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Jewish Students' Bill of Rights helps communities fight K-12 antisemitism

Written by Jewish Federations of North America, September 9, 2026

Following almost three years of growing antisemitism in K-12 schools, which have included bullying and, in many cases, ostracization, Jewish students across North America are returning to potentially tense classroom environments.

To help students, parents, and communities better advocate for themselves, Jewish Federations of North America, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), American Jewish Committee (AJC), Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (COP), StandWithUs (SWU), and the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) have released a **Jewish Students' Bill of Rights**, calling on schools and districts to take six concrete steps to ensure that every Jewish student can attend school without fear of harassment, bias, or shame. The document arrives as new data identifies K-12 schools as one of the few settings where antisemitic incidents have not declined, and as the High Holidays fall within the first weeks of the school year in most districts.

"No child should have to choose between their education and their identity," said Eric Fingerhut, Jewish Federations of North America President and CEO. "We are not asking schools for special treatment. We are asking them to give Jewish students the same seriousness and the same protection that every other student in that building already receives. The Jewish Students' Bill of Rights is a crucial roadmap of how to do that."

The most recent Audit of Antisemitic Incidents from the Anti-Defamation League found that antisemitic incidents nationwide declined by roughly a third last year, but that incidents at non-Jewish K-12 schools remained essentially unchanged (825 in 2025, compared with 860 in 2024). The persistence of that pattern is what the Bill of Rights is designed to address.

"When a school does not know how to identify or respond to antisemitism, the lesson for every Jewish student in that building is that they do not belong," said Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL CEO and National Director. "Not one child should be taught that lesson in the classroom. These six standards will set the textbook for what to do, and ADL is ready to help any school that wants to learn how to get this right."

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Menu: tuna and egg salad sandwiches, cantaloupe, and a cake to celebrate Pam & Howard Spilke’s 53rd Anniversary.

October 28 - Annual Halloween Party! Costumes requested! *Luis Moses Gomez: A Story of the Nation’s Oldest Jewish Dwelling*: presented by Alex Prizgintas, Author, Musician, Historian, and Preservationist.
Menu: spooky sesame noodles with veggies, deviled egg eyeballs, fruit rainbow and Halloween cupcakes.

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Learn & Lunch Bunch is partially funded by the Ann & Abe Effron Fund and Bernard and Shirley Handel Foundation Donor Advised Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and an anonymous Charitable Trust thanks to the guidance of Adam Belok, Board Member and Financial Consultant.



Lunch & Learn, celebrates Yom HaAzmaut, Israel’s 78th Independence Day. And community members wrote postcards to IDF soldiers.

Office for the Aging

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

“Weren’t Illegal Robocalls Supposed to Stop?”

Yes, but...
When confronted with obstacles, scammers don't just give up and go into an honest line of work. They look for workarounds; and in the case of illegal robocalls, they found a lucrative one.

The Problem Then vs. The Problem Now

For years, illegal robocallers would "spoof" or fake legitimate phone numbers, trying to trick people with Caller ID into answering the calls. Federal and state governments did crack down on this form of illegal spoofing in 2019-22, but scammers simply bought up millions of real phone numbers and picked up the scam right where they left off, keeping a step ahead of many consumer spam-call filters.

Americans received almost 30 billion scam calls and text messages in 2025, according to Pennsylvania Attorney General Dave Sunday. He and 48 other state attorneys general are urging the Federal Communications Commission to cut off robocall scammers' access to the phone number market.

Responding To Scammers Doesn't Work

Scammers find us by homing in on the ones who respond to them. They maintain "suckers lists" of people known to answer their phones and engage with scammers.

The last thing any of us want to do is let a scammer know they've hit on an active phone number, no matter how much you'd like to waste a scammer's time. You never know when a scammer may be recording your voice to use in creating an artificial-intelligence version of your voice. Scammers need as little as three seconds of your voice to create an entire AI persona.

"Stay Frosty"

That's military and police slang for remaining alert, focused and calm under pressure. Those three qualities are essential when battling scams, who count on sowing panic, fear, and other emotional reactions, trying to trick us.

Next time you are at a family get-together, decide on a family-wide code word you can all use at those times when somebody claiming to be a family member calls in an emergency. You ask them what the code word is. A scammer won't know it, but a family member will.

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Charitable Giving after OBBBA: Changes for Individuals in 2026

Submitted by Bonnie Orr, CPA, Partner and Greer Gervolino, Supervisor

Charitable giving is usually driven by our desire to support a cause, but tax rules can influence a gift’s timing and form. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) changes federal charitable deduction rules for tax years beginning in 2026. Taxpayers should consider whether to itemize, which assets they donate and whether an IRA distribution offers a better result.

New Deduction for Non-Itemizers

Beginning in 2026, an individual who claims the standard deduction may also deduct qualifying cash contributions under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 170(p). The annual limit is \$1,000, or \$2,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly. The cash must go to an eligible organization described in Section 170(b)(1)(A). Gifts to supporting organizations and donor-advised funds do not qualify.

The contribution must be made in cash directly to an eligible organization such as a qualifying church, educational institution, hospital or public charity. For example, a \$500 cash donation made directly to a local food bank may be deductible even when the taxpayer does not itemize.

0.5% Floor for Itemized Charitable Deductions

Taxpayers who itemize face a new limitation under Section 170(b)(1)(I). Charitable contributions are deductible only to the extent total contributions exceed 0.5% of the taxpayer’s “contribution base,” generally adjusted gross income computed without a net operating loss carryback.

For example, a taxpayer with \$500,000 of AGI has a \$2,500 floor. If the taxpayer contributes \$20,000, only \$17,500 is potentially deductible. The first 0.5% of AGI contributed will not yield a deduction. This floor may increase the value of “bunching” several years of gifts into one year.

Donors should also consider contributing appreciated securities instead of selling them and donating cash. A direct gift of long-term appreciated property can generally avoid recognition of the built-in gain. Limitations may still apply.

Reduced Benefit in the 37% Bracket

Beginning in 2026, taxpayers with income in the 37% federal tax bracket could receive a smaller benefit from their itemized deductions. Under IRC Section 68, itemized deductions are reduced to limit the federal tax benefit to 35%, rather than 37%.

For example, an itemized deduction that would otherwise reduce federal tax by \$370 may reduce tax by approximately \$350 after applying Section 68. This limitation applies after other restrictions, including the new 0.5% floor on charitable deductions.

The Continuing Power of a QCD

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) under Section 408(d)(8) remains valuable for an IRA owner who is at least age 70½ on the distribution date. The IRA owner can transfer up to \$111,000 directly to an eligible charity in 2026.

A QCD is excluded from gross income instead of being claimed as an itemized deduction. It therefore bypasses the 0.5% floor, does not require itemizing and may satisfy all or part of a required minimum distribution. By reducing AGI, it may also improve other income-based tax calculations. QCDs cannot be made to donor-advised funds and no separate charitable deduction is allowed for the excluded amount.

Planning Is the Key to Tax Savings

The new charitable-giving tax rules create both opportunities and limitations for taxpayers. The tax value of a charitable gift will depend more than ever on the donor’s income, other deductions and choice of giving vehicle. Careful planning around the timing, form and source of charitable contributions can help maximize the tax benefits of giving.

Contact Us

Our team of tax specialists can help you evaluate these changes in the context of your broader tax and financial goals and identify strategies appropriate for your individual circumstances. Reviewing charitable plans before year-end can help ensure that generosity is paired with the most efficient tax strategy.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your personal tax situation, please contact: Bonnie Orr, CPA | Partner | borr@pkfod.com or Greer Gervolino | Supervisor | ggervolino@pkfod.com

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Rabbi’s Blog by Rabbi Yakov Borebstein
LET’S CELEBRATE!

Dear friends,

We are still in the midst of the month of Tishrei, which is a month saturated with many holidays. Just coming off the solemn days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Jews are rushing to prepare for the joyous holiday of Sukkot and the many mitzvot associated with it. Indeed, this month is satiated with much spiritual energy that, if channeled properly, is meant to provide us with a new burst of energy in our service to G-d for the coming year.

While Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are more introspective days, they are followed by 7 or 8 days of Sukkot, called “the time of our rejoicing”. While all holidays are celebrations, joy seems to be the central theme of Sukkot. The mystics tell us that after achieving atonement and G-d's forgiveness on Yom Kippur, the Sukkah is G-d's embracing us and surrounding us with His love. We in turn experience the greatest joy after having reconnected with our Father in Heaven.

Sukkot is a unique mitzvah in that it encompasses the entire body. Most mitzvot are performed with one or more parts of our body. The Sukkah envelops the entire body. There is a profound lesson here in that Judaism is not and should not be limited to any one part- be it the head, the heart etc., but rather must involve our entire “body.” For Judaism to be 'real' it must be experienced with all our faculties, it needs to permeate every facet of our lives. Just as every act done in the Sukkah is a mitzvah and is permeated with holiness, so should all our actions be permeated with proper intention and holiness. Indeed, in Judaism, every physical act can be a conduit for holiness and connection to G-d. For example, when a Jew keeps kosher, he connects the physical act of eating with a mitzvah, thus serving as a way of connecting with G-d. Likewise with most mitzvot, which involve mostly mundane human activities, when done in a “Jewish” way, become vehicles for holiness.

The holiday of Sukkot also symbolizes the unity of the Jewish people. The Talmud tells us that “All Jews are worthy of sitting in one Sukkah.” We are all part of one people, united as one complete body. There is no 'higher' or 'lower' Jew.

As we approach the horrific day of October 7th, one of the powerful lessons we can learn is that our enemies do not distinguish between one kind of Jew and another. In their eyes we are all Jews. Their hatred does not care what kind of Jew you are. We must counter their hate with unconditional acceptance and love for one another, for in our enemies’ eyes we are all the same. In G-d's eyes we are all part of Am Yisroel, his beloved children. That is how we, too, must see each other.

Another Mitzvah which reflects the unity of our people is the “Four Species,” the lulav and the etrog. These four kinds represent four different kinds of Jews. We put them all together to symbolize that while we have different strengths, we are all one in our very essence.

And above all, Sukkot is a time to rejoice with our people, with our families and with G-d, realizing how fortunate we are to be Jews and to merit this special relationship with G-d.

So, let us rejoice! Let us sing and dance! For we have been given the greatest gift of all. Let us wear it proudly and joyously! Let us bring this pride and joy into the entire year!
Chag Sameach!



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 **Wendy Cedar, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Orange County**, who took time from driving to Orange County to speak with us.



Wendy Cedar

1. **What is your favorite/least favorite word?**
Favorite: *Oy Vey.*
Least Favorite: *Hate.*
2. **What inspires you?** *Nature - especially anywhere with moving water.*
3. **What is your favorite song?**
“Piano Man” by Billy Joel.
4. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?** *A meteorologist - so I can be wrong 100% of the time and still get paid.*
5. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?** *Anything that has to do with garbage or feces.*
6. **What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *I like that I tend to find the positive and good in most situations.*
Dislike: *That I am not a triathlete.*
7. **What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?** *Gluten-free honey challah.*
8. **What is one interesting thing that people don’t know about you?**
I once jumped out of a perfectly good airplane.
9. **If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?** *“Create Peace on Earth”.*
10. **What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?** *My daughter.*
11. **Do you have a “bucket list” and, if so, what is on it?** *I am currently working on traveling to all 50 States and I have 16 left.*
12. **What is your earliest Jewish memory?** *The peanuts and raisins at the oneg at my synagogue.*
13. **What is your favorite Jewish memory?** *My experience at the Kutz camp in Warwick.*
14. **If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?** *Be kind to one another.*
15. **In what ways, does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish community?**
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16. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?** *Well done!*

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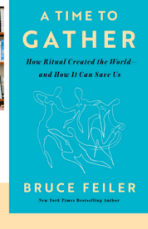
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Jewish Students' Bill of Rights helps communities fight K-12 antisemitism

The Bill of Rights lays out six standards that students and families can hold their schools to:

1. Ensuring that administrators and staff are equipped to **identify** antisemitism and the ways it manifests in modern educational environments.
2. Maintaining a clear, transparent **process** for reporting and responding to antisemitic incidents following all applicable laws and with the same gravity afforded to all other hate and bias incidents, with assurance of accountability and follow-through.
3. Ensuring that all **teaching** about Jewish culture, diversity, history, the Holocaust, antisemitism, and Israel is accurate and representative.
4. Treating religious **observances** as excused absences and avoiding scheduling school events on widely celebrated holidays.
5. **Protecting** Jewish students’ right to express their identity, and fully participate in all aspects of school life without religious coercion, bullying, or pressure to distance themselves from any aspects of that identity, including their connection to Israel.
6. **Assuring** that educators and curricula present contested issues in a balanced way rather than using the classroom to advance specific political or ideological viewpoints.

“Our schools should be places where students are able to learn not only academics, but also how to be good citizens and good neighbors -- key among that is creating an environment where no student has to fear harassment and exclusion because of who they are,” said Ted Deutch, CEO of American Jewish Committee (AJC). “This Bill of Rights outlines common-sense principles that will help ensure that Jewish students, like all students, are able to safely, fully, and proudly participate in school life.”

“For most students and parents, the start of a new school year is a time of excitement and possibility. But for too many Jewish students, recent years have brought something very different: harassment, bullying, and anxiety in the classroom. This Bill of Rights makes clear that Jewish students deserve what every student deserves: to learn openly, proudly, and safely, and it gives schools the tools to make that promise a reality,” said William C. Daroff, CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"Far too many Jewish students carry the weight of educating others and defending their community against bias and bigotry in K-12 schools," said Roz Rothstein, Co-Founder and CEO of StandWithUs. "This Bill of Rights sends a vital message: that responsibility should not fall on students alone. It is time for the adults in the room, educators and administrators, to meet this moment with courage and moral clarity."

Jewish Federations, ADL, AJC, COP, and SWU work to provide guidance and strategic support to school leaders, policymakers, families, and the public on addressing antisemitism and promoting the full inclusion of Jews and Jewish life in K-12 schools.

You can read the full Jewish Students' Bill of Rights at www.jewishdutchess.org, contact your local Jewish Federation, and utilize resources from the AJC, ADL, StandWithUs, and CIJA.

B'nai Mitzvah Announcements



Temple Beth-El is proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of Noah Pallone on October 17, 2026. Noah, the son of Heather Wahba-Pallone and Anthony Pallone is an 8th grader at Van Wyck Junior High School who enjoys chess, checkers, Legos, archery, swimming, woodworking and history. For his mitzvah project, Noah will be volunteering at various Jewish community activities throughout the year including baking cookies for lunchbox, helping with the Bright Nights winter clothing drive, helping create Mishloach Manot bags for the community as well as mowing and farm assistance at Pardess Chabad. Mazel Tov to Noah and the Pallone family.

MAZEL TOV



Temple Beth-El is proud to announce the Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Lee Sims on November 7, 2026. Sydney, the daughter of Melinda and Erik Sims, is in 7th grade at Lagrange Middle School and enjoys playing basketball. Sydney's Mitzvah project is to run a book drive for the Friends' bookstore of the Poughkeepsie Public Library as well as to build a "Little Free Library" for the Temple Beth-El community. Mazel Tov to Sydney and the Sims family.

Jewish Heritage Night at the Renegades, July 9, 2026.



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The Kulanu school welcomes all students who wish to learn Hebrew and deepen their knowledge of Jewish Tradition. We believe that Jewish learning should be an organic part of our students' experience. Our students explore religious and spiritual concepts through Hebrew texts. They also celebrate Shabbat and holidays together while extending their connection to Jewish culture through art, cooking, music, and movement.

Our educational programs are designed to grow with your child, from Shalom Tots (ages 2–Pre-K) through B'nai Mitzvah preparation. Families can enjoy a mix of weekend classes, monthly Shabbat Tables, online learning, and individualized tutoring, creating meaningful opportunities to connect with Jewish traditions, values, and community throughout the year.

Shalom Tots (Ages 2–Pre-K) meets once a month and is a fun and welcoming introduction to Jewish life for our youngest learners and their families.

Gan (Kindergarten–Grade 2) meets weekly and builds a foundation of Jewish learning through engaging classes, celebrations, and community experiences.

Grades 3–B'nai Mitzvah is a comprehensive program that combines classroom learning, online instruction, and personalized preparation.

Explore our website at www.tbny.org/learn and for more information contact Karen Jacobs at educationassist@tbny.org

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Teens may work as madrichim (teachers aides) in the Sunday School. New enrollments are welcome throughout the year.

For more information, rsdirector@vassartemple.org
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סתיו

Fall

Stav

Jewish Fall Tree

Source: Original craft/Source unknown

Materials:

- 1 sheet of light blue construction paper for the background
- Brown construction paper for the tree trunk and branches
- Fall-colored construction paper: red, orange, yellow, and green
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Black markers
- Optional: leaf-shaped paper punches or a leaf template
- Optional: crayons/colored pencils
- Optional: small pieces of cardstock for the apple and honey jar
- Optional: googly eyes or little decorations if you want to let them get creative

Directions:

- Make the tree.

Have the children cut a large tree trunk and several branches from brown construction paper. Glue it toward the bottom/center of the blue paper.
- Add the Hebrew word.

On the trunk, have them write:

סתיו

STAV

FALL

You can explain that סתיו (Stav) means fall/autumn in Hebrew.
- Make the leaves. 🍂

Give each child several pieces of fall-colored paper. They can cut out leaves—or you can provide templates.

Here's where the Jewish connection happens within the leaves:

1. Something I'm thankful for

2. Something I want to improve

3. Someone I want to help

4. Something I hope to learn

5. Something that makes me happy

For younger kids, you can let them draw instead of write.
- Add Rosh Hashanah.

Have the children make a paper apple and honey jar.

On the honey jar:

דבש

HONEY

- And on the apple, they can write:

שנה טובה

Shanah Tovah
- Add New Beginnings, at the bottom, make a little sign:

התחלות חדשות

NEW BEGINNINGS
- Then explain:

“Every fall, the leaves change. Rosh Hashanah also reminds us that we can change. We can learn, grow, apologize, try again, and become the person we want to be.”





A Starry Night at the Mid-Huson Discovery Museum with PJ library.



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 interation- ally recognized \$40M global cultural literacy venture that partners with philanthropists and Jewish communities around the world to provide families raising Jewish children ages 0-12 with the gift of free, high-quality, children's books and other resources that foster a deeper connection with Jewish life (www.hgf.org). Thank you!

PJ Library

Bring Jewish stories home

Tamatha



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A Starry Night At The Museum

by Tamatha Williams, PJ Library Director

Last month, PJ Library collaborated with the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum for an Evening At The Museum. This event was funded by an anonymous Charitable Trust created to support PJ Library thanks to the guidance of Adam Belok, Board Member and Financial Consultant.

In order to encourage and promote participation at the event, registration was expanded to include not only PJ Library families but friends and neighbors too. This expansion became a welcoming invitation for diversity. Many families that attended were of varying faiths, bringing with them their own cultural knowledge and experiences.

After families arrived and began to socialize, Vassar Temple’s Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh reached for his guitar, livening up the museum with his fun and engaging songs. He then picked up his shofar, explaining and demonstrating to his audience the shofar’s significance. As we listened in awe to the sounds of the “magic horn”, as some children imagined it to be, I began realizing that I had facilitated and was partaking in something far more influential than just play and discovery. In this room filled with some familiar families and many whom I was meeting for the first time, we were sharing meaningful moments together irrespective of our ethnicity or religious beliefs.

The children proceeded to enjoy the event’s programming which focused on the night’s sky including creating glowing firefly jars, mapping out the constellations with toothpicks and marshmallows and creating their own renditions of Van Gogh’s Starry Night. Children were able to choose special balloons thanks to the balloon artistry of Darryl Bielski. PJ Library storytime consisted of How To Get To Savta’s For Shabbat, a book quite fitting as Friday evening approached.

I considered our event’s security guard at the front entrance who had been hired to safeguard us. I thought about the Shabbat gift bags that included challah generously donated by Batel’s Braided Blessings. I thought about the Kedem grape juice in the gift bags and how I grew up of course familiar with Kedem juice but how families that would be taking home these bags may have been experiencing challah bread, Kedem grape juice, shofars, stories of Shabbat and an array of other cultural and religious traditions for the first time. While misunderstanding, mistrust, fear, and antisemitism are undeniable aspects of present day society, inside the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, our security guard was our companion, Rabbi Jeff was our musical inspiration, the museum staff our art directors, the children our role-models and our families our new friends. The Charitable Trust created to support PJ Library has enabled me, as PJ Library’s Director, to significantly reshape the landscape of PJ programming to impactfully unite, support and strengthen Jewish culture, values and understanding through inclusivity and acceptance.



Painted by artist Fernanda

A Jewish Fall

by Suzanne Turrisi, PJ Library Assistant Director

Here is a simple lesson about how Jewish life begins in the fall with Rosh Hashanah, then moves through Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah

Fall is a season of change—and Judaism gives us special ways to think about change, gratitude, forgiveness, and starting again

A Jewish Fall Tree might look like this:

- Apples = new beginnings
- Honey = sweetness
- Leaves = things we want to let go of
- Sukkot fruits = gratitude for what we have
- Tree trunk = family, community, and Jewish traditions.

Have you ever noticed that nature changes without asking our permission?

This could connect to teshuvah—the idea that we can change too.

- Fall is harvest season, which makes a beautiful connection to gratitude.
- The new year is a chance to grow and change
- Can people change like the leaves??

The Federation Board’s Voice



Zachary Lewis

All Options on the Table

As we mark the third anniversary of October 7th, I have been thinking most about my recent trip to Israel this past August. My family tries to go every year. We are a minority in Dutchess County. Going to Israel is a reminder for my kids that we have a country, a language, a history. We are an ethnic people with a culture, religion, language, history, and tie to the land of Israel. However, not to sound cliché, this time was different. Antisemitism around the world is a wildfire that is not contained nor looking like it will subside anytime soon.

It is grossly underreported and the reality is that it is going to worsen everywhere. It does not matter if the country is the US, Canada, the UK, France, or Australia, to name a few.

As the historian Ze’ev Sternhell once said, “Antisemitism is the oldest and most successful ideology of exclusion in modern history. When a society accepts it, it signals the collapse of the democratic immune system.” While we are still fighting to prevent that acceptance in the US, it is evident in Canada, the UK, France and Australia that their “democratic immune systems” have collapsed.

For that reason, Jews around the world are flocking to Israel. In terms of Americans, Nefesh B’Nefesh, the organization that helps Jews make Aliyah from all over the world, just reported that in August alone, 1,100 Olim Americans made Aliyah. For context, in the entirety of 2025, 4,150 Olim came from the US. More than 25% of the total Olim from the previous year had come in a single month.

The thing about it is that many of these Olim are young. Some are recent high school and college graduates. Others have just gotten married or have young kids. They have chosen to leave the country of their birth to tie their lives and the lives of their future generations, to Israel. The reasons given are often because they do not see a future for Jews in the United States.

Of course it is not just the Americans. While walking in Tel Aviv I heard more French than I did the last time I was in Paris. English and Australian accents are prominent everywhere. My Canadian friend who has lived in Israel for 17 years and is a real estate broker said that he has received three to four new requests for buying properties per day from Canada. Unlike just the young Americans, these are established families leaving the bastions of western liberal society because the “immune systems” are overrun.

It made me think about Dutchess County and specifically, the youth here. Are we doing enough to explain the nature of antisemitism? Are we doing enough to explain how anti-Zionism is antisemitism? Are we doing enough to explain Israel to them? Are we doing enough to prepare them to stand strong as Jews? To that end, are we presenting the best options out there for them?

For example, I do not know if anyone has discussed with their child that they can go to one of the more expensive universities in Israel, Tel Aviv University, without making Aliyah, do a degree in English, and graduate in three years for less money than the in-state tuition to go to SUNY Binghamton, all while avoiding the 60% of students who support Hamas, according to a recent Harris poll.

We cannot keep thinking in the same conventional ways that we all did prior to October 7th, 2023. I am sorry to say that we are never going back to that time, in much the same way America has not been the same since September 11, 2001. We have to prepare for the reality that things are going to keep getting worse, and in turn provide our children with more options thinking not just of their immediate, but of their long term future.

If you are interested in more information about Aliyah or study abroad in Israel, call the office at 845.471.9811 or email events@jewishdutchess.org.

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Our Executive Director



Do You Know What You Don’t Know?

In life, sometimes we know what we know. Other times, we know what we don’t know. The most challenging thing though, is when we don’t even know what we don’t know. When it comes to the situation of identifying antisemitic symbols, the assumption is that we know what they are and how to identify them, but do we?

For example, we all know that the swastika represents Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. We also know that there were 6 million Jewish victims who were murdered.

Facts are facts, and we know what we know. However, if you hear the number 271k, does that have any meaning to you? Apparently, this is one of the new antisemitic tropes that indicates that 6 million were not murdered but only 271,000 Jewish victims, which stems from an alleged Red Cross document.

When it comes to social media, it is unfathomable as to how many nefarious symbols and signs are out there that I was unaware had antisemitic meaning. For example, if you see the number 88, that often represents “Heil Hitler” because H is the 8th letter in the alphabet. If you hear “wooden doors,” this is something Holocaust deniers refer to when they claim that the gas chambers couldn’t kill people because wooden doors couldn’t be airtight.

An emoji such as soap implies that Jews were made into soap. The shower emoji or someone saying we need to take a shower refers to Holocaust victims who were lied to before being taken to gas chambers. One that still shocks and disgusts me is the Cookie Monster reference, because this Sesame Street character likes cookies and cookies are put in an oven, like the victims who were murdered. This egregious comment further goes on to say that it is impossible to bake 6 million cookies. (Thank you Heather Kernes for continuing to help illuminate me.)

Post October 7th, the surge of antisemitic symbols continues. On the **CAM, Combat Antisemitism Movement**, website (www.combatantisemitism.org), it is explained that an inverted red triangle, for example, which had been used during the Holocaust to identify political prisoners, has been adopted by Hamas to mark targets during attacks and is now a part of their uniform. This symbol is associated with aggression and violence against Jewish people. “The red triangle is weaponized to intimidate and incite hostility, repurposing a Holocaust-era symbol of persecution into a modern tool for hate against Jews.”

The Red Hand symbol, according to **Canary Mission** (www.canarymission.org) actually dates to June 1941 in Baghdad, Iraq, when a pogrom, known as the Farhud, “forced dispossession” was carried out against the Jewish community. Before the pogrom, red hands were painted on Jewish houses, after which the rioters looted and burned the homes and then proceeded to kill, torture, and mutilate the Jewish citizens. Fast forward to October 2000, during the second intifada, 2 Israelis were tortured and killed in Ramallah. The murderers then went to the open window with their hands covered in the victims’ blood to display to the crowd below.

I originally had planned to include in *The Voice* a list or reference table of all the symbols of hate and antisemitism but the list was too long. It was just not feasible. In addition to the two websites above, the **ADL, Anti-Defamation League**, website (www.ADL.org) has a 12-page reference document with over 230 items for your edification.

The point of this article is not to scare anyone, though it is all terribly frightening. The objective is to emphasize that symbols matter and shape the way people think. Antisemitism on paper and through verbal words can and has turned into acts of violence against the Jewish community. In our mission of keeping the community safe, we want you to be informed, stay aware and vigilant, and remember: if you see something, say something.

Wishing you a safe and secure New Year,
Karen Hochhauser
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2026 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.

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- Large—E: Passover Blessings Your Name
- Large—F: CHAG PESACH CHAG PESACH SHALOM HAPPY PASSOVER Your Name

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

- Small—A: Your Name
- Medium—C: May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a New Year of health and happiness Your Name
- Small—B: Have a Sweet New Year! Your Name
- Medium—D: L’Shanah Tovah Your Name
- Large—E: Best Wishes For a Happy & Healthy New Year! Your Name
- Large—F: L’Shanah Tovah Have a sweet year! Happy New Year! Your Name

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
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Weekly Services:

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Adult Education:

Monday
Chair Yoga with Suzanne Turrisi 10:00 am
Tuesday
Ethics of the Fathers through the Prism of the Maharal of Prague and Rabbi Samson Rephael Hirsch continuing with the third chapter at 10:30 am will resume mid October. Call the office for the schedule.

Thursday
Chair Yoga with Suzanne Turrisi - 10:00 am
The Jewish Guide to Being Human 7:00 pm
October 22 and 29 Gratitude, anger, jealousy, happiness, ambition, forgiveness, loneliness, friendship, aging, anxiety, resilience and purpose-what does Judaism have to say philosophically and practically about these aspects of being human? We will delve into these interpersonal and intrapersonal Mitzvot.

Other Events:

Please refer to our calendar of holiday services available on the synagogue website

SUNDAY
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THURSDAY
Challah Bake October 29 Perfect your challah baking skills with this hands-on activity

FRIDAY
Lunch in the Sukkah October 2 11:15am
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The Shabbat Project October 30 Start the Shabbat experience with Friday evening services at Schomre

Saturday
Special Memorial Shabbat October 3 We will have special prayers during Shabbat morning services for those lost on 08/07/2024

The Shabbat Project October 31 Continue to celebrate and enjoy the beauty of Shabbat with us.

Movie Night October 17 Enjoy a night out at the movies. Film to be determined.

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Weekly Services:

Fridays: 7:30 pm In-Person & Zoom
Saturday: 9:15 am In-person,
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Adult Education:

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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
Simchat Torah Service October 4 at 10:00 am. Join us as we celebrate the cycle of the Torah with song, dance, and community. This will be the first day of Sunday School and our Shalom Tots program for the year. We look forward to welcoming children of all ages, from 2 years old through B'nai Mitzvah.

Shalom Tots Program October 4 (Simchat Torah Program) and November 8; 10:00 - 11:30 am. A monthly interactive program for children ages 2 through Pre-K. Younger siblings are welcome to attend with a supervising adult. We would love to have you join us! Contact Nancy at educationnj118@gmail.com for more information.

Come play pickleball October 25, 4:00 - 6:00 pm; no experience needed we will teach you. Sneakers required.

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

Third Annual Craft Fair November 15, 10:00 am to 4 pm. Shop for the holidays while supporting local vendors. The Manischewitz Food Truck will be in the parking lot. Vendors are still being accepted.

Contact Karen at educationassist@tbeny.org for more information.

Monday
Tai Chi 10:30 am; come relax, stretch, and enjoy the benefits of this gentle practice. Contact the Temple for details. (845) 454-0570

Book Club October 19 at 2:00 p.m. Join us as we discuss *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue.

Wednesday
Mitzvah Knitters October 7 and 21 at 10:30 am. Come schmooze, knit, and help create scarves for those in need. No experience is necessary. We'll gladly teach you! Please contact the Temple office at 845-454-0570 for more information.

Thursday
Third Annual Game Day: Card and Mahjong Party October 8 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition. Open to all, but registration is required. Contact Karen at educationassist@tbeny.org.

Friday
Shabbat Table October 23 at 6:00 pm. Join us for a family-friendly evening of Kabbalat Shabbat, dinner, and Torah study. Contact the TBE office for more information.

Saturday
Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor Service October 3 at 10:00 am.
Simchat Torah Service October 3 at 7:15 pm. Join us as we celebrate the cycle of the Torah with song, dance, and community.

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



Vassar Temple
(Reform)
140 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-2570
Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh
Rabbi Emeritus Renni Altman
Website: www.vassartemple.org
Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or rabbi@vassartemple.org

Weekly Services:

All services are hybrid. For Zoom link contact office@vassartemple.org.

Friday:
Shabbat Evening Service October 9, 23 and 30, 7:00 pm
Shabbat Noach October 16, 6:00 pm.
Saturday:
New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship October 17 10:15 am

Adult Education:

All are welcome to our lively discussions-- no former training necessary-- no cost to attend.
Monday
Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb select Mondays at noon, usually on on Zoom; for info contact pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Saturday
Torah Study (hybrid) with Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh 9:00am, every Saturday morning this month except 10/3.
Contact office@vassartemple.org for schedule, Zoom link and to be put on the Torah Study email list.

Other Events:

Friday
Dinner 5:45 pm & Arnold Award Presentation, 7pm Simchat Torah Service with Klezmer October 2.

Shabbat Noach service, October 16 6:00 pm, is a special time to express our appreciation for our animal friends with whom we share the Earth. Temple member Shea Ward help us expand our appreciation for the horses in our world. Whether you attend this family-friendly service in person or on Zoom, be sure to bring along your favorite stuffed animal!

Saturday
Shmini Azeret/Simchat Torah Morning Service & Yizkor October 3, 10:00 am.

New Paths Service October 17, 10:15 am hybrid. The moving liturgy includes both traditional and contemporary writing, mostly in English and participants may contribute supplemental materials to share. "We take the time to let the service get through us, rather than getting through services." Each New Paths service provides a unique and thoughtful, spiritually - oriented Shabbat morning experience, including music, with Rabbi Jeff in an intimate, informal worship setting. A brief kiddush follows. Contact (845) 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org to be put on the New Paths email list, if you need the Zoom link, or to borrow our special prayer book.

Wednesday
VTS Book Club October 15, 2:00 pm. *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered.

A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, *Theo of Golden* is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.

Discussion of this NY Times bestseller will be in-person at the Collegeview Tower meeting room, 141 Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie. All are welcome. For questions contact: bookclub@vassartemple.org.

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

Kosher Wines of the World
A guided wine tasting with emphasis on the history of kosher winemaking in Israel and its spread throughout the world.

Presented by Arnie Serotsky, experienced presenter with *It Was A Good Year, Inc.*, Vassar College Lifelong Learning Institute, and Marist University Center for Lifetime Study.

Sunday, November 1st from 2 – 4 pm at Vassar Temple, \$54 per person
Advance reservations accepted at fundraising@vassartemple.org

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Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus
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Email: info@MyPardess.org

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The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck
(845) 876-7666
Rabbi Hanoch Hecht
Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht
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RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
Weekly Services:
Fridays: Call for time.
Saturdays: 9:30 am

Contact:
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www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

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

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

Adult Education:
Wednesday
Torah Class: Discover the World of Prayer 11:00 am, 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!) 9:00 am led by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein. Morning minyan will follow Torah discussion on the coming week's Torah portion, upcoming holiday, or topic of Jewish interest.

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



The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of the US, meets monthly at Congregation Schomre Israel, Poughkeepsie. We are the only active post between Westchester and Albany! Upcoming meeting dates are Sundays, 10/11, 11/8 and 12/13 (9:00 am schmooze, 9:30 am meeting). Some transportation assistance is available by prearrangement. In case of bad weather, we will automatically meet on Zoom. The location is strictly kosher and tasty refreshments are provided. All are welcome to attend and/or join, both veterans and anyone else who would like to support our cause. We provide community service and support local veterans' facilities. We advocate against antisemitism and for the rights and benefits of all American military members and veterans. For more info, contact Commander Ralph Schwartz at (845) 849-0025 or email Rschwa9881@aol.com.

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

Weekly Services:
Friday Shabbat, 5:30pm Mini Minyan with Luke Wygodny & 6:00pm Potluck Shabbat Dinner and Kabbalat Shabbat
Check our Community Calendar for services times, generally every Friday & one Saturday per month:
www.beaconhebrewalliance.org/calendar

Contact:
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or visit the website
www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

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

Vassar College Bayit

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

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

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Chabad Beacon

Rabbi Shaya Itkin
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Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley
243 Albany Ave, Kingston
(845) 338-4271 ext 101 Rabbi's Study:
(845) 338-4384 ext 102

Rabbi Jack Sherratt:
rabbijack@hvc.rr.com
Weekly Services:
Friday
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm,
Saturday
Morning Minyan 10:00 am
Education:
Mediation & Torah Study 8:45 am via Zoom
Hebrew Trope 12:00 pm, via Zoom,
Dates TBD.
Hebrew, Shebrew! 4:00 pm, via Zoom.
Talk Back with Rabbi Jack 8:45 am, via Zoom,

Contact: info@cehv.org
for all events and current info
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www.CEHV.org

Bard College

Rabbi Joshua Boettiger
Jewish Chaplain, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Humanities
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Woodstock Jewish Congregation
1682 Glasco Tpke, Woodstock
(845) 679-2218
Admin: admin@wjcsul.org

Weekly Services:
Friday
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm,
Kid Friendly Intergenerational Shabbat First Fridays 6:00 pm
Saturday
Shabbat Service 10:00 am

The 1st Friday Shabbat: The students of our Family School co-lead Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantor Raechel in a warm and fun mix of upbeat, traditional melodies, learnings from class, and sometimes their own original melodies. All children are invited to come up on the bimah, play shakers, and share their own ideas. The services culminate with the Priestly Blessing, a blessing over all the children in the space. The service lasts about 40 minutes and is followed by a full community potluck where members of all ages come together to eat, chat, and play games. This is a sweet intergenerational community experience.

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



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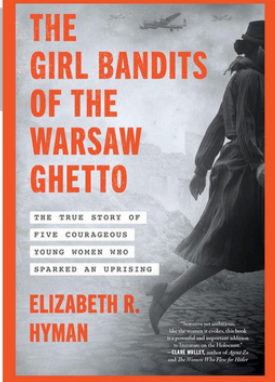


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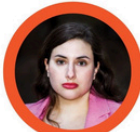
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October 30 - 5:35 pm



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2026 Annual Meeting

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 30TH | 6:30 PM

Boardman Road Branch Library
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JFedDC's Cyber Security Boot Camp photos with Rivka Tadjer of Zero Hack Security



Photo courtesy Marcia Tanzman, submitted by Marian Schwartz, Publicity Officer, JWV Post 625.

JWV Post 625 held its annual installation of new officers, followed by a community kosher BBQ. PC Marty Korfman served as Installing Officer. Honored guests were County Executive Sue Serino, Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers, and Karen Hochhauser, Exec. Director of the JFedDC (not shown).

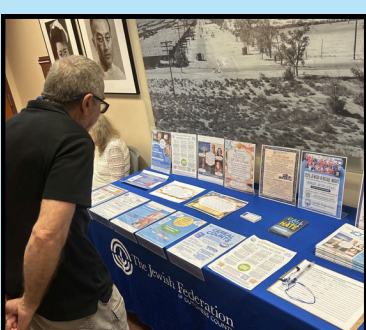
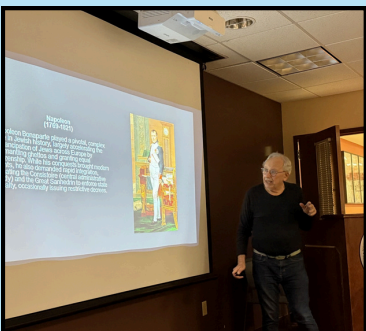
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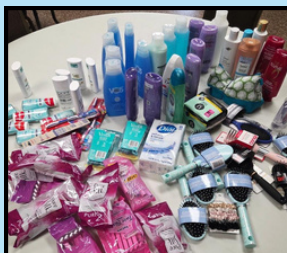
The Great (Jewish) American Songbook with Chuck Mishaan at Adriaance Library; part of our 2026 L'Chaim Jewish Music and Culture Series in partnership with the Poughkeepsie Public Library District.



Join our next chapter in the L'Chaim Series on Thursday, November 19, featuring Chuck Mishaan and Hooray For Hollywood! Watch for details!



Vassar Temple Sisterhood opened their year with a co-ed Paint & Sip event taught by member Susan Lydiard, catered by member Kimberly Harris, & chaired by Susan Karnes Hecht. Generous attendees donated an enormous amount of toiletries for female veterans in the Castle Point V.A. Community Network.



On September 6, Temple Beth-El hosted its 15th Annual Shofar Over the Hudson event at the entrance to the Walkway Over the Hudson. Community members stopped to join us as we sang songs, blew the shofar, shared apples, and enjoyed one another's company on a beautiful Hudson Valley day.





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