

Community Solidarity Vigil

On October 12, 2023, over 400 people in person and 150 online from 12 states and 2 countries gathered for the JFedDC "Community Solidarity Vigil" following Hamas' attack on Israel. The event included songs, psalms, prayers and healing words from community clergy, Dutchess County Executive William O'Neil and Sheriff Kirk Imperati. Community members of all faiths joined as they were comforted and comforted others. Thank you to all who participated and for support during these troubling times.



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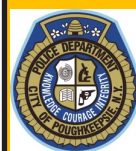
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Shoshana

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Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Michael Fessler*

These were the comments shared by Rabbi Michael Fessler of Temple Beth-El before lighting the memorial candle at the Federation vigil on the evening of October 12.

I stand before you this evening having struggled to find the right words to share tonight. For there are no right words to address the past week's events, and the struggle that lies ahead.



Rabbi Fessler

We stand in solidarity with the people of Israel during this horrific time. As Israel rightfully defends herself from Hamas and roots out its ability to inflict such brutality ever again, we pray for the safety of all those who are in harm's way:

- For the people of Israel, still under threat from rockets and terror.
- For Israel's citizen army, rising to defend their homes and families.
- For the men and women, children, entire families, grandmothers and Holocaust survivors, whom Hamas cruelly holds as captives;
- and for the innocent Palestinian lives in Gaza whom Hamas values only as human shields — and then, all too often, as involuntary martyrs.

We pray for healing for the injured and the traumatized; wisdom and strength for their doctors and nurses, for rescue workers and, for all who do God's sacred work of healing of body and spirit.

And we pray for the souls of our people's innocent victims who were so brutally murdered: young and old; men, women and children. Send comfort and strength, God, to the bereft, to the grieving whose dead lie before them.

In the Book of Proverbs (20:27), we read: *Ner adonai nishmat adam* - the soul of each person is the lamp of God. Every person is sacred, every person illuminates the world with their own unique light. This week - we have felt plunged into darkness, as so many of those lights, those lives, were brutally extinguished.

As we light this memorial candle, its one small flame seems inadequate to pierce the darkness we face. But the candle's flame mirrors the *ner adonai*, the divine illumination that each of us here tonight bears within us. As we come together in grief, in pain, in resolve, and in determination, may our flames, all of our flames, join together to bring light into the darkness. To bring comfort to the bereaved, healing to the wounded - and ultimately, we pray, to light the way to a time, no matter how distant it may seem now, when we are once able to fulfill the words of Psalm 34:14 — *bakesh shalom ve-rodfeihu*, seek peace and pursue it. Amen.

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 Lauren Yanks, who took time from writing and her charity work at The Blue Butterfly Foundation (www.bluebutterflyfoundation.org) to answer our questions.



Lauren Yanks


- 1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: *Peace*
Least Favorite: *Hate*
- 2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
People who continue to serve regardless of how dark life gets.
- 3. What is your favorite song?**
"Imagine" by John Lennon.
- 4. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
An actress
- 5. What profession would you not like to attempt?**
A chemist.
- 6. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**
Gefilte Fish. It's like a memory from my childhood and my little brother.
- 7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *The fact that I can always continually try to work on being better. Always working on self improvement.*
Dislike: *I'm impatient.*
- 8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
How tough I can get when fighting traffickers or other similar types in my line of work.
- 9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
To be loving & love everybody in all circumstances regardless of what is happening.
- 10. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**
The work I've done with trafficked and impoverished children.
- 11. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
To write about the story of my life from a place of love, wisdom and compassion.
- 12. If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**
Love each other. Love thy neighbor as thyself.
- 13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
I remember being in 1st grade at the Solomon Schechter Day School and learning about the holidays, Hebrew, and learning about the Holocaust and how disturbing it was trying to wrap my 6 year old head around it and even now with my 50 year old head around it.
- 14. What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**
I went on an interfaith peace trip from Egypt to Israel in April 2000. It was during Ramadan, Passover, and Easter. One late Friday evening on the Sabbath, my friend and I sat at The Wall watching a group of men praying, singing, and chanting while dancing in a circle. They were filled with such joy and spirit--it felt like we all entered a timeless space. It could have been 2,000 years in the past or 2,000 years in the future...it didn't matter. It was beautiful.
- 15. In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**
By building bridges and having open hearted and open minded communion with others.
- 16. What is one question you wished we ask and the answer?**
Q: *How best do you think you can serve the world?*
A: *Loving yourself enough to be able to love the spirit in others regardless of the circumstances.*

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And little ones from tots to first grade and their grownups are all invited to Shabbat Y'Ladim (Children's Sabbath) on **Saturday, November 18 at 10:30am** in the Temple. Rabbi Altman and our stuffed bear friends *Kachol v'Lavan* will be there, too, to help us celebrate the Sabbath with singing, stories, and a brief, child friendly Shabbat service. Tell your friends and neighbors--this event is free and open to the whole community. Healthy snacks will be served. Vassar Temple is a welcoming, inclusive Reform congregation. For information and to RSVP, contact office@vassartemple.org or call (845) 454-2570.



The Kulanu school proudly participated in the Annual Crop Walk. Students, teachers, parents, and teens all did the mitzvah of donating money and walking to help stamp out hunger in the Hudson Valley. In addition, lots of non-perishable food items were brought in to help our local food banks.

Good morning. You are invited to participate in a special PJ/PJ Our Way Zoom on Wednesday November 1, 2023 at 7:00 PM. This virtual meetup will serve as a parent support group. It will include a discussion on ways for adults to learn how to comfort and communicate with children amidst the current events in Israel and the heightened antisemitism here at home.

PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley will be hosting and we are welcoming Orange and Ulster PJ Library to join. Dr. Gila Reckess, psychologist and certified parent coach, will be with us during the Zoom meeting. Hoping you will attend. Please RSVP to programs@jewishdutchess.org. May peaceful days soon be upon us.

Sincerely,
 Tamatha, PJ Library Director



Need resources to help talk with kids about what is happening in Israel?

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Responsibility

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By Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

The definition of responsibility is: the state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or of having control over someone, the state or fact of being accountable or to blame for something. What are you responsible for? Are we responsible for each other? What is the value of responsibility?

Responsibility is accepting what is required and carrying out the task to the best of your ability. Responsibility is carrying out duties with integrity. When one is responsible, there is the contentment of having made a contribution. As a responsible person, I have something worthwhile to offer - so do others.

- Children learn by 'experiencing-doing'. Therefore, one effective way of developing a sense of responsibility is to give children a chance to live the result of their behavior.
- Even with young children, you can find responsibilities that are appropriate for their age.
- They can learn how to dress themselves.
- They can help with some simple housework. For example, they can put their own toys away in a basket.
- They can help with household chores, ie: setting the table.

Here is a responsibility Bingo game from Pinterest that you can print and copy.:



Tamatha



Suzanne



The Call for Fall

By Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

As far back as I can remember in my childhood, fall meant trips to the orchard. I have continued that tradition with my children and love to share the feelings of fall with my PJ families as well!

On a recent outing, we visited DuBois Farms across the river. It was a spectacular fall day. The sun, was so welcoming, especially after lots of rainy days. The fallen leaves blanketed the orchard like colorful auburn confetti. The aromatic smell of apple cider donuts added to the warmth of the day.

New families attended, seamlessly intertwining with families that already knew one another. The children gathered apples, tasting them along the way. As they laughed and played, I thought to myself that even the trees seemed to be smiling.

After apple picking and enjoying donuts, we made special elephant puppets to accompany our story time book, *The Elephant in the Sukkah* by Sherri Mandell.

Before our outing came to an end, we went to visit the farm animals. The goats were fed all the hay they could want, the cows grazed lazily in the sun and again the laughter of the children seemed to have the animals smiling too.

We had so much fun being engulfed in the splendor of fall. Hope to see you on our next adventure!



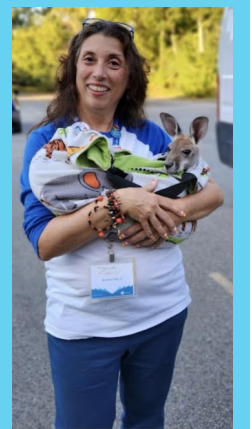
Pat the Bunny, Pat the Snake, Pat the Kangaroo Too!

By Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director and Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

On Thursday October 5th, PJ Library in collaboration with Congregation Schomre Israel and NJOP came together for some petting zoo fun! Before we met the animals, we enjoyed a plethora of homemade pastas and delicious quiche.

Rabbi Krasner spoke to our PJ families about gratitude. Listening carefully, Rabbi talked about how on a cold day we long for warmth and on a hot day we want to feel cooler temps. Often we reflect on what isn't rather than what is. On this particularly warm and sunny fall day, we were reminded to be grateful for the present moments.

The children bravely posed with a snake, affectionately patted the bunny, gently fed the goats and ran joyfully mimicking the sounds of the clucking chickens. So grateful for the reminder to be in the moment with many smiling memories of the day!



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What is your family's favorite PJ Library book?

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How has PJ Library influenced your family's Jewish living and decisions?

I'm not sure we would have met so many other Jewish families when we first arrived here from Israel had we not been part of the PJ Library community. Even when we were in Israel, it helped me become a more active parent of Ayala's day at school. During Tu B'Shvat, I read a PJ Library Tu B'Shvat book to her classroom full of Israeli children, reading it in English and then translating it into Hebrew for the rest of the kids. That was such a memorable day for us.

Is PJ Library helpful to you as a parent? How?

Absolutely. I cherish the friends we've made here in the Hudson Valley through PJ Library. It helps so much to come here and already have a community I can rely on for friendship and for help getting acclimated. As a parent, reading books that engage my daughter and that help her connect the holidays we celebrate to these stories is such a valuable experience that I appreciate so much.



The Federation Board's Voice



Vicki Greenberg

I think that when we receive *The Voice* in the mail around the holidays most of us enjoy perusing the section of the paper that lists the various members of the community that have made the effort to share their good wishes with the community at large.

In addition to this being a pleasant exchange of cheerful holiday greetings, it is also a quiet way to acknowledge the many contributions of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (JFedDC). I'm sure that you are as aware as I am of the inflation that is impacting all of us, one way or another. One has only to go to the grocery store or stop at the gas pump or even visit your favorite restaurant to experience the signs of inflation first hand.

The Voice has not been spared the impact of rising costs. As inflation continues to rise, so have the costs of printing, producing, and mailing this very popular newspaper.

As you know, we at JFedDC greatly appreciate your support in all of the ways that you volunteer, be it in person at one of our many programs or by generously contributing to our annual campaign. However, in these extraordinary times we ask you to please consider adding a little something to your traditional campaign donation in order to help perpetuate *The Voice*. That will go a long way towards helping us to continue to share with you relevant news, events, and ideas from across the Hudson Valley and throughout the world.

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, all of us at JFedDC wish you and yours a lovely holiday with family and friends.

Our Executive Director



EIN MELIM – There Are No Words

On October 7th, life changed as we know it.

In a country that is the same size as the state of New Jersey:

- 7,500 plus rockets have been fired at Israel
- Over 5,430 Israelis wounded
- More than 1,400 Israelis were murdered, including 260 young adults who were attending a Peace Music Festival and the number keeps rising. To put that in perspective, proportionately in the US, that would equate to 40,000 people (which is 10,000 more than live in the City of Poughkeepsie—imagine the entire City being wiped out overnight.)
- An estimated 220+ Israelis and foreign citizens are being held hostage by Hamas including babies as young as 6 months old.
- Casualties of civilian on both sides will grow.

Shock, horror, anger... feeling sick/overwhelmed/helpless/furious are all emotions that have been shared between members of our community and online. The deaths of innocent civilians, particularly that of babies, from any country of origin, is always overwhelming and heartbreaking.

Between the time of my writing this article and the time of your reading it, we have no idea what the state of affairs will be. What we do know is that we are hearing that the rise of antisemitism is unprecedented in this country and globally...but historically, this is nothing new. Antisemitism has been a part of our DNA for as long as the Jewish people have lived. Whether pogroms, the Inquisition, the Holocaust, there has always been a threat to our people.

I recently read an article about how the writer used to play "Hide from Hitler," which was not hide-and-seek, but hide and stay as quiet as you could for as long as you could. My own personal story, growing up in this community with Holocaust survivors, some even from Schindler's List, was me trying to determine where I could possibly hide in my house should the Nazis come. Unfortunately, some of my stress nightmares have returned. On both sides of the political spectrum, there is extreme antisemitism. Jewish students are being attacked on college campuses just for being Jewish. Social media is full of lies and misinformation that travel the world before the truth ever comes out. These are no longer nightmares, this is a current state of reality.

For those who have reached out to me and the Jewish community, I THANK YOU!!! On behalf of the Jewish Federation, I thank you for your support. I thank you for being a part of this amazing community we have in Dutchess County. Our work to support those in Israel and those locally is never done. Each social action project, collaboration, or event is not a "finish line" but just a starting point.

As antisemitic incidents continue to rise and the needs of our community locally and globally have grown, we turn to you for help. If you have some time and can volunteer, we need you. If you have an idea of what we can do to support the community, we need you. If you can help us reach our Annual Campaign goal to continue doing the good work we do, we need you. Any big or small contribution to the Annual Campaign goes a long way. This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for many things, my family, my health, our community, and all of you being a part of it.

Wishing You A Peaceful Thanksgiving!
Karen Hochhauser, JFedDC Executive Director



**The SUNY New Paltz Foundation,
The Resnick Institute Lecture
Series and Robert Sillins Family Foundation
together present**

FALL 2023 Lecture Series—Israel at 75
Virtual presentations on Mondays at 7:30 pm



Ruth Margalit

November 6—Peter Beinart
"Zionism, Anti-Zionism, and
Antisemitism"
In Conversation with Lewis Brownstein



Peter Beinart

November 13—Ruth Margalit
"Israel and the Judiciary Crisis"
**This talk will be held at 2 p.m. ET*

Register at www.JewishDutchess.org/events

Mazel Tov Memories

Send us information about what you are celebrating: birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, and simchas. We at the JFedDC want to celebrate with you and share the nachas. Send your information to: thevoice@jewishdutchess.org

Congratulations,
Margery and Arthur Groten
on your 56th Wedding Anniversary!



Beginning next month look for our new column:
Words of Wisdom From the Wise
as we speak to community members who are over 90 years of age. In our first article, we will be interviewing Bernard Handel.





Dr. Steger

Art Exhibit and Panel to Commemorate the 85th Anniversary of the "Kristallnacht" Program at Dutchess Community College.
Wednesday, November 8, 2023—Opening Reception: 5:30 – 7:00 pm, The Mildred Washington Gallery
Key Note and Panel: 7:00 pm, Greenspan Dining Room

To commemorate the 85th anniversary of "Kristallnacht", The Mildred Washington Gallery at Dutchess Community College will be presenting KRISTALLNACHT, A Multi-Media Installation by the artist Dean Goldberg. Mr. Goldberg has created a series of photographs that tell a fictional story of a Jewish woman and a Nazi Soldier who meet on "The Night of Broken Glass" when Nazis broke store windows, burned synagogues, and vandalized Jewish Businesses and homes all over Germany. The installation includes video, sound, as well as sculpture.

The show will open November 8th and will run until December 8th at Dutchess Community College in the Mildred Washington Gallery. Greenspan Trust-Handel Foundation Endowed Chair in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Dr. Werner Steger, will give the Keynote Address. It will be followed by a Panel Discussion with Dr. Steger, Journalist, Rosemary Armao, and Mr. Goldberg.

The opening reception will be Wednesday, November 8, 5:30-7:00pm.

The show was curated by Gallery Director and Professor of Communications, Media Arts and Film, Dana Weidman. For information, contact Dr. Werner Steger: steger@sunydutchess.edu or Dana Weidman: weidman@sunydutchess.edu.



May our troubled world find much to be thankful for in the coming year.

Miriam Gold & Family



Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving, with a lot to be thankful for.

The Reckess Family



HAPPY *Thanksgiving*

Wishing the Federation community a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Stephanie & Steven (z'l) Wasser



תפילה לשלום A PRAYER FOR PEACE

יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו, שתבטל מלחמות ושפיכות דמים מן העולם, ותמשיך שלום גדול ונפלא בעולם, ולא ישאו עוד יגוי אל גוי חרב ולא ילמדו עוד מלחמה, רק יכירו וידעו כל יושבי תבל האמת לאמתו, אשר לא באנו לזה העולם בשביל ריב ומחלוקת חס ושלום, ולא בשביל שגאה וקנאה וקנטור ושפיכות דמים חס ושלום, רק באנו לעולם כדי להכיר ולדעת אותך תתברך לצמח ולקטוי תפילות, חלק שני, תפילה טו.

May it be acceptable before You, Eternal our God and God of our ancestors, that You abolish wars and bloodshed from the world and instead spread a great and wondrous peace in the world, that nation shall no longer lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. May all the inhabitants of the earth simply recognize and know the full truth, that we have not come to this world for the sake of dissention and disagreement, God forbid, and not for the sake of hatred and jealousy and provocation and bloodshed, God forbid. Rather we have come into the world in order to recognize and know You, may You be blessed forever.

(Liqutei Tefillah II:53, translation by Ruth Langer)

From The Albinder Family



Congregation Schomre Israel

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

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Tuesday

Class on Maimonides 10:30am, hybrid. We will study The Collected Writings of Maimonides. The Eight Chapters of Ethics.

Conversational Hebrew 11:45am.

Hebrew Fall II, siddur track, 6:00pm

Thursday

A Window into Yesteryear—the lives they lived, the Torah they taught 7:00pm, November 2—Portugal and Constantinople in the 1500's and Dona Gracia Nasi; November 9—Israel in the end of the 1st century and the beginning of the 2nd century and Rabbi Akiba.

Hands on Judaism for the Foodie—

Kosher Birds 7:00pm, November 30. We will take an inside look into the mitzvos and practices of kosher food (with matching dinners) Class is free, RSVP for dinner (\$10 pp)

Other Events:

Thursday

Yiddish Club 11:00am, November 30. If you want to speak a bisele, to chap a noshe, and to schmooze, then this club is for you. Join us live every month. The Yiddish Club is a nostalgic trip to the times and culture of our bubbies and zaydies, mixed with Yiddish music, Yiddish comedy, Yiddish lemin, and Yiddish hanae as well as a look at how Yiddish is faring in contemporary times. As I think all events and programs spearheaded by Schomre Israel, this program is open to all in the community. You needn't be fluent in the language, so come join us.

Musical Community Challah Blake with Tzirei Liba November 16. For more details contact the synagogue

Saturday

Movie Night—The Mossad (2019) 7:00pm, November 18. In this action movie a Mossad agent and the CIA's best foreign operative find themselves in competition to save an American tech billionaire who was kidnapped in Israel. Please join us.

Upcoming

Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner Sunday, December 10, 5:00pm (on the 4th night of the holiday). Adults \$36, children 3-12 years \$15. Reservations are required and must be made by November 29. Contact the synagogue to make reservations.

Contact:

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

Congregation Shir Chadash

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

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Saturday

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

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

Other Events:

Sunday

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

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

Contact :

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

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:
12/12/23—*The Hare with Amber Eyes*;
2/13/24—*The Most Beautiful Girl in Cuba*;
4/9/24 and 6/11/24—Selections TBD.

Contact:

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

Vassar Temple

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

Weekly Services:

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

Friday

Shabbat Evening Service November 3, 5:30 Pre-neg Simchat Shabbat 6:00pm; November 10, 7:30pm Brotherhood Shabbat; November 17, 24, 7:30pm.

Saturday

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

Shabbat Morning Service November 11, 10:15am.

Adult Education:

Monday

Talmud Study November 20, 27, 12:00pm via Zoom with Rabbi Paul Golomb, for details, study sheets, and to be placed on the Talmud Study email list contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Saturday

Torah Study Hybrid, 9:00am. For info and to join, contact: (845) 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org.

Other Events:

Sunday

Hon. Judge Albert Rosenblatt to Speak He will speak about his new book *The Eight: The Lemon Slave Case and the Fight for Freedom*.



All but forgotten today, Lemon vs New York was one of the most momentous civil rights cases in American history. Books will be for sale at the event, courtesy of Walter Effron of the Three Arts Bookstore. The community is warmly invited to attend this event, sponsored by the Temple's Adult Education Committee. November 5, 3:00pm at Vassar Temple.

Cybersecurity!

Get up-to-date about your own personal cybersecurity and fraud protection at a special event to be held November 12, 2 pm in the Vassar Temple social hall. Carl Naumann of Ulster Savings Bank will discuss how to identify a bank scam to help you protect your accounts, give pointers on what and what not to do if you receive banking or personal spam, and explain what to look out for when ordering on line, texting, making phone calls, and more. The community is warmly invited to take advantage of this presentation! RSVP sisterhood@vassartemple.org or call (845) 454-2570.

Wednesday

Sisterhood Book Group Calling all Jennifer Rosner fans. December 20, 2:00pm, in-person at the College View Tower meeting room, 141 Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie. We will be discussing *Once We Were Home* by Jennifer Rosner. It is a gorgeously written, poignant book about displaced children of the Holocaust. Rosner transports us into the hearts and minds of the young people as they grapple with the decisions and circumstances adults have thrust upon them—both during and after World War II.

For questions and to RSVP, please contact bookclub@vassartemple.org. Jennifer Rosner's Zoom-based program about *Once We Were Home*, sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of Vassar Temple, is scheduled for January 17, 7:30pm. Pre-registration required.

Contact :

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

Vassar Temple invites the community to a Piano Dedication Concert Sunday, November 19th at 3 pm

A 175th Anniversary event
celebrating our 100-year-old Mason & Hamlin grand piano
and honoring piano donors the Lemberger Family

Featuring Jewish music & composers
and accomplished local pianists
Ruthanne Schempf, Sylvia Buccelli,
James Fitzwilliam, & Joseph Bertolozzi

Works by
Glass, Copland, Gershwin, Bertolozzi & more

Reception to follow

Open to the community -
donations at the door benefit the Vassar Temple Music Fund



See page 12
to order your
Chanukah Holiday
Greetings

Do you know a senior who is
celebrating Chanukah who would like a care package?
Please email or call the JFedDC office to get them on
the list to receive a Chanukah Care Package.
admin@jewishdutchess.org
(845) 471-9811

Pardess Center for Jewish Life

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

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

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

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

Weekly Services:

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

Contact:

RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
for current information
or visit the website
www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

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

Weekly Services:

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

Adult Education:

Wednesday

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

Special Events:

Sunday

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

Contact :

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

Beacon Hebrew Alliance

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

Weekly Services:

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

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

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

Congregation Beth David

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

Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am.

Contact:

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

Vassar College Bayit

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

Weekly Services:

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

Contact :

bryanmann@vassar.edu
for current information

Bard College

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

Contact:

jboettiger@bard.edu
for current information

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley

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

Weekly Services:

Friday

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

Storytelling for First Fridays 6:00pm

Tot Shabbat 11/10, 12/8, 5:15pm

Saturday

Morning Minyan 10:00am.

Education:

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

Hebrew Trope Wednesday, November 1, 8, 15, 29, 12:00pm, via Zoom.

Conversational Hebrew Wednesday, November 1, 8, 15, 29, 4:00pm, via Zoom.

Coffee Chai with the Rabbi (Zoom)

Thursday, November 2, 9, 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@wjcschul.org

Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30pm,

Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat

First Fridays 6:00pm

Saturday

Shabbat Service 10:00am

Education:

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

Other Events:

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

WJC Women's Group First Monday at

5:00pm, includes potluck dinner

"A Shtickle Toyrah" (a bit of Torah)

Monday 9:00am. Members of the

community take turns offering a short

teaching on the weekly Torah portion.

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



November

Candle Lighting Schedule

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| November 3 | 5:30pm |
| November 10 | 4:22pm |
| November 17 | 4:16pm |
| November 24 | 4:11pm |

46TH ANNUAL WILLIAM AND SADIE EFFRON LECTURE IN JEWISH STUDIES AT MARIST



Dr. Federica Francesconi will deliver a lecture on BETWEEN WORLDS: JEWISH LIFE IN THE ITALIAN GHETTOS DURING THE EARLY MODERN AGE
Monday, November 6, 2023, 7pm
Fusco Recital Hall, Murray Student Center
Free and Open to the Public with Refreshments to Follow

This program is also offered as a livestream webinar. For those who prefer to attend the virtual option, here is the link: http://marist.st/46th_Annual_Effron_Lecture. Email Joshua.Kotzin@marist.edu or call (845)575-3295 with any questions.

Dr. Federica Francesconi is Associate Professor of History and Director of the Judaic Studies Program at the University at Albany, SUNY. The lecture will explore the lives of Jewish men and women, comparing their cosmopolitan cultures to their Italian-acquired identities, and examining issues of seclusion and ghettoization in Modena, Venice, and Rome during the early modern age from the 16th through the 18th centuries.



SCAN HERE FOR VIRTUAL OPTION



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 November 12 and December 17 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



Dancing at Vassar Temple with Living Shtetl klezmer on Simchat Torah



Temple Beth-El had a deli night fundraiser. Everyone enjoyed the funny comedians, raffles, deli, and friends. A great time was had by all!



Mitzvah Now -Hanukkah in August packing



Mitzvah Now
"Thanksgiving Pie Giveaway" in collaboration with the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department.



To donate a pie call JFedDC Office (845) 471-9811 or watch the weekly email for information.

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Save the Date

Sinterklaas—December 2

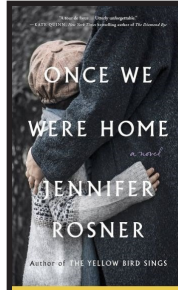
Author Series—December 3

JFedDC Annual Meeting—December 4

Community Hanukkah Celebration—December 10

International Holocaust Remembrance Day w/FDR—January 26

Author and Film Writer of *Anchorman* Saul Austerlitz will be speaking!
In collaboration with Rhinebeck Reformed Church - January 28



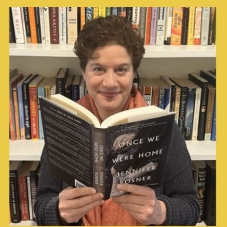
The JBC @ The Jewish Federation, Author Series 2023/2024

Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm
at Kol Yisrael
290 North St, Newburgh

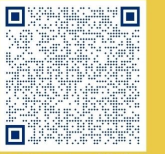
This is a collaborative event with the Jewish Federations of Orange & Dutchess County

Meet Jennifer Rosner, Author of *Once We Were Home*

The novel weaves together the fictional lives of four displaced children. What happens after war's (WWII) end, when the children are wrenched from what they now consider their families? Or when the people who harbored them refuse to let them go?



Books available for purchase through the Federation office, hardcover \$28
contact Pam: admin@jewishdutchess.org



Register using QR Code



The Jewish Federations of Orange & Dutchess County



2023 Holiday Greetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

2023 Holiday Greetings

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Your name(s) on the Greeting: _____

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Chanukah Greetings

Small—A

Peace to all!

Your Name

Medium—C

Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!

Your Name

Small—B

Hanukkah Blessings

Your Name

Medium—D

Happy Hanukkah!

Your Name

Large—E

HAPPY HANUKKAH

From Our Family to Yours,
Your Name

Large—F

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

Your Name