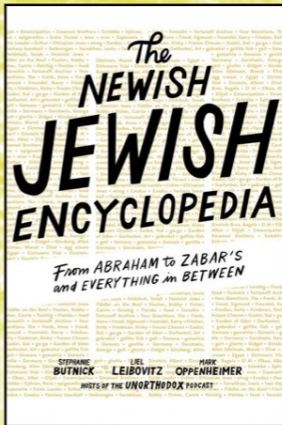



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All greeting need to be purchased by November 8 to get placed in the December Issue of *The Voice*.

**Top Jewish Advocacy Organizations in Seven Countries Form J7 Global Task Force on Fighting Antisemitism (Pt. 2)**

Published: 07.24.2023 [Top Jewish Advocacy Organizations in Seven Countries Form J7 Global Task Force on Fighting Antisemitism | ADL](#)

Leaders of these seven communities shared their perspectives of the importance of this collaboration:

**Argentina** – Jorge Knoblovits, President, DAIA: “To be part of J7, represents for the DAIA a great responsibility as one of the world’s largest Jewish communities and the only one in Latin America. J7 will allow us to have a greater understanding of the challenges faced by world Jewry in the areas of antisemitism, Holocaust remembrance and other hate-related topics. To be part of J7, led by ADL, ensures that the perspective of Latin American Jews will have a global reach.”

**Australia** – Peter Wertheim, Co-CEO, Executive Council of Australian Jewry: “Antisemitism is a disease of the human spirit that eats away at the foundations of civilization everywhere. It is not limited by geographical borders, ideology or creed. It is a global phenomenon that requires a global response. As the elected peak representative body of the Australian Jewish community, we are pleased to join our colleagues from organizations representing other major Jewish communities in the diaspora to co-ordinate our efforts to combat antisemitism and maximize our impact.”

**Canada** – Shimon Fogel, President and CEO, CIJA: “What starts with the Jews, never ends with the Jews. There is a global imperative to confront antisemitism and drawing on the expertise and strength of the J7 coalition is an important catalyst for universal action.”

**France** – Robert J. Ejnes, Executive Director, CRIF: “If antisemitism exists everywhere in the world, it is in Europe that it has been brought to its climax. Together with the J7 task force, we will look at the resurgence of antisemitism in all its forms, whether Islamist, conspiratorial, hatred of Israel or Holocaust denial, from wherever it originates. Together, we will monitor the expressions of hate and fight for a better tomorrow.”

**Germany** – Dr. Josef Schuster, President, Central Council of Jews in Germany: “The internet, as a means of fast and easy communication, increasingly blurs national borders. Similarly, antisemitic networks, tactics and developments don’t stop at national borders either. We endorse this additional opportunity for exchange in the J7 format, which will facilitate interaction between representatives of

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**“HIT AFTER THE HOLIDAYS!”**  
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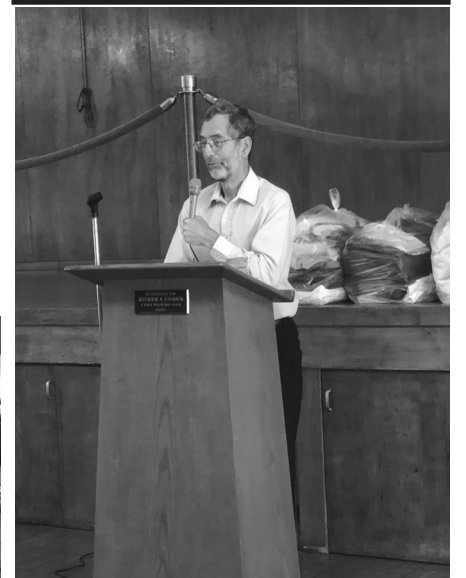
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## ‘Hanukkah in August’ was a huge success!

The JFedDC and the Jewish Social Action Coalition collected almost \$1200 and school supplies for the children of Morse School. Thank you to all who donated. You made a difference to the children in need!

### Office for the Aging

*submitted by Brian Jones, Outreach Coordinator, Dutchess County Office for the Aging*

#### Medicare’s annual Open Enrollment season begins on October 15<sup>th</sup>, and that means...stress.

Understanding health insurance plan options is rarely easy, especially to those who aren’t accustomed to evaluating all the choices, and it’s not an option for older adults to simply avoid the process.

Having said that, if you read the preceding sentence and thought to yourself “well, it wasn’t *that* difficult,” volunteering in our HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program) division may be just the opportunity you’re seeking.

HIICAP volunteers aim to help Dutchess County older adults lower their medical and insurance costs while improving coverage, along with something whose dollar value is hard to calculate: the confidence that they can handle the paperwork and can find the plans that best meet their needs.

HIICAP volunteers assist clients with Medicare and related health insurance decisions, enrollments, and provide general support to the HIICAP program as needed. Initial and ongoing trainings are provided.

HIICAP is a free, non-sales-oriented program that does not endorse any products. It’s a federally funded program from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, through the New York State Office for the Aging, and is coordinated by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging. HIICAP is part of the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) network. Agents and brokers for health insurance businesses are not permitted to participate in HIICAP.

Volunteers attend regular, free trainings where they receive updated information and can interact with other HIICAP volunteers as well as OFA staff.

Once training and certification is complete, HIICAP counselors can:

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- Discuss health costs that clients will be responsible for;
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- Help consumers understand the Medicare prescription drug benefit; and
- Help clients to determine whether they qualify for Low Income Subsidy Programs such as the Medicare Savings Program.
- HIICAP counselors also provide information on low-income programs such as the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program, "Extra Help" prescription assistance, and pharmacy discount programs.

If you’re interested in becoming a HIICAP volunteer, contact OFA during business hours at (845) 486-2555 or email [ofa@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov). Volunteers with special skills such as fluency in languages in addition to English are likely to be especially helpful.

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The Arlington received funding from NY Green Bank, a subdivision of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), to ensure the project was sustainable; the property's eco-friendly features include 100% electric, energy-efficient appliances, native landscaping and more. Beyond its green initiatives, The Arlington prioritizes resident comfort and community-building, offering a range of amenities and partnering with FITSOCIAL for an on-site fitness center. Phase 2, featuring an additional 133 residential units, is scheduled to break ground in 2024. With a commitment to residents and sustainability, The Arlington is contributing to the revitalization of the Arlington Business District and enhancing the community's vibrancy.

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# The Harding Club



The Harding Club wishes all of its members, their families and their friends a very happy, healthy and prosperous 5784. May we all be inscribed for a very successful year.

The first meeting of the Harding Club for the 2023-2024 year took place at the Milanese Restaurant on September 6. A hot day, but a good turnout was there for lunch and the start of Gene Fleishman’s presidency.

Usually, the club meets twice monthly for dinner and a speaker. Initiating the year with a luncheon meeting is part of the club’s determination to make meeting times more convenient for the most members and future members. This year will feature several luncheon meetings.

The Harding Club was formed, long ago, in 1923. The tradition established by its founders continues to this day, offering a social outlet for local Jewish men and providing a means to do good deeds within the community at large.

If you are not yet a member, now is the time to get in touch with any of us listed below. We would love to guide you toward membership.

The Harding Club is much more than a social club. Many acts of generosity and philanthropy are sponsored by our members, mostly but not exclusively in the Jewish community. We help with deliveries of food to needy children at Poughkeepsie’s Morse Elementary School. We donate many dollars in support of the Jewish Federation and the PJ Library, helping to sustain these agencies which strengthen our Jewish roots and the people in it. Many other local organizations benefit annually from our largesse.

Upcoming speakers include Irv Miller speaking about Math education and Andy Steinvursel speaking about reparations for Holocaust survivors.

I am Alan Fox, author of these monthly columns. Feel free to contact me or any of the others listed below if you have questions regarding membership.

The Harding Club: “Since 1923, a social club for men interested in camaraderie, community, philanthropy, good food, and Jewish culture.”

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The Harding Club we had a fantastic picnic at Bowdoin Park. We had approximately 80 people there, including wives, significant others and a few guests. We all enjoyed the perfect weather, the food and the companionship. Some ventured to play bocce and corn hole.

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Jewish communities at this level. Together we will approach globally operating institutions or companies and unite our efforts in combatting antisemitism.”

**UK** – Marie van der Zyl OBE, President, Board of Deputies of British Jews: “Antisemitism knows no geographic boundaries. The Board of Deputies looks forward to being part of this international coalition of leading Jewish organizations, each at the forefront of the fight against the challenges posed by the rise of this global hatred. By working together, we strengthen our ability to tackle antisemitism wherever it emerges.”

**U.S.** - William C. Daroff, CEO, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations: “Antisemitism, which is the world’s oldest hatred, no longer looks or spreads the way it did in the past. The vitriol once felt for individual Jews or Jewish practice, has metastasized into blaming the Jewish people and the Jewish state for the ills of the world. Social media enables antisemitic hate to cross borders, where it spreads faster than ever before. It is therefore imperative for the largest diaspora Jewish communities to engage in regular conversation to develop strategies to combat the pernicious spread of antisemitism. Including our Conference of Presidents member organizations that are engaged in combatting antisemitism will bring great synergies to this effort. What impacts one community, impacts us all.”

**U.S.** -- Jonathan A. Greenblatt, ADL CEO: “Antisemitism is rising around the world, especially in countries where there are large Jewish populations. And threats to our communities are not contained by continents and borders. We needed to meet these challenges through coordinated action. This new coalition of major organizations representing seven large Jewish Diaspora communities in liberal democracies will provide a formal framework for coordination, consultation and formulating global responses to antisemitic threats against the Jewish people.”

The J7 leadership will meet periodically, virtually and in-person, including at ADL’s 2024 Never is Now Summit on March 4-7, 2024.



Dear Reader,

The Torah is commonly referred to as the book of life because everything you need is in it. When you buy a board game, you read the instructions in order to learn how to play. Torah is the same way, everything you need to know about living a good life is in "the instructions." *The Hebrew term etz chaim (literally "tree of life") is a common one in Jewish life, often used to refer to the Torah. It is a popular name for synagogues and Jewish schools as well as the title of one of the major works of Jewish mysticism.*

*The first reference to the tree of life in Jewish texts comes from the biblical story of the Garden of Eden. Genesis 2:9 relates that God filled the garden with beautiful and tasty trees, and in the middle planted two in particular — the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil, the latter of which he forbade Adam and Eve to eat.*

*The tree of life as a metaphor for the Torah comes from the Book of Proverbs, which uses the term three times, the most famous of which is the saying in Proverbs 3:18: Etz chaim hee l'machazikim bah ("She is a tree of life to those who grasp her"). This line, referring to the Torah, is commonly sung in Ashkenazi congregations as the Torah is returned to the ark after public readings.*

*Proverbs also likens the "fruit of the righteous" (11:30) and a "healing tongue" (15:4) to a tree of life. And the term is the title of a major work of Jewish mysticism by Rabbi Hayim Vital. In the Jewish mystical tradition, the tree of life refers to the well-known diagram illustrating the ten divine emanations."--*

*Taken from: [What is the Tree of Life \(Etz Chaim\)? | My Jewish Learning](#)*

Shoshana

## Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Jon Haddon*

### Serving G-d with Joy

Dear Friends,

We are still in the midst of the High Holiday season, a month saturated with many holidays and deeply spiritual and inspiring holy days. Indeed, the gamut of Jewish life, indeed of life itself, is expressed in these intense days. From the introspection and self-contemplation of the Days of Awe to the unbridled joy of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, it is a month meant to empower us with all different human experiences to take throughout the year in our service to G-d and our fellow man.

Rosh Hashanah is termed "the head" of the year. The head contains the brain, which is responsible for all human activity. Likewise, Rosh Hashanah has an impact on the entire year. The fate of all created beings is determined on this day by G-d Almighty, and our conduct in the 48 hours of Rosh Hashanah has an impact on the entire year, in the same way that the brain impacts all other organs in the body.

During Rosh Hashanah many of us make positive resolutions to improve our behavior. These 48 hours are immensely powerful and is a time of renewing our connection with G-d. Indeed, every Jew has a soul which is "a part of G-d literally" and no matter what his outer behavior, can never truly disconnect from G-d. That inner bond can never be broken. It can be concealed, it can gather dust, but the internal connection of a Jew with G-d is eternal and can never be severed.

During these days, the Jewish soul is aroused. That is why, many Jews who in their daily lives are disconnected from Jewish life, feel some soul stirring during these days.

However, in order for a body to function properly, the messages from the brain must be able to be channeled to the other organs of the body. Likewise, the inspiration that we experience during these holy days needs to be carried into, and actualized, into the rest of the year, not only in our hearts and minds, but in our everyday actions. Inspiration is great and powerful, but unless carried through in action, it ultimately fizzles away.

From Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we journey into the joyous days of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, considered in mystical teachings to be the highlight of this holy month.

For while there is a place for seriousness and contemplation, the highest form of service to G-d is achieved through joy. "Serve G-d with joy" is not only a mitzvah, but a key element in making our Judaism meaningful and a source of pleasure. True joy comes from a place of living a life of meaning and purpose, of knowing who you are and what you are here for. Knowing that we are G-d's beloved children and that each mitzvah we do connects us more deeply to G-d and makes the world a more holy and G-dly place, should bring us true inner joy. Knowing that our Heavenly Father is always with us, even in the most difficult times, gives us strength to carry on.

"Joy breaks all Barriers".

Joy and pleasure are the highest forms of human expression. Let's bring the element of joy into our Judaism, so that our mitzvos and Jewish experiences are truly fulfilling, meaningful and bring us true inner joy. It is the most powerful experience to transmit to our children.

Wishing you all a healthy year and a year filled with meaningful and true joy.



Rabbi Borenstein

## 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 Mordekai Gordon, who took time from preparing Shabbos meal before Yom Kippur (Also, who repeatedly honors us at the Tri-County Jewish Jubilation at the Renegades by representing Dutchess County in blowing the shofar.)

1. **What is your favorite/least favorite word?**  
**Favorite:** *Love*  
**Least Favorite:** *Discomfort*
2. **What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**  
*Reading the Torah.*
3. **What is your favorite song?**  
*I have so many that I don't have a favorite song per se. One of my favorites is "Shalom Aleichem". It brings a sense of peace and connectedness to my space, the earth, and to everything in nature.*
4. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*Teaching—1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.*
5. **What profession would you not like to attempt?**  
*Being a doctor.*
6. **What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**  
*Lox. I love lox. And gefilte fish and horseradish.*
7. **What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**  
**Like:** *That I care a lot about people, nature, and all creation itself and being able to assist.*  
**Dislike:** *I take on too many things and sometimes feel I have to do it all by myself.*
8. **What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**  
*I am from Jamaica. There's always a concern that there were no Jews in Jamaica. There have been Jews documented on the Island of Jamaica from the pirates' time and there are Jews who left Spain during the time of the Inquisition. There are many artifacts available. There are Jewish explorers who wrote about the experience and there currently is an active synagogue in Kingston, Jamaica. There have been Jews in Jamaica for 100 years.*
9. **If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**  
*Change a person's mind to one of tranquility, peace, and cooperation.*
10. **What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**  
*Being part of multiple Jewish communities and being able to coexist in different communities and feeling connected.*
11. **Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**  
*My bucket list is trying to get back to Israel and Ethiopia, the cornerstone of being who we are, before the end of the century.*
12. **If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**  
*We all are living on this planet together. We need to be mindful of what we do for the future; the things we do individually affect the collective and we need to be mindful to ensure a future for our children and our children's children to sustain life while they are here.*
13. **What is your earliest Jewish memory?**  
*My great grandmother Annie, of blessed memory, lighting the lanterns on Friday afternoon (a brass base oil lamp with glass covered lid and white wick that had to be fed through the brass part of the lantern) that had to be washed and cleaned with newspaper to be clean and ready for use because she didn't use lights on Friday nights, only the lanterns.*
14. **What is your most favorite Jewish memory?**  
*My wedding; my first son's bris, baby naming, redemption ceremony and bar mitzvah; my second son's bris, naming ceremony, and bar mitzvah; my granddaughter's naming ceremony; and my grandson's bris that occurred last year.*
15. **In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?**  
*I think that if it's possible, in addition to the different programs, it would be good to offer rides to elders to attend services or go to medical appointments*
16. **What is one question you wished we ask and the answer?**  
**Q:** *What influence did your parents have?*  
**A:** *My grandparents, parents, aunts, and uncles are connections to my ancestors before them.*



Mordekai Gordon

\*Member of the Tribe

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The Kulanu:All of us school (a collaboration of Temple Beth-El and Congregation Shir Chadash education programs) held their Open House/Ice cream social on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Children got to come see their teachers, meet up with friends, play gaga and have ice cream. The teens did a program with our youth director Brina. A good time was had by all and everyone is excited for the upcoming year. For information on our school please contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman at [education@tbeny.org](mailto:education@tbeny.org)

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah

**Jonah Foster Ritter, Temple Beth-El, October 14, 2023**  
**Son of Janette and Todd Ritter, Brother of Joshua**

Jonah is an 8th grader at Dutchess Day School. He loves playing basketball, playing the guitar, and video gaming with his many school and camp friends. He also loves spending time with his dog, Paris.

Jonah has been diligently preparing for and is excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah. For his Mitzvah project, he has been baking cookies with his mother to contribute to Temple Beth-El's meals for the Lunch Box at Dutchess Outreach every third Sunday of the month. He also helped cook meals to deliver to homeless people at the Hudson River Housing shelter. Mazel Tov to Jonah.



### Tiny Temple Celebrates in the Succah

All tots through age five and their grownups are invited to "Tiny Temple", to celebrate the harvest festival of Sukkot on Sunday, October 1, at 10:30am at Vassar Temple. We'll shake the lulav in the outdoor succah and learn all about this fun fall holiday with Rabbi Rennie Altman, make a holiday craft, and enjoy a healthy snack. (In case of inclement weather, we'll be indoors). There is never a charge to attend Tiny Temple events, but please help us in our planning by RSVPing to [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).



Thank you to Les Muldorf for his help in creating this 10 Commandments quilt with the Kulanu School's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Morah Beth incorporated the lessons of the 10 commandments throughout her curriculum in the 2022-2023 school year.

## 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  
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 Or complete online: [www.jewishdutchess.org](http://www.jewishdutchess.org)  
**DEADLINE for Chanukah Greetings is November 8**

### 2023 Holiday Greetings

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Holiday	Small	Medium	Large
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made out to:  
**Jewish Federation of Dutchess County**

Order your Chanukah Greeting by November 8th to be in the December issue of *The Voice*

**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!

Happy Hanukkah

Your Name

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Friday afternoons, ages 9-13 years  
 Sunday mornings, ages 5-13 years  
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon  
 Contact [celia@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto:celia@beaconhebrewalliance.org)  
 Led by Education Director, Celia Bacowski -Masa is filled with joyful Jewish experiences, including song, dance, art, food, field trips, and more!

### CHABAD MID-HUDSON VALLEY

Sunday, 10:00am-12:15pm, ages 5-12 years  
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[chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto:chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net)

### JUDAIC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm  
 For information [www.mypardess.org/JSA](http://www.mypardess.org/JSA)

### RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

Monday, 4:00-5:30pm  
 Tiny Tots Division (ages 1-5)  
 Intermediate Division (ages 6-10)  
 Bar and Bat Mitzvah (ages 11-13)  
 For information, contact Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht, Director (845) 876-7666 or [tziviehecht@gmail.com](mailto:tziviehecht@gmail.com)

### CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH and TEMPLE BETH-EL

Kulanu: All of Us A School of Jewish Learning  
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 Our collaborative school models the true meaning of *Klal Yisrael* (Jewish peoplehood) by increasing the sense of Jewish community and partnership for our students and families. It allows students to get to know their Jewish peers and to receive a broader Jewish education. Students explore Jewish tradition, history, and culture through art, music, movement, and text. For grades Pre-K through Bar/Bat Mitzvah.  
 Classes meet:  
 Pre-K through grade 6, 10:00am-12:30pm on Sundays\*  
 January-Mid March we meet on Saturdays and explore Shabbat.  
 Grades 3-7 also meet Tuesdays 4:45pm-6:15pm.  
 B'Nai Mitzvah class (grade 7 meets Saturday mornings).

For more info contact:  
 Rabbi Miriam Hyman: Education Director Temple Beth-El at [education@tbeny.org](mailto:education@tbeny.org)  
 Rabbi Glenn Jacob: Congregation Shir Chadash [rabbigmj@gmail.com](mailto:rabbigmj@gmail.com)

### VASSAR TEMPLE

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

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

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

הינני

# Hineni

## I am Here, I am Present

Here is an activity from [weareteachers.com](http://weareteachers.com) on mindfulness (being in the present) for children:

**Teddy Breathing:** Teach your kids how to use slow, mindful breathing. Have them lie down on the floor with a stuffed animal on their chest.

Instruct them to breathe in deeply and watch their stuffy rise, then breathe out and watch it fall. See what happens when you breathe slower or faster or hold your breath.



### I Am Here, I Am Present

By Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

What does it mean to be present? To be ready and in the moment? Living in the present moment means letting go of the past and not waiting for the future. It means living your life consciously, aware that each moment you breathe is a gift. Hineni is a Hebrew phrase composed of two short words: 'hineh' and 'ani', meaning "here" and "I". More literally, "hineh" is translated as "behold" (certainly, surely), which is a much stronger word than simply "here". 'Hineni' can be a child communicating their willingness to submit to their parents' requests. It has even been compared to a type of military responsiveness, as if the person uttering 'hineni' is saying, "at your service".

When the two words are put together, 'hineni' becomes more than just sharing your geographical location. It is a powerful declaration - one that can be made to G-d, and one that G-d can make to us. Are you in the moment, at peace and ready to act? Will you be ready if you should be called? What will you do if you are asked to respond? To be ready to act, you must first be willing to listen. Try to still your mind so that you can hear, feel, and act.



Tamatha



Suzanne



### Rosh Hashanah PJ Style

By Tamatha Williams PJ Library Program Director

I scurried around trying to help. I had prepared asparagus in hopes that my lack of culinary skills would not be evident. I was taking everything in, the sounds of the children's jubilant squeals, the chatter of the PJ parents catching up with one another and the youngest of the PJ babies stretching and yawning, contentedly soothed by all of the enthusiastic noises around her.

It wasn't long ago that all of us had been strangers. A year or two later, there are new babies, toddlers growing into kindergartners and friendships so undeniable that we can only feel gratitude for the connections we have made through PJ Library.

Our Rosh Hashanah feast was spectacular. Brisket tender and sweet and flavorful, kugel so deliciously dessert-like, a salad prepared to perfection and yes, even my asparagus was surprisingly quite edible. The children had their own special table, in fact their own special sun room, with colorful plates and coordinating utensils and they nibbled at their food like they were all grown up. One of our PJ children, who had just turned two, admired my shiny watch several times while she allowed me to prepare her grapes on her big girl fork. Our second youngest of the PJ babies reclined relaxingly enjoying his bottle. My own little one took pause from the chirping chaos and busily built a castle out of blocks and a sweet, intuitive toddler went straight for the sparkly red shoes to elevate her already beautiful holiday dress.

Our dinner was a reminder of all of the sweetness that surrounds us and gives promise for a fruitful new year. PJ Library will be headed to Kesicke Farms in October. Come grow with us, make new friends and experience the splendor of time spent with PJ families!



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 229 MIDDLE RD RHINEBECK  
 RSVP [PROGRAMS@JEWISHDUTCHESS.ORG](mailto:PROGRAMS@JEWISHDUTCHESS.ORG)

## The Federation Board's Voice



Russel Rothman

By now, many of us are aware that a local synagogue in Dutchess County was the subject of a bomb threat during the High Holidays. While disruptive and terrifying, it turned out to be unsubstantiated, after a careful search by the local police. While this also occurred at a number of other synagogues in NJ and around the country during Rosh Hashana, they all turned out to be empty on-line threats. When these happen locally, your Dutchess County Jewish Federation goes into action and reports the threat to the SCN, ADL, and D.C. Commission on Human Rights, which keep track of all threats to Jewish organizations.

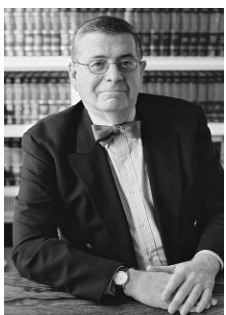
However, while these threats generally turn out to be annoying and not real, each must be treated as an actual threat. I have personally experienced one that was all too real.

About 10-12 years ago, you may have read about a series of bomb threats and Molotov cocktail incidents in northern NJ which was also on all the major tv news channels. Two synagogues just outside of NYC were attacked in the middle of the night by two people who tried to burn the synagogues with gasoline. In the first incident, a Reconstructionist synagogue was attacked but the attempt to burn the main doors to the synagogue, while looking like wood were in fact metal, and didn't burn. After several attempts, they gave up and drove to another synagogue several miles away. They began tossing Molotov cocktails at the building and one actually went through a second story open window, which was the Rabbi's bedroom. This woke the rabbi up, who first got his wife and kids out of the house and then went back to fight the flames. Fortunately, the local fire department arrived shortly after and put the fire out, although there was extensive damage to the house and synagogue.

About a month later, while I was on the bimah sitting next to my rabbi, in my role as synagogue president in Paramus, NJ, during Shabbat services, our building caretaker came up on the bimah and whispered for me to follow him outside immediately. While he was cleaning up around the building, he spotted several bottles with a cloth out the top leaning on the building below the temple office, behind some large bushes. I told him to call the police, who came immediately and began inspecting the grounds and building. With the help of the local FBI, County and State Police, they found a cache of additional bottles with gasoline, torn shirts, and a bicycle. These clues allowed them to find out what store they were purchased in and by checking the sales records of those products, found the exact time of day of the purchase. By investigating the videotapes, they got a picture of the culprit and shortly after, tracked him down. Both he and his partner are now serving time in state prison. Our synagogue got very lucky because the night he was planning on burning up our synagogue, a routine drive-through by the local police scared the bomber and he abandoned his plot and took off by foot. When the first synagogue attacks happened, we began having a constructive dialogue with our local police and they began increasing their patrols on our campus, occasionally leaving an empty police car in our parking lot. These type of relationships between congregations and law enforcement result in keeping us all safe and are encouraged and promoted by your local Federation. Our right to practice our religion is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution, a sacred right, and even if the threat is not real, the threat to cause damage and loss of life needs to be stopped every time. We must always remain vigilant and continue to educate the public about historical antisemitism and current crises.

## JEWIS IN THE NEWS.

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



Congratulations Lou Lewis, of Lewis & Greer P.C., for being honored by the Dutchess County Bar Association with the Gartland Award for Community Services.



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## Our Executive Director



### Time and tide wait for none

When my first child was born, I finally understood "love at first sight". I could not believe the love I felt for this small being that had been growing inside of me for nine months. I also realized at that moment how utterly vulnerable I felt. How was I going to protect this baby not only from diseases but hurt and pain, both physical and emotional? Obviously, we know, as parents and having once been children ourselves, that it is unrealistic and not pragmatic. But

the love, fear, joy, and concern we have for a newborn child is raw and deep with emotion.

As our children grow, we are often so exhausted and depleted that we may not have as much patience, particularly when they (or we) are tired or cranky. We may look back and wonder why we didn't appreciate and cherish each moment more when they were babies turning to toddlers turning to pre-teens turning to young adults - until we realize and accept that at those times, we may have just been in survival mode.

I recently got into a habit of having "Future Karen" talk to "Current Karen" to convince her not to be so stressed or worried about whatever was happening at that moment and that someday I would look back and realize that whatever was occurring was not as big a deal as it had felt at the time. While hindsight is 20/20, I occasionally try being kind to myself (and next will come learning how to forgive myself, but that is for another time).

And then the day comes when it is time for the children to leave for college... For eighteen years, they have been your everything, but now they have to spread their wings and fly. As a friend once said, our job is to give them roots and wings. We hope that we have given them enough life lessons and proper upbringing, but we are not there to give them a hug if they are feeling down or alone. We are not there to see if they are in emotional pain or struggling. While we are "only" a phone call away, it is not the same as shouting upstairs to tell them dinner is ready.

While I know my job as a parent is to raise young adults who will be contributing members of society, it is as though I am once again the mother of newborn babies and feeling emotionally vulnerable.

"Each day I awake, it takes me a moment to recall what day it is and what is on my schedule. Night dreams/nightmares fade as I try and determine which are actual memories or just thoughts from my sleep. This morning, for a brief moment, the sadness and pain from yesterday felt like just a bad dream. Then I realized it wasn't. It was real. And I have more and more change coming. But instead of lying here and feeling a heavy blanket of depression on me, I need to Karen-UP and get a week's worth of work done in one day. I will just pray that my sons' transitions continue in a positive trajectory and I can continue to be there for them and support them in whatever way they need."

Wishing you strength in whatever transitions you may be dealing with,

Karen Hochhauser,  
Executive Director

### 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](mailto:thevoice@jewishdutchess.org)

## Congratulations to Blanche and Lou Bergman on celebrating their 45th anniversary



## Happy Birthday Betsy Kopstein-Stuts!!

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped assemble and deliver 150 Mitzvah Now Rosh Hashanah care packages. Thank you Hudson River Fruit Distributions for donating the apples.






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 Gil Troy	<p><b>October 16—Gil Troy</b> "Zionism Today: Still Relevant After All These Years"</p> <p><b>October 23—Derek Penslar</b> "Israel in History: The Jewish State in Comparative Perspective"</p>	 Derek Penslar
 Lewis Borenstein	<p><b>October 30—Lewis Brownstein</b> "Israeli Foreign Policy"</p> <p><b>November 6—Peter Beinart</b> "Zionism, Anti-Zionism, and Antisemitism"</p> <p>In Conversation with Lewis Brownstein</p>	 Peter Beinart
 Ruth Margalit	<p><b>November 13—Ruth Margalit</b> "Israel and the Judiciary Crisis"</p> <p><i>*This talk will be held at 2 p.m. ET</i></p>	

**Register at [www.JewishDutchess.org/events](http://www.JewishDutchess.org/events)**



**DAYENU**  
A Jewish Call to Climate Action

**DAYENU: A Jewish Call to Climate Action**  
*Submitted by Susan Karnes Hecht*

Dayenu ([www.dayenu.org](http://www.dayenu.org)) is a national organization working to secure a just and sustainable world by building a multi-generational Jewish movement that actively confronts the climate crisis.

A Dayenu Circle (one of at least 100 across the country) was launched at Vassar Temple in January and has expanded to welcome members of Temple Beth-El. We invite members of ALL local Jewish organizations, and those who are unaffiliated, to join us. We need participants with different interests and skills, and our potential is enormous if we pool our efforts. Dayenu will: provide us with content while simultaneously making room to tackle local issues; offer Jewish resources for spiritual adaptation as we confront the difficult realities of the crisis, transforming fear and anxiety into action; encourage and welcome participation from the wider and interfaith community. Whether you are interested in a Green Team to make your congregation more sustainable, sustainability education for the community, lobbying our legislators, or developing relevant ritual, there is a place for you to build your capacity to go beyond personal action.

Please join us at our first joint interest gathering on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Temple Beth-El (weather permitting in the sukkah). Co-leaders are Susan Karnes Hecht (Vassar Temple) and Rabbi Miriam Hyman (Temple Beth-El). We'll make like-minded friends, do some organizing, and discuss our first planned event: a peer-to-peer decarbonizer workshop tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am at Vassar Temple (during mutual Religious School hours). Watch synagogue and Federation email newsletters for more information about this event, where you can hear from neighbors who have implemented the "big three" climate solutions for home: electric/hybrid vehicles, solar/community solar, and heat pumps.

Please RSVP for the initial gathering on 10/4 to our new address:  
[DayenuDutchess@gmail.com](mailto:DayenuDutchess@gmail.com)

*Join Us for Schomre Israel's  
135th Anniversary  
Luncheon*


**Honoring the Families of our  
Founders and Leadership**

**18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY**  
**October 22, 2023**

**1:30 - Meet and Welcome the families,  
a collective Siyum, and Divri Bracha**  
**2:30 - Visit and pray at our family and friends  
at the Schomre Cemetery**  
**3:30 - Luncheon with the presentation of the  
Anniversary Journal**  
**- At this time, people will be invited to tell  
about their family history and/or fond  
Schomre Memories**

Please RSVP by <b>Simchat Torah (latest)</b> Ad Deadline - Yom Kippur <a href="mailto:schomre1@aol.com">schomre1@aol.com</a> & <a href="mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com">rabbishlomok@gmail.com</a> 443-388-0033 for questions	<b>Anniversary Journal Ads</b> * Diamond Sponsor \$1000 * Full Page \$500 * Half Page \$360 * Quarter Page \$180
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**Siyum sign up - [hadranalach.com/2903](http://hadranalach.com/2903)**



**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events  
Coming up at  
Vassar Temple!**


**Cemetery Walking Tour**  
Sunday, October 22, 2:00 pm (rain date 10/29)

Did you know that the oldest section of Vassar Temple's cemetery dates to the 1800s? Or that, in 2003, Vassar Temple merged with the Hebrew Fraternal Benevolent Society? Join us for a fun and informative walking tour of our LaGrange Avenue Cemeteries. Learn interesting and fun facts about many of our departed members, their families (some of whom remain members today), and their final resting places. The tour will take about an hour and touch upon stories from all three cemeteries: North (old), South (new), and Benevolent Society. Following the tour, join us for donuts and warm mulled cider, tailgate style. Wear comfortable walking shoes and appropriate outerwear.

Call the Temple that morning (845) 454-2570, in case of inclement weather, to confirm the rescheduled rain date. For more info, or if you'd like to share a personal story, email [CemeteryTour@vassartemple.org](mailto:CemeteryTour@vassartemple.org)

**Save the Date! Piano Dedication Concert**  
Sunday, November 19. 3:00 pm

The community is invited to a celebration of our 100-year old Mason & Hamlin grand piano honoring our piano donors, the Lemberger Family. The program will feature accomplished local pianists Ruthanne Schempff, Sylvia Buccelli, James Fitzwilliam, and Joseph Bertolozzi playing a selection of solo piano pieces on the theme of Jewish music and composers. A reception will follow. Donations at the door will benefit the Music Fund. Watch for details as the date approaches.

  
Dr. Steger

**Art Exhibit and Panel to Commemorate the 85<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:steger@sunydutchess.edu) or Dana Weidman:[weidman@sunydutchess.edu](mailto:weidman@sunydutchess.edu).

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## Congregation Schomre Israel

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### 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 I Reading Class** 6:00pm, October 3, 10, 17, 24 (review and celebration)

**Hebrew Fall II**, siddur track begin October 31.

#### Thursday

**A Window into Yesteryear** 7:00pm, October 19. We will examine what it was like as a Jew living in France during the 1000's. We will focus on the life and work of Rashi.

**Hands on Judaism for the Foodie** 7:00pm, October 26, Kosher Animals and Kosher Shofars; November 30, Kosher Birds. We will take an inside look into the mitzvos and practice of kosher foods (with matching dinners). Class is free, RSVP for dinner (\$10pp).

### Other Events:

#### Sunday

**Simchat Torah BBQ** 1:00pm, October 8. Meal is open to the Community and will be 15 minutes after prayers are completed. All meals are without cost. Please let us know at:

[rabbishlomok@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com) if you have any allergies or questions.

**Honoring the Families of our Founders and Leadership** 1:30pm, October 22.

On the 135th Anniversary of the founding of an Orthodox synagogue in Poughkeepsie we are having a special afternoon with invited guests. The event will begin with a siyum to mark this milestone and will include a visit to the cemetery. The afternoon will conclude with a luncheon and sharing memories for Schomre.

Please RSVP by September 29. There will also be an anniversary ad journal. For information contact the synagogue.

**4K Club (Kvetching, Kveiling, Kibbitzing, Koffee)** 9:30am, October 29. These meetings are held the last Sunday of each month.

#### Thursday

**Yiddish Club** 11:00am, October 26. 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 bubblies and zaydies, mixed with Yiddish music, Yiddish comedy, Yiddish lemin, and Yiddish Hanae as well as a look at how Yiddish is fairing in contemporary times. As will 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.

### Contact:

[rabbishlomok@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com)  
for current information  
or visit the website  
[www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org)

See page 6  
to order your  
Chanukah Holiday  
Greetings

## Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)  
Interim: Freedom Plains  
Presbyterian Church, Lagrange  
(845) 232-1029  
Rabbi Glenn Jacob  
Website: [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)  
Email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or visit [www.shir-chadash.org](http://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](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)

### Contact :

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or visit the website  
[www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

### Rosh Hashanah Basket Distributed

Each Rosh Hashanah there is lots of activity as Temple Beth-El volunteers fill baskets with apples, honey, sweets, and a touch of love. The baskets are distributed to Temple Beth-El members who have lost a close family member during the past year. It was a number of years ago that sadly Terry Fleisher (z"l) had lost her daughter, and the following year she lovingly established the Leslie Fleisher Schwartz Fund in her memory. It was Terry's hope to bring a small measure of comfort and gemilut chasadim to those affected. Our hope is that the baskets will bring heartfelt condolences and a smile of remembrance.

### Calling all Vassar Temple Alum!

Were you or someone in your family a prior member of the Vassar Temple? If so, we would like to get in touch. Please send information confidentially to [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org)!

We are missing so many of the wonderful people who helped to make our Temple the amazing place it is and it would be great to reconnect.

**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](mailto:admin@jewishdutchess.org)  
(845) 471-9811

## Temple Beth-El

(Conservative)  
118 S Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie  
(845) 454-0570  
Rabbi Michael Fessler  
Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman  
Website: [www.tbeny.org](http://www.tbeny.org)  
Email: [info@tbeny.org](mailto: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:  
10/10/23—*The Personal Librarian*;  
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](mailto:info@tbeny.org)  
for current information  
or visit the website  
[www.tbeny.org](http://www.tbeny.org)



### Simchat Torah—with Klezmer!

The Living Shtetl, the amazing Klezmer group from NYC led by clarinetist Alex Parke, is returning to perform at Vassar Temple's Erev Simchat Torah service Friday, October 6, 7:00pm. This year's ensemble will also include Ilya Shneyveys on accordion and strings, and Ben Holmes on trumpet.

Guests and the community are welcome to attend. Enjoy their joyous performance and come dance with the Torah! They are amazing musicians, and in high demand; we are very fortunate to have them here in Poughkeepsie.

Donations to Vassar Temple designated to help defray the cost of the klezmer group are welcome.

Prior to the service, a dinner, for which there is a charge, will be held at 5:45pm. RSVP deadline for the dinner: Sept. 26. For info: [ritual@vassartemple.org](mailto:ritual@vassartemple.org). Everyone attending should visit [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org) for our current public health policy.



## Vassar Temple

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

### Weekly Services:

All services are hybrid. For Zoom link contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) For current in-person health protocols visit: [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org)

#### Friday

**Shabbat Evening Service** October 13 (Amnesty Seekers Speaker), 27, 7:30pm; October 6, Simchat Torah (with Klezmer); October 20, 6:00pm Shabbat Noach (Family Friendly)

#### Saturday

**New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** October 14, 10:15am

**Simchat Torah Yizkor** October 7, 10:30am

**Shabbat Morning/Torah Service** October 21, 10:00am

### Adult Education:

#### Monday

**Talmud Study** October 2, 16, 30, 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](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net).

#### Saturday

**Torah Study** Hybrid, 9:00am, (no class 10/21). For info and to be placed on the class list, contact: (845) 454-2570 or [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).

### Other Events:

#### Thursday

**Sisterhood Book Group** October 19, 2:00pm, in person, at College View Tower meeting room, 141 Fulton Ave. Alternating between past and present—from the day of the Hawaiian Mauna Loa volcano eruption in 195 to decades prior—Gail Tsukiyama's *The Color of Air* interweaves the stories of Daniel, Koji, and Mariko to create a rich, vibrant, bittersweet chorus that celebrates their lifelong bond to one other and to their immigrant community. This historical context.

The discussion of this book is open to all. For questions and to RSVP contact: [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org).

### Contact :

[office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org)  
for current information  
or visit the website  
[www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org)

## Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592  
 Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus  
 Website: [www.MyPardess.org](http://www.MyPardess.org)  
 Email: [info@MyPardess.org](mailto:info@MyPardess.org)

**Contact:**  
**[info@MyPardess.org](mailto:info@MyPardess.org)**  
**for current information**  
**or visit the website**  
**[www.MyPardess.org](http://www.MyPardess.org)**

## The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

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

### Weekly Services:

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

### Contact:

**[RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto:RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)**  
**for current information**  
**or visit the website**  
**[www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](http://www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)**

## Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie  
 (845) 463-5801  
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein  
 Website:  
[www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)  
 Email:  
[ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto: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](mailto:ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net)**  
**for current information**  
**or visit the website**  
**[www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)**

## Beacon Hebrew Alliance

(Conservative)  
 331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon  
 (845) 831-2012  
 Rabbi Brent Spodek;  
 Email:  
[411@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto: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](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org/calendar)

### Contact:

**for current information**  
**or visit the website**  
**[www.beaconhebrewalliance.org](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org)**

## Congregation Beth David

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

### Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am.

### Contact:

**[jonrab33@gmail.com](mailto:jonrab33@gmail.com)**  
**for current information**  
**or visit the website**  
**[www.CongBethDavid.org](http://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](mailto:bryanmann@vassar.edu)

### Weekly Services:

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

### Contact :

**[bryanmann@vassar.edu](mailto: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](mailto:jboettiger@bard.edu)

### Contact:

**[jboettiger@bard.edu](mailto: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: [rabiromer@hvc.rr.com](mailto:rabiromer@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 10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 5:15pm

#### Saturday

Morning Minyan 10:00am.

### Education:

Mediation & Torah Study (Zoom) Tuesday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 8:45am.

Hebrew Trope Wednesday, October 4, 11, 18, 12:00pm

Conversational Hebrew (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 4, 11, 18, 4:00pm.

Coffee Chai with the Rabbi (Zoom)

Thursday, October 5, 12, 8:45am.

### Contact: [info@cehv.org](mailto:info@cehv.org)

**for all events and current info**  
**or visit the website [www.CEHV.org](http://www.CEHV.org)**

## Woodstock Jewish Congregation

241682 Glasco Tpk, Woodstock  
 (845) 679-2218  
 Rachel: [rachel@wjcsul.org](mailto:rachel@wjcsul.org)

### Weekly Services:

#### Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30pm,

Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat

First Fridays 6:00pm

#### Saturday

Shabbat Service 10:00am

### Education:

Family School Registration Family School resumes Wednesday, September 2, 4:00-6:30pm

### Other Events:

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

WJC Women's Group First Monday at

5:00pm, includes potluck dinner

"A Shtickle Toyrah" (a bit of Torah)

Monday 9:00am. Members of the

community take turns offering a short

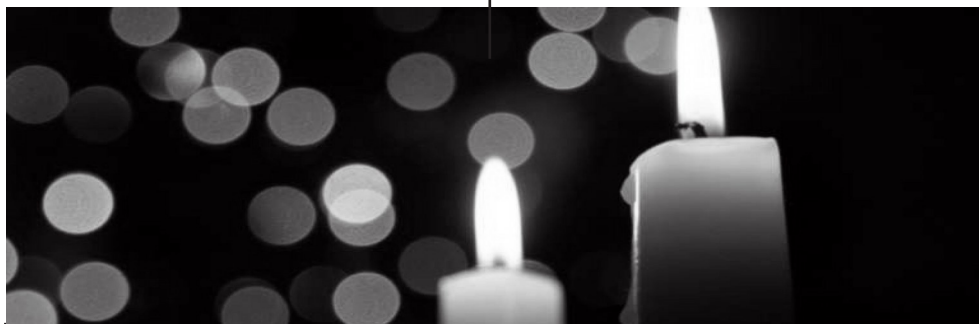
teaching on the weekly Torah portion.

### Contact: [Rachel@wjcsul.org](mailto:Rachel@wjcsul.org)

**for all events and current info**

**or visit the website**

**[www.wjcsul.org](http://www.wjcsul.org)**



# October

## Candle Lighting Schedule

October 6	6:11pm
October 13	6:00pm
October 20	5:49pm
October 27	5:39pm

### Temple Beth-El Proudly Presents the Comedic Talents of:

Johnny Lampert

Steven Scott



**When:** Sunday, October 15, 2023

Doors open 4:30; Dinner 5:00-6:30; Show 6:30-7:50

**Cost:** \$72.00 per person **AND** a non-perishable food item, per person, for the food pantry

**Where:** Temple Beth-El Social Hall

**Dinner:** Classic Kosher Deli with all of the trimmings. There will be vegetarian and gluten free options.

**Dress:** Casual

**Deadline:** The absolute deadline to register is Friday, 12:00 noon, October 6, 2023.

**Misc:** As this is also a fundraiser, there will be a 50/50, a cork pull, and other items raffled off. This will be cash only as we won't be able to take cards.

**Questions:** Merri Sedgwick: [moondoggie7@optonline.net](mailto:moondoggie7@optonline.net)

Suzanne Turrisi: [suzanneturrisi8@gmail.com](mailto:suzanneturrisi8@gmail.com)



## 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 meeting will be October 15, 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](mailto:Rschwa9881@aol.com)



Schomre Israel learning how to make the perfect scone, change a tire and fish (left to right).



Schomre Israel enjoying a BBQ with a summer Rabbinical Delegation



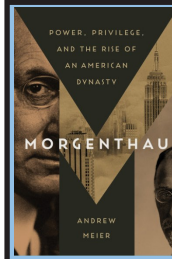
Temple Beth-El had a blast welcoming the New Year at Shofar Over The Hudson.



Vassar Temple continued its "Flexible Feast" series of themed luncheons, dinners and teas held in members' homes, featuring fun, food, friendship, and in this case, even a live musical performance!



Schomre Israel learning CPR and First-Aid



"Bridging the Gap" Author Series

A collaborative event with the Jewish Federations of Orange & Dutchess Counties & Beacon Hebrew Alliance brought to you by The Jewish Book Council

Meet Andrew Meier, author of *Morgenthau*.



Hear about what inspired Meier to write about the Morgenthau Family. Q&A session, book signing, & light refreshments.

Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 PM  
Beacon Hebrew Alliance  
331 Verplank Ave, Beacon

Books available through JFed Orange County \$45  
Contact Pam: [admin@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:admin@jewishdutchess.org)  
Registration coming soon.



**Save the Date**

Sinterklaas—December 2  
Annual Meeting—December 4  
Community Hanukah—December 10

**Hudson Valley Hospice**

*Shana Tova Um'tukah*

As a new year begins, take a moment to celebrate the moments that truly matter, no matter how big or how small, holiday or any day.

Contact Hudson Valley Hospice: [vhospice.org](http://vhospice.org) • (845) 240-7555

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Hancock & Reception Galleries  
@ 12Vassar

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5PM-7PM  
Refreshments and music Rafik Cezanne & James Ritter.

**SEP 08 - OCT 30**

Open studios events:  
September 9 2PM-6PM and  
September 10 12-3PM

Hope to see you at the opening or other dates.

*Frank*

For information and press material contact:  
[ritterfoto@gmail.com](mailto:ritterfoto@gmail.com) 917-494-8256 RSVP  
<https://911remembrancerenewalhope.com>

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Mon-Fri 9AM-4:30PM  
by appointment.

\* The Center opened in 1882 by John Guy Vassar and Matthew Vassar Jr, nephews of the founder of Vassar College, Matthew Vassar. Photo courtesy of Cunneen-Hackett.