

**A TALE OF TWO SANCTUARIES**

By Sherry Frankel

The First Presbyterian Church of Amenia has been a presence in the community since 1748. The current building and connected manse were dedicated in 1867, at a time when the population and economic prosperity for Amenia was at its peak. Sadly, in September of 2015, it was agreed the congregation was to be dissolved.

Just down the street from this church is Congregation Beth David, which opened its doors to Orthodox Jewish farmers in 1929. The Synagogue has been open for over 88 years and was in need of renovation, both structural and aesthetic. One of the basic things on their wish list was to replace the movie-theater-type seats with pews that were more in keeping with the age and feeling of the interior.

The President of Congregation Beth David, Sherry Frankel, approached the Presbyterian Church and asked if they would consider giving a small portion of their pews to Beth David. They graciously agreed to donate anything that we would need and the arduous process of reconfiguring them to fit in a much smaller space began. With the help of a local carpenter, John Myer, the pews were removed, recut to size and the beautiful chestnut finish was restored. This took over four months of hard work.

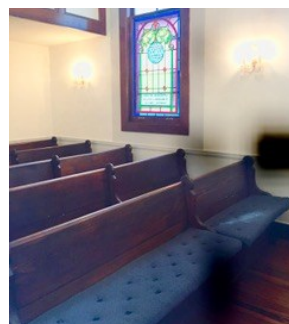
While this was happening, the original cushions (which were covered in red velvet) needed to be resized and replaced. They were brought to M Designs in Sheffield, MA, where it was discovered that they were filled with horsehair and originally made for the Church by C.F. Hawley Dry Goods and Furniture in Millerton. This was a store that was known for making seats for horse-drawn carriages at the time.

On August 4, the pews were brought to Beth David. At the same time, a wonderful show called "A Chance for Land and Fresh Air" was being installed in the community room as a permanent exhibit. It had previously been displayed at the Sharon Historical Society. This show was curated by a congregant, well-known author/historian, Carol Ascher. The historical exhibit tells the story of the migration of European and Russian Jews to Amenia, the environs and the establishment of their presence in the community at the turn of the century.

This marks a turning point in the renewal of this beautiful and historic Synagogue. Congregation Beth David is a landmarked structure and is continuing to strengthen and grow its expanding membership.

This project serves as a beacon for community cooperation and generosity. Without the kindness of the First Presbyterian Church of Amenia, this could not have been possible. While we are all saddened by its closing, we look forward to continued worship on these historic benches in a new home right down the street.

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**The End is Where We Start From**

Joyce Schriebman

Every act has a beginning, a middle, and an end.

*We buckle our seatbelts. We drive to the mall. We park the car. Beginning. Middle. End.*

*We get out of our car. We shop. We walk back to the car. Beginning. Middle. End.*

But within each of those beginnings, middles, and ends are infinite beginnings, middles, and ends.

*We buckle our seatbelts. We reach for our cellphones. Untangle the cords. We recharge our phone.*

*We drive to the mall. Stop for a red light. Notice a new shop. Move with the green.*

And each of those beginnings, middles, and ends is a beginning, a middle, and an end unto itself.

*We buckle our seatbelts. We reach for our cell phones. The cellphone's not there. We retrieve it from the house. We buckle our seatbelts.*

Beginnings, middles, and ends. They're fluid.

Three-ring binders and sharpened #2 pencils mark the end of summer. But they're also the beginning of learning. They're the end of barbecues. And the beginning of pumpkin spice.

These weeks are teeming with beginnings and endings for Jews. The Gates open. They close. We look forward. We're pulled back. We stand at Sinai. Time stands. Still. Every moment returns a memory. Every moment presents a now.

More than "when one door closes another opens", every act is charged with possibility. In any now, one can stop smoking, pick up a book, call an old friend. Forgive a past hurt, organize the garage, go for a walk. Every act is a beginning, middle, or end. Every act is a beginning, middle, and end. Every now is a choice.

If you're brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello, said Paulo Coelho.

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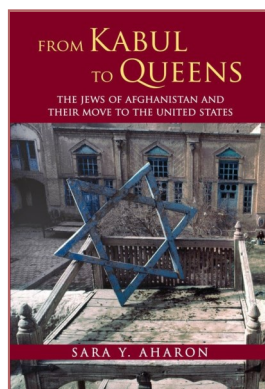
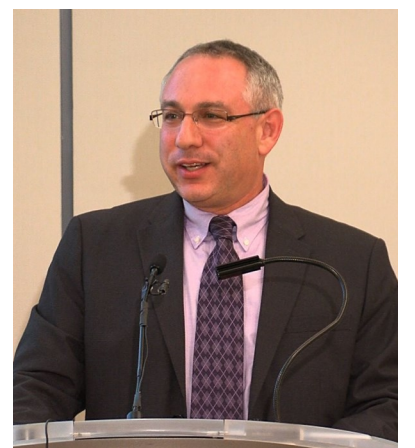
*Joyce's Note: October 4—the start of Sukkot, a season of harvest, impermanence, and wandering—is my last day with the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. I'll be devoting more time to working in the interfaith world—fostering understanding and compassion in an increasingly polarized world—while continuing to offer professional services through my nonprofit consulting practice. I am grateful to those of you who supported me, those of you who taught me, those who had patience with me, and those who raised the bar of what it means to live a meaningful Jewish life. I can be reached at Joyce@MyBrotherFromAnotherMother.org. Todah rabah*

**Israel's Deputy Consul General Sagie Visited the Hudson Valley**

Vassar Temple was the final stop on August 31 for Amir Sagie, Israel's Deputy Consul General. In a day-long tour of the Hudson Valley, Sagie, accompanied by Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, a Vassar Temple member, made local stops at Kedem Winery, the Culinary Institute of America and Vassar College where he discussed the controversies surrounding BDS with the college President. The concluding stop, at Vassar Temple, provided an opportunity for Sagie to take questions from the public, media and local politicians. It is hoped that this visit strengthens bonds between Israel and the local Jewish community, as well as enhances international understanding and economic relations between Israel and the U.S.

As Deputy Consul General in New York, Israel's largest mission in the world, Sagie facilitates interfaith dialogue and develops relations with national, state and local officials. He also maintains regular contact with experts at think tanks and universities across the region and acts as liaison between the Foreign Ministry and the leadership of Jewish communities in the tristate area.

The event was coordinated by Temple Board Member, Dan Teich, and co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.



**The Jews of Afghanistan: History, Culture and Muslim-Jewish Relations**  
In person: Author, Sara Y. Aharon

Sunday, November 5, 11:00am

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

**WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS**

- October 4** **Medicare Basics** with David Tully  
 What you need to know before enrolling.  
 Menu: avocado salad with spinach, salmon quiche, coffee/tea & blueberry muffin dessert
- October 11** **Bintel Briefs: What advice columns can tell us about turn of the century Jews** with Rabbi Berkowitz  
 Menu: bagel, schmear, coffee/tea & dessert
- October 18** **Learning all about cognitive development** with Dawn Tree  
 Dawn is a nurse practitioner in psychiatry and she will be teaching us all about keeping up with cognitive development as we age.  
 Menu: Food for memory: veggie stew, whole grain pasta with broccoli, dried fruit salad, coffee/tea & dark chocolate dessert
- October 25** **Harvest Party:**  
 featuring special guest Jace the illusionist and mentalist. Jace will be telling us how he came into his profession and be performing some magic! Costumes requested.  
 Menu: toxic waste punch, spaghetti and eyeballs & spooky surprise dessert.  
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 11:30 –12:30pm  
 Program  
 12:30pm —Lunch

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**INFORMATION**

For details, weather updates, last minute schedule or menu changes, call the office (845) 471-9811.

Open to the public.

**Jewish Social Action Coalition- Morse School Project**

**Library update:** Many volunteers representing our member synagogues prepared the Morse Elementary School library so students started borrowing books during this coming school year.

Volunteers are still needed to sustain this work. If you want to help, contact socialaction@tbeny.org or the social action person at your synagogue. We are seeking volunteers beginning mid-Oct. for 2-hour shifts on Mon. and Thur. We are looking for folks to read to a class/present a special program.

**School Supplies:** We continue to collect school supplies for the students at Morse. Thanks to Bonnie Glick, Karen Solomon and their friends, 37 beautiful backpacks filled with school supplies arrived for the start of school. Also, the Coalition thanks Joyce Schriebman for connecting us to Mark Samuel from Fitmark Bags who donated 40 new backpacks to our effort. The Coalition is also grateful for the donations of supplies and equipment from the Community Hebrew School of Northern Dutchess.

**Food:** We continue to work with the staff to provide food to the neediest of the Morse School community. Thanks to our generous donors, we can order many pounds of food each month from the Foodbank of the Hudson Valley. And thanks to Harding Club members, the food is delivered right to the school. The Pri HaEmek CSA continues to donate a full share of fresh produce to the school each week. Donations of food and gift cards are always welcome.

**Clothing:** We continue to need new underwear, socks and lightly used children's clothing. Our Bright Night's collection of winter clothing will begin soon. Please gather donations for this annual drive to benefit Morse students and others in our community.

If you want to be involved in the Jewish Social Action Coalition's work, please contact us at socialaction@tbeny.org



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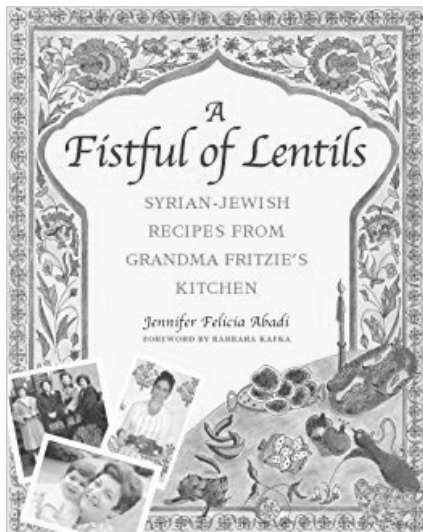
## Community

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Shops**Temple Beth-El's Book and Gift Shop**  
*submitted by Geri Bromberg*

The Temple Beth-El Judaica Book and Gift Shops have all that you need for Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Hanukkah and Shabbat: stories, recordings, a variety of Hanukkah candles, dreidels, jewelry, Safed Shabbat candles, Havdalah candles and host and hostess gifts. Also plan now for birthdays, anniversaries, B'nai Mitzvot and other special occasions.

The Shops will be open Sundays, 10:30am to 12:30pm, on Oct. 8, 15, 22, Nov. 5, 12 & 19. The Shops will be closed on Oct. 1 and Nov. 26.

The Bookshop is featuring *The Vanishing Gourds* by Susan Axe-Bronk, with illustrations by Marta Monelli for Ages 3-8, and *On Sukkot and Simchat Torah* by Cathy Goldberg Fishman, with illustrations by Melanie Hall for Ages 4-9. Some favorite Hanukkah stories are *Lots of Latkes* by Sandy Lanton, illustrated by Marta Monelli for ages 3-8, and *Maccabee Meals: Foods and Fun for Hanukkah* by Judy Groner and Madeline Wikler, illustrated by Ursula Roma for ages 7-12. *Maccabee Meals* includes eight menus and celebration suggestions for the eight nights of the happy winter festival; recipes for smoothies, carrot latkes, dreidel cake as well as rules for making Hanukkah decorations. Another favorite Hanukkah cookbook is *Sammy Spider's First Taste of Hanukkah Cookbook* by Sylvia A. Rouss and Genene Levy Turner, for Ages 2-8.



Jewish Cookbooks may be ordered by contacting Geri Bromberg. *A Fistful of Lentils* was written by Jennifer Felicia Abadi. "The cookbook represents the most comprehensive and thoughtful collection of traditional Syrian-Jewish dishes. This important work also offers anecdotes and insights into the Syrian-Jewish community's distinguished and colorful heritage," said Rabbi Gil Marks, author of *Olive Trees and Honey*. In the book's forward, Barbara Kafka wrote, "To my delight, there is a vast array of vegetable and vegetarian dishes." *Quiches, Kugels, & Couscous: My search for Jewish Cooking in France* was written by Joan Nathan. Joan's recipe for Honey-Coated Baked Chicken with Preserved Lemon is one of her favorites. Joan said "I like to serve it alongside a fennel and citrus salad." From *Jewish Women International Magazine* at [jwi.org/recipes](http://jwi.org/recipes).

**DETAILS**  
For more info, call the temple office at (845) 454-0570 and leave a message for Geri Bromberg for books and recordings and/or Sheri Raftan for year-round ceremonies. Temple Beth-El is located at 118 South Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie.

**Rosh Chodesh Reading Group Presented By: Congregation Shir Chadash**

Those interested in reading have been invited to a potluck brunch and discussion held every month. 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! Date and location to be decided.

For more information, please contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or website: [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org).

## Adult Education

**Educational Opportunities Abound at Schomre Israel**

**Know Your Book with Rabbi Langer** Tuesday mornings, October 3, 17, 27, 31, 10:30am. Study and discussion of Jewish texts: Oct. 3—Shir Hashirim conclusion, Oct. 17-Proverbs and Aesop's Fables, Oct. 24—Proverbs and Philosophers, Oct. 31—Ethos, Ethics and Proverbs.

**Classes with Rabbi Langer** Thursday evenings, October 19, 26, 7:00pm. October 19—To Give or Not to Give Organ Donation in Halacha, October 26—Jonathan Pollard: Hero or Traitor.

Classes are free. All are welcome. You are invited to visit our website, [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org), for a full complement of recordings of previous classes of the following topics: books of the Bible, controversial issues in Israel, new perspectives on the holidays, Jewish biographies, crash course on Jewish history and more. For info on weather cancellations and class schedules visit [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) or call (845) 454-2890.

**Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple**

**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text**, every Tuesday at 12:00pm taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes--no previous training required!

**Coming to America: Writing Our Personal and Collective Stories**, Tuesday, October 10, 17, 24, 7:00pm, with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. Most Jews in America have at least one ancestor who came from Eastern Europe between 1880 and 1925. There are some general and historic reasons why Jews migrated westward and across the ocean at that time. Yet, everyone's story is also unique. The course will discuss the Jewish condition in the late nineteenth century, and will focus on determining one's own personal history.

This course will be followed up by Rabbi Berkowitz in Winter/Spring with a series exploring narratives of the Jewish Immigrant Experience, from the Bintel Briefs in the Jewish Daily Forward to classic short stories from Jewish literature.

**Israel and Syria: Forever Enemies?** Thursday, October 19, 7:00pm with Instructor Martin Charwat. Israel and Syria have been bitter enemies since 1947. With Syria torn apart by civil war, where do relations between it and Israel now stand? Martin Charwat will review the history and project where relations between the two are heading.

**Torah Study** every Saturday, 9:00am, with Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftarah.

All welcome. No charge to attend No previous training required. No charge to attend. Questions [vassar-templerabbi@gmail.com](mailto:vassar-templerabbi@gmail.com) (845) 454-2570.

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

**A Modern Jewish Discussion Group arrives at TBE this Fall** contact the Temple Beth-El office for more information.

**Sacred Texts Speaking to Issues of the Day with Rabbi Daniel Victor**, October 17, Tuesday, 12:30pm, The Crafted Kup, Raymond Ave. with Rabbi Daniel Victor. All are welcome to come discuss issues of the day.

**On Eagles Wings; Adult Discovery Course, 9 months of exposure to Jewish History, Spiritually and Practice** Adult discovery course for both non-Jews journeying towards conversion and Jews looking to strengthen their basic Jewish foundations. Class meetings will be determined at that time based on participating student's availability. The cost for attending the class is determined individually based on one's journey and can be determined through conversations with Rabbi Daniel Victor. Please call the synagogue at (845) 454-0570 to speak with Rabbi Daniel Victor if you are interested in attending. We look forward to engaging in this meaningful experience with you.

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

**Chabad Center Classes**

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

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**Congregation Shir Chadash**

**Saturday Torah Study**, resumes Saturday, October 7, 21, 9:15am. While enjoying a light breakfast, engage in an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish, everyone has a chance to participate. No expertise or knowledge of Hebrew is needed. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend.

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

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**Citizen Preparedness Training**  
**October 24, 2017 5:00-6:00pm**  
Temple Beth-El  
118 S. Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Citizen Preparedness training is presented by the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County. It is designed to provide participants with tools and resources to better prepare for any type of disaster. Participants will learn how to respond in a disaster and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions.

Preparedness brochures and other information will be available for distribution.

Contact: Martin Hochhauser, 914-456-4050

**Vassar Temple Book Club to Discuss *Joy Comes in the Morning***

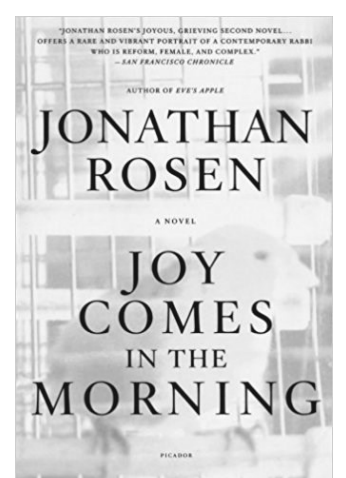
Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss *Joy Comes in the Morning* by Jonathan Rosen - a book described by critics as a welcoming and intelligent look at a young rabbi's effort to weld her many identities - woman, rabbi, Jew - into a cohesive whole. Rosen's love story is told with both humor and extraordinary emotional insight.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 12, 2:00pm, in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie, and all are welcome to attend.

Deborah Green is a highly capable young woman, a rabbi adored by her Manhattan congregants - adept at both weddings and funerals. She craves goodness and certainty in her life, while wrestling with her own desires and the sorrow and pain she sees around her. Her hospital encounter with Henry Friedman (who has attempted suicide) and his family, draws her into a world of tragedy, love and finally hope.

*Joy Comes in the Morning* is available in paperback through Amazon, as well as the local library system. Ellen O'Hara will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome.

To RSVP or for details, contact Linda Babas at (845) 473-7931 or [linda.babas.41@gmail.com](mailto:linda.babas.41@gmail.com). As always, your book suggestions for future reading are always welcome.



# Debbie's VOICE



My son's bar mitzvah is at the end of this month. Did that sound calm? In that case, what I meant was MY SON'S BAR MITZVAH IS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH! Is it just me who feels that the older my boys get, the quicker the years pass? While I am adjusting to my baby being a (gulp!) teenager, I had to take him bar mitzvah suit shopping—and not in the kid's department either. My son needed to shop at a man's suit store. I am still taking that in!

Now, I don't want to put the kibosh on myself, but the bar mitzvah process has been quite lovely.

Part of this, I'm sure, is because for years I never thought Zach, a child with autism, would be able to handle both the preparation and participation in becoming a bar mitzvah.

As his bar mitzvah day rapidly approaches (oy!), I find myself both looking back and forward. I can't help but reminisce on how much Zach has amazed me.

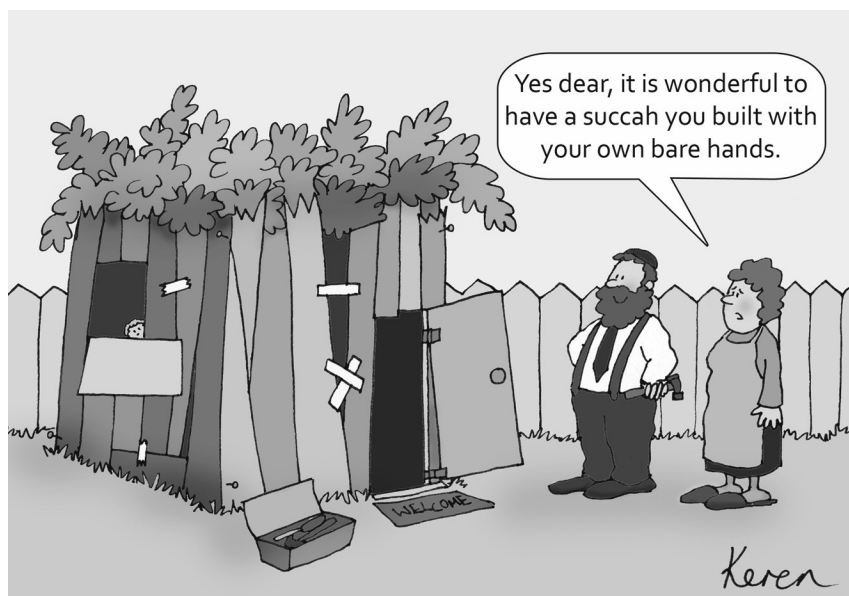
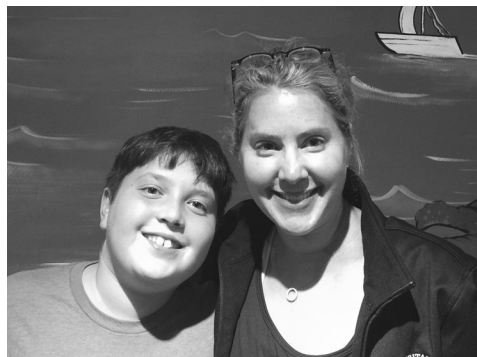
As a child with autism, language was always very difficult for Zach. When he was three-years old, he barely spoke – had maybe 10 words in his vocabulary. After attending a special language-based preschool, Zach's spoken language exploded. He entered kindergarten with the vocabulary of a third grader. His vocabulary is truly impressive, even more so, when you stop and think about all those words being trapped inside of his brain just needing the proper tools to get out.

Zach has been dutifully practicing his Torah portion for the past 6 months. This has astonished me, because I can't help but recall the preschooler who struggled to put a sentence together, and now he's reading sentences in a foreign language. And not just a foreign language...but in Hebrew! A language that's not connected to English in any way. Not speaking or reading a lick of Hebrew myself, I am awestruck by the fluency of the words that he speaks from those strange letters and dots!

Looking forward, I can't imagine the teenager he will become. On his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, Zach promised that he will "be a great teenager—one without a lot of attitude or sass!" Sadly, I did not get this affidavit in writing and filed with the proper legal authorities!

I know that in the blink of an eye, he will be taking his driver's test. So, for my sanity (what's left of it), I've decided to just focus on the present.

So, while I work out the last minute details for Zach's post bar mitzvah celebration, I am doing it all with a huge smile, because it's going to be a great day...a happy day...a day to celebrate the child he was and the man he will someday become.



## Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

### This month meet: Lucia Swartz

*Reporter's Note: Every month, I will be interviewing a youngish Jewish professional in our area. Please feel free to email us with any suggestions! - -- Debbie Silbergleit*

Lucia is the director of Bright Horizons Childcare and Preschool in Fishkill. She has spent more than a decade educating preschool-age children (or as she refers to them, "little people"). Lucia has had many roles in the development of young children. Her first experience in the preschool setting was as music teacher. She was a baby Hebrew teacher, preschool teacher and eventual director at the former JCC. Lucia's laugh and bright smile make her an ideal educator for young children.



Lucia grew up in South Jersey in a typical Italian/Catholic household. Her favorite childhood memories center around monthly family dinners at her grandmother's home in Brooklyn. Lucia loved being surrounded by all her cousins. She received her college degree from Adelphi, where she studied arts and theater. After graduation, Lucia moved to the East Village and promptly got a job in a swanky restaurant as a coat-check person/receptionist. Her next job took her in a slightly different direction. She worked at Union Square Café and learned the hospitality business from Danny Meyer. Lucia also met her future husband, Scott, who was one of the chefs there.

Lucia and Scott married in 1999. Their wedding was a non-traditional affair, with various friends and family officiating. They also announced to their guests that if they had any future children, they'd agreed to raise them Jewish. Lucia is the mother of two sons. Both were converted to Judaism by the time they were three. Lucia hadn't seriously considered converting herself until she met Rabbi Neal Loevinger, formerly of Temple Beth-El, in 2007. Rabbi Neal was the first rabbi who made her feel welcomed and comfortable in temple.

In 2013, Lucia officially converted to Judaism. At the time, Lucia's mother was living with her family. Lucia would take her mother to church, where she would feel completely lost during the Mass. Conversely, she found herself feeling completely engaged during services at Temple Beth-El. Her conversion was a very private affair because Lucia felt, "it was only between her and God and didn't need to be broadcasted to the larger community." Over time, she shared her conversion with her siblings; Lucia's brother (a Deacon in the Catholic church) was more understanding than her sister, who struggled with Lucia's decision.

Every week, Lucia celebrates Shabbat by baking challah, lighting the candles and saying the prayers with her family. Her favorite holiday is Sukkot because "it's celebrating the Harvest and being outside...there is something so spiritual about being outside and witnessing the changing of the seasons." Lucia also loves the idea of opening her home to others, a truly quintessential Jewish belief.

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**Shabbat Noach program -- Vassar Temple --  
Friday, October 20, 2017**

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The teachings of Shabbat Noach dramatically portray the devastating effect climatic factors can have on the Earth, and remind us of our special responsibility to care for our planet.

Mark your calendar for the annual Shabbat Noach gathering at Vassar Temple, Friday, October 20, starting with a nosh and socializing at our monthly family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour at 6:00pm. Continue with the 7:30pm Shabbat service featuring guest speakers from Citizens Climate Lobby.

CCL is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. Our speakers will discuss the Judaic ethical basis for this urgent issue, review the causes and devastating consequences of climate change (including rising seas!), talk about how we can all help to lower the carbon footprint and suggest potential long-term solutions.

Religious School students will also be participating in this event, and more information about this issue will be made available at the Oneg following the service.

While reservations are not required for the Happy Hour, for planning purposes RSVPs sent to Susan Karnes Hecht at skarneshecht@gmail.com or (845) 518-2687 would be greatly appreciated!

# Rabbi's Blog

## Zion and Israel

By Rabbi Paul Golomb

The celebration of Simhat Torah will take place toward the middle of this month. It is the occasion in which the last verses of Torah are publicly read in the synagogue, followed by a recitation of its beginning. It is celebratory, marked with dancing and singing. A good time is had by all.

The timing of Simhat Torah is worthy of some analysis. It takes place at the conclusion of the Festival of Sukkot. In Israel and among Reform Jews, it coincides with the Shmini Atzeret, the eighth day following the weeklong observance of the Feast of Booths. Among Conservative and Orthodox outside of Israel, it is a ninth day, right after Shmini Atzeret. Why, we might ask, does it happen at this time of year?

There is ample textual evidence that an early practice regarding the reading of Torah entailed breaking the Five Books into small sections—thirty or so verses in length—and therefore extending the reading of the entire Torah over 170-180 weeks. When the last section was read, it would be immediately followed by the first verses of Genesis, and there would be a “rejoicing in the Torah,” a Simhat Torah. This celebration would take place every three-plus years. Simhat Torah was not a fixed date. It happened when it happened.



Rabbi Paul Golomb

### What, however, is the force and meaning of the Festival when the Temple in Jerusalem has fallen and the people scattered?

Jewish communities in Persia (Babylonia) enlarged the number of verses read every week so that there were only 53 sections (*parashot*). The entire Torah could be recited over the course of a single year. With the judicious combination of certain *parashot* in certain years, the date of the Simhat Torah could also be fixed in the calendar.

Even at this point in Jewish history, when the annual reading has become more widespread (scholars suggest that by the year 800CE, the practice is virtually universal among Jewish communities), it is not obvious on which date the celebration should take place. After all, in the older cycle, the celebration could happen almost anytime. The culmination of Sukkot is nonetheless chosen. It is, in my opinion, filled with political and theological meaning.

Sukkot is the celebration of the autumn harvest, and as such, it is a celebration of the bounty drawn from the land. We are not talking about any arable land, but rather the Land—Israel. Everything about the Festival, especially as it is described in the Mishna, reinforces Sukkot's role in rejoicing in a “Land flowing with milk and honey.” What, however, is the force and meaning of the Festival when the Temple in Jerusalem has fallen and the people scattered? It is true that we continue to acknowledge Sukkot with the waving of a lulav and the erecting of booths, but the holiday is only a pale imitation of the extraordinary carnival held during the days of the Temple. At that time, it was sufficient to call the holiday *HeHag*, the celebration par excellence!

For most Jews who adhere to some modicum of religious sentiment, the sense of carnival and reverie is reserved for the end of the week, when young and old gather in the synagogue and dance with the Torah. The Temple and the Land are gone, but the Torah remains! The rabbinic move from sacred Land to sacred Book is fully established by the juxtaposition of Simhat Torah with the conclusion of Sukkot. The Jewish people are no longer organized around Zion, but rather around a scroll that can be carried anywhere.

Judaism did not, however, forget Zion. Each day of the liturgical observance of Sukkot is highlighted by a set of prayers called *Hosha-na*; Save us, we beseech You. Save us from what? From our exile from Zion, where Sukkot can properly be observed! The *Hosha-na* prayers culminate on the seventh—the last—day of the Festival with *Hoshana Rabba*. The extended liturgy calling for God's salvation is accompanied by a ritual dismantling of the lulav. The palm, myrtle, willow and Etrog have served symbolically as a portable Sukkah. We cannot, however, carry Zion around as so many branches. Yes, we have the Book, but Israel is not complete without the Land as well.

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For most of Jewish history since the development of rabbinic Judaism, the return to the Land had been treated as a messianic ideal; something that would occur only in “the end of days.” The political movement of Zionism and the founding of the State of Israel have upset the carefully balanced resolution of the dialectic—the People of the Book vs. the People of the Land—by placing the Book in the eternal present, and the Land in the eschatological future. It is little wonder that one hundred-twenty years ago, most Jews were opposed to Theodore Herzl's efforts to organize a Zionist Movement. It is little wonder that today, thoughtful Jews argue vociferously over the political priorities and values of the Jewish State, as they attempt to work through in their own minds the divine commands they received in an unbounded wilderness with their devotion to *Tziyon*, the piece of Land that was marked out for them.

This Sukkot-Simhat Torah is especially meaningful as it is embedded in the midst of a set of important anniversaries: the 120<sup>th</sup> of the first World Zionist Congress (held at the end of August 1897), the 100<sup>th</sup> of the Balfour Declaration (promulgated on Nov. 2, 1917), and the 70<sup>th</sup> of the U.N. Partition Plan resolution that formally established a Jewish State (Nov. 28, 1947). Zion and Torah: these are the two poles of the modern Jewish condition, and you and I are suspended in between. Rabbi Nahman of Bratislav extended these words of comfort: “All the world is a very narrow bridge, and the basic thing is not to be afraid.”

May you achieve blessing and joy in this season in which we celebrate both our Torah and our attachment to Zion.

Rabbi Paul Golomb, Senior Scholar, Vassar Temple

# Inside the Jewish Studio

By Debbie Silbergleit

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

Each month, I ask a MOT\* these questions and feature their answers.

This month, a big thank you to Michelle Klein, Hebrew tutor extraordinaire, for finally giving in and answering my questions...

1. What is your favorite word?  
*Ummmm...oh gosh,,, Wait, I know—my favorite word is family!*
2. What is your least favorite word?  
*Dishonesty*
3. What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?  
*Are you kidding my?? Helping other people.*
4. What turns you off?  
*Prejudice*
5. What is your favorite curse word?  
*(Laughing) I can't say that—it's a curse! Ummmm...are you serious?!? (Reporter's note: after a thirty second stare down, Michelle caved) It starts with "s."*
6. What sound or noise do you love?  
*Little babies laughing*
7. What sound or noise do you hate?  
*People screaming. I don't like it when people scream.*
8. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?  
*School counselor*
9. What profession would you not like to do?  
*I have a list of those! I wouldn't want to have to clean up dog poop.*
10. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?  
*Your family appreciated you.*



Michelle Klein

\* Member of the Tribe

## Vassar Temple's Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School is off to a Great Start!

Julie Makowsky, Religious School Director

This year, we kicked off our school year with a special field trip on September 10. While learning about the environment through our Jewish lenses, we were able to explore Judaism by getting our hands dirty with the Poughkeepsie Farm Project. Our field trip to the Farm Project was just the beginning of the special programs we have planned for this year!

Three amazing Shabbat Morning Family Learning Programs are planned. These Shabbat mornings are in lieu of Sunday morning classes and will correspond with the visit of our Student Cantor, Laura Stein. We are excited to have our families come together to learn in “Jewish Time” while celebrating with the entire community.

Shabbatot include:

- Shabbat Toldot on November 18
- Shabbat Beshalach on January 27
- Shabbat Vayakhel/Pekudei on March 24

Each of the Shabbatot begin at 9:30am. The programs are intergenerational and are open to the public. We would love to share our learning with families who are interested in learning more about Religious School at Vassar Temple.

In addition, we will continue to hold our family experiential learning to learn about the Jewish holidays. This year, our Chanukah program will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 10:30am and our Passover Program will be held on Sunday, March 18 at 10:30am. We would like to encourage any families interested in learning more about our Religious School to come and participate. You are

also welcome to observe our classes beforehand between 9:00-10:30am.

On Sunday morning, April 8, we are planning a field trip to New York City to visit the Tenement Museum. This field trip will be open to others in our community. Our vision is to make this a trip of *L'Dor V'Dor*—intergenerational learning. More information about this wonderful trip will be coming soon!

The Vassar Temple Religious School program has taken the URJ mandate of Youth Engagement to a new level. We have expanded our Madrichim Program (teen aides) exponentially! I am excited to announce that we now have a cadre of teens that will bring new voices and energy into the planning of our special programs and in the experiences of our young students.

Of course, the Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School will continue to meet regularly on Sundays with our wonderful talented and dedicated teachers. Our Hebrew School will continue to meet on Wednesday afternoons and will use the Mitkadem Hebrew Program, which was very successful this past year and allows each student to progress at his or her own level and pace. New students are always welcome throughout the year in all our school's education programs; temple membership is not required to enroll your children in our religious school or Hebrew school. I would like to personally welcome you to email me at [vassartemplers@gmail.com](mailto:vassartemplers@gmail.com) with any questions or if you are interested in coming to learn more about this exciting year at our school.




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## Hurray for Heshvan!

By Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Education Director & Cantor Devorah Gartner, Youth & B'nai Mitzvah Director

The days are growing shorter, and the nights are growing longer. Mornings are crisp and the days are warmed by golden autumn light. We have welcomed 5778. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have come and gone. We are dwelling in our own sukkot, visiting friends in theirs. We are getting ready to roll the Torahs to the beginning again and enjoying the fall harvest season in the beautiful Hudson Valley.

Our **Gesher Hebrew High School** combined program has been at Vassar Temple in the early weeks of the new Jewish year. We have met our teachers and selected our classes. And, we are celebrating Sukkot with *Shakes in the Shack* and *Pizza in the Hut*.

The Temple Beth-El/Congregation Shir Chadash **Ivrit Program** and the TBE **Religious School** are in full swing. The halls are filled with the happy sounds of our children learning, laughing, playing and singing together. The crunch of apples can be heard everywhere.

Continuing the "flow" of our river theme from the High Holidays, all ages and groups at TBE are busy creating "hakafloats," - whimsical, creative rolling mini-floats. There will be one to lead each of the hakafot [parades around the synagogue] on Simchat Torah on Thursday, October 12 at 6:30pm.

Our October inter-generational Havurah for families with kids and bobbies and zaydies is heading off for a progressive Shabbat afternoon meal at our annual Sukkah Hop in the Hagantown neighborhood on Saturday, October 7 at 4:30pm. Our Youth Group and Religious School will participate in the Dutchess County Interfaith Council **Crop Walk for Hunger** Sunday morning, October 15.

After Simchat Torah, we bid farewell to the frenzied pace of the month of Tishrei and welcome the quieter, more relaxed speed of the month of Heshvan. However, we are not slowing down for fall; we are winding up for winter. Each month and season offers us so many opportunities to study, laugh, work and celebrate together.

## Temple Beth-El Stories, Songs, Torah & Fun! Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Neal

Join the community for Shabbat Kiddush afterwards. Parents & children ages 0-6(& siblings) are welcome! (Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.) All are welcome, and bring friends!

Saturday, 3rd Sat at 11:15am.

## Bar Mitzvah

Zachary Jordan Silbergleit October 26, 2017, Temple Beth-El

Son of Debbie & Jason Silbergleit  
Brother of Colby Silbergleit

Zach is an 8th grader at Union Vale Middle School, where his favorite subjects are history and science. He also plays the cello in their orchestra. Outside of school, he enjoys playing on baseball, soccer and basketball teams in Lagrange.

Zach is an avid baker. He often creates his own recipes. He has turned his love of baking into his Mitzvah Project. On Sunday, October 15, from 9:30am-12:30pm, he will be having a bake sale at Temple Beth-El.

All funds received will be donated to The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. All Zach's baked good are made from scratch, kosher and allergy friendly.



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### SHIR CHADASH

Congregation Shir-Chadash's religious school will be starting the next phase of their new curriculum, *Immigration: Life & times of the Jews in America*. Member families' children from Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to attend at no charge for a full year.

Classes meet two Saturdays a month at 9:00am. See website for dates and special new membership rate.

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Saturday, Shabbat School  
9:30am-12:30pm, grades PreK-6

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

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

For information, contact (845) 454-0570  
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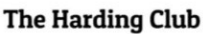



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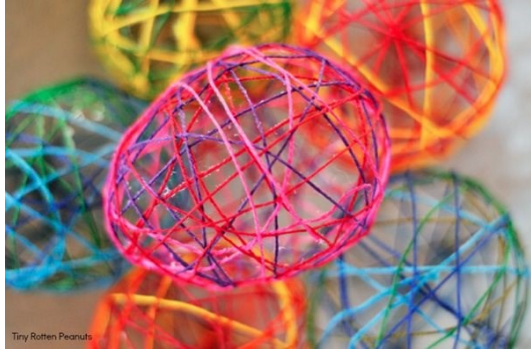
# גילה gilah rejoicing

### Let's decorate the Sukkah!

From The PJ Library Blog [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org)

#### String Art Pears or Apples

Materials: colorful, small balloons, blown up, lengths of yarn or embroidery floss, watered down school glue



Just dip the string in the glue, wiping excess glue between two fingers, and wrap the balloon in string until the entire shape is covered but spaces remain. Hang to dry or dry on waxed paper. Several hours later the glue will be dry, pop the balloon to reveal the string art pear or apple. Tie a length of floss to the shape and hang in the Sukkah!

Read *Red, Blue, and Yellow Yarn: A Tale of Forgiveness*.

#### Fabric Garland

This is a great way to repurpose fabric odds and ends from old projects as well as old tees, cloth and ribbon.



Just cut fabric into even length strips about an inch wide, and then tie each strip to a length of twine, ribbon or rope by knotting it right in the middle. This fun activity helps children learn about repurposing items and not letting anything go to waste. Looks great in the Sukkah!

*My Grandfather's Coat* is a wonderful story compliment to this activity.

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### SUKKOT

Dear PJ Library family,

With the end of September and the first week of October, we leave Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the most solemn of holidays and five days later begin the most joyous, Sukkot.

Sukkot has dual significance: both historical and agricultural. Historically Sukkot commemorates the 40-year period during which the Children of Israel wandered in the desert. Agriculturally, Sukkot is a harvest holiday. (Judaism 101)

"As a part of the celebration, families build a sukkah. Eating and living in this temporary structure forces you to think about the important things in life, separating you from material possessions. The huts are supposed to remind us of the flimsy houses our ancestors lived in as they traveled through the desert heading towards Israel. Because Sukkot is also a harvest festival, it is considered an especially happy and festive time." [PJ Library blog]

There are many great resources to help you learn the basics of building a sukkah or you can buy a kit. A sukkah must have at least two and a half walls and be covered with a material that cannot blow away such as canvas. The sukkah may be any size as long as it is big enough for you to fulfil the commandment of dwelling in it. The roof must be made from materials that grew from the ground and were cut off such as corn stalks, bamboo or branches, laid loosely across the top of the structure with enough room between them to see the stars and allow the rain in. Once you have built your sukkah, decorate it with fruit, vegetables and crafts, and invite the neighbors in for a meal! To learn the blessings for Sukkot go to <http://www.jewfaq.org/sukkotref.htm#Arba>

PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley will be popping up in a sukkah near you to shake the lulav and etrog and share a story, craft and a snack.

There are many wonderful PJ Library books about Sukkot, and fall is such a wonderful time to be outside!

Be sure to check our Facebook page: PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley for our schedule of activities. Or email us at [pjlibray@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibray@jewishdutchess.org).

And last but not least, on September 1, PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley welcomed a new member to the team: Emily Soltanoff, Ulster County Community Liaison. Emily is already busy creating meaningful programs in Ulster County and helping neighbors form lasting friendships.

We will see you in the sukkah!

Melinda Margulies, Kimberly Ritz, Jessa Campo, and Emily Soltanoff

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### Shir Chadash's New Kabbalat Service Time-Families With Young Children

Congregation Shir Chadash is trying a earlier Kabbalat service time, 6:30pm, to accommodate families with young children.

After surveying congregants, Shir Chadash determined that having an earlier start time would be more convenient for families. As one mom said, "we can eat dinner, go to services and still have the kids in bed before 8:30pm." This will be a change from the usual 7:30pm time to the new 6:30pm time. The initial trial period will have all the family holiday services (Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah & Purim) starting at 6:30pm. Depending on the response, more dates will be added. The president of Shir Chadash, Bill Anshen, is initiating the change with the hope to create an environment that encourages and allows all families to fully participate in all of Shir Chadash's services and programs.

For more information about Congregation Shir Chadash, call (845) 232-1029, email [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or check out the calendar on the website at [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org). View the online calendar two ways: the olive green box on the front page and the menu at the top of every page for up-to-date information.



## The President's Voice



Dear Friends,

It is late on Thursday evening, September 7. I have just returned home from viewing our first film: *Theodore Bikel, In the Shoes of Sholom Aleichem* with our guest and commentator, Motl Didner, Associate Artistic Director, the National Yiddish Theatre. The film resonated with me. It spoke to the importance of retaining our Jewish culture, and recording the contributions that both these men made towards preserving the history of our people. It inspired me to think about ways that I can contribute to our heritage. It was gratifying for me to see that after the program many people were stimulated to continue this type of conversation among themselves.

We, at the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, want to continue our role in preserving, studying and honoring our history and bringing many forms of our culture to the larger Jewish community. Interestingly, an Egyptian attendee at the film mentioned to me that the name of Shalom Aleichem (one that was not his original name) is very close to what the Egyptians typ-

ically say when they greet one another: Assalaam Alykum. It means *peace be with you*, just as it does in Yiddish. Thus the film provided a bridge between neighbors who now have discovered that they have something in common.

All of the funds received this evening as well as on the evenings of the next two films are targeted for our recently created Howard Lynne Scholarship Fund. These monies go to enabling our children to continue to learn about their heritage. What a perfect symbiosis this evening was. Won't you please contribute to this endeavor by sharing and enjoying these films if not this year but next? I look forward to seeing you there!

Fondly ~ Betsy Kopstein-Stuts, President, Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

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## 92nd Street Y

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**Thursday, October 19, 7pm, Boardman Road Branch Library**  
**Remembering Yitzhak Rabin: Itamar Rabinovich and Dalia Rabin with Rabbi Peter Rubinstein**

More than two decades after the tragic death of Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, one of his most trusted aides, former Israeli ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich, who has now written *Yitzhak Rabin: Soldier, Leader, Statesman*, provided new insights into Rabin's relationships with world leaders, his peace policy toward Syria and the Palestinians, and the repercussions of his murder for Israeli politics today. He was joined by Rabin's daughter, Dalia, for a look back at this extraordinary leader's legacy and a look forward at the future of Israel and prospects for peace.



**Thursday, November 16, 7pm, Boardman Road Branch Library**  
**A Conversation with Tony Blair and Rabbi Peter J. Rubenstein**

One of the most respected and admired world leaders in the last 50 years, Tony Blair offers unparalleled analysis of the world's most difficult and complex issues. The Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 1997-2007, he now works to secure peace and prosperity in the Middle East, improve governance in Africa, find solutions to climate change, and encourage understanding of world faiths. He talks with Rabbi Peter Rubenstein about his take on the current world situation, especially regarding the Middle East in crisis, extremism, governments and education.



**LOCATION: Boardman Library, 141 Boardman Rd, Poughkeepsie**  
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To view a 92nd St Y talk, go to [www.92yondemand.org](http://www.92yondemand.org) and click on TOPICS, then JEWISH INTEREST to select from a list of programs. You'll find a great number of lectures by such notables as Alan Dershowitz, Elie Wiesel and topics including God and Israel.

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## Open to the Sky Beacon Hebrew Alliance Sukkah Project

### There Must Be A Way

Saturday, October 7 at 7:00pm

*You are invited to a very special evening in the sukkah*

**Watch** the documentary *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* that explores the successful women's movement that created a sustainable peace out of the chaos of the Liberian civil war (Note: the film contains depictions of war that may not be appropriate for young audiences)

**Discuss** how the women in Liberia were able to gain power and build peace

**Learn about Women Wage Peace**, a grassroots women's effort that's rekindling hope for a viable future in the Middle East

Special guest: Inbal Shlosberg, an Israeli social worker, activist and member of *Women Wage Peace*, will address the gathering following the film.

Location: Polhill Park, Beacon, NY, corner of 9D and Main Street next to the Visitors Center  
For information, contact Cantor Ellen Pearson Gersh, (845) 831-2012 ext. 2



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 <p>10 oz. • Italian or California Style Where Available <b>Dr. Praeger's Veggie Burgers</b> <b>2/\$6</b></p>	 <p>8-12 oz. • Select Varieties Where Available <b>Tofutti Cream Cheese, Sour Cream or Cheese</b> <b>2<sup>99</sup></b></p>

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 <p>28 oz. Buffalo Style or Plain <b>Empire Kosher Party Wings</b> <b>8<sup>49</sup></b></p>	 <p><b>Empire Kosher Fresh Chicken Leg Quarters</b> <b>2<sup>49</sup></b> lb.</p>
 <p>33 oz. <b>Meal Mart Meat Balls With Marinara Sauce</b> <b>9<sup>99</sup></b></p>	 <p>16 oz. • White Ground Turkey \$5.49 or <b>Empire Kosher Fresh 85% Ground Turkey</b> <b>3<sup>99</sup></b></p>

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**Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour**

Join with friends old and new for Happy Hour at Vassar Temple! Everyone welcome – bring the kids!

We meet on the patio in front of the synagogue (weather permitting) or downstairs in the social hall and enjoy wine, beverages, delicious appetizers and small plates before services. Menus are themed and feature a variety of local restaurants and cuisines.

Mark your calendars and join the fun! Invite friends and family to enjoy this relaxing social time and then participate in a beautiful Shabbat service filled with prayer and song.

**DETAILS**  
Upcoming Happy Hours for the fall, 6:00-7:30pm, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17. For more info contact Andi Ciminello andi@ecopkny.com.

**Save the Date: TBE Monte Carlo Night**

As in previous years, the fantasy casino will include blackjack, poker, roulette, the Big Wheel, trivia competition, and electronic Bingo returns this year.

Admission includes food and beverages. Participants must be 21 or over. Table and event sponsorships are available.

**DETAILS**  
Nov. 18, 7:30pm, Temple Beth-El, \$30 per person before Nov. 4 and \$45 per person thereafter. For more info contact Temple Beth-El office (845) 454-0570 or any board member to purchase tickets.

**Save the Date: Vassar Temple Gala**

As Vassar Temple enters its 18th decade, a gala event will be held on Veterans Day weekend to highlight the Temple's remarkable history of heroes among us who serve, or who have served the temple, the community and the nation. The gala will feature hors d'oeuvres and dinner catered by Simply Gourmet, wine pairings, a silent auction, vocal performances by Laura Stein, a DJ, and dancing.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, Nov. 12, 4:00-8:00pm, Poughkeepsie Tennis Club. More information and ticket sales will be in future editions of *The Voice*.

**JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625**

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

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America and others of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate. Congregation Schomre Israel is strictly kosher so no outside food may be brought in. We look forward to seeing you there.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, Oct. 1, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10, 9:30am. 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer qbee5@optonline.net

**Vassar Sisterhood Game Night**

Are you a Scrabble fan or a Canasta master? Join us for our opening program! Play some old favorites or learn some new games. Bring your favorite board game. There will be a few Mahjongg tables to play on or learning how to play. And there will be lots of socializing and snacks!

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, Oct. 22, 2:00-4:00pm, Vassar Social Hall. No charge. Reserve your spot with Susan Fink at sbudson@aol.com or (845) 473-3168.

**A Trip to Poland and Israel**

Schomre Israel is planning a tour in April 2018. See where our ancestors lived for centuries. Visit former Chasidic centers, concentration camps and mass burial sites. Then on to Israel.

Trip is open to the community. Contact Rabbi Langer, (845) 454-2890 or rabbi@schomreisrael.org for details.

**Vassar Temple 's Fall Rummage Sale is Coming!**

Start cleaning those closets of gently used items and packing your bric-a-brac-- the Vassar Temple Sisterhood Rummage Sale is coming very soon! We will start collecting rummage items Oct. 29. No rummage will be accepted after Nov. 3. Tax receipts will be given for whatever items you donate. However, we **CANNOT** accept textbooks, old TV's, old computers or heavily damaged goods. For large items, please contact us before you bring them!

Collection: Rummage can be dropped off Sunday, Oct. 29 between 9:00am-12:00pm and Monday-Friday between 10:00am-1:45pm. Two evenings will be available for rummage drop-off: Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Thursday, Nov. 2. **All Rummage should be brought to the social hall.** Make sure you put items on the left side of the room and keep the area in front of the stage clear! On Sunday morning, Nov. 5, the sale runs 9:30am-12:30pm; bag sale 2:00-5:00pm. Volunteers are needed to sort and set up in the days before the sale, and to help at the sale!!! Proceeds benefit temple programming and improvements to the temple. Questions? contact rummage@vassartemple.org, or office (845) 454-2570, office@vassartemple.org.

**New Paths Morning Worship**

Join us at the New Paths Sabbath morning service in the informal, intimate setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel.

The moving liturgy of the *New Paths* prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English. Participants may bring supplemental materials to share. Each New Paths service, whether lay-led or rabbi-led, provides a unique and thoughtful Shabbat morning experience. A brief mini Kiddush follows.

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, Oct. 7, 28, 10:00am. For info, contact Rabbi Leah Berkowitz: rabbi@vassartemple.org, email Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or call the temple office (845) 454-2570.

**Real Jewish Deli at Vassar Temple**

A real Jewish deli dinner catered by Ben's Deli of Scarsdale. We'll have an assortment of corned beef, pastrami, tongue and turkey sandwiches on rye, accompanied by homemade potato knishes, cole slaw, potato salad and assorted pickles. Following the dinner, Rabbi Berkowitz and cantorial intern, Laura Stein, will lead a Shabbat service at 7:30p.m. in the main sanctuary.

**DETAILS**  
Friday, Oct 13, 6:00pm Vassar Temple Social Hall, \$25 per adult, kids under 12 pay their age. Make checks payable to Vassar Sisterhood. You may request a vegetarian option at time of reservation. RSVP by Wed, Oct. 11.

Email Lisa-Sue, lisasueq@hvc.rr.com or call her at (845) 876-5859. Sorry but we will not be able to accommodate any late reservations.

**Delicious Bake Sale at Temple Beth-El**

Please stop by Temple Beth-El on Saturday, Oct. 15, 9:30am-12:45pm, to buy some scrumptious baked goods from Zach Silbergleit's mitzvah project bake sale.

All money received will be donated to the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. Every delectable item is baked by Zach from scratch, kosher and allergy friendly.

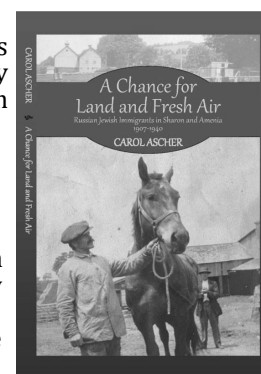
**DETAILS**  
Sat., Oct. 15, from 9:30am-12:45pm, at Temple Beth-El. For more info, contact Temple Beth-El office (845) 454-0570.

**Beth David in Amenia unveils A Chance for Land and Fresh Air**

Congregation Beth David was built in 1929 by Russian Jewish immigrants whose history is detailed in an exhibit recently mounted by the Sharon Historical Society. The public is invited to attend the dedication at Congregation Beth David in Amenia of the permanent home of this exhibit, *A Chance for Land and Fresh Air*.

Enjoy a delicious Oneg immediately after the 10:30am Sukkot service

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, Oct. 7, 11:30am-2:00pm, Congregation Beth David, Community Room, 3344 East Main Street, Route 343, Amenia, NY



# 2017 Holiday Greetings

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

This year we will once again be offering a three pack of Holiday Greetings which includes Passover, Rosh Hashanah, and Chanukah. If you like, you can still purchase the individual holiday greetings.

Please look at the designs and choose one, two or three greetings. If you choose the three pack, please choose the same style for all three greetings.

The cost: Small ad: \$25/each or 3 for \$60  
Medium ad: \$36/each or 3 for \$90  
Large ad: \$64/each or 3 for \$170

Please fill in the form below and mail it back to us with your payment to:  
**THE VOICE, P.O. Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**  
**THE DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1.**

## 2017 HOLIDAY Greetings

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Passover: (circle one)      A B C D E F G H I J

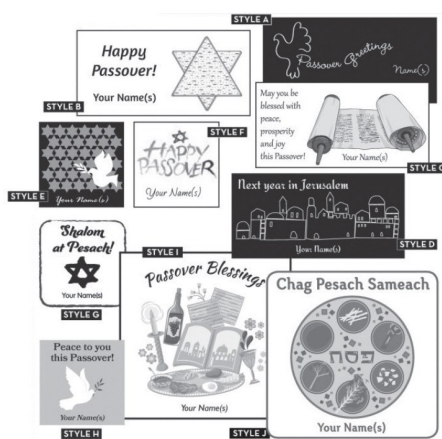
Rosh Hashanah: (circle one)      A B C D E F G H I J

Chanukah: (circle one)      A B C D E F G H I J

Your name(s) on Greeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Passover Greetings*



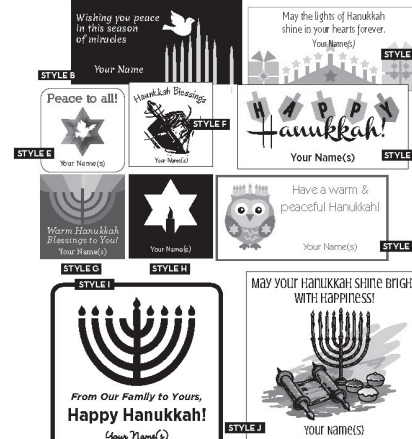
- STYLE A: Passover Greetings
- STYLE B: Happy Passover!
- STYLE C: May you be blessed with peace, prosperity and joy this Passover!
- STYLE D: Next year in Jerusalem
- STYLE E: No text, just your name
- STYLE F: Happy Passover!
- STYLE G: Shalom at Pesach!
- STYLE H: Peace to you this Passover!
- STYLE I: Passover Blessings!
- STYLE J: Chag Pesach Sameach!

*Rosh Hashanah Greetings*



- STYLE A: Happy New Year
- STYLE B: Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!
- STYLE C: May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness
- STYLE D: L'Shanah Jovah
- STYLE E: Happy Rosh Hashanah
- STYLE F: Have a sweet new year!
- STYLE G: Best wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year!

*Chanukah Greetings*



- STYLE A: May the lights of Hanukkah shine in your hearts forever.
- STYLE B: Wishing you peace in this season of miracles
- STYLE C: Happy Hanukkah!
- STYLE D: Have a warm & peaceful Hanukkah!
- STYLE E: Peace to all!
- STYLE F: Hanukkah Blessings!
- STYLE G: Warm Hanukkah Blessings to You!
- STYLE H: No text, just your name
- STYLE I: From our Family to Yours, Happy Hanukkah!
- STYLE J: May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

# Local

## Sunday

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

**Congregation Schomre Israel K4 Meeting** (Koffee, Kibitz, kvetch klub) 9:30am, conversation and discussion about the High Holidays

**Temple Beth-El Sip & Paint** October 15, 1:00pm, Looking for a fun way to spend an afternoon with your friends? Sip & Paint is the solution. Painting instruction on a custom design by Alison of Hudson Valley Drip and Sip. Light refreshments will be served. \$45 per person and when it is done you have a lovely piece of artwork for your home! Seating is limited so please sign-up by contacting the TBE office (845) 454-0570 or info@tbeny.org to reserve your spot.

## Monday

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

**Temple Beth-El Board Meeting** October 16, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

## Tuesday

**Yiddish is back!** 11:00am—12:00pm, at the JCC. Check us out. Groove on the sweet sounds of bubba and zaida, ale-fasholem! Become one of our small group of alter cockers who, although we really can hardly still speak our zisse mameloshen, rejoice in trying to recreate wonderful olden times of blessed memory. And it's free! For info call Don Poretz (845) 471-9529 or June Seidan (845) 471-5492, Zei gezunt.

## Wednesday

**Learn & Lunch Bunch** every Wednesday, 11:00am-1:30pm. 118 So Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. Info, menu and program schedule see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.

**Temple Beth-El Sukkot & Simchat Torah Celebrations** October 4, 11, 7:30pm, evening services.

**Vassar Temple Sukkot Service** October 4, 7:00pm, and Oct 11, dinner 5:30pm (Please RSVP), Simchat Torah Service at 7:00pm

## Thursday

**Temple Beth-El Sukkot & Simchat Torah Celebrations** October 5, 12, 9:30am, morning service, 7:30pm, evening services.

**Vassar Temple** October 12, 10:00am, Yizkor Service

## Friday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Family Sukkot Service** October 6, 6:30pm Join us as we celebrate Sukkot. Everyone will have an opportunity to shake the etrog and wave the lulav! Followed by community Oneg. All welcome.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Family Simchat Torah Service** October 13, 6:30pm One of the most special and awe inspiring services, when we get to see the entire Torah unwound throughout the sanctuary. Come and participate in the cycle of finishing and starting the reading of the Torah. Followed by community Oneg. All are welcome.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service** October 13, 27, 7:30pm, evening service with Rabbi Daniel F Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg. All are welcome.

**Vassar Temple Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour** October 20, 6:00pm. Shabbat Noach service and speaker 7:30pm.

**Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service** October 6, 13 7:30pm.

**Vassar Temple Deli Dinner** October 13, 6:00pm, Please RSVP

**Vassar Temple Yom Aliyah Shabbat Service** October 27, 7:30pm.

**Temple Beth-El Evening Service** every week at 7:30pm, evening conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service all welcome.

**Temple Beth El Shabbat Family Program** October 6, November 3, 5:00pm. We invite families with children ages 0-7, along with grandparents and siblings, to Join Rabbi Daniel Victor and Rabbi Miriam Hyman for a Shabbat dinner, a musical program, story and special treat. Dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 2-12, maximum \$36 per family. Please RSVP in advance so we can prepare food, (845) 454-0570 or info@tbeny.org. Credit cards, checks or cash are accepted. Financial assistance is available contact Rabbi Victor.

**Temple Beth-El Sukkot & Simchat Torah Celebrations** October 6, 13, 9:30am, morning services.

## Saturday

**Congregation Sharing Shabbat Program Religious School Program** October 7, 12, 9:00-10:30am, if you haven't already done so its not to late to register for religious school. Come early (8:45) and have breakfast on us. All welcome.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program** October 7, 21, 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult learn through doing crafts, food and games. Free and open to all families.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service** October 7, 21, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome to attend.

**Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** October 7, 28, 10:00am.

**Vassar Temple Shabbat Morning Torah Service** October 21, 10:00am.

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

**Temple Beth-El Tot Shabbat, Kid-dish and Kadimah** October 14, 28, 11:00am, Families with young children can join us for a bi-monthly Saturday Tot Shabbat program, as well as our First Friday Family Shabbat Dinner. Kid-dish targets children ages 0 to pre bar/bat mitzvah AND THEIR PARENTS. Kid-dish starts with a story or game, followed by a snack for our children with delicious things. Tot Shabbat is a special program for tots and their caregivers and Kadima is for kids ages 8-12 For more info contact education@tbeny.org

**Temple Beth-El Sukkah Hop** October 7, in Spackenkill. Want to have a meal in a Sukkah? Progressive meal with walking to neighborhood Sukkah and concluding with dessert and a community Havdalah. Call Temple Beth-El (845) 454-0570, for the schedule and address list, all are welcome to this community event.

# Out of Area

## Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

23 Albany Ave, Kingston NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 www.templemanuelkingston.org.

**Kabbalat Shabbat evening service** First Friday evening, 6:00pm, with a symbolic Oneg following. All other Friday's 7:30pm with an Oneg following.

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

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

**Tot Shabbat** November 18, 9:00am, A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.

**Saturday Morning Service** 10:00am, September - June. Join our community for uplifting and inspiring Saturday morning communal prayer, meditation and Torah study.

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

**Lunch with Rabbi Romer & Guests** Tuesday, October 3, 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for a lunch with discussion.

**Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study** resumes in October Tuesday morning through June, Meditation, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, Led by Rabbi Yael Romer.

**Rosh Chodesh** Third Tuesday, October 17, 7:00-9:00pm, a women's gathering exploring our female voices in Jewish traditions. Please reserve your space (845) 338-4271.

**Religious School** September through May, Saturday's 9:30am-12:30pm, Enrollment is ongoing. The school day includes a youth led service with prayer, song & dance. Religious education at Temple Emanuel works in partnership with the home to foster a commitment to Judaism and Israel. Contact our Religious School Director Samara Green (845) 338-4271 ext. 110 for more information. Also offering a Pre-K class from 9:30am-11:00am.

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

**Social Action** High Holiday Food Drive continuing through October. Local food pantries are in need of canned fruits and vegetables. Faso Friday's 12:00pm-1:00pm meet at 721 Broadway, Kingston and stand with your Community for a cause that's close to your heart.

**Sukkah Building** Sunday, October 1, 10:00am, join our community in this enjoyable Mitzvah in welcoming Sukkot.

**Potluck in the Sukkah** Wednesday, October 4, 6:00pm community event. All are welcome.

**Yizkor Service** Friday, October 6, 5:30pm followed by Shabbat Service **Sukkot Shalom** welcome the Muslim and Christian communities to our Sukkah 7:00pm

**Havdalah and Dessert in Rabbi's Home Sukkah** in Rhinebeck Saturday, October 7, 7:00pm.

**CEHV hosts UCJF and Friends in our Sukkah** Monday, October 9, 7:00pm.

**CEHV hosts The Kingston City School Board of Education** for coffee and conversation for the community at large, Tuesday, October 10, 7:00pm.

**Simchat Torah, Hakafot and Consecration** Friday, October 13, 7:30pm.

# Calendar

## October

### Regular Schedule of Services

#### Beacon Hebrew Alliance

331 Veplanck Avenue • Beacon • (845) 831-2012

Conservative: Rabbi Brent Spodek

Cantor Ellen Gersh/Education Dir. Ashley Baker

Website: www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

Email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org

Service held weekly on Fridays at 7:30 pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit our website for information about services, religious school, and community events

#### Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Road • Poughkeepsie • (845) 463-5801

Email: chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net

Website: www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Rabbi Yacov Borenstein

Friday—Call for time • Saturday—10 am

#### Congregation Beth David

E. Main Street • Amenia • (845) 373-8264

Email: JonRab33@gmail.com

Website: CongBethDavid.org

Reformed: Rabbi Jon Haddon

Services held usually on Saturdays at 10:00am twice monthly except January & February. Please call for schedules.

#### Congregation Schomre Israel

18 Park Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 454-2890

Email: Schomre1@aol.com

Website: www.schomreisrael.org

Orthodox: Rabbi Eliezer Langer

Monday-Thursday—7 am, Sundays—8 am, Saturday—9 am

Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm • Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown.

#### Congregation Shir Chadash

Interim: Freedom Plains Pres. Church • Lagrange • (845) 232-1029

Email: info@shir-chadash.org

Website: www.shir-chadash.org

Reform: Rabbi Daniel Polish

Cantor Gail Hirschenfang

Fridays—Shabbat Services at 7:30pm, Bi-monthly on

Saturdays; Children's Religious School at 9:00am; Torah Study at 9:15am.

#### The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery St • Rhinebeck • (845) 876-7666

Email: RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Website: RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Rabbi Hanoch Hecht & Rebbitzin Tzivia Hecht

Friday Services—Please call for time; Saturday Services—9:30

#### Temple Beth El

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

Email: info@tbeny.org

Website: www.tbeny.org

Conservative: Rabbi Daniel Victor

Rosh Tefilah: Rabbi Miriam Hyman

Friday evening—7:30pm,

Saturday Shabbat service at 9:30 am,

Weekdays—7:30am daily.

#### Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 451-3920

Rabbi

Email:

Friday-6:00pm service, 7:00pm dinner, when school is in session

#### Vassar Temple (Reform)

140 Hooker Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 454-2570

Website: www.vassartemple.org

Reform: Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

Education Director Julie Makowski

Email: office@vassartemple.org or rabbi@vassartemple.org

Friday night service at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Torah study Saturday at 9:00am. New Paths Services on the 1st and 3rd

Saturday of each month at 10:00am. Unless otherwise noted.

## October Candle Lighting

### Sukkot

October 4..... 6:14pm

October 5..... 7:11pm

October 6..... 6:10pm

### Shemini Atzeret

October 11..... 6:02pm

October 12..... 7:00pm

October 13..... 6:57pm

October 20..... 5:48pm

October 27..... 5:38pm

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Robbie Schiff and Sandy Lash along with other volunteers made and served sandwiches for clients of Hillcrest House.



JFDC Board Member, Jonah Ritter, welcomes the Dutchess Jewish Film Festival Crowd.



Muriel Horowitz and families at the Temple Beth-El pre-Shabbat dinner in Greenvale Park.



At the ballgame for Jewish Community Heritage Night. Rabbi Langer on the big screen.



A group of Shir Chadash members and friends take a trip to NYC for lunch and the theater.



Vassar Temple's Sisterhood recently sponsored a Chai Noon Lunch at the Ice House.



Congregation Shir Chadash congregants coming together in their sukkah in 2016

**Sukkot Family Service**

Congregation Shir Chadash will hold a special Sukkot Family Service. The holiday will be explained and the meaning of the etrog and lulav will be discussed. Everyone will have an opportunity to shake the etrog and wave the lulav! Join in for a fun and festive evening. Followed by community Oneg. All are welcome.

**DETAILS**

Friday, Oct. 6, 6:30pm For more information call (845) 232-1029, email: info@shir-chadash.org, check out the calendar on our website: www.shir-chadash.org.

**Simchat Torah Family Service**

Congregation Shir Chadash will hold a family Simchat Torah service. One of the most special and awe inspiring services, when we get to see the entire Torah unwound throughout the sanctuary. In order to make this happen, everyone participating works together by holding up a section of the Torah, old and young alike. You will learn the reasons why certain sections look the way they do and a highlight of the evening is always when Rabbi Polish reads and translates the section you may be holding! Community Oneg to follow. All are welcome.

**DETAILS**

Friday, Oct. 13, 6:30pm, for more info, call (845) 232-1029, email: info@shir-chadash.org, or check out the calendar at our website: www.shir-chadash.org



Congregation Shir Chadash's Rabbi Polish explaining a particular section of the Torah on a previous Simchat Torah

# Sukkot and Simchat Torah Services

**Sukkot and Simchat Torah Celebrations at Vassar Temple**

On, Wednesday, October 4, Vassar Temple will be hosting a joint **Sukkot** celebration in conjunction with the Geshur Hebrew High School Program. 7th-12th graders and their families will enjoy "Shakes in the Shack" at 5:45pm, followed at 6:30pm by a special dinner in the sukkah, "Pizza in the Hut." At 7:30pm, EVERYONE is invited to gather in the sanctuary for a Sukkot Service, open to all in the community. During the service we will present our 7th graders with their very own siddurim, which they can use to prepare for their bat/bar mitzvahs.

An Oneg sponsored by the 7th grade follows the service and will be held in the sukkah, weather permitting. Families of teens grades 7-12 should RSVP for dinner to educationassistant.tbeny@gmail.com by October 1.

On Wednesday, October 11, come eat, sing, dance and joyously celebrate **Simchat Torah** at Vassar Temple! As is our tradition, as part of the festivities we will honor our new Religious School students. A pizza/pasta dinner will be held at 5:30pm and joyous Sukkot service will begin at 7:00pm. There is no charge for the dinner, (Donations appreciated). Please RSVP for the dinner to shaarirs@gmail.com by October 6.

**TEMPLE BETH-EL HONORS CONGREGANTS DURING THE HIGH HOLIDAYS**

**The KOL NIDREI** prayer, erev Yom Kippur, is a legalistic absolution from vows we may make in the coming year under duress or without the possibility of keeping. At Temple Beth-El, we have a symbolic *Beit Din* (religious court) to hear our declaration, composed of Rabbi Daniel Victor and two congregants whom we respect and appreciate for their service to our congregation. This year, we honored congregants Jack Fein and Marilyn Schwartz with this distinction.

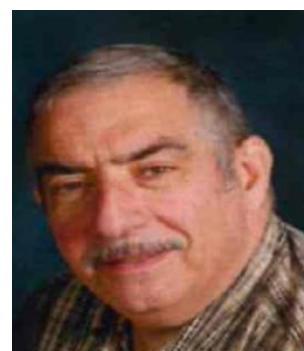
**Jack Fein** continues to serve Temple Beth-El as an outstanding Torah and Haftarah reader, sometimes reading the entire portion on Shabbat. **Marilyn Schwartz** not only reads Torah regularly, including at morning minyan, she has also taken the role of assigning Torah and Haftarah readers for the congregation for many years.

**SIMCHAT TORAH** morning, Friday October 13 (after the festive service the evening before), we conclude the reading of the Torah and begin again. As we celebrate the Torah with singing and dancing, we also honor outstanding members of Temple Beth-El with the final *aliyah* of the Torah year and the first *aliyah* as we begin our reading again.

This year, our *Chatan Torah* (Groom of the Torah) is **Stewart Brenner**, who for many years has kept our Shabbat services running smoothly as our *gabbai*, assigning *aliyot* (honors) and making sure all our needs are met. Stew also serves in the background, including our rolling our *Sifrei Torah* and working on our *yahrtzeit* (memorial) plaques.

Our *Kallah B'reisheet* (Bride of the first aliyah in the new Torah cycle) is **Sue Mackson**, who also is a long-time supporter of the Temple Beth-El morning minyan and who reads Torah on Shabbat as well as at the daily minyan. Sue serves the congregation in countless other ways (if you can't find her, try looking in our kitchen), but she also works on various ritual matters informing the TBE Ritual Committee's discussions.

All are welcome to join us in honoring these outstanding members of Temple Beth-El as we observe Yom Kippur and celebrate Simchat Torah. Mazel Tov and Shanah Tovah.



Jack Fein



Marilyn Schwartz



Stewart Brenner



Sue Mackson