house of worship this spring, or, the morning of Mitzvah Day (Sunday May 5), bring them to Mitzvah Day headquarters. The cereal will be distributed by volunteers to food pantries throughout the county to alleviate the hungry summer for those in need around us. And even better, maybe there is somewhere you could conduct a mini drive to collect cereal - your club, office, team, gym, school, community center. Together we can fight summer hunger. Every box of *Cereal Counts!* For info or helpful ideas on how to start a mini drive, please contact Marian Schwartz thru [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org).

**Mah Jongg Mondays**

Beth David in Amenia is hosting Mah Jongg from 1:00pm-4:00pm \$10 contribution and there are snack provided as well as sets and tables.

# Local

## Sunday

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

**Congregation Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Breakfast** May 5, 8:30am following morning minyan. All daveners are invited to partake of a delicious breakfast. All welcome!

**Temple Beth-El Serves at Lunchbox** May 12. Call Nancy Judson (845) 216-7563 to help in this mitzvah.

**Temple Beth-El Building a Singing Community** May 19, 2:00-4:00pm. An intimate afternoon fundraiser of sacred music and new melodies with Jerusalem-based musicians *Nava Tehila*. Food and Wine with the artists follows the workshop. Seating is limited. Contact TBE for tickets (845) 454-0570.

## Monday

**Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga** with Toni Farkas 11:30am. \$5 per session. All welcome.

**Congregation Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Breakfast** May 6, following morning minyan. All daveners are invited to partake of a delicious breakfast. All welcome!

**Temple Beth-El Board Meeting** May 6, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees meeting.

## Wednesday

**Learn & Lunch Bunch** Wednesdays, 11:00am-1:30pm. 118 So. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. Please RSVP each week by Monday so that we can prepare appropriate amounts of food. For information, menu, and program schedule; see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.

## Thursday

**Temple Beth-El Yom Hashoah Commemoration** May 2, 7:30pm, Dutchess Community College

**Temple Beth-El Annual Congregational Meeting** May 16. It is important for all congregants to attend and vote on the new Board of Trustees and on the budget.

## Friday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service** May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 7:30pm. Evening service with Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang followed by a community oneg. All welcome.

**Vassar Temple Teacher Appreciation Shabbat Service** May 3, 6:00pm Happy Hour, 7:30pm service.

**Vassar Temple Shabbat** May 10, 17, 24, 7:30pm.

**Vassar Temple Family Shabbat Dinner & Sisterhood Generations Shabbat Service** 6:00pm dinner, 7:30pm service.

**Temple Beth-El Evening Service** each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian service. All welcome.

## Saturday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs** May 4, 18, 9:00-10:30am. Registration for religious school is ongoing. Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays, and history while having fun and making friends. Non-members are encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation. Come early at 8:45am and have breakfast on us! All are welcome.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program** May 4, 18, 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult, learn through crafts, food, and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service** May 4, 18, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome!

**Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** May 4, 18, 10:00am.

**Vassar Temple Shabbat Y'Ladim** May 11, 10:30am, for ages tot - grade 1.

**Temple Beth-El Shabbat Morning Service** every week, 9:30am. Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.

Join Us Supporting Some of Our Mitzvah Day Partners & Projects

# Out of Area

## Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

23 Albany Ave, Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 [www.templemanuelkingston.org](http://www.templemanuelkingston.org).

All services held in our chapel are available to live stream. Visit our website: [www.cehv.org](http://www.cehv.org) and click on the live stream link on the homepage. You can also view archived services and classes.

**Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service** First Friday evening at 6:00pm with a symbolic oneg following. All other Fridays at 7:30pm with an oneg following.

**Musical Kabbalat Shabbat** is the second Friday of the month.

**Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation** is the fourth Friday of the month.

**Tot Shabbat** May 11, 9:00am. A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.

**Religious School** Saturday, 9:30am-12:30pm, September - May. Contact our Religious School Director Samara Genee for more info at (845) 338-4271 x 110.

**Saturday Morning Service** 10:00am for an uplifting morning communal prayer, meditation, and Torah study.

**Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi** Call (845) 338-4271 (x101) for class dates/time: Hebrew Trope, Torah Study, Introduction to Judaism, Beginner and Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew, Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah and Private Conversion Tutorials.

**Lunch with Rabbi Romer & Guests** June 4, 12:00pm. First Tuesday of the month at 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for a hot luncheon with discussion following.

**Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study** Tuesday, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, led by Rabbi Yael Romer.

**Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer** Meeting first Wednesday, Shabbat Dinner the second Friday, Community service TBD monthly on either the second or fourth Thursday. Religious School registration required.

**Rosh Chodesh** Tuesday, June 7, 6:45pm - refreshments, 7:00pm - Rosh Chodesh Group Meeting. Our Rosh Chodesh group is a women's gathering exploring our female voices in Jewish Traditions.

**Yom HaShoah Remembrance** May 5, 4:00pm community event. All welcome to join us.

# Calendar

## May

### REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### Beacon Hebrew Alliance (Conservative)

331 Verplanck Avenue, Beacon (845) 831-2012  
Rabbi Brent Spodek; Cantor Ellen Gersh; Education Director, Julia Gross Alexander

Website: [www.beaconhebrewalliance.org](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org)

Email: [411@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto:411@beaconhebrewalliance.org)

Services: Visit website for information about services, religious school, and community events

#### Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie (845) 463-5801  
Rabbi Yacov Borenstein

Website: [www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)

Email: [ChabadMidhudsonVly@prodigy.net](mailto:ChabadMidhudsonVly@prodigy.net)

Services: Fridays, call for time and Saturdays at 10:00am

#### Congregation Beth David (Reform)

East Main Street, Amenia (845) 373-8264

Rabbi Jon Haddon

Website: [www.CongBethDavid.org](http://www.CongBethDavid.org)

Email: [JonRab33@gmail.com](mailto:JonRab33@gmail.com)

Services: usually Saturdays, 10:00am twice monthly

except January and February; call for schedules

#### Congregation Schomre Israel (Orthodox)

18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2890

Rabbi Eliezer Langer

Website: [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org)

Email: [SchomreI@aol.com](mailto:SchomreI@aol.com)

Services: Monday-Thursday, 7:00am, Sunday, 8:00am,

Saturday, 9:00am Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm

Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown

#### Congregation Shir Chadash (Reform)

Interim: Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Lagrange

(845) 232-1029

Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang

Website: [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

Email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)

Services: Friday, 7:30pm; bimonthly Saturday Service,

10:45am. Torah study, 9:15am & children's religious

school, 9:00am

#### Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592

Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus

Website: [www.MyPardess.org](http://www.MyPardess.org)

Email: [info@MyPardess.org](mailto:info@MyPardess.org)

#### The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck (845) 876-7666

Rabbi Hanoth Hecht and Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht Website:

[www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](http://www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)

Email: [RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto:RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)

Friday services call for time; Saturday services, 9:30am

#### Temple Beth El (Conservative)

118 So Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-0570

Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman

Email: [info@tbeny.org](mailto:info@tbeny.org)

Website: [www.tbeny.org](http://www.tbeny.org)

Services: Friday, 8:00pm, Saturday Shabbat service at

9:30am, weekdays, 7:30am daily

#### Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 451-3920

Liz Aeschlimann, Rose and Irving Rachlin Director of

Jewish Student Life at Vassar College

Email: [eaeschlimann@vassar.edu](mailto:eaeschlimann@vassar.edu)

Services: Friday, 6:00pm service, 7:00pm dinner when

school is in session

#### Vassar Temple (Reform)

140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2570

Rabbi Renni Altman Website: [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org)

Email: [Office@VassarTemple.org](mailto:Office@VassarTemple.org) or

[rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org)

Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah

study Saturday, 9:00am, New Paths 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

### May Candle Lighting

May 3 .....7:38pm

May 10 .....7:45pm

May 17 .....7:52pm

May 24 .....7:59pm

May 31 .....8:05pm

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We're listening.

Email us at

[TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org](mailto:TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org)



Tot Shabbat, a first worship experience at Vassar Temple

Everyone made their own havdalah set (candle, kiddush cup and spice box) at Vassar Temple's Intergenerational Shabbat.

46+ cases of chunky, nutritious soup, purchased through generous donations from the congregation, were delivered to area food pantries by Vassar Temple's Souper Sale Team.



Marcus Molinaro with Israeli delegation

Making our own challah (and challah covers too!) with Susan Karnes Hecht

Vassar Temple Sisterhood sponsored its annual hamantaschen baking day. Grown-ups and kids got to make these Purim treats for the homebound, for out of town college students, and for munching after the megillah reading.



Vassar Temple's Purim Spiel and Dinner



Congregation Shir Chadash's Purim Spiel Players, Rabbi Dan Polish with the guitar, in a Beatles musical of the Book of Esther



Community Purim Carnival



JFedDC's NextGen Schmooze and Booze

Temple Beth-El Purim