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Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

May 5, 8:30am
Congregation Schomre Israel
18 Park Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY

~ Community breakfast @ 8:30am
~ Volunteer opportunities for all ages and families to follow
~ Crafting corner projects for the kids

Visit www.jewishdutchess.org/events to sign up for volunteer activities and to bring collection items!

Offsite Volunteer Activities

- Children's Home of Poughkeepsie** (10 Childrens Way, Poughkeepsie)
Repair/repaint raised planters, clear & replant flower beds, and trail clearing.
- Temple Beth-El Cemetery Flag Planting** (Temple Beth-El Cemetery)
Replace and plant flags for Memorial Day.
- Grace Smith House** (1 Brookside Ave, Poughkeepsie)
Flower bed/walkway weeding, raking/leaf removal, mulch rotation/spreading.
- Appalachian Trail Clean-Up** (Appalachian Trail)
Outdoor beautification (supplies provided).
- Baking for The Lunch Box** (118 S Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie)
Baking cookies for The Lunch Box to be distributed in the upcoming week.
- Pershing Ave Historical Cemetery (starting @ 2pm)** (37 Pershing Ave, Poughkeepsie)
Historical Cemetery clean-up (garbage bags provided).

Onsite Volunteer Activities

- Blanket Making for Cancer Patients**
Making blankets to distribute to cancer patients.
- Care Box Decorating**
Assembling care boxes for distribution at The Grace Smith House.
- Rosh Hashanah Card Making**
Making festive cards to distribute to our seniors during Rosh Hashanah.
- Succulent Planting**
Decorating succulent plants to distribute to our seniors at various nursing homes.

Collections

- Cereal Counts**
Bring new boxes of cereal
Box items for food pantry distribution.
- Jewish War Veterans**
Collect individually wrapped snacks, canned goods, plastic wrap and aluminum foil.

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SUNDAY May 19
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LEARN & LUNCH BUNCH

The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County presents weekly cultural, social, and educational programs.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS Join us!

MEETING LOCATION

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

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May

- May 8 **The beautiful architecture and tragic life of Arnout Cannon Jr. presented by Shannon Butler, historian.**
Menu: tuna and egg salad wraps, cole slaw, fruit salad, ice cream bars
- May 22 **The friendly calls program with Linda Edgar.** Come learn about how to get involved with this fabulous program with Linda, from the office of the aging.
Menu: bagels, lox, tuna, salad, cookies

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Learn & Lunch Bunch is partially funded by the Ann & Abe Effron Fund and Bernard and Shirley Handel Foundation Donor Advised Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley



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SEEKING DUTCHESS COUNTY CENTENARIANS

2022 and 2023 were both record years for the number of Dutchess County centenarians and couples married 70 years honored in the "Celebration of Aging" section of OFA's summer THRIVE60+ newsletter. Will 2024 be a third straight record-setting year?

By our estimates there are between 50 and 80 centenarians who make Dutchess County their home, and we've been able to locate and honor about half of them in recent years; likewise, we've been able to honor as many as eight couples who were married 70 years or more, and we suspect there are more to be found.

If you're lucky enough to know someone who fits either or both of those categories, please reach out to OFA by May 10th at (845) 486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov. Anybody who'll be 100+ at any time this year, or celebrating a 70th anniversary, can be honored.

And if you *are* the person who fits the description...we'd like to ask you what your secrets to longevity are. We've been asking centenarians this question for decades and the answers have ranged from "a strong faith and loving family" to "daily exercise" to "nine golden raisins soaked in gin."

"GOGO GRANDPARENT" UPDATE

GoGo Grandparent (GoGo, for short) is an on-demand senior transportation option for older adults (age 60+) in Dutchess County, with limited free rides to non-emergency medical appointments within Dutchess County for those who are *not* Medicaid clients, when no other options are available.

GoGo has been operating in Dutchess County as a pilot program since last year and is available wherever Uber/Lyft drivers are available. Dutchess County Government funding for GoGo was augmented this year with a \$25,000 grant from the Field Hall Foundation (fieldhallfoundation.org), through which we've been able to expand GoGo service.

GoGo is now also available to all Dutchess County older adults, regardless of Medicaid eligibility, to visit loved ones in hospital, nursing home or hospice, within Dutchess County.

Call OFA at (845) 486-2555 to register and check availability of GoGo as well as other transportation options. (For information on non-emergency Medicaid transportation, visit medanswering.com or call (866) 244-8995.)



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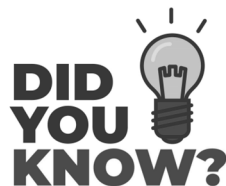
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The Harding Club



Our snowbirds are flocking back north. And the cycle of life continues.

The Harding Club continued this winter doing good deeds within our community. Also, we have enjoyed great lunches and dinners as well as some fascinating speakers. Les Muldorf spoke about his trip to Antarctica. John Gavin spoke about the "very complicated" Jewish calendar. Ira Auerbach spoke about his experiences doing arbitration work. Vic Stern spoke about his years working for the IRS. And there is more ahead.

New members have been welcomed.

The Harding Club is over 100 years old. Founded by a group of young Poughkeepsie men in 1923, its original purpose was to overcome anti-Jewish prejudice and to be allowed to join a local basketball league. Over the years the club has served the business and social needs of Jewish men of all ages. It also has become an effective and generous philanthropic organization. We send aid to Jewish and non-Jewish organizations in our community as well as to the fighting forces in Israel now resisting the Hamas horror that began last fall.

Meetings are usually held at the dinner hour at a local restaurant. Camaraderie, dinner and an interesting speaker make for an enjoyable and stimulating evening. Speakers come from a very wide range of interests and expertise. Sometimes we meet for lunch.

You are invited to explore membership by contacting any of us listed below. I am Alan Fox, currently club secretary and a former president. Gene and Irv, listed below, will also be glad to ease you into membership.

We have a website: harding.jigsy.com. You can also send us a note at any of the email addresses listed below.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Calling All Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors!

Are you the grandchild of Holocaust survivors? Are you looking to make an impact in your community to counter antisemitism and hatred?



Join 3GNY to connect with other grandchildren of Holocaust survivors ("3Gs") and stand up to hatred. 3GNY has built an active community of 3Gs in the New York City area since 2005, and is now expanding to engage 3Gs in the Hudson Valley and across Upstate NY! With 3GNY, you can share your family story in schools as part of our WEDU speakers bureau, host a 3G Salon to Confront Antisemitism, and attend our community programs to create meaning and connection with other 3Gs.

WEDU ("We Educate") is 3GNY's flagship educational initiative that empowers grandchildren of Holocaust survivors ("3Gs") to learn and compellingly share their family's Holocaust experiences with students and community groups.



3G Salons to Confront Antisemitism can be hosted in your home, synagogue, workplace, campus, or community. Salons leverage 3G testimony as a starting point for meaningful conversation about the lessons of the Holocaust, global antisemitism today, and how people of different backgrounds and faiths can come together to support the Jewish community and stand against antisemitism.

3GNY's community-building and educational programming includes webinars, lectures, film screenings, discussions, and support groups on topics related to the Holocaust and antisemitism, with a special eye to the 3G experience. By coming together to learn, share, and socialize, we create a supportive network that empowers 3Gs to embrace the responsibility of carrying on their family legacy, while connecting with peers over our shared experiences as grandchildren of survivors.



Email: info@3gnewyork.org or visit www.3gny.org for more information and to get involved!

****Join the Community Yom Hashoa event on Tuesday, May 7 to hear directly from David Reckess and 3GNY****



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Sunday May 27, 1:00PM
Schomre Hadath Cemetery
67 Lagrange Ave., Poughkeepsie 12603

Presented by Jewish War Veterans Post 625

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Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus*

The Jewish month of Iyar which begins this year on May 9th is spelled אייר which is an acronym in Hebrew for "I am g-d your healer"

There are two kinds of healing. The first is, after a person contracts an illness they take a medication and they heal. The second is preventative, a person will exercise, take vitamins or similar to prevent from contracting an illness in the first place.

Us, the Jewish people, G-ds people, often find ourselves "feeling ill" threatened from the outside, suffering many losses in a short period of time, and feeling abandoned.

The month of Iyar is also the time when we mourn the passing of many of Rabbi Akiva's 24,000 students.

It is specifically during this time, during the 7 weeks of which we count the omer, that we make an extra effort to be kinder more caring and go out of our way to help and be there for another.

Sefira, mourning students of Rebbi Akiva the author of the quote *ze klal gadol batorah*.

The Jewish people are like one body with one soul, when there is a "wound" with one person we all feel it. And at the same time when we show love and care for one another it impacts even those who may be physically distant.

The unity of the Jewish people brings about healing and strength and even prevent illness and suffering to begin with.

True love is not just "tolerating" differences but accepting and embracing people despite their difference of opinion or life style.

To conclude, the biggest Mitzvah a person can do is to save a life, which sometimes can even come at the cost of really inconveniencing our self.

One of the most well-known forms of self-sacrifice to save another in today's world, is live kidney donation. Being a kidney donor myself, I can say first hand that the process is very inconvenient and physically painful but the reward is infinite and I would do it again in a heart-beat.

I want to encourage anyone who is healthy and a possible donor candidate for Mr. Mark Karp, a loving father and husband in our community, to get in touch with Linda Cantor. If you are considering about being a donor and have questions, I am happy to talk to you over the phone.

May our unity and care for each other reach the depths of Hashem to bring about the immediate redemption-Moshiach when the world will be in complete peace and happiness/.



Rabbi Sandhaus

Meet Your Neighbor *By Karen Hochhauser*

Each month, we ask a Member of the Tribe* (MOT) the following questions and feature their answers for a fun and insightful way to meet your neighbors. This month, we are excited to introduce Linda Cantor, who took time away from helping her family to answer our questions.

1. **What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: *Love.*
Least Favorite: *Other- when you consider people "The Other".*
2. **What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?** *Connection. Nature. Poetry. Music.*
3. **What is your favorite song?**
Anything from Leonard Cohen
4. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?** *To become a Rabbi.*
5. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?** *Being an engineer.*
6. **What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**
Potato kugel.
7. **What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *My ability to make friends.*
Dislike: *Lack of patience.*
8. **What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I have done silent retreats for 2-3 weeks at a time.
9. **If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
To be able to stop hunger and starvation worldwide.
10. **What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**
I'm proud of having been able to be involved in the women's movement and being able to respond to working and raising a family with my husband - we were expected to "do it all".
11. **Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
I no longer have a bucket list. I just enjoy spending as much quality time with family and friends as I can.
12. **If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**
Abolish the negative "isms" in the world.
13. **What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
Long seders at my grandparents' house.
14. **What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**
Summer camp at Camp Cejwin as a camper and counselor.
15. **In what ways, does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish community?**
They've helped bring together the various Jewish groups in the community and are a good representative of Jewish values in the community.
16. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
Welcome! You've conveyed your moral and ethical values to the following generation.



Linda Cantor

*Member of the Tribe

Saving a Life *by Linda Cantor*

Our son-in-law Mark, our daughter Laura's husband, is in urgent need of a kidney transplant. Mark has been waiting for a kidney transplant for almost six years. He is on transplant lists in several states, but thus far a new kidney has not been made available to him. He has been on dialysis three times a week for six years because his kidneys do not function. Dialysis has been keeping him alive, but also has seriously impacted his quality of life. In addition, dialysis does not come without risks to other organs. The average life expectancy for those like Mark on full dialysis is seven years. Only 25% of patients survive the five-year point with that number dropping to a 10% survival rate by year 10.

Mark and Laura are parents of Aaron, a wonderful 8-year-old boy. Aaron has never known his father as a healthy man who can play ball, ride bikes, swim, or ski with his son. It is not what parents wish for their daughter and her family. Recently Mark, and by extension Richard and I, have connected with a Jewish organization in Brooklyn that helps find living donors for kidney transplants. It is an act of *chesed*, or loving kindness to save a life in the Jewish tradition. Kidneys from living donors generally work better and last longer than those from a deceased person.

Renewal, a Brooklyn based non-profit organization, works to educate patients and the public about kidney disease and transplants. The organization provides patients with tools to help find a living donor. They work with and support both the patient and the donor through every stage of this journey, providing both emotional and financial support. There are no out-of-pocket expenses for donors. At Renewal's education events, swabbing, an easy test to determine donor eligibility is available. Swabbing does not obligate you to be a donor. It is a first step in the process. Out of every twenty people swabbed, two might agree to be donors. We can all live with one kidney. I, Linda, found out about 15 years ago that I have only had one functioning kidney for most - and possibly all - of my life. Renewal is a reputable organization. When I first encountered them, I reached out to friends in New York and New Jersey as a step in the vetting process. Very quickly, I received names and statements with permission to contact both donors and transplant recipients whose kidney exchanges were facilitated by Renewal. The donors described their experiences on the Renewal website as amazing and fulfilling. The transplant recipients resumed lives that they thought were forever out of reach.

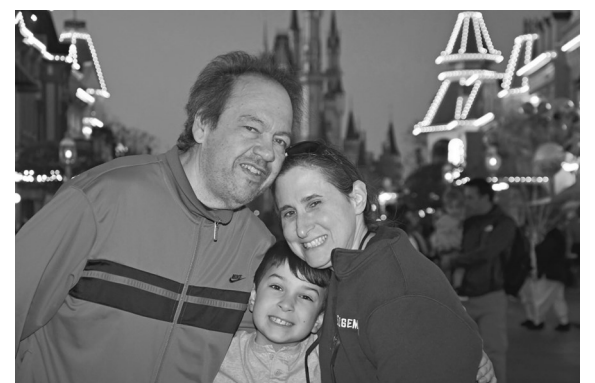
The Talmud teaches "Whoever saves a single life is considered to have saved the world."

If you are interested in taking the simple, painless swabbing test or being a kidney donor. Please contact Renewal at (718) 431-9831 or Email info@renewal.org.

Please assist us in helping keep Mark alive so that Aaron can grow up with a father and Laura doesn't lose her husband.

**In Friendship and Gratitude,
Richard and Linda Cantor**

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All young children up to first grade are invited to bring their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and/or friends to Vassar Temple on Saturday, May 18, 10:30am. Rabbi Altman and her stuffed bear friends *Kachol v'Lavan* will be there to help us greet the Sabbath and to learn about the State of Israel. Tell your friends and neighbors—this short service, specially designed for young children, is free and open to the whole community. For questions and to RSVP, please contact office@vassartemple.org.

Creativity By Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

According to Positive Psychology.com, "Creativity can be defined as the ability to bring something original and valuable into the world." Creativity can occur in almost any field. It perhaps is most obvious in art and music. However, creative thinking is evident in mathematics, engineering, science, business and education as well. Creativity can be found when there are problems to be solved or the mind seeks expression.

The Torah teaches that creativity is our very birthright and a foundational component of Judaism. The first three words of the Torah are *Beresheit bara Elohim* — "In the beginning, G-d created." If God is first and foremost a creator and we are created in God's image, then we too are created to be creators. Each of us is endowed with creative capacity simply by being human.

The Torah is all about questions, and creativity comes from questioning the status quo. Jews even question the most status quo of all—God. Jewish creativity is about "what if", it's about changing and not completely accepting the world as is. The Jewish prayer book calls upon us again and again to sing a shir chadash, a new song, to G-d. What constitutes a new song is something unique, something born from creativity



PJ Library Birthday Bash

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE

Friday afternoons, ages 9-13 years
 Sunday mornings, ages 5-13 years
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon
 Contact celia@beaconhebrewalliance.org
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 63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie
 For information contact Hindy Borenstein, Director (845) 463-5801
chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net

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

RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

Monday, 4:00-5:30pm
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 Intermediate Division (ages 6-10)
 Bar and Bat Mitzvah (ages 11-13)
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Kulanu: All of Us A School of Jewish Learning
 A joint religious school program with Shir Chadash and Temple Beth-El
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Classes meet:
 Pre-K through grade 6, 10:00am-12:30pm on Sundays*
 January-Mid March we meet on Saturdays and explore Shabbat.
 Grades 3-7 also meet Tuesdays 4:45pm-6:15pm.
 B'Nai Mitzvah class (grade 7 meets Saturday mornings).

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

VASSAR TEMPLE

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

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

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PJ Library, a flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF), was launched with a humble beginning in 2005 in Western Massachusetts, sending children's books about Jewish holidays, culture, and values. Today, PJ Library has grown into an internationally recognized, \$40M global cultural literacy venture that partners with philanthropists and Jewish communities around the world to provide families raising Jewish children ages 0-12 with the gift of free, high-quality children's books and other resources that foster a deeper connection with Jewish life (www.hgf.org).

Thank you!

יצירתיות
Yitzirut—tziut
Creativity

Tamatha



Suzanne



Here's a creative craft from MarthaStewart.com on how to make natural ink

Materials:

- Foraged leaves, flowers, and berries
- Water
- Salt
- White vinegar
- Gum Arabic (available at art supply stores)
- Colorful plant
- White clove or wintergreen oil
- Old pot (stainless steel works best)
- Rubber gloves
- Rags
- Coffee filter
- Funnel
- Wide mouth glass jar
- Glass bottles with lids

Directions:

- Step 1**—Gather your materials, many of which can be found at home or outside in the backyard, you can try : coffee, black bean, sumac, black walnut, spinach, red cabbage, iris petal, elderberry, turmeric, grape juice, pokeweed berry, buckthorn berry, jicama, onion skin, wild grape, and goldenrod.
- Step 2**—In an old pot, add leaves, flowers, or berries, water, salt (1 dash per cup) and white vinegar (1 teaspoon per cup). Heat, keeping just below boiling.
- Step 3**—Cook for at least an hour or until water takes on a deep, rich color. Use a strip of paper to test your color.
- Step 4**—Place a coffee filter inside a funnel, then the funnel inside a wide-mouth glass jar. Pour the water slowly into the top to filter the ink.
- Step 5**—In a glass bottle, add gum arabic (one part to 10 parts ink) and a whole clove or a drop of wintergreen (as a preservative). Pour ink into the bottle, leaving some space at the top. Close with a tight-fitting lid.
- Step 6**—Name and label your ink.
- Step 7**—Use ink in arts and crafts projects.

Once you start making ink, the world never quite looks the same!!!



PJ Library's First Birthday Bash

By Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

While PJ Library celebrated its 18th birthday this year, we thought it fitting to celebrate our PJ Library families' birthdays too. April kicked off our first Birthday Bash!

Our celebration began with a unique craft, making caterpillar creatures using a sock, some stuffing and pipe cleaners. We then had story time using a book read by Suzanne Turrisi *Where Is the Afikomen* by author Judyth Saypol Groner. We did a second craft where we created birthday cards using dried flowers, a cupcake liner and a birthday candle. The festivities also included lots of running and jumping along with a special birthday treat for everyone!

Our first PJ Birthday Bash brought lots of smiles and laughter too. Our next bash is scheduled for May 20, 2024 where we will be celebrating PJ families with May, June and July birthdays!

Here are details of the fun crafts that you can do too:

Caterpillar Stuff

Supplies:

- A sock
- A pipe cleaner
- Googly eyes
- Glue (hot glue is recommended)
- Pillow stuffing
- Small hairbands



Instructions:

- Use pillow stuffing to stuff your sock
- Once stuffed, use rubber bands to create a head and body sections
- Wrap the pipe cleaner around the head portion. Shape to form antennae.
- Add googly eyes. Let your imagination soar!

Dried Flower Greeting Card

Supplies:

- Cardstock
- Dried flowers such as Baby's Breath
- Marker or pen to write sentiment
- Cupcake liner
- Glue
- Candle



Instructions:

- Fold cupcake liner in half and glue onto the cardstock (placing in the center of the paper)
- Cut dried flowers and place inside of cupcake liner so they are sticking out, glue in place
- Add candle in the center
- Write your sentiment on the card
- Voila, a beautiful handmade heartfelt card to give



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Each PJ Library subscription costs \$40 annually. Help PJ Library continue its programming by paying for your subscription or paying it forward for someone else.

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If you are interested in participating in a youth choir?

email:
programs@jewishdutchess.org

The Federation Board's Voice



Russel Rothman

As I write this, six months have passed since Hamas terrorists unleashed a scourge of global antisemitism, anti-Zionism, and general anger against Israel, Jews, and Jewish institutions. Since October 7th, there have been nearly 3,000 anti-Israel rallies in the US alone, many held on or near college campuses. Corporations and local community governments have gotten in the act in order to sway public opinion and political will. Just being Jewish again comes with personal risk. Going to a museum or a train station can result in being blocked, confronted, or even spit upon.

During these difficult times, I am convinced, by my role as a synagogue president and Federation board member, that our local Jewish institutions are a critical resource in combatting anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli aggression and anger. These organizations in Dutchess County and beyond are busy on all fronts: working to safeguard our local communities, ensuring that Jewish students feel safe in our local public schools, ensuring that teachers are knowledgeable and equipped to identify and address antisemitism that can occur in our schools, confronting misinformation on our local college campuses, and giving students the information to address falsehoods espoused by both faculty and student leaders. Your Federation is currently offering Krav Maga (Israeli self-defense) classes so that our community can feel more comfortable in public. All of our Jewish institutions play a crucial role as a bulwark against hate, and it is absolutely critical for all of us to preserve and support these institutions.

While Zionism does not require backing the Israeli government, it does assume backing of the State of Israel. It is a choice to back what we believe to be Jewish values, that we recount each day and each week during prayer services. Peace is a central theme of the Amida. Since I was a child, the importance of Israel and Judaism was not just drilled into me but was absorbed into my core, my soul, by my parents and extended family. During our large family seders, I asked my older cousins who possessed faded tattoos on their forearm about how and why they had them. This started a process in my brain that continued as I got older, visiting Israel often and developing a deep love of the land. Israel's oldest conservation organization, the SPNI (Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel) has long held as a truism that to learn and love Israel, it is necessary to learn with your feet, to walk in the cities and hills through the desert and along the coastline. New immigrants are often taken on hikes, as are all school children, so that they can learn to love the land and treasure it. Those that do are more likely to feel stronger about defending it—every tree, shrub, flower, and stone. We have clearly seen this over the past six months.

Each of us must play a role whether it means attending city or town council meetings; contacting your local, state, and Federal political leaders; and being more aware of public school curriculums and what is being taught to our kids. We can also help to strengthen our Jewish institutions through our participation or financial support. One thing Israel's conflict as well as our own national debate should be teaching us is that we cannot sit silent again.

MACCABEE AWARD *by Jonah Ritter*

If you have not been living under a rock, you are aware that Jews are under assault in Israel, in America, and around the world. We are facing an existential threat - the worst since the Holocaust. While I believe that Hashem is in control, the fact of the matter is that we are in a battle and we need warriors. I am convinced that if every Jew united, we would defeat our enemies. Unfortunately, the reality is less certain and sadly some of our greatest threats come from within.

"Failure is NOT an option." Therefore, we need to *lift up* the few to confront the wide spread evil of antisemitism. We need courageous efforts from inside the Jewish community AND from our friends in religious organizations, non-profits, government officials, and anywhere we can find allies.

It is said that "you reward the behavior you want to happen!" We need people, Jewish or otherwise, to join "in the fight" against the hate that has *risen up in our generation*. For that reason, the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (JFedDC) has created a very special recognition award called **The Maccabee Award**.

The Maccabees, of Hanukkah fame, are a timeless iconic symbol of their zealous battle to put down the evil rule of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, the ultimate antisemite and anti-Zionist. The Maccabees kept the Light of Judaism burning.

The JFedDC Board of Directors will select individuals to receive **The Maccabee Award** who are making an exemplary bold effort to fight antisemitism and anti-Zionism. The assessment will be based on the following criteria:

- Active and visible in the community at marches, rallies, protests, etc.
- Attending related JFedDC programs
- Writing letters to newspapers and/or articles for *The Voice* on the subject
- Promoting awareness among political leaders/supporting the passage of legislation
- Making grassroot efforts (calls, emails, etc.) to influence and encourage others

I am pleased to announce our first Maccabee Award recipient - Mark Klein. Mr. Klein meets all these criteria. There isn't enough space in this article to list his actions. In addition, Mark's family history is a testimony to the atrocities that have befallen Jews over the centuries. Mark is also a JFED Trustee and major donor. This award is an expression of our gratitude to Mark.

We hope that everyone who reads this article will "be the Maccabee!" If you would like to propose a nominee, please email: info@JewishDutchess.org

Our Executive Director



Is it early? Late? Or just right on time?

I find it a slightly amusing when I and others make the comment about the date of the Jewish holidays. This year, as we just experienced, Passover came at the end of April, Rosh Hashana is not until October, and Chanukah starts on December 25th! Many think, if not say out loud, "wow, the holidays are late this year." But then, at least for me, I realize that actually, they are right when they are supposed to be, according to our Jewish (lunar) calendar.

The whole concept of time greatly fascinates me as I have likely shared in the past. Time is relative. Time cannot be bought, but it can be wasted. One could "invest time" into something but cannot save time for a later use. Time is something we all take for granted at one point or another. Time is typically most valued and appreciated after-the-fact (e.g. time we did or did not spend with someone before they pass, time when our health and memory used to be stronger).

Our time here is limited. As my grandmother used to say, "The diagnosis of being born is fatal." Not the most uplifting thing (her dirty jokes were much more funny) but she was right. If each of us knew that we only had a year, a month, a day left - what would we do differently? What would become a priority? What would we do to make an impact and, yes, a legacy (as per my article last month) while we still had the time to do so.

As Passover and spring are seasons for contemplation and rebirth, they are also an opportunity for us to evaluate how we want to spend our time and where we want to focus our efforts. My sister wrote me the following, which I found worth sharing. "As Passover is here, it's another chance to give thought to where I am and what redemption I'm looking for. It's a holiday of spring cleaning. Cleaning out the fridge and cabinets. But also cleaning out your emotional chametz of what is not serving you and what is keeping you enslaved."

So I challenge each of you - with our remaining time, what should each of us cleanse in order to make space and time for where want to be and on what we should focus.

As the Pharaohs of yesterday have frighteningly returned, as we see with the global rise in antisemitism, particularly on our college campuses, I am wishing all of us the faith and perseverance to fight against today's evil and together to make the world a better place with whatever remaining time we have.

Wishing you all the time in the world,
Karen Hochhauser,
Executive Director



Mark Klein

We apologize to Deanie Gordon and Anita & Robert Morrison for our mistakes in last month's issue of *The Voice*.

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If you know a 2024 High School or College graduate, email their

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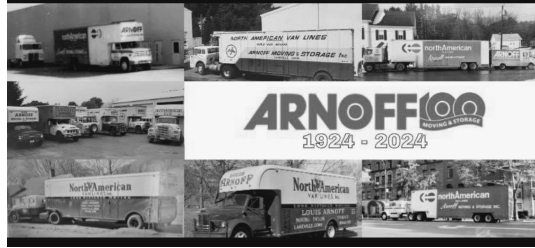
**Email the information by July 1:
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JEWS IN THE NEWS.

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

A Century on the Move: Arnoff Moving & Storage Marks 100 Years in the Moving Industry

Arnoff Moving & Storage, a distinguished family-owned moving company, proudly announces its centennial celebration, commemorating an impressive 100 years of unwavering commitment to quality moving services.



Founded in 1924 by Abraham and his son Louis in Lakeville, Connecticut, Arnoff began its journey as a humble operation, utilizing a single truck to assist neighbors in delivering home furnishings. Over the decades, the organization has witnessed remarkable growth, evolving into a prominent player in the relocation industry.

The transformative journey continued with the vision of Louis' son, Richard, and his wife Phyllis, who expanded moving operations to Poughkeepsie, serving communities in New York's Hudson Valley. After their sons, Mike and Mark took over, the Arnoff name became known in the Capital Region and Florida. In more recent years, the fifth generation of the family has taken on the leadership's roles, upholding the company's legacy, and nurturing innovative ideas for the future.

Since 1950, Arnoff Moving & Storage has proudly served as an agent for North American Van Lines, fostering a robust partnership that has allowed the company to facilitate seamless moves for families worldwide.

The Arnoff Family invites our communities to join us in upcoming celebrations. On May 7, 2024, at 1282 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, New York, 4-6pm, along with a Chamber ribbon cutting, we look forward to sharing this milestone occasion with others.

Marching for the Hostages. In Poughkeepsie and all over the World

Submitted by Alisa Kwitney

On April 7th almost 100 people gathered on the Walkway Over the Hudson, the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge, to mark 6 months of captivity of the hostages still being held in Gaza by Hamas. The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, in collaboration with the Hyde Park chapter of Run4TheirLives, hosted local community member and Kingston resident Maurice Shnaider, the Uncle of hostages Shiri Bibas, Baby Kfir and Ariel Bibas, who have become iconic images in the call to bring the hostages home. Shnaider told the crowd not to measure the time his niece, her husband Yarden, their infant and toddler sons and the over 130 remaining hostages have spent in captivity in months, weeks, or days, but in hours, minutes, and seconds.



In this climate of increased antisemitism, JFedDC coordinated the event with local law enforcement to ensure everyone's safety. "We felt it was important to stand publicly in support of the hostages and their families," said Heather Kernes, JFedDC's Community Engagement Liaison. She also has a personal connection to the events of October 7th. "I'm walking for my friend Shlomi Ziv who is still being held hostage. And in memory of my friend Jake Marlowe who was murdered by Hamas terrorists on that Black Sabbath." Both were working at the Nova Music Festival, Kernes explained.

Many of those who came were members of the Dutchess Jewish community, but others traveled from NYC, Ulster & Orange Counties to attend the event, which was part of the global Run4TheirLives initiative. Run4TheirLives has nearly 200 active groups globally and each group holds weekly 18-minute walks/runs, as the number 18 has a symbolic meaning of "life" in Jewish tradition and is considered lucky.

The April 7th gathering also included candidate for United States Congress Alison Esposito, who walked alongside Maurice, Alisa Kwitney representing Run4TheirLives, ED of JFedDC Karen Hochhauser, & JFedDC Board Members Mark Klein, Jonah Ritter, Ira Auerbach, Betsy Kopstein-Stuts, and Mike Arnoff. Many of the attendees wore red Run4TheirLives tee-shirts and carried images of the hostages along with Israeli & American flags. Weekly walks continue each Sunday in Dutchess County until the hostages are released. For more information in joining one of the weekly walks, please email: info@JewishDutchess.org. #BringThemHomeNow



Congratulations, Ralph Preiss on the upcoming release of the play "Boni Alvarez" which was written about Ralph's youth. It will premier in Los Angeles on May 18th.



Vendors Wanted

Craft Fair

November 17, 2024
10am-4pm

Temple Beth-El
118 S. Grand Ave
Poughkeepsie, NY

Please Contact Karen Jacobs to apply
845-454-0570
educationassist@tbeny.org

All vendors must be secured by **October 18, 2024**



CEREAL COUNTS

Mitzvah Day Boxed Cereal Drive

Every summer, kids lack access to school-based free breakfast programs. Daily breakfast has mental and nutritional benefits!

Bring new boxes of cereal for our Mitzvah Day Drive on May 5th at Congregation Schomre Israel

Drop cereal ahead of time at:

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- Congregation Shir Chadash
- Congregation Schomre Israel
- Temple Beth-El
- The Harding Club
- Vassar Temple

Donations will go to:

- Dutchess Outreach Food Pantry
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Questions? Contact The Jewish Federation at: [+845-471-9811](tel:+845-471-9811) or admin@jewishdutchess.org

Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625 MITZVAH DAY COLLECTION

May 5th, 8:30am

Congregation Schomre Israel
18 Park Ave
Poughkeepsie, NY

Items Requested:

- Individually wrapped snacks
- Canned goods
- Plastic wrap
- Aluminum foil

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Join us for Schomre Israel's

135th Anniversary Luncheon

Honoring the Families of our Founders and Leadership

18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY
May 19th

1:30 - Meet and Welcome the families, a collective Siyum, and Divri Bracha
2:30 - Visit and pray at our family and friends at the Schomre Cemetery
3:30 - Luncheon with the presentation of the Anniversary Journal.

- At this time, people will be invited to come up and tell over their family history and/or fond Schomre Memories.

Please RSVP by **May 1 (latest)**
Ad Deadline - Pesach schomre1@aol.com & rabbishlomok@gmail.com
443-388-0033 for questions

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(845) 454-2890
Rabbi Shlomo Krasner
Website: www.schomreIsrael.org
Email: rabbishlomok@gmail.com

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Classes resume on the Week of May 19

Tuesday

New Series on the Book of Jonah 10:30am.

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

Hebrew in the Siddur 6:00pm.

Practice reading and understanding the language of the prayerbook..

Thursday

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

Other Events:

Sunday

135th Anniversary Luncheon-Honoring the Families of our Founders and Leadership May 19, 1:30pm, with a welcome to our guests, a siyum celebration to mark the completion of study of a section of the Mishnah and words of blessing, a visit to the cemetery, followed by a luncheon and a sharing of recollections of memories of Schomre Israel.

Please RSVP by May 1. For more details please see the ad in the issue of *The Voice* or contact Rabbi Krasner, rabbishlomok@gmail.com (443) 388-0033

Wednesday

Rosh Chodesh Breakfast May 9, following morning services. Welcome in the new month of Iyar

Tuesday

Contact

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

Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)
Interim: Freedom Plains
Presbyterian Church, Lagrange
(845) 232-1029
Rabbi Glenn Jacob
Website: www.shir-chadash.org
Email: info@shir-chadash.org

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Saturday

Torah Study 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Shir Chadash's new spiritual leader, Rabbi Jacob. Everyone has a chance to participate. Bring an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and willingness to share your thoughts. For info: (845) 232-1029, email: info@shir-chadash.org or visit www.shir-chadash.org.

Other Events:

Sunday

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

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

Contact :

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www.shir-chadash.org

Temple Beth-El

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

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

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

Other Events:

Sunday

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

Tuesday

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

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

Contact:

info@tbeny.org
for current information
or visit the website
www.tbeny.org

Vassar Temple

(Reform)
140 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-2570
Rabbi Renni S. Altman D.D.
Website: www.vassartemple.org
Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or rabbi@vassartemple.org

Weekly Services:

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

Friday

Family Friendly Shabbat May 3, 6:00pm, Teacher Appreciation
Sisterhood Shabbat May 10, 7:30pm, speaker Krista Jones, Ex. Dir. and founder of Sparrow's Nest. Oneg shabbat refreshments provided by the Temple Brotherhood.

Shabbat Evening Service May 17, 24, 31, 7:30pm

Saturday

New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship May 4 & 18, 10:15am.

Shabbat Morning Service May 11 & 25, 10:15am.

Adult Education:

Monday

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

Saturday

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

Other Events:

Sunday

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

Monday

Wednesday

Sisterhood Book Club June 19, 2:00pm in person at the Collegeview Tower meeting room, 141 Fulton Ave. This month we will be discussing *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. An enveloping, multigenerational tale of the Trần family, set against the backdrop of the Việt Nam War. Trần Diệu Lan, who was born in 1920, was forced to flee her family farm with her six children during the Land Reform as the Communist government rose in the North. Years later in Hà Nội, her young granddaughter, Hương, comes of age as her parents and uncles head off down the Hồ Chí Minh Trail to fight in a conflict that tore apart not just her beloved country, but also her family. Vivid, gripping, and steeped in the language and traditions of Việt Nam, *The Mountains Sing* brings to life the human costs of this conflict from the point of view of the Vietnamese people themselves, while showing us the true power of kindness and hope. All are welcome! The book is available through the local library system, or purchase your own copy. For questions, or to RSVP, please contact: bookclub@vassartemple.org.

Thursday

Contact :

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or visit the website
www.vassartemple.org

Mazel Tov Memories

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

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



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Mazel Tov on celebrating
175 years!

The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and Jewish Family Services cherishes our relationship with Vassar Temple and looks forward to many more years to come.



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Mazel Tov & Best Wishes

To Congregation Schomre Israel
on celebrating 135 years in Poughkeepsie!

From your friends, family & neighbors at the

Jewish Federation of Dutchess County
and Jewish Family Services



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of Dutchess County

From Ghetto to Glamour: How Jews Redesigned the Fashion Industry

May 17, 3:00-4:30pm,
Boardman Road Library, Greene
Room.

Join educator Suzanne Turrizi and learn how Jewish people have played a key role in every aspect of the American fashion industry. Focus will be on the Jewish success stories, who they are, what they accomplished, and what they contributed.

Registration required.

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 (845) 876-7666
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Weekly Services:

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

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Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

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Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Wednesday

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

Special Events:

Sunday

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

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Beacon Hebrew Alliance

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

Weekly Services:

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

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

Contact:

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www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

Congregation Beth David

(Reform)
 East Main St, Amenia
 (845) 373-8264
 Rabbi Jon Haddon
 Website: www.CongBethDavid.org
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Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am.

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Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Ave, Poughkeepsie
 (845) 728-4792
 Rabbi Bryan Mann
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 Email: bryanmann@vassar.edu

Weekly Services:

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

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Bard College

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Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley

243 Albany Ave, Kingston
 (845) 338-4271 ext 101
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Weekly Services:

Friday

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

Tot Shabbat May 10, 5:15pm

Saturday

Morning Minyan 10:00am.

Education:

Mediation & Torah Study Tuesday, 8:45am, May 7, 14, 21, 28, via Zoom.

Hebrew Trope Wednesday, 12:30pm, May 8, 15, 22, 29, via Zoom.

Conversational Hebrew Wednesday, 4:00pm, May 8, 15, 22, 29, via Zoom..

Coffee Chai with the Rabbi (Zoom)

May 9, Thursday, 8:45am.

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

Woodstock Jewish Congregation

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

Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30pm,

Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat

First Fridays 6:00pm

Saturday

Shabbat Service 10:00am

Education:

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

Other Events:

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

WJC Women's Group First Monday at

5:00pm, includes potluck dinner

"A Shtickle Toyrah" (a bit of Torah)

Monday 9:00am. Members of the

community take turns offering a short

teaching on the weekly Torah portion.

Contact: Rachel@wjcsul.org
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www.wjcsul.org



May

Candle Lighting Schedule

May 3	7:39pm
May 10	7:46pm
May 17	7:53pm
May 24	8:00pm
May 31	8:06pm

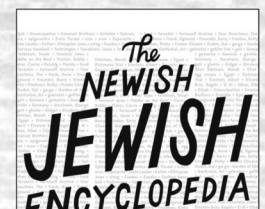
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STEPHANIE BUTNICK & LIEL LEIBOVITZ

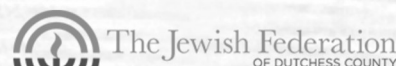
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2:30 PM



Butnick and Leibovitz are hosts of *Tablet Magazine's* popular *Unorthodox* podcast.



Copies will be available for purchase and signing at the event.



Registration required.

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The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

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

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

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



Temple Beth-El's Purim Spiel



Vassar Temple families celebrated at the Temple's 175th birthday party with fun activities, entertainment and food!

Comedian Ashley Blaker entertaining at Schomre Israel.



The cast and directors of Vassar Temple's "Aladdin" Purim Spiel



Edna Davis and Lou D'Almeida receiving Purim gift bags. Barbara Kernes and Michael Smith volunteering to deliver the giftbags.



Vassar Temple, Congregation Schomre Israel members and neighbors joined together to kick off the Town of Poughkeepsie's Earth Month Cleanup by doing a cleanup on LaGrange Ave. near the synagogues' cemeteries.



Schomre Israel with author and actress Eleanor Reissa sharing her family story.



Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, Vassar Temple President (c) accepts the Dutchess County Interfaith Council Legacy Award, on behalf of the Synagogue.

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Donate your services or an experience!

Do you have a special service or experience you can donate? Consider donating it to our annual Gala silent auction to support our local Jewish Federation of Dutchess County to continue our meaningful work.

2024 Celebration Gala Details
Wednesday, June 5th
Bidding begins at 5:30 PM

The GrandView
 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie

Examples of Donations*

- Game or Show Tickets
- Private Cooking Classes
- Personal Training Sessions
- Sports Lessons
- Gardening Gifts

For Tickets or More Information Contact Us *Donating professional services may be tax-deductible.

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The Jewish Federation

JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT

Join the Jewish Federation for Jewish Heritage Night with the Hudson Valley Renegades!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 19th, 2024
 First Pitch: 2:05PM
 Gates Open: 1:05 PM

Night Includes:
 Kosher food options
 Pre-Game Performances
 In-Game Performances
AND MORE

To purchase tickets go to www.JewishDutchess.org/events