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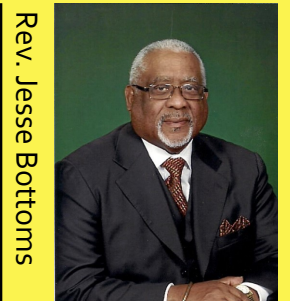
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Sunday, June 6, at 2:00pm

Panel Discussion Guests:



Raffi Berg
Author of *Red Sea Spies: The True Story of Mossad's Fake Diving Resort*



Rev. Jesse Bottoms
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May 16, 1pm: The Twentieth Century Eleanor Roosevelt and Trude Weiss-Rosmarin.
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For more details on collection locations and timing, visit:
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June 13 is Distribution Day.
Collected items will be distributed to food banks around Dutchess County.
For additional details, call JFedDC (845) 471-9811 or visit www.jewishdutchess.org/events

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May

May 12 **Count Me In**—with Rabbi Vicki Axe of Congregation Shir Ami of Greenwich, Connecticut

As we count 500,000+ people who have lost their lives to COVID 19, we are reminded how every person counts for something powerful and unique. We can be counted for acts that are hurtful and insensitive, or we can be counted for acts that are affirming and compassionate. I choose the second: count me in!!

May 26 **Effective Communication** with Joan Carl

Joan will explain changes that take place in a person with dementia and identify strategies to connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.

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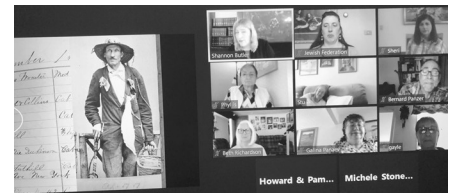
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(Please check the synagogue's website www.schomreisrael.org for updated classes and Zoom addresses)

Is This the End of Days? The Book of Daniel Tuesdays (no class May 18), 10:30am. A personal journey of dedication, yearning, and vision. Classes via Zoom.

Timeless Thought on the Parsha Thursdays at 7:00PM. We will study and discuss a topic from the Parsha via Zoom/

Talmud Studies with Rabbi Krasner Sunday Morning after Shacharis- starting with the 5th Chapter of Brachos. This study session is live, not on Zoom.

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

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple (Please check website for updated information)

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text Every other Thursday from 12:00-1:30pm. Taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. For further information and to obtain the study sheets, contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Torah Study Saturdays, 9:00-10:00am. Examines passages from the week's Torah portion or Haftarah and will be led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D. Call to verify if there is class May 29. New attendees should contact rabbid@vassartemple.org to be put on the Torah Study email list.

All are welcome to come and join in all the classes - no previous training required! No charge to attend. *All classes will be conducted on Zoom as long as necessary for public health reasons. Watch the weekly temple emails or contact the temple for updated information at (845) 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org.*

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El (Please check website for updated information)

Rabbi Daniel Victor is holding classes and social gatherings via Zoom. If you would like to join, email: rabbid@tbeny.org for the Zoom links and passwords.

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| Monday: | 11:00 AM | General Community Schmooze |
| Monday: | 9:00 PM | 35—55ish Community Schmooze |
| Wednesday | 1:00 PM | General Community Schmooze |
| Thursday: | 9:30 AM | Virtual Adult Education with Rabbi Victor |

All welcome. Details at Temple Beth-El www.tbeny.org, or call (845) 454-0570, or email info@tbeny.org.

Chabad Center Classes (Please check website for updated information)

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.

Congregation Shir Chadash (Please check website for updated information)

Congregation Shir Chadash is planning on having interesting and thought-provoking virtual talks on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Each talk will be approximately one hour. Some talks will be lectures; others, open to questions and discussion.

Virtual Torah Study: Saturday, May 1, 15, 9:15AM. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish from the comfort of your own home. Everyone has a chance to participate. No expertise or knowledge of Hebrew is needed. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend.

For Zoom meeting id: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/shirchadashhv/posts/>

All talks are FREE of charge and open to the public. With more exciting and engaging talks to come, check out our website www.shir-chadash.org, or call (845) 232-1029, or email info@shir-chadash.org for additional talks or more details and for links to the Zoom meetings.

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group by Congregation Shir Chadash

Those interested in reading are invited to the Rosh Chodesh reading group (now done virtually) - interesting and provocative discussions, **dates & times TBD**. Participants meet to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry, and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest. Have a topic suggestion? Please let us know!

DETAILS: For more info, contact Sandy Lash: (845) 232-1029 or email: info@shir-chadash.org.

The Return of Schomre's Hebrew Language Class

Plans are afoot to restart Rabbi Kramer's Hebrew Language class. The class will be held outdoors in the early evening on Monday evenings. This class is open to the entire community. Rabbi Kramer would like some input from potential members: Please indicate if you are interested in either beginner's conversational Hebrew or beginning Hebrew language using the siddur as the basis of the class. Either email the Rabbi Shlomo at RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com or call (845) 454.2890 with your preference. This class will begin on Monday, May 3, 6:00pm.

The Yiddish Club Is Coming

We are planning to start the Yiddish Club on Thursday, May 27 at 10:00am outside at Schomre Israel. (The rain date for the class will be June 3.)

If you enjoy speaking a bit of Yiddish or if you are very fluent, if you hunger for a taste of Yiddish culture, if you have a Yiddish song to sing or want to listen to a Yiddish song or poem or pithy saying, or if you want to experience some Yiddish, this is the club for you. Come help shape this Yiddish environment.



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The Harding Club

The Harding Club is proud to announce recipients of its annual Charitable Contributions allocation. Every year members are asked to apply for these funds on behalf of local organizations with which they are associated in some way. The granting of this money is testament to the Harding Club's continuing commitment to our local community, its most needy and its most deserving. Many thanks to the Charitable Contributions Committee, chaired by John Weisman and its members: Lew Sims, Lou Newman, Barry Rothfeld, and Stan Cooper.



The recipients and their Harding Club sponsors are as follows:

- ◇ Randy Ross, Fareground, of Beacon, NY, an organization run by women dedicated to feeding the hungry
- ◇ Gene Fleishman, Dutchess Interfaith Council
- ◇ Gary Mayer, Parkinson's Disease Foundation
- ◇ Martin Hochhauser, Jewish War Veterans, in support of Castle Point Veterans Hospital
- ◇ Michael Rothman, Gayhead School Donors Choice Book Program
- ◇ Mike Elkin, East Fishkill Historical Society
- ◇ Sandy Bernstein, Jewish Federation Lunch and Learn Program

Congratulations to all.

The Harding Club is a philanthropic and social organization composed mainly of Jewish men. It has been active in Poughkeepsie since 1923. The club usually meets at a local restaurant twice monthly for dinner and an interesting speaker. The pandemic has forced the club to meet through the magic of ZOOM, but philanthropic activities continue enthusiastically during these difficult times. In-person meetings will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.

Membership opportunities continue. Check out the club's website (<http://harding.jigsy.com>) or send an email to hardingclub1923@gmail.com.

Alan Fox
Harding Club President

Confirmation Shabbat Service at Vassar Temple

Confirmation is one of the great innovations of Reform Judaism. The early Reformers created this ritual whereby young adults "confirm" their acceptance of Judaism as part of the observance of the Festival of Shavuot which celebrates the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai. While originally intended as a replacement for Bar Mitzvah, today Confirmation is an important expression of a young adult's on-going commitment to Judaism and Jewish learning beyond Bar/Bat Mitzvah level. Our Confirmands have maintained a strong connection to Judaism and the Temple through participation in our own post-B'nei Mitzvah class or in the community Geshar program, as well as serve as Madrichim in our religious school and/or participate in on-going social action projects.

This year Confirmation will take place as part of the Shabbat service immediately following Shavuot, on Friday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. The Confirmands: Aaron Kaflowitz, son of Alan and Meredith, and Matthew Sinn, son of Craig and Michele, will take part in leading the service and will share personal reflections upon reaching this milestone in their Jewish lives. The Confirmands and their immediate families will be in the sanctuary; the congregation will participate on Zoom. Please join us for worship as we honor our young people! Contact office@vassartemple.org for the link.

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

NexGen Spotlight

Next Gen: Andrea Gellen - Attorney and Mommy
By Alyssa Kogon

By the time you read this, local attorney Andrea Gellen will have welcomed her new baby boy. Two and half year old sister, Eleanor, will be very busy helping mom with the latest addition to the Gellen family. Only in her early 30's, Andrea has not only been able to start a wonderful family with her husband David, but has additionally established her own lawn firm Gellen Law PLLC in Poughkeepsie on Mill Street.



Growing up in Scarsdale, Gellen was the child of Hungarian immigrants. She vividly recalls spending every summer in her parent's homeland visiting her grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins. She later attended SUNY Stony Brook and received her BA in 2010. With a 2013 cum laude JD degree from Albany Law School, Andrea took a job in Dutchess County to practice education law. It was during this time that she met her husband David, a Senior Systems Engineer with the Institute for Family Health in New Paltz. The two shared a love of cycling with David acting as the president of the Mid Hudson Bicycle Club. The rest is history.

Last February, right before Covid-19 closed down the world, Gellen took the leap to start her own practice. She had learned that her time was a precious commodity after becoming a mother. "Having a child changed everything. My perception of time and everything about it was different. I became protective of the time I do have and wanted to use it wisely," she confided. That was the catharsis for Gellen branching out on her own, and she has never looked back.

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Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Brian Mann*

The Omer: Marking Our Days, Allowing Ourselves to Hope

If you're like me, during this pandemic you have said something like, "Well, what is time anyway?" or "Pandemic time, you know, all my days are just blurring together." As much as we've tried to vary our routines, make self-isolation/quarantine more bearable, at least for me, there has been an underlying drudgery that makes every day feel like exactly the same.



Rabbi Brian Mann

Since the second day of Passover, we have been invited by Jewish tradition to literally count each day leading up to Shavuot. Passover the celebration of our redemption. Shavuot, the celebration of Revelation. How do we get ready for Revelation? For a Sinai moment? To receive a new awareness?

The Jewish mystics invite us to reflect on a specific quality each day and each week of the Omer: chesed—unbounded love, gevurah—boundaries, tiferet—balance/harmony, netzach—endurance, hod—acknowledgement/submission, yesod—foundation/groundedness, and malchut—majesty/owning one's authority.

For example, the first week of the omer is chesed week, the second day of the omer is gevurah day or gevurah she'b'chesed, boundaries that are within unbounded love. A classic reflection question for the second day of the Omer is "how do boundaries help you show your love?" (For omer counting, meditation, and journal questions, I highly recommend the app, MyOmer).

By counting each day of the Omer, we are counting up to Shavuot, to the moment of Revelation. A moment of deeper awareness. Along with simply marking each day as unique, the omer also invites us to anticipate. The omer invites us to hope. No matter what is happening in our lives, Shavuot is going to come.

During the pandemic, it has been hard for me to tap into hope. It seems like every moment worthy of celebration is marked by yet another warning. "Case numbers and infection rates are going down!" "Be cautious, because it's looking like another spike is on the horizon." "I and so many people I know are vaccinated!" "Be careful, because we don't know how effective they are against variants!" While, we need to trust the science. While, we need to continue being cautious, it seems like this entire year we've been told over and over again, "Don't get too excited. Don't you dare hope. You have to remain ever vigilant."

The omer comes in to remind us that even in a pandemic we have something to count up towards. Something to anticipate. Something to hope for. By counting each day of the omer, we are saying, "We're one day closer to Shavuot! One day closer to Sinai! One day closer to Revelation!"

One of my teachers, Rabbi Benay Lappe taught that every Jewish holiday and ritual has an essential message. A message that with the right awareness we could tap into any time, but our holidays and rituals remind us of those messages. I fully believe the omer is meant to remind us that every day is unique. Every week is unique. There is something to hope for. May we all remember this, especially on those days and weeks that everything seems to just blur together.

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With an incredibly successful first year under her belt, Andrea has been extremely busy helping local residents with their legal issues. Aside from being an expert in Education Law, she also takes on cases involving Elder Law, Landlord/Tenant Litigation, and Estate Planning and Estate Administration. She explains that Medicaid concerns are one of the key items people need assistance with when it comes to Elder Law. She has litigated in local, state and federal court on behalf of clients as well as in multiple administrative forums. Andrea also regularly lectures on legal topics.

If you would like to contact Andrea Gellen or find out more about her law practice you may go to Andreagellenlaw.com or by email: andrea@andreagellenlaw.com.



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Meet Your Neighbor *By Karen Hochhauser*

Each month, we ask a Member of the Tribe (MOT) these questions and feature their answers for a fun and insightful way to meet your neighbors. This month, our special guest is Rusty Stahl who took time from being president of Beacon Hebrew Alliance and President and CEO of Fund the People.



Rusty Stahl

1. **What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: Align
Least Favorite: Chaos
2. **What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
Nature and brainstorming with people I love.
3. **What is your favorite song?**
The Beatles "Here Comes The Sun"
4. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
Motorcycle stunt driver
5. **What profession would you not like to attempt?**
Motorcycle stunt driver
6. **What is your favorite food/dessert?**
Food/Dessert— Breyers Vanilla Ice Cream
7. **What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: My self-deprecating humor.
Dislike: My FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out)
8. **What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I wrote and preformed a Rock & Roll song in camp called, "Late Afternoon"
9. **If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
Mind control over the anti-vaxxers and mask resisters.
10. **What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**
The organization I previously started and ran for 10 years, Emerging Practioners in Philanthropy (ERIP) is still going and about to celebrate its 20th anniversary.
11. **Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
It's on a napkin somewhere, not a bucket. Getting to India.
12. **If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**
To use their surplus income/wealth. Give it away instead of buying things people don't need. Giving in a way to make meaningful change.
13. **What is your most favorite Jewish Memory?**
Spending time with my grandmother.
14. **What is your earliest Jewish Memory?**
A Passover meal
15. **In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**
I think by supporting our people and institutions and giving us a sense of belonging.
16. **What is one question you wished we asked and what is the answer?**
Q: What is one favorite place to go in Dutchess County?
A: Up Mount Beacon
16. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
Here Comes the Sun!

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Reminders:

- ◆ Next month is a combined June/July edition of *The Voice*
- ◆ Check out the updated holiday greeting on page 8



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Our Children Are Our Future!

At Shir Chadash we appreciate this fact even more as Congregation Shir Chadash's religious school finishes another challenging -- yet gratifying -- school year. This is most apparent as we watch our young teenagers, who have grown up before our eyes, become Bar/Bat Mitzvah and lead us in services. Talia Barnes became a Bat Mitzvah on February 20; Matthew Glasser became a Bar Mitzvah on March 6; and Jojo Kaswer became a Bat Mitzvah on April 10. Each of these students was dedicated and hard-working, which was apparent as they led us in virtual services, beginning to end.

We need to thank Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, teacher Rochelle Bellach, and those teachers who worked with these students throughout their religious schooling, as well as those Ivrit teachers who taught them Hebrew. We are so proud of these youngsters and also thankful for those who gave their time to help educate them and who became their role models. During the course of their Jewish education at Congregation Shir Chadash, these children studied the Jewish holidays, Jewish symbols, the different life cycle events, and Jewish values. They also studied Jewish history, Jewish American history, and the role of Judaism in their lives.

These teenagers saw our congregants working to better the lives of the poor by providing food, school supplies, and even reading to those less fortunate children. As part of their Mitzvah projects, these teens have demonstrated the same caring for others, for life, and for this Earth. And as they grow older, we see some of these Bar/Bat Mitzvot following in the footsteps of their parents and fellow congregants, teaching in our Religious School, and helping contribute to our community.

For info about our school, contact Sue Marcoe: sfmarcoe@gmail.com or (845) 723-4045.

Wishing you all a happy & healthy summer, Sue Marcoe

Vassar Temple Religious School News

It is hard to believe that our religious school year is coming to a close this month. What a rich year it has been! Teachers, students, and parents have adapted incredibly well to distance-learning with our new curriculum from ShalomLearning. We had some great family programs celebrating holidays together. On Sunday, May 1, we will learn about Israel and celebrate its 73rd year of independence. Our final day, May 16, falls on the morning of Erev Shavuot. We will end our year, appropriately, by celebrating Torah and its teachings!

Thank you to our teachers Gail D'Alessio, Marcia Tanzman, Shira Teich, and Fern Greenberg-Wolf; our music teacher, Olivia DiLoria; and our *madrichot* Isabelle Hartman, Lana Lieberman, and Amanda Moore, for a great year! Thank you to our religious school chairs, Beth Plotsky and Betsy Poole-DiSalvo, for their leadership and assistance. Thanks to all of the parents for their on-going support and partnership. Have a great summer. I'm already looking forward to the fall when we can be back together in person!

Rabbi Renni S. Altman, DD, Religious School Director

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CHABAD MID-HUDSON VALLEY

Sunday, 10:00am-12:15pm, ages 5-12 years
63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie

For information contact Hindy Borenstein, Director
(845) 463-5801

chabadmidsouthvalley@prodigy.net

JUDAIC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm

For information www.mypardess.org/JSA

RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

Monday, 4:00-5:30pm
Tiny Tots Division (ages 1-5)
Intermediate Division (ages 6-10)
Bar and Bat Mitzvah (ages 11-13)

For information, contact Rebbitzin Tzvie Hecht,
Director (845) 876-7666 or tzviehecht@gmail.com

CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH

The programs focus on G-d & Prayer, Jewish History, and the concepts of Tzedakah, G'milut Chasadim and Tikun Olum. No charge for pre-school children. Open registration. Tots classes through b'nai mitzvah classes are offered. Classes meet 2 Saturdays a month at 9:00am.

For information, contact (845) 723-4045,
info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org

TEMPLE BETH-EL

At Temple Beth-El, education is something truly celebrated! From kindergarten through the last year of high school, Temple Beth-El instills a love of Judaism and a lifelong hunger for Jewish learning.

Tuesday,
Ivrit (Hebrew) School
4:30-6:30pm, grades 3-7

Wednesday,
Gesher Youth Program
6:30-8:30pm, grades 8-12

Saturday, B'Nai Mitzvah Class
9:30am-12:30pm, grade 7

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

For information, contact (845) 454-0570
or education@tbeny.org

VASSAR TEMPLE

Vassar Temple provides a program of Jewish education within the Reform Movement's guidelines, which deepens a student's Jewish experience and knowledge in an accepting and stimulating learning environment. Our philosophy of Jewish learning is based on the quotation from Pirke Avot, "The world depends on three things: on Torah, on worship and on deeds of loving kindness." Temple membership not required.

Sunday Religious School
Sundays, 9:00am - 12:00pm, grades K-7

Hebrew Language School
Wednesdays, 4:30pm - 6:30pm, grades 4-7

Gesher Program
Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, grades 8-12

Innovative individualized Hebrew language instruction and bar/bat mitzvah preparation.

For info contact Rabbi Renni Altman, Director
(845) 454-2570 or rsdirector@vassartemple.org

PJ Library Coffee and Conversation

Would you like to get together for a virtual coffee or evening tea with other PJ Library parents in your neighborhood with similar aged children?

Informal and fun and a way to connect with gratitude as we lean on one another while we are still safe at home.



Please RSVP pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org to receive full details



Let's Get Outside!
And Cultivate Gratitude Together!

"Generation Gratitude"
with Mindful Yoga with Liz and The Sensory Space!
(For ages 0-5)
Family Yoga
Sensory Play~PJ Stories

Shabbat Y'Ladim (Children's Shabbat)
All children from birth to 1st grade are invited to join Rabbi Altman for a Shabbat celebration. Our stuffed bear friends *Kachol v'Lavan* will be there to take part in the singing, stories, and a brief, child friendly Shabbat service. Tell your friends and neighbors--this event is free and open to the whole community. We hope to meet in person, possibly outdoors on the Temple lawn. Masks will be required, we will be safely distanced, and individualized snacks will be served.
DETAILS
Saturday, May 15, 10:30am. If meeting at Vassar Temple isn't possible, we will meet on Zoom. For more info and updates contact: office@vassartemple.org or call (845) 454-2570.



Sign Up!
Contact: Kim Ritz
845-475-2704
Email:
pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org
PPE and Social Distancing Required over 2yrs old
*Outdoor Programs are Weather Permitting

April-June Sundays, 10:00am
April: 4/25 (9:30am start)
May: 5/2, 5/16
June: 6/6
Parent Meet-Up: 5/13 & 6/11 @ 8:00pm
Optional Weekday class upon request

Jewish Community Preschool Teacher and Aide Wanted for Fall 2021 in Poughkeepsie
Teacher/Director: Part time. Candidate needed.
Teacher Assistant: Three days per week 8:30am—12:00pm.
Please email resume to: Lisa and Karen to: jewishcommunitypreschool@gmail.com.



ANNOUNCING! the new **Jewish Community Preschool of the Hudson Valley**
Our mission is to provide high-quality, nurturing, play-based experiential learning emphasizing Jewish culture, traditions and values. We welcome all children regardless of religious affiliation.
The Jewish Community Preschool is an independent entity. It is not affiliated with any denomination or congregation. The JCP will be launched at classrooms at Vassar Temple in Poughkeepsie.
Look for us on Facebook!
For more information, please contact us at: jewishcommunitypreschool@gmail.com

בוֹדָב
Kavod
to honor

Here is a great and easy craft from PJ Library to honor Shabbat from the Imagination Tree!!

Do you have leftover fruits and veggies at home that are maybe too ripe to use? Turn them into printing instruments! Take a plain challah cover or case, add some fabric paint or vegetable based dye, and use apple halves, pomegranate pieces, even celery stalks and hearts, to create beautiful, organically inspired shapes!!!



Taking Generation Gratitude Outdoors! By Kim Ritz

Over the last six months our pilot virtual program "Generation Gratitude: Families Cultivating Gratitude Together" with PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley, Mindful Yoga with Liz, and The Sensory Space has brought family yoga, sensory play, and gratitude focused story walks to the homes of **over 20 PJ Library families** across two counties (Dutchess and Columbia)! After PJLMHV families had tucked their kiddos into bed, the adults jumped back online to join us for some much needed mindful self-care and Gratitude Journal sharing exercises with the Generation Gratitude Team.

We are very excited to take our last semester of our pilot program OUTDOORS for all of our Zoom'ed out families starting 5/13 (with rolling admissions). We will be offering classes OUTDOORS and in-person, along with two virtual evening meet-ups for parents for self care and schmoozing. We have reserved the lawn next to the Krafted Cup on Raymond Avenue in Poughkeepsie and will be meeting up at 10:00 am on Sundays. Strict social distancing and mask wearing will be required for those 3 years and older. Please see the flyer for the schedule.

For our PJ Families who cannot make it easily to Poughkeepsie, we will be offering a few virtual classes as well. Please contact pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org if you would like to register for the class and receive your Generation Gratitude Kit. I have heard from the parents who have participated thus far that the PJ Todah book and the Window Markers were the biggest hits. Parents were very taken by their Gratitude Journals. Looking forward to taking all of these gratitude vibes outdoors with you soon!

PJ LIBRARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Family Name:
The Messing Family

How many kids are in your family and what are their ages?
One, Mira, age 5

How long have you been receiving PJ Library books?
Two months

What is your family's favorite PJ Library book?
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat

How did you hear about PJ Library?
I heard about it through Vassar Temple.

Why is PJ Library important in your home?
It's a natural way to include Jewish life in our day to day routines.

How has PJ Library influenced your family's Jewish living and decisions?
We include more Jewish culture in our daily routines.

Is PJ Library helpful to you as a parent? How?
Without PJ Library, I'd have to be a lot more mindful about how to integrate Jewish life in our routines. Sometimes that's been a struggle/something I let slip.

Tikvas Devorah Chana

The May program for youth of all ages to be presented at Schomre Israel is entitled "Understanding Ruth." Through a presentation and discussion, participants will look at Ruth as a role model and will consider the lessons that we can all take to emulate her. It will be held outdoors on Schomre's lawn on Sunday, May 16, 3:00pm. In case of rain, the program will take place Sunday, May 23, 3:00pm. Please RSVP 5 days in advance to let us know you are coming. Call (845) 454-2890 or email Schomre@aol.com.

Kim



Suzanne



Kavod by Suzanne Turrisi

How do we show Kavod? To which do we honor? The English word "respect" means "look back (again), regard"; honor means "regard with great respect, dignity." - Wikipedia. The Hebrew kavod is related to kaved, meaning "heavy." Indeed, until not long ago, the heavier a person was, the more respectable he or she was— for rich people could afford to eat whatever they wished; whereas, poor people were undernourished, eating very little and looking light and unimportant. Honor is the idea of a bond between an individual and a society. It's heavy to honor someone, not to be taken lightly. We honor our parents, we honor Shabbat! We honor those that are near and dear within our heart!

Please give a warm Shalom to our latest PJ Library Parent Connector, Tamatha Williams!

Tamatha is a PJ Parent of three children, two who are alumnae to PJ and one who is actively participating in **Generation Gratitude**.

Tamatha has been instrumental in assisting with supporting **20 families from 3 different counties in the Mid-Hudson Valley**, who have participated in Generation Gratitude since the Fall! She has also helped launch our Coffee and Conversation Program!



If you are interested in cultivating gratitude with your family and have children 0-5 years old, please register for our **Spring Session of Generation Gratitude has started**.

RSVP: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org to sign up and to receive your Generation Gratitude Kit

Our exciting new virtual program "**Generation Gratitude**" is also a nice way to meet other young families in the area. PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley has teamed up with *Mindful Yoga with Liz* and *The Sensory Space* in order to incorporate family yoga, mindfulness exercises, and PJ story time intentionally to develop gratitude as a cohort in a safe, social space. Hopefully outdoors, weather permitting! Location TBD.

Please check out all of our **PJ Library May 2021 Events** on our Facebook Page: "PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley" and in our bi-monthly PJ Library and PJ OurWay E-News and Mid-Month Update emails!

Want to sign up your children or grandchildren for PJ Library or PJ OurWay chapter books? Please fill out a quick form to start receiving engaging, Jewish FREE books in your mailbox every month!

Sign up for PJ Library (ages 0-8 years old): www.pjlibrary.org
Sign up of PJ OurWay (ages 9-12 years old): www.pjourway.org

Got Questions? New to the community or looking to make connections with other families?
Interested in a Grandparent's Circle? Want to start a Parent's Night In or a monthly playgroup?

We can help! Email: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org
Join our PJ Library Mom's What's app Group or our Mid-Hudson Valley PJ Library Families FB Group
via Email: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

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To make a donation online, go to www.JewishDutchess.org

Thank you!

Save the Date

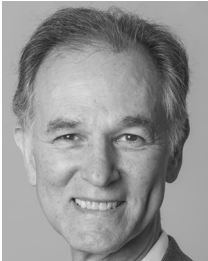
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MID-HUDSON VALLEY'S
BOOK MITZVAH
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!**

RSVP: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

The Federation Board's Voice

You Don't Look Jewish... By Steven Wasser, JFedDC Board President



Steven Wasser

Our daughters took DNA tests and came out over 90% Ashkenazi Jewish. There was clearly no need for me or my wife to take the test. So, are Jews a race, determinable by DNA tests?

What do Jews look like? We are not all white. It is estimated that one million of the 7.5 million Jews in the United States are people of color. In Israel, the majority of the population are Sephardic Jews, many of whom, including Ethiopian Jews, are people of color.

When we meet people who do not look like the stereotypical Ashkenazi Jew, how do we approach them? Is it comparable to when we greet someone who is Caucasian? Do biases exist that we may not even realize?

My Grandma Clara was a petite woman with blue eyes and blond hair. It is clear from our daughters' DNA tests that she was not the progeny of a raiding Cossack. And Angela Buchdahl certainly doesn't fit our traditional view of a Jewish person, yet this Korean American is the rabbi of the Central Synagogue in Manhattan. Her excellent 2020 Yom Kippur sermon on the subject, "We Are Family," can be found on Youtube at this location: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNhG8aW6gbI>



Ethiopian Jew arriving in Israel, funded by Federation of Jewish Philanthropies

The full sermon is worth hearing and/or reading, but here are a few highlights: from Rabbi Angela Buchdahl

Jewish Peoplehood is powerful and real but too often we misunderstand what that means. So today I want to debunk some of the myths around Jewish Peoplehood.

First: **We Jews are NOT a race....**

The first historical articulation of Judaism as a race was during the Spanish Inquisition. Even those Jews

who converted to Christianity, were still considered to have polluted, impure Jewish bloodlines. Later, in an effort to dehumanize Jews, the Nazis used pseudo-science to claim that Jews had identifiable racial features and a genetic propensity toward certain behaviors and beliefs.

The notion of Judaism as a "race" is a construct— created by our enemies— to justify antisemitism, violence, and even genocide. And yet, we Jews still cling to this idea of race: that there is a genetic blueprint, "a look" that makes us what we are.



Angela Buchdahl, Rabbi Central Synagogue

But that's another myth: **Jewish Peoplehood is NOT about a pure Jewish bloodline or survival of one strain of DNA.** We Jews have never been just one color, or one cluster of chromosomes. When the Torah first calls us a People, coming out of Egypt, we are described as an *erev rav*, a "mixed multitude." And when we were exiled from Jerusalem, over 2000 years ago, we spread out to every imaginable corner of the world, Jews went to India, Yemen, Russia, China, and Ethiopia. The majority of Jews in Israel today are not Ashkenazi, but Jews of Color from Middle Eastern, African, and Asian countries.

...I want to debunk one final myth: **Race is NOT scientific.**

Geneticists and anthropologists agree that race is a man-made invention with no real basis in science or biology. ...As Ta Nahisi Coates bluntly says: "Race is the child of racism, not the father." This idea is brilliantly fleshed out in Isabel Wilkerson's groundbreaking new book *Caste*. She convincingly shows how race has been manipulated to create hierarchies of human value— to assert the supremacy of one race over another. To create caste systems. Whether it was Blacks in America, Untouchables in India or Jews in Nazi Germany, the pillars of caste systems are remarkably similar across time and geography.

But it is time to stop thinking of Jewish Peoplehood as a race once and for all. Instead, think of the Jewish People as a FAMILY. You can become family by birth, adoption and choice. And you can create a bond stronger than blood through covenant—as we do in marriage. The Jewish brit, our covenant with God, is how we all became family. Because the foundation of Jewish Peoplehood doesn't come from myths about race but from our covenant with God.

To recognize and celebrate the many among us who do not fit the traditional view of who is Jewish, the Federation is presenting a movie about Operation Brothers and the rescue of Ethiopian Jews to Israel. The movie, "Red Sea Diving Resort," will be shown on May 27th at 7 PM. On June 6th at 2 PM we will host a panel discussion about this movie. The panel will include Daniel Limor, an Israeli agent involved in the Operation, Raffi Berg, author of the book "Red Sea Spies: The True Story of Mossad's Fake Diving Resort", Reverend Jesse Bottoms of Beulah Baptist Church, and Bishop Debra Gause, of Holy Light Church in Poughkeepsie. To register for these events, go to our website at www.JewishDutchess.org/events.

**Come join us for our own "Jerusalema" dance.
No idea what we mean?
Check it out on:
www.jewishdutchess.org/events**

Our Executive Director



Sometimes I have so many thoughts inside my head that I feel like my head is going to explode. One of my bosses once told me that my brain is like a CPU. If only I could speak as quickly as I think - wouldn't that be amazing (or pretty scary). For this month, with limited space, I thought I'd share a few interesting and inspirational quotes.

"Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways, it can change someone else's life forever" Margaret Cho

"Our future is in our hands. It will be what we fight for it to be. Just worrying isn't profitable." Nay Phone Latt

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt

Just the other day I received a text that further inspired me and motivated me that we need to do more. It said, "Watching the craziness on the news. We have to work together to stop the hate. Let's figure it out. I want to help."

So come join us and make an impact. Help us build community and help others. Doing our own little part may make a huge difference in ways we don't even realize. We welcome you.

With limited space to say thank you!

Karen Hochhauser, JFedDC Executive Director

Jews in the News:

Our newest section that highlights updates and happenings of our Jewish business members of the community.

35 Acts of Kindness

Feldman, Kleidman, Coffey & Sappe LLP (FKC&S), a Fishkill, NY-based law firm with clients throughout the Hudson Valley and Capital District, is commemorating its 35th anniversary through a giving campaign inspired by its core values: 35 Acts of Kindness in the local community. In addition to the firm's typical annual giving, including local athletic teams and other worthy causes in the community, donations will be made to organizations pre-selected by FKC&S staff.



3GNY - Descendants of Holocaust Survivors

3GNY is excited to announce that we have hired our first-ever executive director -- Dave Reckess. Dave joins us at a pivotal time for our organization and our society -- 3GNY is expanding, and there is so much important work to do. We hope you all join us in warmly welcoming him.



Dave Reckess

Dave is the grandson of two Holocaust survivors from Lublin, Poland. He was first drawn to 3GNY and the WEDU program last year as a way to carry on his Bubi Sarah's legacy. Her stories of survival inform Dave's passion for education and relationship-building as a way to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to future generations.

Dave comes to 3GNY with an extensive background in education, management, and nonprofit leadership. Trained as an elementary school teacher, Dave has spent the last twelve years as Vice President of Peaceful Schools, an educational firm dedicated to social-emotional learning and conflict resolution. Dave holds a B.A. in Religion from Amherst College and a Masters in Childhood Education from SUNY Cortland. Raised in Poughkeepsie, NY, he now lives with his wife and two kids on a small farm outside of Syracuse. When not tending to their chickens and sheep, Dave can be found hiking with his dog at nearby waterfalls, cooking with friends, or cheering on the Syracuse Orange basketball team.

Dave is grateful for the opportunity to be part of the 3GNY community.

***A special THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to us in 2020.*
With your support we can keep 'creating community'
and making a POSITIVE IMPACT!***

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Waldstein, Ellen
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What Does It Mean To Be Caretakers of The Land?

Vassar Temple will examine the question of what it means to be caretakers of the land during a shabbaton to be held on Zoom. We will open with a shabbat morning service and examine our roles as Earth's caretakers through the lens of the week's Torah portion *B'har*. Then a panel of experts will lead us in discussion about ecologically sound land use, sustainable farming, and how we can each engage in responsible gardening.

DETAILS
Saturday, May 8, Service: 9:00am
Program: 10:00am. Please contact office@vassartemple.org for the Zoom link to this Shabbaton.

Virtual Auction

Vassar Temple and Vassar Temple Sisterhood present "Party with a Purpose!", a virtual happy hour and goods and services auction that will take place online.

The online auction opens Apr. 25, and culminates at the virtual Happy Hour Sunday, May 2, at 5:00pm.

DETAILS
Ends May 2, 5:00pm. For info about registering for the auction or to donate items please contact auction@vassartemple.org or the Temple office (845) 454-2570.



New Member Talks Series

Congregation Shir Chadash is offering interesting and thought-provoking virtual talks presented by some of our new members who would like to share their knowledge and skills to help others. The talks will take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Each talk will be about one hour. Some talks will be lectures; others, open to questions and discussion.

All talks are FREE of charge and open to the public. To attend or for more details, contact Roberta Tracy at (845) 232-1029 or email info@shir-chadash.org. More exciting and engaging talks to come; check out our website www.shir-chadash.org.

New Paths Morning Worship

Always different, the moving liturgy includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English. Participants may bring supplemental materials to share. We take time to let the service get through us, rather than getting 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 (BYO wine or grape juice).

DETAILS
May 1, 22, 10:15am, via Zoom. For info, contact Vassar Temple: office@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570 or Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Altman: rabbi@vassartemple.org

Celebrate Shavuot with Schomre Israel

Congregation Schomre Israel will mark the two day festival of Shavuot with synagogue service on Monday, May 17 and Tuesday, May 18 with services and a special dairy kiddush tendered outdoors. On Monday following kiddush refreshments, Rabbi Kramer will lead a class exploring the topic of what defines a Kosher sefer Torah, tefillin, or mezuzah. RSVP to let us know that you will be coming for our special kiddush (845) 454-2890. All in person events require social distancing and the wearing of face masks.

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Program Wither Thou Goest: Journey into Jewish Life

It is traditional on the Festival of Shavuot, which celebrates the revelation of Torah at Mt. Sinai, to read the Book of Ruth. The book tells the beautiful and touching story of Ruth, a Moabite, who, after the death of her husband, accompanies her mother-in-law, Naomi, back to the land of Judah and commits her life to Naomi and to Judaism. Ruth becomes the model of one who chooses Judaism. Today, whether born a Jew or choosing Judaism as an adult, we are all "Jews by Choice" and have all been on different journeys into our Jewish lives.

During our annual joint Tikkun Leyl Shavuot this year, we will explore our different journeys. Rabbis Polish, Victor, and Altman will open the study session with teachings about the Book of Ruth. Then a member from each congregation will speak about their "Journey into Jewish life." For the final part of the program, all will have the chance to reflect about their personal journeys and share in small groups. A zoom link will be provided to members of the sponsoring congregations; others may contact one of those temples for that information. We will have to wait until next year to share the traditional cheese cake and blintzes; for now please feel free to bring yours with you to the tikkun!

DETAILS
Sunday, May 16, 7:45 pm, Ma'ariv Service 8:00 p.m. Program begins. Sponsored by Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El, and Vassar Temple.

NEW YEAR—NEW GREETINGS...Get Yours Today!

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

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

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

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Local

Sunday

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

Temple Beth-El Serves at Lunchbox Call Nancy Judson (845) 216-7563 to help in this mitzvah. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

Vassar Temple Joint Maariv Service & Tikkum Leyl Shavuot May 16, 7:45pm

Monday

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas 11:00am. (No class 5/17) \$5 per session. Also a class on Thursdays. Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga that provides participants with a way to exercise and experience the benefits of yoga. No equipment is necessary. Social distancing is practiced, and face masks are required at all times.

Congregation Schomre Israel Shavuot Services May 17, 9:00am, followed by special dairy kiddush and class. See page 10 for more details.

Temple Beth-El Board Meeting 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees meeting. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

Vassar Temple Shavuot Festival Services & Yizkor May 17, 10:30am.

Wednesday

Congregations Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Sivan Breakfast following morning services. There will be a packaged light breakfast for you to enjoy.

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

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas 11:00am. \$5 per session. This newly scheduled class will give participants a chance to practice chair yoga twice a week! Come on Mondays and/or Thursdays. Open to all.

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat Service May 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:30pm. Virtual Service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. You are welcome to read a prayer of your choice or write one and read it at the service, if you wish. For Zoom meeting id: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/shirchadashhv/posts/> or www.shir-chadash.org. All welcome to attend.

Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Services May 7, 14, 7:30pm; Confirmation Shabbat May 21, 7:30pm; Simchat Shabbat May 28, 6:00pm. All services are on Zoom go to www.vassartemple.org for link.

Temple Beth-El Evening Service each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian service. All welcome. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Virtual Sharing Shabbat -Religious School Programs May 1, 15, See page 6 for more information. For Zoom meeting id, please email: info@shir-chadash.org.

Congregation Shir Chadash Virtual Tot Program May 1, 15, 9:30-10:15am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult, learn through doing: crafts, food, and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge. For Zoom meeting id email info@shir-chadash.org

Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship May 1, 22, 10:15am. Service via Zoom.

Vassar Temple Shabbat Y'ladim (possibly outdoors) May 15 10:30am.

Vassar Temple Shabbaton May 8, 10:00am

Temple Beth-El Shabbat Morning Service Every week, 9:30am. Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat. Contact Temple Beth-El at info@tbeny.org for current information.

Out of Area

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

243 Albany Ave, Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 ext. 101, templemanuel@hvc.rr.com, www.CEHV.org
 Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102, rabiromer@hvc.rr.com

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley continues to follow CDC recommendations in regard to COVID-19 precautions to ensure the health and safety of our community. At the time of this submission, most events are currently being held online. For any events we are able to hold in person and outdoors, all participants are required to wear a mask and maintain social distance of no less than 10ft between households. For more information on the following list of events or to learn more about Meditation, Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah, or for Private Conversion Tutorials, or Adult B'nai Mitzvah by arrangement; please call our main office at (845) 338-4271 x 101, and as conditions change and events are subject to change, please contact us, or check our website—cehv.org for updates to and possible changes to location for events. **Unless otherwise noted, all services are held virtually via LiveStream** on our website at www.cehv.org/livestream/

Early Family Kabbalat Shabbat Friday, May 7, 6:00pm., via Live Stream.

Kabbalat Shabbat Services Friday, May 14, 21, 28, 7:30pm.

Tot Shabbat Friday, May 7, 5:30pm. before Friday or Saturday services. Introduce your tot to Shabbat through music with Rabbi Yael Romer and her guitar. Email jessica.cehvra@gmail.com to be added to the list to receive Tot Shabbat updates and announcements.

Morning Minyan Saturday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:00am. Communal prayer, meditation, and Torah study.

Chai with Rabbi Yael! Thursday, May 6, 13, 20, 5:00pm. Join together and say "chai." Rabbi Romer leads a special 18-minute sessions. We warmly welcome you, via Zoom!

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Tuesday, May 4, 11, 18, 8:45am., followed at 9:15am with Torah study Led by Rabbi Romer, join your fellow seekers to receive the day's blessings and explore Jewish traditions with progressive, egalitarian approach.

Leonard & Barbara Zimet Religious School We are so pleased to announce CEHV is in the process of hiring a new Religious School Director, and look forward to renewing our full year-round, innovative Programming for ages Pre-K through Grade 10 this fall. Registration is open for 2021-2022 school year.

Adult Education with the Rabbi—ongoing weekly classes via Zoom and private tutoring and adult b'nai mitzvahs available.

Hebrew Trope Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19, 12:30pm. New comers welcome' learn or improve Torah chanting skills!

Conversational Hebrew (Beginner and Intermediate) Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19, 4:00pm. This dedicated and entertaining group meets to learn and practice the fundamentals of conversational Hebrew. Hebrew, new comers are always welcome! Conversational modern Hebrew presented through the textbook curriculum created by professors of Hebrew at Brandeis University.

Monthly Brotherhood Meeting Tuesday, May 11, 6:30pm. New members are welcome and encouraged. Brotherhood hosts annual and special events throughout the year.

Monthly Sisterhood Meeting Thursday, May 13, 7:00pm. New members are welcome and encouraged. Sisterhood hosts monthly activities and special events throughout the year.

Shavuot Sunrise Service (In Person) Monday, May 17, from 5:00am-5:30am. Sunrise service, with social distanced BYOB (bring your own breakfast) picnic breakfast following the outdoor service, at Kingston Point Beach, All invited to bring a poem or contemporary text about Jewish revelation.

Torah Now: Thursday, May 6, 13, June 3, 10, 7:00pm Reading the World into Torah and Torah into the World Description. Guest Teacher and Board Member Mary Warren presents ancient stories that happen everyday. This limited series will take place over 4 classes. During these classes, we will examine biblical narratives and contemporary sources to discuss issues that are as old as they are new. May 6—Pursuing balance—Golden Calf: The Comforts and Curses of Consumerism; May 13—Pursuing justice—"Will you sweep away the innocent along with the guilty?": Respecting the law and question authority in pursuit of justice; June 3—Purpose meaning—Feeling Jacob and Esau struggle in her womb, Rebekah asks, "Why do I exist?": Finding purpose in an overstimulation world; June 10—Pursuing peace—Kohelet—"Herding the wind": Mortality, immortality, and wisdom.

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, Ashley Baker
 Website: www.beaconhebrewalliance.org
 Email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org
 Services: Fridays, 7:30pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit website for information about services, religious school, and community events

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie (845) 463-5801
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
 Website: www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com
 Email: 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
 Email: 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 Shlomo Krasner
 Website: www.schomreisrael.org
 Email: rabbishlomok@gmail.com
 Services: Shacharis (weekdays): 7:30am, Shacharis (Sunday & holidays): 8:30am, Maariv (winter weekdays): via Zoom 6:40pm, Friday Kabbalat Shabbat: around candle lighting time, Shabbat Shacharis: 9:00am

Congregation Shir Chadash (Reform)

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

Pardess Center for Jewish Life

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

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck (845) 876-7666
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht and Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht Website: www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
 Email: 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
 Website: 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
 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
 Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or rabi@vassartemple.org
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah study Saturday, 9:00am. New Paths 1st and 3rd Saturday every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

May Candle Lighting

May 7 7:42pm

May 14 7:50pm

May 21..... 7:56pm

May 28 8:03pm

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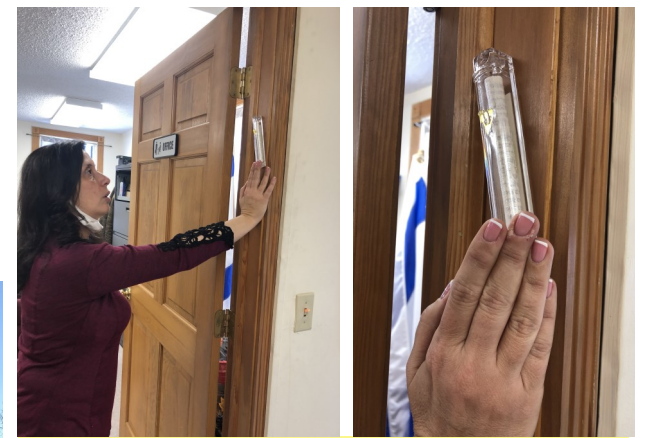
Passover in the park with PJ Library and Congregation Schomre Israel



Vassar Temple Sisterhood Passover Mitzvah Project- Passover gift bags containing homemade matzo ball soup and charoset, boxed matzo, macaroons, and other Pesach delights were prepared and delivered to the elderly, disabled, and those having a hard time to help them celebrate the holiday during this especially difficult year.



Our Mitzvah Now project of pack a purse was a huge success! Volunteers: Michele Bretholtz, Banna Rubinow, Elissa Davidson, Galina Panaev, and Suzanne Turrisi packed 85 purses filled with requested and essential items for Grace Smith House! This project would not have been possible without Galina Panaev, whose initial idea it was!
A huge shout out to those who contributed!! Thank you for coming through for us! Photos by Elissa Davidson



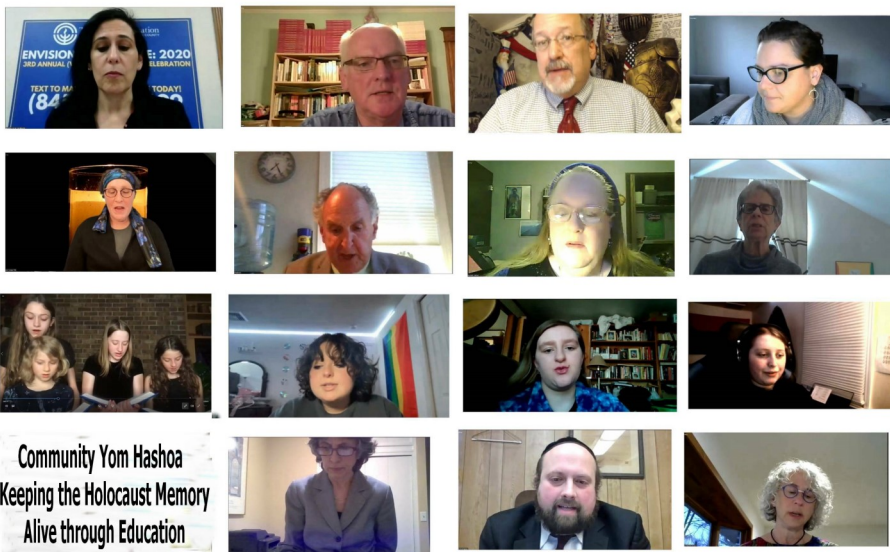
Federation has been busy putting up mezuzot! Myzuzah.org is an organization that will send a mezuzah with kosher parchment to you for the asking. It comes ready with double sided tape and they will even zoom you in to say the blessing. We have previously put up other mezuzot around the office, thanks to Rabbi Victor's donation for the parchment!



Masks for Vets-JWV Post 625 Commander Ron Markowitz and Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer, presented the Castle Point V.A. over 600 new face masks collected by the Post. The masks will be distributed to clients of the Castle Point veterans' food pantry.



The Harding Club delivering food to Morse School



Community Yom Hashoa Keeping the Holocaust Memory Alive through Education

Community Yom Hashoa, Keeping the Holocaust Memory, Alive through Education

On Wednesday, April 7, we had our annual community observance of Yom Hashoa. Because of the COVID virus, we had to do the ceremony through Zoom. The ceremony began with the recollections of the descendants of those who lived during that time. After the memorial part, several speakers spoke about how the events of today have mimicked the events that led up to the evils of the past. The speakers reminded us that we must learn from the past and maintain a vigilance by speaking up so that we can truly say never again.

Photo of the speakers left to right by Irv Miller: Karen Hochhauser, Dr. Werner Steger, Jeffrey Urbin, Abby Gondek, Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Rabbi Jon Haddon, Cantor Deborah Gartner, Miriam Aaron-Zimet, The Parson Sisters, Tamar Hyman-Fessler, Bethanie Gartner, Rafi Hyman-Fessler, Rabbi Renni Altman, Shlomo Krasner, Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann

Friendly Reminder:
The June/July edition is a combined paper and items are due May 1
Check out the new updated holiday greetings on page 10.
Rosh Hashanah greetings are due by August 8



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