

כל דכפין ייתי ויכל

Kal dichfin yeitei v'yeichul

Let all who are hungry come and eat...

The words above come from the *Haggadah*, but more importantly, they come from the giving soul.

Pesach (Passover) is a time when our communities open their doors and pantries to those seeking food, friendship, family and festiveness. Dutchess County is fortunate to have synagogues and Jewish community centers that offer community seders the first or second night of the holiday. Any one seder may happen in a community institution or in a home, *Elu v'Elu divrei Elohim chayim, these are the words of the living God*, but each type is a special and unique experience.

This year, for those preferring to host or be a guest at home seders, the Dutchess County Jewish community has set up an email address and questionnaire where guests and hosts can let the community know what they need or what they are willing to offer.

If you are hosting a home seder in Dutchess County and would like to invite someone to join you, or if you are looking for a seat at a home seder in his area visit this link <https://goo.gl/forms/5oQGJSMnZj5hFD7Z2> and complete a short questionnaire that will tell us what you seek or what you are offering the community.

If you have questions about the process or how to proceed, contact us at sederseat@gmail.com.

We thank everyone who is willing to engage in the *mitzvah*, the good deeds that come from deep places of spirit, of *hachnasat orchim*, the welcoming of guests this holiday season.

As a community let us do whatever we can to ensure that no person in need of a seat goes unserved.

Chag Sameach!

First Seder Monday, April 10

Community Pesach Kitchen this year at Temple Beth-El

Let's say your parents or kids are on their way for Seder...and let's say that maybe, juuuust maybe...you haven't had the resources or the time to *kasher* your whole kitchen before everyone arrives for *Sedarim*, hoping for some authentic Passover delights.

en will have been emptied out, power washed, purged with boiling water, and any remaining *chametz* (food items, crumbs or molecules) will have been locked up, sold, or considered as dust of the earth.



Wouldn't it be great to have a place where you could come cook a turkey, make some *charoset*, or boil some eggs in a kitchen that would satisfy **all** your seder guests?

Well my friends, you are in luck... because returning this year is Temple Beth-El's (TBE) "**Open Community Passover Kitchen**"! Under the supervision of the clergy, this kitchen can be used by individuals and groups who want to make a dish, host a meal, or attend a community seder. In accordance with Jewish law, and the strictest families who supervise their own Passover kitchen cleanings, this kitch-

The TBE kitchen is located on site at 118 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY, and will be open by appointment for **individuals or groups**. Individuals may arrange times to meet up with kitchen guides (clergy and kitchen volunteers who participated in the cleaning process) from Wednesday, April 5 through Sunday, April 9, except for Shabbat, by using the contact information below.

Just as meaningful, and in keeping with the spirit of family and togetherness, TBE will host several community seders over the eight days of Pesach, from Monday night, April 10 through

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A New Partnership and Vision for Community Holocaust Remembrance at Dutchess Community College This Year

by Cantor Devorah Gartner, Gesher HHS Liaison & Yom HaShoah Committee

Please join us for the Annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration & Greenspan Trust - Handel Foundation Endowed Faculty Chair in Holocaust & Genocide Lecture on **Wednesday, April 26 from 6:30-8:00pm at Dutchess Community College.**

This year, we are proud to announce an exciting partnership for the commemoration with the Gesher Hebrew High School. Gesher is a weekly program for eighth through twelfth graders made up of students from Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple and unaffiliated Jewish teens.

A group of the students, who chose a trimester of Holocaust study, will be giving voice to the poetry and prose of children who perished in the *Shoah*. This very personal connection that they have made and will share is creating a new generation of witnesses who are committed to keeping the memories of our precious lost ones alive. Area clergy will also be participating in the service.

The centerpiece of the annual Commemoration is the Greenspan Trust - Handel Foundation Endowed Faculty Chair in Holocaust & Genocide Lecture. We are pleased to welcome Evan Bernstein, New York Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Mr. Bernstein will be discussing the current rise of anti-Semitism and the local/global spread of hate in all forms.

Mr. Bernstein oversees all ADL initiatives across New York State. He cur-

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Mr. Evan Bernstein

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

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS

- April 5 Closed for Passover
- April 12 Closed for Passover
- April 19 History of Dutchess County with county historian, Bradford Kendall
Menu: pizza, salad, dessert, coffee/tea
- April 26 Current Events with Howard Lynne
Menu: bagels, schmear, dessert, coffee/tea

Pictures below are from the February 22 The Dressmaker's Secret Learn & Lunch Bunch with Sarah Levine, Simon and Mihai Grunfeld



WHERE

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SCHEDULE

11:00 –11:30am
 Coffee & Nosh
 11:30 –12:30pm
 Program
 12:30pm —Lunch

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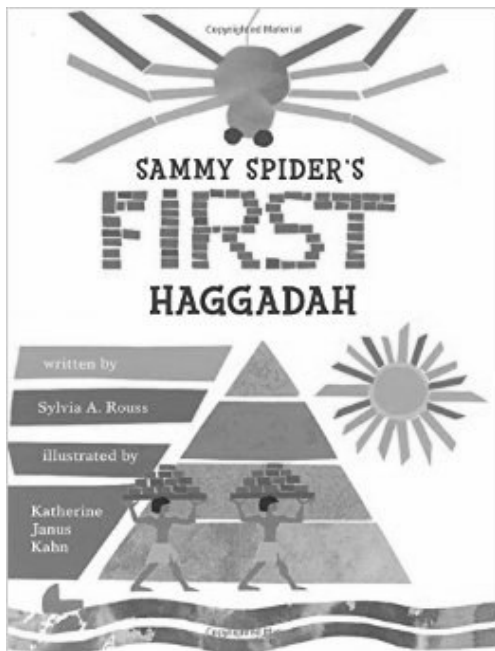


Book & Gift Shops

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

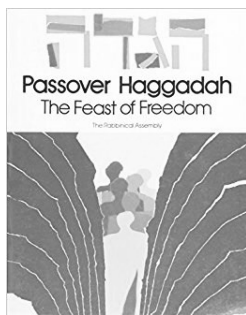
The Temple Beth-El Judaica Book and Gift Shops will be open Wednesday, March 29, 11:00am-1:30pm. Sunday hours will resume April 2, 9:30am-12:30pm. There will also be Sunday hours on April 23 and 30. Then hours will be by appointment until Sunday hours 9:30am-12:30pm resume on May 21.

The Bookshop has all that you need for Passover: stories, Passover *Haggadot* and cookbooks, Seder plates, matzah covers, Passover finger puppets, afikomen covers, as well as host and hostess gifts. The Bookshop is featuring *Sammy's Spider's First Passover*, *Sammy Spider's First Haggadah*, and *Sammy's Spider's Fun Book*, all three written by Sylvia A. Rouss, all illus-

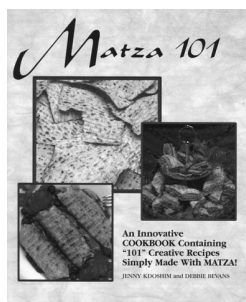


trated by Katherine Janus Kahn and all for Grades PreK-3. "Ms. Kahn's large, bright mixed-media cutpaper illustrations enhance the childlike mood" from *School Library Journal*. New to the Bookshop is *And Then Another Sheep Turned Up* by Laura Gehl, illustrated by Amy Adele for Grades PreK-3. Mama set another place. Papa found an extra seat. Hanna squeezed to make more space, thrilled to have a guest to greet Uh-oh! As the sheep family Passover Seder begins, more and more guests continue to show up!

Back in stock is *Feast of Freedom Passover Haggadah of the Conservative Movement*. Edited by Rachel A. Rabinowitz with colorful illustrations by prominent Israeli artist, Dan Reisinger. It is published by The Rabbinical Assembly. Another favorite Haggadah is *Family Haggadah: A Seder for All Generations* by Elie M. Gindi. This *Haggadah* is for families with young children who want to conduct an engaging seder in 45 minutes. Also recommended for supplementary *Haggadah* and *afikomen* present.



Now in stock are Jewish cookbooks for Passover including *Matza 101: An Innovative Cookbook Containing 101 Creative Recipes with Matza!* by Jenny Kdoshim and Debbie Bevans; *Passover By Design* by Susie Fishbein, and *Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Jubilee Cookbook*, with section on international Kosher cuisine which includes Passover recipes.



DETAILS

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

Adult Education

Educational Opportunities Abound at Schomre Israel

Know Your Book Tuesday, April 4, 25, 10:30am. With Rabbi Langer, we will study the Book of Ruth in April.

Classes with Rabbi Langer Thursday, April 6, 7:30pm. Presentation and discussion on aspects of the weekly Torah. April 6: A fifth of wine and the fifth cup. Regular classes will resume in May after Passover.

Classes are free. All are welcome. You are invited to visit our website, 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 or call (845) 454-2890.

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

Torah Study, Every Saturday, at 9:00am, led by Rabbi Leah Berkowitz. Examine passages from the weekly Torah portion or Haftarah.

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from Ancient Texts, Every Tuesday (No Classes April 11), at 12:00pm, Senior Scholar, Rabbi Paul Golomb.

All welcome. No previous training required. No charge to attend. Questions Rabbi@vassartemple.org (845) 454-2570.

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

Sunday Hebrew for Adults Class, Sundays, at 9:30am. Learn to read and speak Hebrew with Naomi Kamlot. RSVP to educationassist@tbeny.org or call (845) 454-0570.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Classes, Wednesdays, 7:00pm. Did you miss out on getting Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Are you looking for an upgrade? Contact Rabbi Victor about joining this class. Emphasis on learning Torah reading, how to give a *d'var torah*, learning about prayer and more.

Sacred Texts Speaking to Issues of the Day with Rabbi Daniel Victor, Tuesdays, 12:30pm, The Crafted Kup, Raymond Ave. Join Rabbi Daniel Victor for study. Email rebvictor@tbeny.org for more information.

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

New Talmud class: Upcoming classes in Talmud and Hebrew and other fascinating classes and events.

Please visit our website www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Congregation Shir Chadash

Saturday Torah Study, Saturday, April 1, 22, at 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 or www.shir-chadash.org.

Jewish Social Action Coalition

The Jewish Social Action Coalition- a collaboration of area synagogues and the Harding Club - continues to work together to better our community.

Our major project continues to be supporting the students and families at Morse Elementary School in Poughkeepsie. We work closely with the staff and are truly making a difference in that little part of the world. We are so grateful for the four grants we have received to help us in our work.

In December, we received a Community Foundation Community Resource Grant and a donation from the Steve Saland Legacy Fund from the Community Foundation of Dutchess County. Then in February, we were thrilled to receive two additional generous grants to help our effort: one from the Harding Club and one from the Canter Family Donor Advised Fund of the Community Foundation. With this additional funding and the generosity of our congregants, we continue moving forward to meet the needs of this community and are able to address emergencies as well. This winter, along with Ashley's furniture store, which donated beds to the children, and generous contributions from our members, we were able to help a previously homeless mom provide for her four children and cat in her own apartment.

When you read this, we will have completed a successful "Captain Underpants" and Pasta Grogger drive for Purim. Contact any of our congregations to get information our Passover *Tzaddakah* campaign.

Congregation Schomre Israel Guest Lectures



Rabbi Sepowitz

Congregation Schomre Israel continues its Spring Lecture series with special guest Rabbi Yerachmiel Sepowitz. "Elijah the Prophet: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" is the title of the lecture to be given by Rabbi Sepowitz, chaplain, *Mohel* and *Sofer* scribe (writer of Torahs and other Jewish texts) at Congregation Schomre Israel on Sunday, April 2, 7:00pm.

Rabbi Sepowitz studied at the Jerusalem and Queens, New York campuses of the Rabbinical Seminary of America (Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim) under Rabbis A. Henoch Leibowitz and Moshe Chait. He also studied in Mesivtha Tifereth Jerusalem where he received *Smicha* (rabbinic ordination) from Rabbis Michel Berenbaum and David Feinstein. He has served pulpits in Tucson, Arizona and Kingston, New York. He currently lives in Monsey, New York.

We invite all in the community to attend these presentations.

Passover Judaica Sale at Vassar Temple

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Judaica shop carries all your needs for your festive Passover table: Seder plates, matzah plates, Kiddush, Elijah and Miriam cups, tablecloths, fun items for the children and so much more. We also featuring some very special Israeli artisans. Come and browse-- our prices will amaze you, no shipping charges for special orders either!! For recipes and samples of Passover goodies to taste, stop by April 2 for "Passover 101."

DETAILS

Special sale hours, Sun, April 2, 9:30am-11:30am. The shop is also open Mon -Thurs 9:30am-12:30pm, and Fridays by appointment. For more info, contact Perla Kaufman, brandaliz5@optonline.net or (914) 456-7309.

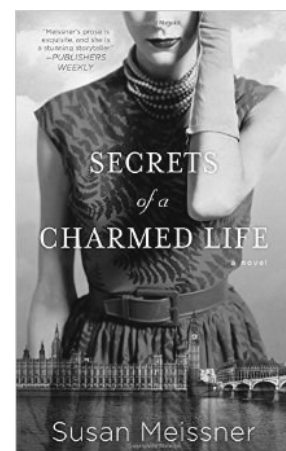
Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss *Secrets of a Charmed Life* by Susan Meissner, a story which journeys from present-day London to England during World War II.

Kendra Van Zant, a young American scholar, interviews Isabel McFarland, just when the elderly woman is ready to reveal secrets about the war which she has kept for decades, beginning with who she really is. In 1940, as Hitler waged an unprecedented war against England's civilian population, thousands of children were evacuated to foster homes in the rural countryside, including 15 year old Emmy Downtree and her much younger sister, Julia. As the Luftwaffe rains down its terrible destruction, the sisters are cruelly separated, and their lives are transformed.

DETAILS

Thursday, April 13, 2:00pm, Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Ave. This book is available in paperback and through the local library system. Irma Jacobs will lead the discussion where everyone is welcome. RSVP or get more information, contact Linda Babas at 473-7931, or linda.babas.41@gmail.com As always, your book suggestions are welcome.



Debbie's VOICE



When my husband and I first got married, I desperately wanted a dog. My husband did not. It's not that he isn't a dog person – he is. He was against getting a dog, because he couldn't deal with the end of the dog's life. It took almost six months to finally persuade him. Ok, in the interest of full disclosure, it honestly took almost six months of guilt. As we know, Jewish guilt is a very powerful thing!

In July 1999, our amazing dog, Bogart (the wonder poodle) was born. He moved in with us that September and immediately became our first child. Bogart was a wonderful dog-intelligent, sweet, loyal and loving. In short, he really was the perfect dog.

After 16 incredible years with us, I had to say goodbye to Bogart. My husband was out of town for work, and my boys were at camp. As anyone who's ever had to put their dog to sleep can attest, it is one of the most difficult experiences. I was honestly glad that the rest of my team was spared from Bogart's final moments.

After Bogart's death, I made it very clear that we were done with having a dog. I love dogs. I have happily doggy-sat my retired parents' dog every time they travel, which if I had actually charged them doggy-care rates, I would be in a different tax bracket! I've also happily doggy-sat our friend's dog. In fact, I often end up watching both dogs at the same time. It's total chaos, but it's happy chaos and yet, I stayed firm on my no new dog policy.

As I've mentioned, my older son is a child with autism. Every night, when I tuck him in, we chat about the day and review the schedule for tomorrow. About four months ago, he mentioned wanting a puppy. I immediately nipped this in the bud, explaining how it would just be too much work having a puppy. The next night, with tears streaming down his face, he once again requested a puppy. I held my ground. The third night, with tears streaming down his face, he explained how having a puppy would help him...how it would help calm and sooth him after a tough day.

As we know, Jewish guilt is a powerful thing...our puppy was born last week and is expected to join Team Silbergleit in late April.

So, as I clean the house for Passover, I will be puppy proofing at the same time.

It's safe to say those four glasses of wine are going to taste extra sweet this Seder!



Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

This month meet: Ori Brachfeld

Editor's Note: Every month, I will be interviewing a youngish (50 years old or younger) Jewish professional in our area. Please feel to email us with any suggestions! --- Debbie Silbergleit



I met up with Ori at his newly opened coffee shop, The Ugly Mug (located next to the Bardavon). We chatted over coffee. Actually, I had a decaf soy mocha latte and I have to be honest...Starbucks' stock may start to drop because The Ugly Mug can make a fantastic latte! He mentioned that "dealing with the public is my favorite part of the day" and after spending an hour chatting, I can totally see why. Ori is truly a people person; he didn't sit back and let me ask all the questions, he asked me a bunch too.

Ori grew up across the river in Newburgh. His mom immigrated from Israel in the early 60's and his dad, a holocaust survivor, eventually ended up in New York after fleeing Poland. Sadly, Ori's father passed away while Ori was still in elementary school; however, his mom is happily enjoying retirement life in Florida. Ori was raised Orthodox. He received much of his primary education from a Yisheva in Rockland County. Commuting down there from Newburgh every school day, kindergarten – 8th grade.

His Yisheva education was so thorough that by the time he was a sophomore at Newburgh High School, he had enough credits to graduate. His mom forbade early graduation and instead Ori enrolled in the VoTech Program. At seventeen, he became the youngest auto mechanic ever employed by Cadillac. Ori graduated from Mt. St Mary's College and began his career as a self-made entrepreneur. He's been involved in various real estate ventures, the Chamber of Commerce and even local government. He's also a licensed locksmith and has been the owner of the Beacon-based Dash Lock & Key, Inc. for the past 32 years.

In 2013, Ori bought his building on Market Street in Poughkeepsie to open a second location of Dash Lock & Key. In 2014, while planning the necessary renovations for his new building, Ori realized there wasn't any good coffee nearby and that he was, "tired of my office being in a coffee shop, so I turned my office into a coffee shop" - that's how he got into the coffee business.

It was crucial for Ori that everything at his coffee shop be locally sourced. This value is an intrinsic part of who he is; he passionately believes in supporting the local community. A Jewish value instilled by his mother, who taught him to "always give back to where you come from." Ori believes in faith, hope and charity. Before the Ugly Mug opened its doors for the first time, he had already picked out the two local charities he wanted to be involved with, The United Way and the Brookhaven Shelter.

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Rabbi's Blog

Passover Eggsplanations

By Rabbi Elizier & Lucy Langer

What exactly is the egg doing at the seder?

I'm not talking about the one on the Seder plate. We don't eat the shankbone and furthermore, many Ashkenazim don't even eat roast meats on Passover night. So what is the reason for the egg? While many "eggsplanations" are given - it symbolizes life, the longer it is cooked the harder/stronger it gets, I've even tried to say that it reminds us of the yolk of oppression, but what does it really teach? Not the egg on the kaara - Seder plate, the other one - the one that everyone can't wait to dip in saltwater and eat. Look carefully at the Haggada. There is no mention of this egg; no bracha, no statement, not even instructions as when to eat it.



(As Schomre Israelites know,) I am hardly an expert on eating eggs. Nonetheless, I can share the answer of the Rama in the Code of Jewish Law, Shulchan Aruch Laws of Pesach 476:1. Rabbi Moshe Isserless of Krakow, records the "custom in some places is to eat an egg because of mourning. It would seem to me that this is because Tish'a b'Av (commemorating the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem) night is the same as the first night of Pesach and additionally in memory of the destruction of the Temple where the Korban Pesach-Pascal sacrifice was brought.



Very interesting. We eat the egg as a sign of mourning? Rabbi Elijah, the Vilna Gaon, strongly disputes this, saying that it would be inappropriate to mourn on Passover night when we celebrate the exodus and act as royalty. Rather, he says, it is memory of the Korban Chagiga (the Festival Offering) which comprised the major part of the Yom Tov -festive Passover meal.

Mishna Brura directs our thinking to further elucidation. Hebrew, being the Holy

Language and the language of G-d and creation, has many levels of meaning. One of these is "AT BASH" a relationship between the letters of the alphabet as they correspond from start to reverse order. (the first letter of the alphabet corresponds to the last; the second to the second to last, etc.) (Atbash is a simple [substitution cipher](#) for the [Hebrew alphabet](#). It consists in substituting [aleph](#) (the first letter) for [tav](#) (the last), [beth](#) (the second) for [shin](#) (one before last), and so on, reversing the [alphabet](#). It has been associated with the esoteric methodologies of [Jewish mysticism's](#) interpretations of [Hebrew religious texts](#) as in the [Kabbalah](#). from Rabbi Wikipedia).

Pesach, celebrating our transformation into a nation, contains in it, through AT BASH, hints to the Holy Days of the year.

Alef, the first night of Pesach = Tish'a B'Av which falls on the same day of the week, this year Mon night and Tues, Aug 7-8

Bet, the second day of Pesach = Shavuot, which this year starts Wed May 31

Gimel, Rosh Hashana, Thurs, Sept 21

Daled, Kuf Krias Hatorah Simchas Torah, this falls on Fri, Oct 13

Hay, Tzadi = Zom (fast) Yom Kippur will be on Shabbat Sept 30

Vav, Purim of the previous year, last month March 12

And in our days with a reborn Jewish state of Israel, Zayin, Ayin, the seventh day of Pesach and redemption tells us that Yom Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day will be on Mon, May 1. (The festivities are postponed this year so that the commemorations of Yom Hazikaron, Israel Memorial Day, do not conflict with Shabbat.)

Pesach teaches the entire Jewish calendar. On the Seder night we relive the beginnings of our freedom and our peoplehood. This one week contains the ingredients of the Jewish year, our celebrations and our commemorations. May we take the enjoyment of the fine food, the intellectual stimulation of the discussions, and the declarations of our belief, faithfulness and traditions, through an entire year of positive Jewish living.

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If you find yourself looking for a cup of coffee in downtown Poughkeepsie, I encourage you to head over to The Ugly Mug. The food is all baked or made in Fishkill, Beacon or Cold Spring. You won't find any traditional sodas there, but you can order a handcrafted soda, where the syrup is handcrafted in Beacon. The delicious coffee is roasted just up the Taconic in Pine Plains.

If Ori happens to be there, you'll also enjoy a friendly conversation with a gregarious member of the tribe...



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STATEMENT

From the Mid-Hudson Islamic Association

We stand united against all hate and violence in America, and we pray that the collective dignity of our shared American life be restored. During these difficult and divisive times, Muslims must challenge all forms of bigotry and commit themselves to standing up for members of other faiths, anchored by our conviction that God revealed His wisdom and His truths to every community throughout the world:

"God has ordained for you Religion what he commanded unto Noah, and that which We have revealed to you, and that which we commanded unto Abraham and Moses and Jesus - to uphold the faith and not to be divided therein (Qur'an 42:13)."

We, the Muslims, condemn the recent planned threats to synagogues throughout America, and the recent desecration of a Jewish cemetery, that was simply despicable. We stand by in solidarity with the Jewish community of the Hudson-Valley.

Umar Ahmad
Mid-Hudson Islamic Association
125 All Angels Hills Road
Wappinger Falls, NY 12590

STATEMENT

From the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County greatly appreciates the recent statement from the Mid-Hudson Islamic Association calling for unity against any and all forms of hate and violence in America.

We share the conviction that each individual deserves the right to practice freely his/her religion and the obligation to respect the right of others to do the same. We pray that our solidarity and conviction will continue to expand beyond the borders of the Hudson Valley and bring liberty, freedom of religion and peace to all people.

Board of Directors
The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

Local Muslim-Jewish Alliance Forming

Members of Jewish and Muslim communities have recently met to establish a local Muslim-Jewish Alliance to protect one another, advocate on issues of joint concern, dialogue, educate and promote friendships and relationships among our members. This group will focus on proactive opportunities to work together as we support and nurture both our communities.

Who can join?

Anyone who identifies as Jewish or Muslim and wishes to further positive relationships between our communities that are built on trust, dialogue, education and working together for the common good is welcome to participate.

At our first event, we will celebrate Earth Day 2017 (Saturday, April 22) together. This will include a clean-up effort, breaking bread together and discussing next steps.

For details and more information or to help get this community program started, contact socialaction@tbeny.org and one of us will get back to you.

"Stand together against this bigotry..."

From Colby Itkowitz, Washington Post, Feb 27




Men lift a fallen tombstone at the Jewish Mount Carmel Cemetery on Feb. 26 in Philadelphia. (Dominick Reuter/Agence France-Presse)

"Less than a week ago, Tarek El-Messidi, a Muslim activist, helped organize a fundraiser to help with the cleanup of a desecrated Jewish cemetery near St. Louis. It raised more than \$130,000..." See [Washington Post](#) for full story.

Community Business Greetings

Passover Blessings




*The Family and Staff at
Torsonne Funeral Home*

Passover Blessings



*Sugar & Spice Café
and Spice Catering*

Passover Blessings



*Wishing the community a
sweet & joyous Passover!
The Reckess Family
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Chag Pesach Sameach




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Chag Pesach Sameach



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(Retired Older Men Eating Out)
Best wishes for a ziesen Pesach!


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	Lou Newman	

**Happy
Passover**

From Your
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your family have a happy
and Kosher Pesach**



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to you and
your family
at Passover**

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Chag Sameach, Peace & Happiness from the Sisterhood!




Passover Greetings

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of peace
and
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Fair Trade Kosher for Passover Chocolate

By Ilana Schatz, Director of Fair Trade Judaica

"In every generation a person is obligated to see him or herself as though he/she had personally been redeemed from Egypt", we read in the Haggadah during our Passover seders. In recalling our people's experience in Egypt, we are urged to remember that we were once slaves. We tell the details of the story, act it out, and eat charoset, symbolizing the mortar with which our ancestors made bricks for the Egyptians – we attempt to "experience" what slavery felt like.

Though we may not be actual slaves ourselves today, our history moves us to ask "Where does slavery exist today?", "Who is enslaved?" "What is that slavery like?" Unfortunately, this is the issue with most chocolate in the world. The majority of all cocoa is grown in West Africa, where hundreds of thousands of children have been documented working in their cocoa fields. They spend long hours working in hazardous conditions, and losing their childhoods to bring us our favorite chocolate treats. The situation is particularly serious in the Ivory Coast (the source of about 50% of our cocoa), where the US Department of State estimates that more than 109,000 children in Cote d'Ivoire's cocoa industry work under "the worst forms of child labor," and that some 10,000 are victims of human trafficking or enslavement. Those who labor as slaves also suffer frequent beatings and other cruel treatment.

The majority of these children are exposed to extremely hazardous conditions, where they:

- Spray pesticides and apply fertilizer without protective gear
- Use sharp tools, like machetes
- Do strenuous work, like felling trees, clearing and burning vegetation, and
- Sustain injuries from transporting heavy loads beyond permissible weight

They are not attending school, and they are there without the support of their families.

But, **we do have a choice that can make a real difference!** Fair Trade provides third party certification and monitoring process where child labor is explicitly prohibited. There are currently three different Fair Trade certifying organizations which follow these guidelines: Fair Trade USA, Fairtrade International (FLO), and Fair for Life (IMO); their labels appear on products that have passed the certification process (<http://fairtradejudaica.org/learn/how-do-you-know-if-its-fair-trade/>). There is no legal definition at this point, so any product can say "fair trade" or "fairly traded" without having gone through a rigorous certification and monitoring process. There are other certifications, like Utz and Rainforest, which do support strong environmental oversight, but do not examine child labor. Only if a product features one of the three labels noted above, can you be assured that labor and other economic justice issues were addressed.

And, finally, we do have fair trade and Kosher for Passover chocolate!!! Rabbi Aaron Alexander, Associate Dean, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University, gave a Rabbinic psak on March 15, 2013 (and confirmed for 2015) that seven of **Equal Exchange chocolates that are marked pareve (the 3 oz or 80 g bars, dark chocolate minis, and semisweet and bittersweet chips) may be purchased before Passover and consumed on Passover". These products are soy and gluten free. For people following Conservative halacha, products must be in the house the day before Passover, prior to Bedikat Chametz, according to the RA Pesach Guide.**



Chocolate Toffee Matzo Brittle (Once Upon A Chef)

Prep: 10 minutes. Cook: 10 minutes. Cool: 45 minutes.

Ingredients

- 3-5 matzos (depending on the size of your cookie sheet)
- 1 C (2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 1 C packed brown sugar
- 12-oz fair trade semi-sweet (55%) chocolate pieces or chips
- 1 C chopped pecans
- 1/2 tsp sea salt flakes

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cover rimmed baking sheet with heavy duty foil. Coat with cooking spray. Cover baking sheet with matzos, cutting and piecing together to fill the whole pan.

In medium saucepan over medium heat, combine butter and brown sugar. Cook, stirring constantly until mixture comes to a boil. Continue cooking and stirring for another 3 minutes until foamy and thickened. Immediately pour toffee over matzos and, using a spatula, gently spread into an even layer.

Place pan into oven and bake for 10 minutes or until toffee topping is bubbling all over. Remove pan to a cooling rack. Immediately scatter chocolate chips evenly over top. Wait 3-5 minutes for chips to soften, then gently use thin spatula to spread chocolate in an even layer. Sprinkle with pecans and sea salt.

Refrigerate until chocolate is firm, about 45 minutes, but not much longer or it will be hard to cut.

Lift foil to transfer matzo onto a large cutting board. Using a large sharp knife, cut into 2-inch squares. Store in an airtight container in the fridge and serve cold. Makes 24-35 squares.

Mitzvah Day Registration &

Sunday, May 7, 2017 • 9 am-2 pm • Mitzvah Day Headquarters: Temple Beth-El,

REGISTER EARLY!

Register online at www.JewishDutchess.org beginning April 1 or mail the completed form (next page) to JFDC, PO Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Registrations received by April 18 will be entered into a drawing for a \$36 gift card and other prizes.

	PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1	Visit to The Pines	Grade 3&4 children will show off their talents and interact with the residents. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	100 Franklin St, Poughkeepsie
2	Youth Group Car Wash	Youth Car wash (7th Grade & up) to raise funds for tzedakah. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	Mitzvah Day HQ, Temple Beth-El
3	Baking	Grade 5&6 children will bake healthy snacks for The Lunch Box to be delivered and served by children and parents at 11:00am. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	Mitzvah Day HQ, Temple Beth-El
4	Gomez Mill House	General cleanup - indoors and outdoors. Lunch will be provided by Agency.	11 Mill House Rd, Marlboro
5	Appalachian Trail	Remove invasive plant species from Appalachian Trail in Putnam County. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	Exact location on Appalachain Trail TBD
6	Grace Smith House	Outside landscaping and inside painting. Lunch will be provided by agency. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00am.	1 Brookside Ave, Poughkeepsie
7	Children's Home of Poughkeepsie	Light outdoor yard & garden cleanup and planting, painting &/or repair of playground, benches or other equipment, indoor painting in the event of bad weather. Lunch provided by Agency. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	10 Children's Way Poughkeepsie
8	Pershing Cemetery	Pershing Cemetery clean-up. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	Pershing Ave, Pougheepsie
9	The Birthday Bags Project	Create Birthday In A Bag for underprivileged children. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	Mitzvah Day HQ, Temple Beth-El
10	PJ Library Activity	Intergenerational projects with families of kids ages 2-8. Three one-hour shifts.	Mitzvah Day HQ, Temple Beth-El
11	Elant Nursing Home	Performing various types of music for Elant Residents.	Elant, Route 9D, Beacon
12	New Horizons Resources - Briggs Farm	Help construct an accessible walkway - trail for the community. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	201 Cream St, Poughkeepsie
13	Mitzvah Day Committee	Help at registration table Set up and serve breakfast Set up and serve lunch End of day clean up	Mitzvah Day HQ, Temple Beth-El
14	Cereal Counts	Donated boxes will be used to build a tower, counted, packed up and loaded into a truck. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	Mitzvah Day HQ, Temple Beth-El
16	Community Family Development	Planting flowers, prepping flower beds, planting seeds. Also sorting attic and bagging up garbage. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	269 Mill Street
17	Sprout Lake	Clean and spruce up Camp Sprout Lake, spring planting and possible painting. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided by agency.	6 Sprout Lake Camp, Route 82, Verbank NY
18	Dutchess Outreach Lunch Box	Prepare and serve a meal at The Lunch Box.	29 N. Hamilton St, Poughkeepsie
19	Jewish Federation of Dutchess County	Help with community mailing. Letter folding and stuffing. Envelope stamping and sealing.	Mitzvah Day HQ, Temple Beth-El
20	Congregation Beth David Pantry Collection	Bring contributions of non-perishable food, paper goods & products for personal care or household cleaning for the Pantry at St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Armenia.	3344 East Main St, Amenia

◇ MITZVAH DAY DRIVES ◇ Mitzvah Day is a Community Service Day!

Starting May 1, we'll be gearing up for a successful Mitzvah Day with three Mitzvah Day Drives. Please participate in the projects below!

• CEREAL COUNTS

Boxed cereal for hungry neighbors in need. Drop off boxes of cereal at Temple Beth-El, Mitzvah Day HQ. After Passover, Wednesday, April 19. For more information, contact cerealcounts123@gmail.com

• BIRTHDAY BAGS

Bring a box of cake mix, a can of frosting and a package of birthday candles to Vassar Temple, Beacon Hebrew Alliance or Temple Beth-El. After Passover, Wednesday April 19. For more information, contact Jasmine Russo jasmainerusso@gmail.com

Donation Form



118 So Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie

Join us for breakfast at 9:00 (RSVP when you register) and then head to project location. Or go straight to your project at the appointed time. Children under the age of 12 attending activities not at headquarters must be accompanied by an adult.

TIME	TOOLS NEEDED (If You Have Them)
9:00 - 12:00	Students should bring items necessary to show off their talents.
9:00 - 1:00	Old towels
9:00 - 12:00	None needed
10:00 - 2:00	Rakes, gardening hand tools, insect repellent, sun screen, hats
9:00 - 2:30	Limited amount of loppers. Please bring if you have. Also, lunch, water, insect repellent, work gloves, sturdy clothing, hat
10:00 - 2:00	Any outside hand tools for landscaping
9:45 - 4:00	Work gloves, clothes you don't mind getting dirty, sun-screen and insect repellent
10:00 til done	Work gloves, rakes, garbage bags
10:00 - 1:00	None needed
10:00 - 11:00 11:00 - 12:00 12:00 - 1:00	None needed
1:00 - 3:00	None needed
10:00 - 2:00	Gardening tools, rakes, etc
8:30 - 1:00 8:30 - 10:00 10:00 - 1:00 1:00 - 3:00	None needed
Stack boxes 9:00 Pack boxes 10:30	An extra hand truck
9:30 - 1:00	Garden tools
10:00 - 1:30	None needed
10:30 - 1:15	None needed
10:00 til done	None needed
11:00 - 2:00	None needed

Please consider making a donation to support Mitzvah Day. Make checks payable to: Jewish Family Services, PO Box 2525 Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS VA COLLECTION
 New underwear and socks for Clothes Closet (male & female; size large preferred). Deliver to Temple Beth-El, Vassar, Shomre, and Beacon Hebrew Alliance. For more information, contact Martin Hochhauser mhochhauser@yahoo.com

Mitzvah Day Project Choices

Assignment is made on a first-come, first-served basis. Please use project numbers to indicate first and second choices. Indicate age if under 18 years.

Family Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Individual Name _____

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Remember the Mitzvah Day Drives! (see details below table)

Number attending breakfast _____

Number attending lunch _____

SCHEDULE

9:00 Light breakfast and opening ceremony, Mitzvah Day Headquarters, Temple Beth-El

9:30 Off to do mitzvot around the Hudson Valley

11:00 - 1:00 Light lunch for volunteers, Mitzvah Day Headquarters, Temple Beth-El

Note: Photographs taken on Mitzvah Day may be used for Jewish Federation marketing and outreach.

Partially underwritten by a grant from the Bertha Effron Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. Sponsored by Jewish Family Services of Dutchess County, a program of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.

Springing into Spring by Rabbi Miriam Hyman, *Education Director & Rosh Tefillah* and Cantor Devorah Gartner, *B'nai Mitzvah & Youth Director*

Winter was anything but cold here at the Religious School!

We were treated to many wonderful events during our annual Shabbat School months. Our B'nai Mitzvah Class read Torah together for the first time and also helped Rabbi Victor and Cantor Devorah lead Shabbat Services. Our entire student body received copies of the new *Lev Shalem siddurim*. Our smallest students received tiny Torahs on Tu b'Shevat, and our first/second grade class taught us all about

(Continued on page 13)



PJ LIBRARY STORY TIME PLAY DATE at Temple Beth-El

Every Friday at 10:30am.

A special hour of fun that includes stories, music, movement, crafts and play time. This program is for children ages 6 months to 5 years with a caregiver. It is free and open to the community.

RSVP to pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

Temple Beth-El Tot Shabbat

Join Rabbi Neal J Loevinger for a fun, and creative Shabbat for tots and their caregivers. Stories, songs and Shabbat appropriate activities take place in a warm, welcoming environment. Program is free and open to all. All welcome to stay for our Kiddush following the service.

Sat, April 15 (and all 3rd Sat) at 11:15am.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CHABAD MID-HUDSON VALLEY

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

For information about preschool, new pre-bar/bat mitzvah class, contact Hindy Borenstein, Director (845) 463-5801 or chabadmidsouthvalley@prodigy.net

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 [tizviehecht@gmail.com](mailto:tziviehecht@gmail.com)

SHIR CHADASH

Congregation Shir-Chadash's religious school will be starting the next phase of their new curriculum, *The Jewish Life Cycle*, which includes learning about Jewish rituals for baby boys and girls, bar/bat mitzvah practices, traditional marriage ceremonies and, for the older students, shiva rules and burial rites.

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

For information, contact (845) 232-1029 or www.shir-chadash.org

TEMPLE BETH-EL

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

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

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

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 or education@tbeny.org

VASSAR TEMPLE

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

Sunday Religious School Sundays (No classes April 9, 16) 9:00am-12:00pm, grades K-7

Hebrew Language School Wednesdays (No class April 12) 4:30pm, grades 4-7

Innovative individualized Hebrew language instruction and bar/bat mitzvah preparation. New enrollments always welcome.

For information contact Julie Makowsky, Director (845) 454-2570 or rsdirector@vassartemple.org



PJ Library ROVERS and PJ Our Way

Presenting a very special PJ Library Event

A critically acclaimed musical adaptation of *Diary of a Young Girl*, by Anne Frank

Yours, Anne



Sunday, April 2, 2017
 2:00pm

Enjoy a remarkable show
 Meet the performers backstage
 Give your child a professional theatrical experience

This program is underwritten by a Harold Grinspoon Alliance Engagement Grant, which allows us to offer tickets to you at the exceptional price of **\$10/adults and \$5/children**. Tickets are limited and must be purchased by contacting PJLibrary@JewishDutchess.org by March 2. **This event is recommended for children over 7 years of age.**

Culinary Institute of America
 Ecolab Auditorium, Marriott Pavilion
 1946 Campus Drive, Hyde Park, NY

For ticket information and program details, call PJ Library Program Director, Melinda Margulies at (914) 475-5566

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"ask"

For the second year **Yehuda Matzo** has branded their boxes with information about PJ Library. Take a picture of your kids with the Yehuda Matzah display at the grocery store, or with a box of Matzah, and post it on our Facebook Page (PJ Library Mi - Hudson Valley) with the hashtag #pjlibrary. Our community has the opportunity to win an important prize!



Matzah Box Crafts

from the PJ Library Blog "Bookmark" at www.pjlibrary.org

Passover is here and your family is enjoying matzah - but what do you do with all of those empty boxes? Lots of things! Matzah boxes can be upcycled into practical household items, turned into musical instruments, or transformed into whimsical toys. We scoured the web, tested a few things at home, and are happy to present ten ways to make old matzah boxes into new items:

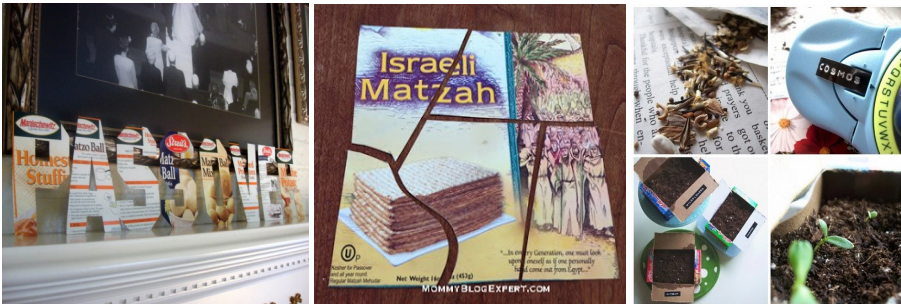
Jumbo Building Blocks & Play Pieces

Turn boxes into jumbo building blocks, or incorporate them as part of a play-kitchen. You can do this with any clean, leftover containers.

Mantle Banner
via Deep Fried Kudzu

Puzzle
via Mommy Blog Expert

Planter for your
PJ Parsley
via Whimsy Love



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Melinda

Kim

As April begins we have already started to explore the themes of Passover and are preparing the family for this important holiday, filled with tradition, ritual foods, and company!

Including young children in the Seder is one of the most important aspects of the holiday but can also be challenging. Children can be included in cleaning the home, setting the table, and preparing food, of course, but their role goes much deeper.

We have chosen to focus on the idea of "questioning" (shaal) in our local PJ Library programs leading up to Passover. The starring role in the Seder for young children is that of questioner. They have the opportunity to learn the four questions in English or Hebrew and to really lead the family. However, questioning is central to the entire process of preparing for and observing the holiday.

The quality of thinking for oneself and being open to questioning is distinctively Jewish. In fact a 2005 report by Tom Smith of the National Opinion Research Center revealed that compared with other ethnic groups, American Jews were "more likely to value thinking for oneself as the most important quality to encourage in one's children (71% as opposed to 50% in non-Jews), ranking it higher than working hard, helping others, obedience, and being well-liked", as reported in *A Tradition of Questioning Tradition*, by Bethanie Horowitz.

In our family we have always modified the Seder to include the children at every stage, stretching sections as they are ready to participate for longer periods and even choosing a child-focused Haggadah.

There are many versions available. The Traditions of Passover: Cleaning, Eating Matzah, The Seder, The Haggadah, The Seder Plate, Asking The Four Questions, Hiding the Afikomen, Opening the Door For Elijah, and Singing *Dayenu* can all be made kid-friendly. Go to www.pjlibrary.org, click on The Blog and search for Passover History and Traditions for lots of information about including even the youngest child in this meaningful holiday.

Happy Passover!

Melinda Pendleton Margulies and Kimberly Ritz
Mid-Hudson Valley Program Directors

2017 Purim Carnival



Not a part of PJ Library yet? Register online at www.PJLibrary.org
Free children's Jewish Book-of-the-Month Club
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Bat Mitzvah

Dylan Rose Zakow, April 22, 2017, Temple Beth El

Daughter of Patti and Peter Zakow
Sister of Austin and Samantha Zakow

Dylan is in the seventh grade at Lagrange Middle School. She enjoys gymnastics, playing field hockey and spending her summers at Camp Westmont.

As a part of her mitzvah experience, Dylan volunteered at the American Heart Association for the Little Hat, Big Hearts Program, which raises awareness of heart disease and congenital heart defect in babies.



92nd Street Y

92nd Street Y programs are a collaboration of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.

Thursday, April 20, 7pm (Pre-recorded) Netanyahu, Trump and the Future of Israeli/American Relations

What will the future be of Israeli-American relations under the Trump administration? Will there be a policy shift? How will settlements and aspirations for a two-state solution be managed? What role will the new U.S. Ambassador have in protecting Israel's interests? What is the current state of Israel's security in a turbulent neighborhood?

Yaakov Katz, editor-in-chief of the *Jerusalem Post*, and author of the new book *Weapon Wizards: How Israel Became a High-Tech Military Superpower*, is joined by Danny Danon, Israel's ambassador to the U.N. Dina Kraft moderates.



Thursday, May 18, 7pm (call to confirm showing) Jewish Identity: The Truth, Fears, Hopes and Illusions

Part of the *Shababa Network* Summit, 92Y presents a panel discussion on Jewish Identity with Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein, Rev. Eleanor Harrison Bregman, Rabbi Irwin Kula, Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek and Sharon Thomas.



Thursday, June 15, 7pm (call to confirm showing) Bernard Henri-Lévy with Charlie Rose: Why Judaism Matters

The rock-star French philosopher sits down with Charlie Rose to explain how his ideas are shaped by the wisdom and beauty of Judaism, why Judaism and Jewish peoplehood is important to the world — and why the global resurgence of anti-Semitism poses an existential threat to us all. Bernard-Henri Lévy is a philosopher, journalist, activist and filmmaker. Among his dozens of books are *American Vertigo*, *Barbarism with a Human Face* and *Who Killed Daniel Pearl?*, and most recently *The Genius of Judaism*. His writing has appeared in a wide range of publications throughout Europe and the United States. His films include the documentaries *Bosna! And A Day in the Death of Sarajevo*. Lévy is co-founder of the antiracist group SOS Racism and has served on diplomatic missions for the French government.



LOCATION: Boardman Library, 141 Boardman Rd, Poughkeepsie

This is a collaboration between the Library District and The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, made possible in part, through a grant from the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund.

To view one of the 92nd St Y talks, go to www.92yondemand.org and click on TOPICS, then JEWISH INTEREST to select from a list of recorded programs. You'll find a great number of lectures by such notables as Alan Dershowitz, Elie Wiesel and Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks and topics including Judaism in American, God and Israel.

The President's Voice



Dear Friends,

As the holiday of Passover is upon us I am reflecting the many messages that we can extract from this celebration for our current times. As we were once slaves and sought our freedom, so do many of our refugees seek theirs. Yes, we do need to establish guidelines and perhaps a more strict vetting system but always remember that so many are seeking asylum from a horrendous situation.

The value of welcoming and being inclusive of all is one that Federation holds. We wish to be that agency that stands for all Jews, those affiliated and those not. Our goal is to extend our programs and our support to all. Won't you help me in this endeavor?

Happy Passover,

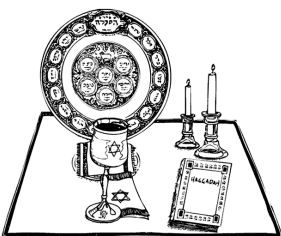
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Got Skills?

Help Wanted: Technology Guru

Jewish Federation of Dutchess County is looking for an imaginative tech-savvy wizard to work with us to keep our website up-to-date (which it isn't right now) and looking sharp (ditto.) Take a look at the site www.JewishDutchess.org and if you think you can help, CONTACT US!

The website is hosted on a proprietary platform, so you'll have a chance to work with non-standard technology (always good on a resume) while supporting the good works of the Dutchess Federation.

You should be creative and reliable. Know some HTML. Adobe products a-plus (for other projects that might arise). The office is on Collegeview Avenue across from Vassar College. Probably a combination of onsite (2-3 hours a week) and offsite (varies) but open to a creative work schedule that accommodates all parties. \$15/hour

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of standard website practices and protocol
- Ability to learn the ins and outs of Jewish Federation of North America proprietary website (this is not a WordPress site)
- Creative eye
- Must know a little HTML
- Possesses strong work ethic (i.e., reliable and responsible)
- Ability to follow directions
- Good communication skills; willing to ask questions when in doubt; keen on keeping in touch through texting, etc.
- Creative self-starter with a sense of humor helpful
- Have access to reliable transportation

Send resume and cover letter to:
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Havdalah.

Winter session also brought the advent of the Youth Group’s Mishloach Manot decorating extravaganza. The Youth Group, Geshur Hebrew High School art classes and the Tuesday Ivrit teaching assistants and students, all painted, drew, glued and decorated over 250 Purim gift boxes. A good time was had by all at the Megillah readings and Purim Carnival. But now Purim has come and gone. It’s time to shake the glitter out of our hair and start cleaning for Pesach.

We are looking forward to our many spring events. We are excited for Hannah Efron, our first Bat Mitzvah of the 5777 class. Dylan Zackow and Natalie Sabrsula will round out April and May. Mazel tov to Hannah, Dylan, Natalie and their families.

We will be embarking on that most ambitious of Pesach activities – A Model Seder. Each of our Religious School classes will be responsible for presenting a section of the service when our students and their families gather together to learn and celebrate on Sunday, April 2.

Looking ahead, Geshur students from Temple Beth-El, Congregation Shir Chadash and Vassar Temple, who have been studying about the Holocaust

with Craig Gittelman, will be leading a very special Yom HaShoah Community Holocaust Commemoration service at Dutchess Community College on Wednesday, April 26.

We are planning a day of exciting and interactive activities for Yom Ha’atzmaut – Israeli Independence Day. (Don’t tell anyone, but the whole school is “flying” to Israel for a whirlwind sightseeing tour).

Before you know it, Shavuot will be here and we will be bidding farewell to



An Exciting New Mitzvah Project for Mitzvah Day-

Be part of an exciting community initiative.

People of all ages welcome to help.

For many years, Mitzvah Day has collaborated with Briggs Farm, a part of New Horizon’s Resources (NHR), helping with a number of projects. This year, we will have the opportunity to work with NHR on a new community initiative.

Sandra Swan from New Horizons describes the project this way: In 2017 New Horizons is building a trail at our Briggs Farm site that will enable children and adults with autism to experience the physical, mental and emotional value of outdoor exercise in a therapeutic and safe environment. The trail will be 1/3-mile long and four feet wide. It will have three sensory stations and will be wheelchair accessible. The sensory stations will also be resting spots for walkers and help people we serve with any stress they may experience from being outdoors.

We want to share the benefits of outdoor exercise with the community, so we will extend the use of the trail to anyone in the community who enjoys walking outside and being on a working farm.

This project is made possible with grants and the vision and dedication of staff members at New Horizons Resources.

Everyone from infants to seniors will be able to enjoy this path once it is finished. What a great intergenerational opportunity! Come out on May 7 and help build this unique community resource.

What is the Mitzvah Day Birthday Project?

Let’s provide birthday parties for local children in-need who otherwise would have none--a tote bag filled with birthday cake fixings, a special toy, book reflecting the child’s interests, perhaps a party decoration and a gift card.

Choose from many ways to help:

- Bring boxed cake mix, canned icing, boxed birthday candles, birthday decor to the donation boxes located in the BHA, Temple Beth-El and Vassar Temple between April 19-May 5.
- Donate \$36 to sponsor a bag--receive thank you note from child.
- Adopt a child’s bag to shop for--receive thank you note from child.

Kids: Register at www.jewishdutchess.org to decorate bags and make cards.

For information on sponsoring or adopting a bag, please contact: Jasmine Russo jasmainerusso@gmail.com (845) 476-4261.



Purim 2017



- 1, Rabbi Victor leads Havdalah during Purim 2017
2. Rabbi Victor and Rabbi Miriam celebrating Purim with the youngest friends at Temple Beth—El.
3. Ariella Hyman Fessler reading Megillah with Stewart Brenner, Naomi Kamlot and Rabbi Michael Fessler at Temple Beth—El.
4. Rabbi Victor and company at Purim at Temple Beth-El.

Seder and Passover Events

Shir Chadash Students and Adults Share a Mini Passover Seder

Congregation Shir Chadash students and adults attended the second annual mini-Passover Seder following Shabbat services on April 1.

Moses once again led the attendees to the Seder, portrayed by one of the congregants, as was done last year at the Seder. Students participated during the Seder by asking the four questions in Hebrew and in English and by chanting the blessings. There was much singing as well as crafts and games for the children.

A light lunch was also provided. A good time was had by all.

Any inquiries about the school and/or other educational programs should be directed to Sue Marcoe, Religious School coordinator, at (845) 723-4045. For general information regarding Congregation Shir Chadash, please call 232-1029, email info@shir-chadash.org or check out our website at www.shir-chadash.org.



Jeff Lash as Moses in 2016

Passover Family Event

On Sunday morning, your family can step “out of the box” to participate in an interactive Seder journey.

Each family will travel the 15 steps of the Seder, stopping at each step where they will make or do or learn something about that step. In this fun way, each family will gain pieces of enrichment to use at their own Seders. The program was created by Vassar Temple's Religious School Director Julie Makowsky.

DETAILS

Sunday, April 2, Vassar Temple. For more information please contact Julie Makowsky at vassartemplers@gmail.com.

Tiny Temple Celebrates Passover

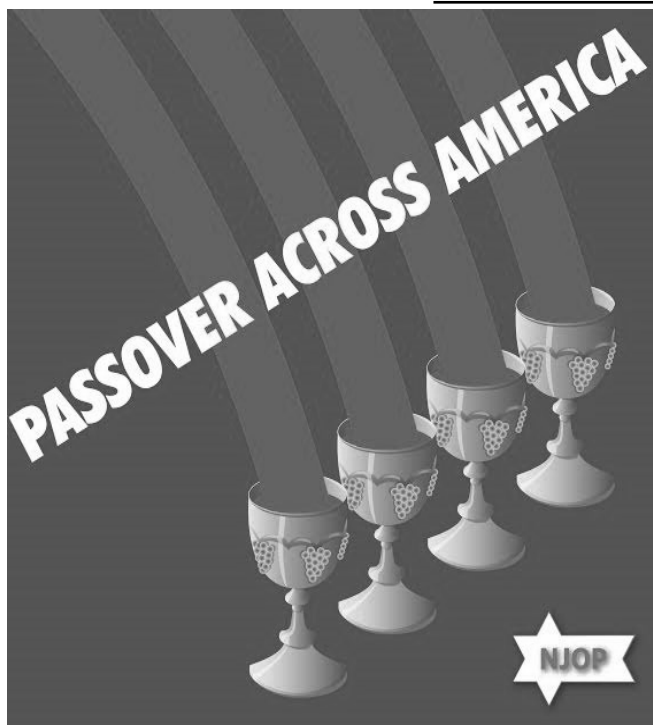
Come have fun learning about Passover through crafts, story and song at our next Tiny Temple event! All children age infant to 5 and those raising them are warmly invited regardless of temple affiliation. Holiday refreshments will be served. Tiny Temple is always free of charge, is sponsored by the Vassar Temple Sisterhood, and is held in a relaxed and friendly setting.

DETAILS

Sun, April 2, 11:00am—12:00pm, Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave. This program is free and open to the public. To assist in planning please RSVP. For more info or to be added to the mailing list please, contact Laura Brundage tinytemple@vassartemple.org.

Temple Beth-El Passover Schedule

Tuesday, April 11, 9:30am	Monday, April 17, 7:30pm
Sunday, April 16, 7:30pm	Tuesday, April 18, 9:30am
Monday, April 17, 9:30am	Friday, April 21, 9:30am



Vassar Temple is sponsoring its 6th annual lay-led Seder the first night of Passover, Monday, April 10, to be held in the Vassar Temple social hall, and the community is warmly invited to attend. A short and meaningful Seder service, appealing to both adults and children, will be followed by a delicious four-course kosher style dinner, including matzah ball soup, appetizers, entrée choice of fish or rotisserie chicken, herbed vegetables and Pesach desserts.


Passover is best when experienced with others. Vassar Temple, an inclusive Reform congregation, wants to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to take part in a Seder; community members who have NOT attended a Seder in years or ever are expressly welcome! Space is limited, so please reserve early.

The fee has been set to cover costs and is being subsidized by a generous award from the NJOP (National Jewish Outreach Program), as part of their “Passover Across America” initiative. Cost is Adults: \$25; Ages 5 to 13: \$8; Preschool/toddlers: FREE; Family maximum: \$60. If you cannot afford that fee, please contact us as support funds are available.

Due to the preparation and planning required, the RSVP deadline is April 3, 2017, and your payment is considered your reservation. Checks should be made out to Vassar Temple; in the memo area please note “Seder” and the number of adults and children. Please include your email address and indicate your entrée selection (s) of fish or chicken. Checks should be brought or mailed to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 so that they are received by April 3.

DETAILS

Monday, April 10, 5:30pm at Vassar Temple. RSVP & pay by April 3. Adult: \$25, Age 5-13yr.: \$8, Under 5: N/C, Family maximum: \$60; financial assistance available. If you have any further questions, have any special dietary requirements or would like financial assistance, contact Sandra Mamis at seder@vassartemple.org or (914) 456-3524. This event is co-chaired by Polly Lewis and Ron Rosen.

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rently sits on the New York City Public Advocate's Hate Crime Task Force and the Community Public Safety Partnership Board. He has also testified in front of the New York City Council on topics that include anti-BDS legislation and public school bullying. At the conclusion of the Commemoration service and lecture, Mr. Bernstein will hold a short, informal question-and-answer session.

All attendees are invited to the reception that follows, where light refreshments will be served. They will be able to view the beautiful and moving artwork of *The Butterfly Project*, a program where children ages five to twelve read the poem "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" by Pavel Friedman and are then asked to create their own butterfly. This project is another program designed to help forge personal connections to the Holocaust with the generations that will follow us.

We hope you will join us for this very special evening.

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30-8:00pm

**James & Betty Hall Theatre
Dutchess Community College
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Poughkeepsie, New York**

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Tuesday night, April 18. These are not just for any one particular community, but these are interfaith groups, people we have reached through charitable efforts or who utilize community social services, and the broad Mid-Hudson Valley Community we all share. Specific times for these community seders will be available on the Temple Beth-El and Jewish Federation of Dutchess County websites (www.tbny.org, <https://www.jewishdutchess.org>) or via the contact information below.

There are so many people who make this offer possible, and for that we offer a heartfelt thank you! We hope that those using the facility will continue the volunteering spirit of preparation, service, and clean-up.

For those who feel so inclined and capable, financial contributions to help this year's and future years' "Open Community Passover Kitchen" Initiative can be made out to Temple Beth-El (memo: community Passover kitchen) and sent to 118 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603.

Individuals or groups interested in making use of these valuable community resources should contact Rabbi Daniel Victor through the synagogue office at (845) 454-0570 or via email at Rebvector@tbny.org.

Chag Sameach everyone, and may this be a year where the opportunity to go *Pesach meshuge* (Passover crazy!) is available to anyone who seeks it!

ADULT B'NOT MITZVAH at Shir Chadash Establishes Endowed Scholarship for Adult Jewish Learning.

In January 2016, seven women began a journey together towards becoming B'not Mitzvah. With some able to read Hebrew and some not at all, each one embarked on this journey to deepen her connection with her Jewish roots. On May 20, 2017, after 17 months of intense study together with Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, these women from Congregation Shir Chadash will achieve this goal. Starting at the very beginning, each woman came to the class in her own way. After these many months of study and camaraderie, they have now found fulfillment and satisfaction in learning to read and understand Hebrew, study and discuss Torah and have become more fully immersed in Jewish history and traditions.

These women began by achieving mastery of the Hebrew language and then went on to delve into the meaning and fluency of Reform Jewish liturgy. They also did a review of all Jewish holidays and life cycles, focusing on Jewish customs and practices. They studied the system of Torah cantillation and became proficient in chanting. Once their B'not Mitzvah date was chosen, they delved into a comprehensive analysis of the parasha, BEHAR, to be chanted on Shabbat Morning of May 20.

The class realized that they would like to share their joy of discovery and learning with other adults who may wish to pursue Jewish learning at this level. As a Mitzvah project this class proudly establishes the **Shir Chadash Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Scholarship**. If you or someone you know has an interest in learning Hebrew, developing a greater understanding and ability to participate in Jewish worship, please consider reaching out to Congregation Shir Chadash. The class would be pleased to talk with you about their journey and their goals. You can feel free to reach out to the Shir Chadash Cantor, Gail Hirschenfang at ghirschenfang@optonline.net for further information.

All are welcome to attend this special B'not Mitzvah service at Congregation Shir Chadash on Shabbat Morning, May 20, as each member of the class will lead us in worship and chant from the Torah. It will be a true simcha!



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Yiddish Theatre: Past, Present, Future

Motl Didner, Associate Artistic Director of the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene, will give an illustrated presentation on the Yiddish Theater Sunday, April 30, 2:30 pm, at the Boardman Road Branch Library, Poughkeepsie. Didner will trace the rise of Yiddish theater through its Golden Age, how and why it survived and is flourishing around the world today, and where it is headed next.



You don't need a background in Yiddish theater to enjoy the program; he includes a 15 minute "instant lesson" on the finer points of Yiddish language, history and culture in his presentation. The program will conclude with time for questions and answers.



Motl Didner

Motl Didner has directed and acted in many productions for the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene as well as other theatre companies. Based in New York City, the Folksbiene is recognized as the longest continuously operating Yiddish theatre company in the world. They offer workshops, literary events, concerts and staged works in English and Yiddish. Didner also worked as a translation fellow at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA, for two years.

This program is open to the community free of charge and is a collaborative effort of Vassar Temple, the Poughkeepsie Library System and Vassar College. The Boardman Road Branch Library is located at 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie. For information see www.poklib.org or call (845) 485-3445 x3702.

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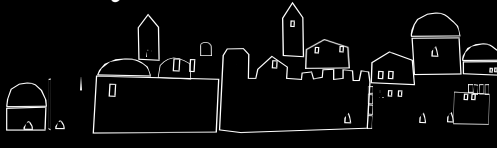
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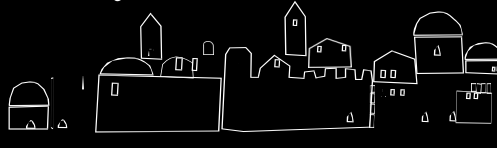
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Vassar Temple Sisterhood Generations Shabbat Service, Dinner

Join us when we will both honor long-time members of our Temple and celebrate the contributions of our Temple Sisterhood.

Members of the Sisterhood will lead the Shabbat evening service, during which everyone who has been a member of the congregation for 40 or more years will be recognized.

Please join us for a special family roast chicken dinner (with vegetarian option) prior to service. It is important that we know how much food to prepare, so please RSVP. Donations to help defray the cost of the meal are greatly appreciated.

Those who are being recognized as a "Generations Member" are invited to be our honored guests at the dinner, but we ask that you let us know that you're coming.

DETAILS
Friday, April 21, 6:00pm, family dinner followed by 7:30pm service, at Vassar Temple. RSVP by April 17 to Bonnie Scheer, bonniescheer1@verizon.net

Vassar Temple Spring Rummage Sale

Start cleaning those closets of gently used items and packing your bric-a-brac: Vassar Temple Rummage Sale is coming! Rummage is collected Sunday, April 23-Friday, April 28, and tax receipts will be issued for your donated items. Two evenings will be available for rummage drop-off: Tuesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 27. Absolutely no rummage will be accepted after April 28. Volunteers are always welcome and greatly needed to help sort rummage beforehand as well as on the sale day!

All rummage should be brought to the social hall. Please place items on the left side of the room and keep the area in front of the stage clear. We cannot accept textbooks, old TV's, computers or heavily damaged goods. For large items, please contact us before you bring them.

DETAILS
Sunday, April 30, the sale will run from 9:30am to 12:30pm, resuming with the bag sale from 2-5pm. For questions or further information, please contact rummage@vassartemple.org, or the Vassar Temple office (845) 454-2570.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its regular monthly meetings on Sunday, April 2 and May 7.

All persons of Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the United States armed forces (Active, Reserve or National Guard) are invited to attend and participate in the activities of this JWV Post. All persons of the Jewish faith who have family members who have served in the armed forces of the United States are also invited.

Schomre Israel is strictly kosher. Please no food or drink inside the shul.

DETAILS (next meeting)
Sunday, April 2, 9:30am. Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie. For details contact the Presiding Officer, Rob Rubin at qbee5@optonline.net.

Hiddur Mitzvah with Flowers

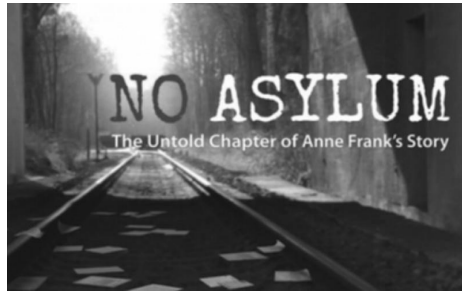
There is a concept in Judaism of *hiddur mitzvah*, beautifying a mitzvah.

With the beautiful floral arrangement that Sisterhood of Schomre Israel is making available, you can beautify your Passover Seder table.

DETAILS
The flowers pictured below are available for \$25. Orders must be received by April 1. Pick up will be at the synagogue on Sunday, April 9, 9:00am-11:00am. To order or for more information contact Cassia Brown at (845) 452-8317 or the synagogue at (845) 454-2890 or schomre1@aol.com.



Schomre Israel Special Yom HaShoah Program and Service



The community is invited to a special program at Congregation Schomre Israel. We will be viewing the film entitled *No Asylum: the Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story*.

A great treasure trove of history was lost for 70 years. Recently a volunteer was sorting through boxes of dusty Holocaust manuscripts deep in the archives of YIVO, the Institute for Jewish Research, when she came upon a fragile envelope. She was stunned to find lost documents that detailed the desperate efforts of a loving father to save his family from the clutches of the Nazis. These documents were the letters of Otto Frank, Anne Frank's father, which reveal his heartbreaking failure to find a safe haven for his daughters, Anne and Margot and his wife, Edith.

In *No Asylum*, Anne's only surviving family members relate the emotional story of her family's search for sanctuary. As the Nazi noose tightened throughout Europe, Otto's desperation increased. When the doors to other countries closed, he turned to the U.S. as their last hope for refuge. Otto's letters and the U.S. State Department's responses paint a picture of the world's failure to respond to the plight of the Jewish refugees.

DETAILS
Sunday, April 23, 7:00pm, Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave.

Save the Date! Vassar Temple Sisterhood Donor Dinner

DETAILS
May 9, 6pm Hors D'oeuvres, 7pm Mediterranean Inspired Dinner Guest speakers, Dr. Ron & Shelley Tatelbaum: "The Stresslessness of Now, Heart-to-Heart" Mindfulness & Coping with Stress
Info: Marcia.Tazman.tanzco@aol.com

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, and 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, April 1, 22, 10:00am. For more information, contact Marian Schwartz mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Berkowitz rabbi@vassartemple.org or the temple office (845) 454-2570.

Dutchess County Interfaith Council



An Afternoon of Stories

Sunday, April 2 at 2pm

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
67 South Randolph Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY
Storytellers: Kusum Gupta,
Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi,
Jonathan Heiles,
Muriel Horowitz, Karen Pillsworth
& Ron Sopyla
\$10.00 Suggested Donation
All funds will go to
Hudson River Housing

Dutchess County Interfaith Council, Inc.
9 Vassar Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(845) 471-7333

Dueling Rabbis

The Dutchess Rabbis Jewish Federation *Dueling Rabbis* Program for the Omer will take place between Passover and Shavuot. This year's topic is The Five Scrolls (Megillot)—the books of the Bible that are read on the observances of Passover, Shavuot, Tisha b'Av, Sukkot and Purim.

Boardman Library
April 25, *Song of Songs (Pesach)*
Rabbi Eliezer Langer and
Rabbi Daniel Victor



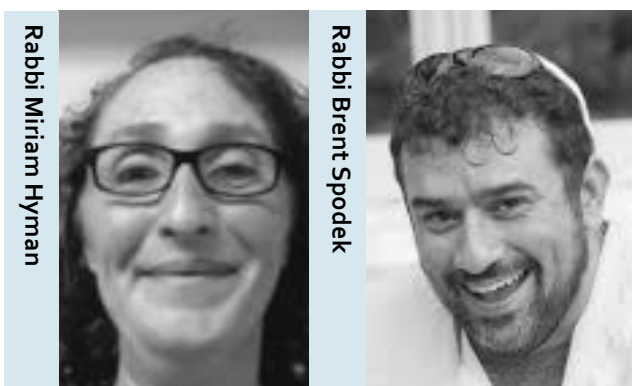
Boardman Library
May 2, *Lamentations (Tisha b'Av)*
Rabbi Paul Golomb and
Michael Fessler



Boardman Library
May 9, *Ecclesiastes (Sukkot)*
Rabbi Neal Loevinger and
Rabbi Dan Polish



Vassar College Bayit
May 16, *Esther (Purim)*
Rabbi Miriam Hyman and
Rabbi Brent Spodek



All programs begin at 7:00pm

Locations:
Boardman Library
141 Boardman Road
Poughkeepsie

Vassar College Bayit
51 Collegeview Avenue
Poughkeepsie

Call JFDC for details (845) 471-9811

Vassar College Bayit
May 23, *Ruth (Shavuot)*
Rabbi Leah Berkowitz and
Joey Glick



Local

Sunday

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

Congregation Schomre Israel K4 (Kibbitz, Kvetch, Koffee Klub Men's Group) April 30, 9:30am open Kvetch session.

Congregation Schomre Israel Film and Holocaust Remembrance Service April 23, 7:00pm, We will be viewing *No Asylum: the Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story* and Holocaust remembrance service.

Vassar Temple Yizkor Service April 17, 10:00am

Monday

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas, 11:30am (no classes April 10, 17), \$5 per session, all welcome.

Temple Beth-El Board Meeting April 3, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service April 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:30pm. Service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, followed by community oneg, all welcome.

Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service April 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:30pm with Rabbi Berkowitz, April 14 with cantorial student, April 21 Generations Shabbat and Dinner (RSVP & Donation appreciated), April 28 Family Shabbat

Temple Beth-El Shabbat B'yachad Evening Service April 7, 6:30pm. Spirited and intergenerational Shabbat service. Interactive Torah study, lively Shabbat melodies, candle lighting and more. Wear Silly hats! Mourners' Kaddish is said. Birthdays are celebrated. For information call (845) 454-0570.

Temple Beth-El Evening Service April 14, 21, 28, 7:30pm. Conservative egalitarian Shabbat, all welcome.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat Program Religious School April 1, 22, 9:00-10:30am. Children learn Jewish culture, holidays & history. New parents encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation. For information contact (845) 232-1029, email info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org.

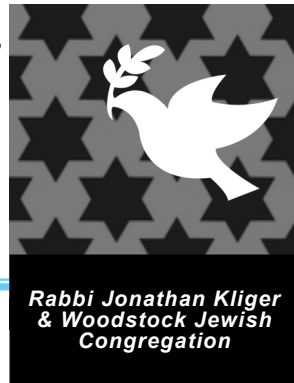
Congregation Shir Chadash Torah Study April 1, 22 9:15-10:30am, while enjoying a light breakfast, engage in an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish; everyone has a chance to participate. No expertise or knowledge of Hebrew needed—just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition and a willingness to share your thoughts; all welcome to attend.

Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program April 1, 22 9:00-10:30am, children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult learn through doing, crafts, food and games. Class is open to all and free of charge.

Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service April 1, 22 10:45-11:30am, led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, bagels and coffee prior to service, all welcome.

Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Service April 1, 22, 10:00am.

Temple Beth-El Shabbat Morning Service April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 9:30am, morning Conservative, egalitarian service.



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 every Friday, 6:30pm, with a light Oneg before at 6:00pm

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat is the third Friday of the month. Musical Shabbat is the way Shabbat "ought to feel." Be prepared to be lifted out of your seat as our fabulous community of musicians brings extraordinary talent, passion and soul to accompany our Sabbath prayers.

Shabbat Service with Zemer is the fourth Friday of the month.

Tot Shabbat Saturday, April 8, 9:00am, A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar. September—June.

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, April 4, 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for a lunch with discussion.

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Thursday, Meditation, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, September-June Led by Rabbi Yael Romer. Welcome your day with a morning ritual that prepares you to receive the day's blessings.

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

Religious School Saturday, 9:30am-12:30pm, September-May. Pre-K class from 9:30-11:00am. Enrollment is ongoing. For information, contact Religious School Director Samara Genne (845) 338-4271 (x 110).

Women's Seder Sunday, April 2, 4:45pm, \$10 donation veggie/dairy potluck with no *chametz* (bread). Bring a bottle of wine to share with your table. Reservations requested contact main office (845) 338-4271

The Mitzvah of Caring Saturday, April 1, 12:00pm. Join Caring Community Member Toby Krawitz and Rabbi Yael Romer to learn how to help friends, family members and our community in their time of need. Free community event all are welcome.

2nd Night Seder Tuesday, April 11, 4:45pm. Catering by Stone Soup Food & Catering Co. For menu/pricing and reservations please contact main office (845) 338-4271

Yom HaShoah Seder Sun, April 23, 4:00pm—6:00pm. Free community event, all are welcome.

Calendar

April

Regular Schedule of Services

Beacon Hebrew Alliance

331 Veplanck Avenue • Beacon • (845) 831-2012
Conservative: Rabbi Brent Spodek
Cantor Ellen Gersh/Education Dir. Rabbi Shoshana Hantman
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 Tzivie 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
Shabbat B'yachad family service—1st Friday of the month at 6:30 pm, Friday evening—7:30 pm, 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
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.

April Candle Lighting

April 7	7:10pm
April 10	7:13pm
April 11	8:15pm
April 12	8:16pm
April 14	7:17pm
April 16	7:20pm
April 17	8:22pm
April 18	8:23pm
April 21	7:25pm
April 28	7:33pm

MITZVAH DAY 2017 SUNDAY, MAY 7

DUTCHESS DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Got ideas? Agencies? Volunteer groups?
Contact the Federation office for details.

(845) 471-9811 or

email director@JewishDutchess.org



Vassar Temple religious school children and Tiny Temple joined the Vassar Temple sisterhood in a four-hour baking marathon to make hamantaschen for shut-ins, for out of town college students, and to enjoy after the Megillah service and Purim spiel.



Vassar Temple Celebrates Tu B'Shevat
Folks of all ages enjoyed Vassar Temple's Tu B'Shevat Seder and service, and the *tisch* the night before which featured stories dancing and song. Cantorial student Laura Stein, who provided the music for both events, is shown with Rabbi Berkowitz, and guest speaker Dr. Mark Schlessman, of Vassar College and the Poughkeepsie Farm Project, is shown with Jen Dahnert.



Gary Mayer, past Harding Club President, presents a check for \$500 to Commander Ron Markowitz of the Herman Siegel Post 625 of the JVV of the USA. This will be used to purchase clothing for veterans at the V.A. at Castle Point.



Yards and Yards of Hamantaschen
Sisterhood of Schomre Israel provided friends and relatives far and wide with Purim goodies



Jack Erwin, a high-end affordable handmade shoe company, donates 100 pairs of shoes to poor families in the city of Poughkeepsie.

Shoes were distributed by the sheriff's department and Chabad Dutchess.

Thank you to Sheriff Adrian Anderson, Undersheriff Kirk Imperati, Lt. Col. George Krom and Rabbi Hanoch Hecht (pictured above) for coordinating this effort to provide a basic staple many of us take for granted.



Congregation Shir Chadash's congregants participating in their Tu B'Shevat Seder led by Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang



Vassar Temple 7th Graders cooking at Lunch Box



Shir Chadash's religious school students spending the day at the beach in Israel.



Wishing you peace,
good times and good health
on Passover and always!



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