

Federation Celebration Recap by Pam Smith

Thursday, May 3 heralded the first Annual Jewish Federation of Dutchess County's Federation Celebration. The event saw 140 attendees who came to honor three people who do exceptional community work as well as to socialize with fellow community members after a long winter. Most importantly, the attendees came with respect and to show their appreciation to the Federation. The venue was held at The Links at Unionvale, in Lagrangeville, with a resplendent cocktail hour, followed by a three course dinner, presentations to the honorees, and entertainment. Betsy Kopstein-Stuts, the current president, along with Karen Hochhauser, the Executive Director, and Nancy Fay, the Administrator worked tirelessly to coordinate this prodigious feat.

The first honoree, Lou Lewis, was introduced with a touch of humor by Rabbi Dan Polish from Congregation Shir Chadash. Lou Lewis is a Poughkeepsie native and attorney in Poughkeepsie. He volunteered as the Federation's President for two years and additionally, has served on its board. He is active in many Dutchess County projects and is past president of the Bar Association here.



Kim Ritz, the second honoree, was cordially introduced by Melinda Margulies, who succinctly spoke about the benefits of the PJ Library program. This "book giving" program is part of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and its outreach program to connect families with young children. Both Melinda and Kim work for our Federation and plan events in Dutchess County throughout the year.

The third volunteer, Dr. Michael Smith, has been a steadfast Federation Board member for almost thirty years. He has been a dentist in Wappingers Falls and actively involved in many community programs, including various Jewish organizations, the Dental Society and greater Dutchess Community.



The evening culminated with a comedian from New York City, Brad Trackman. Afterwards, dessert and beverages were eagerly enjoyed and the guests left looking forward to another celebration in 2019. Many sincere thanks to all the sponsors who donated money to make this event possible. They are listed in the brochure. Additional thanks for the support and help from our amazingly wonderful volunteers from Elissa Davidson- photographer, Rabbi Langer- Kashrut overseer, Amy Efron- invitations, Amanda Hudes- event coordination, and Suzanne Turrisi - from Sue's Sweet.

To see more pictures of the Federation Celebration visit our website: www.jewishdutchess.org/gallery



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Starting Mitzvah Day at Congregation Schomrei Israel. Pictured are Rabbi Langer, Betsy Kopstein-Stuts, Senator Sue Serino and Stacey Gamberg.

Mitzvah Day
Thank you to all the volunteers who came out and made this day a great success.
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The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County presents weekly cultural, social and educational programs.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS

JUNE

June 6 **Gilded Age Scandal** with Don Fraser
 Learn what happened at a time when you didn't think these things occurred.
 Menu: burgers, fries, coleslaw, dessert, coffee/tea

June 13 **Jewish Storytelling and midrash** with Rabbi Berkowitz
 Menu: bagels, schmear, dessert, coffee/tea

June 20 **Recycling with Kerry**
 Kerry will teach us about the benefits of recycling and how to promote recycling into our daily lives.
 Menu: mac and cheese, salad, dessert, coffee/tea

June 27 **A chance for land and fresh air *Russian Jewish Immigrants in Sharon and Amenia, 1907-1940*** with Carol Asherarol will be discussing her book.
 Menu: hot dogs, beans, potato salad, red/white/blue dessert, coffee/tea

JULY

July 4 **Closed for the Holiday**

July 11 **Estate planning with *Michael Martin from Martin Law PC*** Sponsor of the month! Michael will teach us all about estate planning.
 Menu: vegetarian lasagna, rolls, dessert, coffee/tea

July 18 **Clove Creek Dinner Theatre** with Felicia DiNonno
 Felicia will tell us all about the wonderful programs the Clove Creek Dinner Theatre has to offer.
 Menu: salad fiesta, egg salad, tuna salad, fruit salad, coffee/tea

July 25 **Hidden Treasures of the Hudson Valley** with Tony Musso Tony will talk about all those great but hidden place to seek out.
 Menu: bagels, schmear, dessert, coffee/tea

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Classes with Rabbi Langer Thursday, June, 7—Eli Cohen and other Israeli Spies, June 14—Korach A Deep Story, June 21—Vacation Blessings, June 28—Visiting the Museum, July 5—Do Constellations Determine our Destiny, July 12—Uplifting, July 19—No More Tisha B'Av, July 26—Sitting Down on the Job, 7:00pm.

Classes are free. All are welcome. View 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 information on cancellations and class schedules visit www.schomreisrael.org or call (845) 454-2890.

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text, Tuesday, June 5, 19, 12:00pm. Taught by Senior Scholar, Rabbi Paul Golomb. All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes--no previous training required! No charge to attend. Questions? pjgolomb@verizon.net

Torah Study every Saturday (No class June 30), 9:00am, with Rabbi Leah Berkowitz. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftorah.

All welcome. No charge to attend. No previous training required. For more information or if you have questions email vassartemplerabbi@gmail.com (845) 454-2570.

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

A Modern Jewish Discussion Group. The purpose of this program is to bring friends together in an informal setting (outside Temple Beth-El) to discuss topics involving Jewish ideas and lifestyles. Here is a chance for you to invite Rabbi Victor into your home to discuss any one of a number of topics. To discuss details email Merri Sedgewick at moondoggie7@optonline.net.

People of the Book with Rabbi Daniel Victor, Every Thursday, 12:30pm, at The Crafted Kup, Raymond Avenue. Jews often refer to themselves the people of the book. Although the "Book" originally referred solely to the Tanach, Jews expanded the phrase to encompass post-biblical literature. The Mishnah, which is comprised of six tractates of study is the most basic book of the post-biblical literature (The Oral Torah) and considered the key to the rest. This ongoing class is studying Mishnah Sukkah (from the tractate of Shabbat and Holidays). There is no charge for the class and everyone is welcome.

Adult Discovery Course, Jewish History, Spiritually and Practice

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

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

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Rosh Chodesh Reading Group presented by Congregation Shir Chadash

Those interested in reading have been invited to a potluck brunch and discussion held every month. Participants meet to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest.

The Next Rosh Chodesh reading group meeting will be held on Sunday, June 10. The selection is *All the Rivers* by Dorit Rabinyan. This is a chance to read a contemporary Israeli novel that has been met with both praise and condemnation in Israel—and that means there will be great discussion

Have a topic suggestion, please let us know! Location to be decided.

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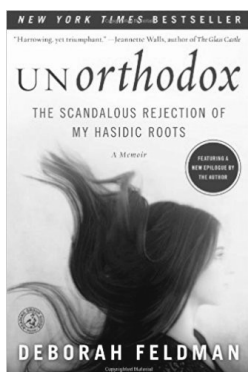
Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club to Discuss *Unorthodox* on June 20

We will discuss *Unorthodox - The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots*, a New York Times bestselling memoir by Deborah Feldman.

As a member of the strictly religious Satmar sect of Hasidic Judaism, Deborah Feldman grew up under a code of strictly enforced customs governing everything from what she could wear, what she could read, and to whom she could speak. It was during secret moments reading about the empowered literary characters of Jane Austin and Louisa May Alcott that helped her to imagine an alternative way of life. Trapped as a teenager in a sexually and emotionally dysfunctional marriage to a man she barely knew, the tension between Deborah's desires and her responsibilities as a good Hasidic wife grew more explosive, until she gave birth at nineteen and realized that for the sake of herself and her son, she had to escape.

Unorthodox is available through the local library system, and in paperback through Amazon. Irma Jacobs will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome.

DETAILS
Wednesday, June 20, 2:00pm, Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at (845) 473-7931 or linda.babas.41@gmail.com. Your book suggestions for future meetings are always welcome.



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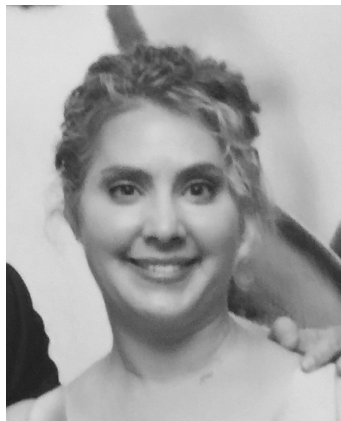
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Debbie's Voice



June is a very busy month for many of us. There's all the end-of-school activities, camp preparations, end-of-season sports games, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations and of course, Father's Day. Growing up, Father's Day was never a big deal in my house. Not to say my dad wasn't worthy of a day celebrating all the wonderfulness of him, but we never made a big deal about it. My brothers and I would always get him a card but that was really the extent of it.

My dad is a great guy. He's now a retired history professor, but even growing up, he truly embodied the absent-minded professor. He dropped us off at the wrong school (in the pouring rain), defrosted chicken in the oven on a plastic plate (our

house had to be aired out for days) and once got a ticket on the Mass Turnpike for weaving in and out of safety cones (completely sober) because he knew it would irritate my mom and make us kids laugh.

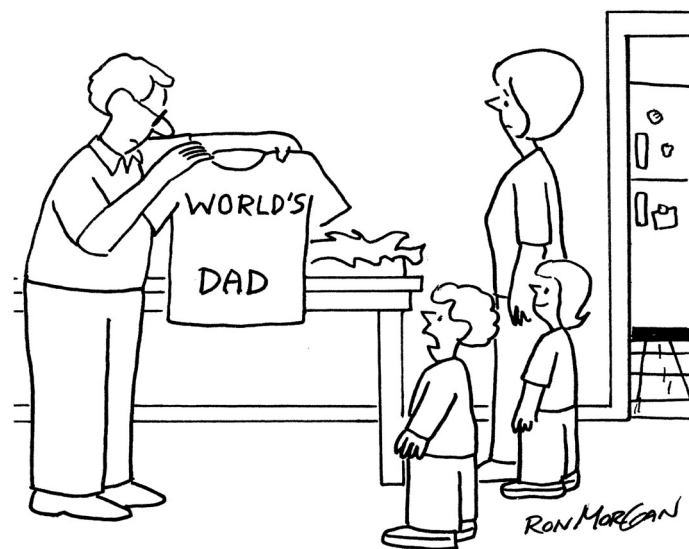
Like many of us, I didn't grow to appreciate my dad until my late teen years. In high school, if my grades dropped to less than stellar, my dad never grounded or lectured me. Rather he'd look over his glasses at me and say, "if this is the best you can do, then that's good enough for me." Oh, the guilt! Now as a parent, I realize the brilliance behind that sentiment and have utilized it with my oldest son several times this year. As long as I can remember, my dad has always referred to any man as 'my friend' and any woman as 'my dear.' It wasn't until a few years ago that I realized he had gotten through more than 70 years without ever learning anyone's name!

My dad is the most upbeat and optimistic person I know. He never lets anything get him down. His answer is always "and this too shall pass." With each passing birthday, my dad becomes more dependent on a cane and his response to birthday well wishes has always been the same, "it beats the alternative!"

My dad has had more medical issues in his lifetime than most families experience over generations. He suffered a horrific accident more than 50 years ago, which left his ankle partially paralyzed and held together by pins. Over the years, this has caused his spine to compress and resulted in agonizing back pain. He's had cancer, major open-heart surgery, numerous broken bones and has been hospitalized a dozen times in the past few years for all sorts of serious ailments. Yet, through it all, his attitude has never wavered.

I think the hardest part about becoming a parent isn't necessarily dealing with the struggle of raising your own children but rather the reality of seeing your parents age. Seeing my dad struggle to walk or sometimes even stand, realizing his hair is no longer gray but white and that he's rapidly approaching his 8th decade gives me pause. But then I take a deep breath, and think what he'd say..."My dear, it beats the alternative!"

Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful dads, stepdads, grandfathers, uncles, and father figures in our community!



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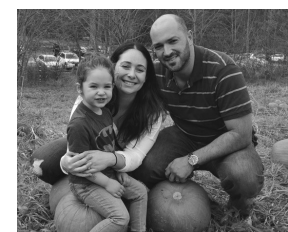
Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

This month meet: Omer Gil

Reporter's Note: Feel free to contact me with any youngish and Jewish professionals you'd like to read about---

Written by Amanda Hudes, founder of Smiling Through Chaos Event Planning

Omer Gil, a Hudson Valley Real Estate Attorney who resides and practices law in Poughkeepsie, grew up far away in a country you may have heard of, Israel.



When speaking with Omer and learning about his childhood in Israel, I was surprised to hear that everyone he knew during his youth, until the age of 9 when he moved with his family to the States, was of Jewish faith. Because everyone he associated with was of the same religion, he didn't even consider what it felt like to be Jewish because that's all he knew.

Omer relates celebrating his Judaism to keeping tradition of what he knew growing up in Israel. Being with family was, and still is, key to him. "Passover was always my favorite holiday because it was the most family-oriented holiday growing up." The whole family would get together, and though the family gatherings are now smaller here in the States, they are still very meaningful to him.

Raising his daughter Jewish is more about teaching her traditions than about religion. He does feel that it's important to help her connect with other Jewish children, as well as find ways to connect with other young families. Though not currently a member of a specific temple, he does feel that he would become a member if he felt connected to a group there. Omer's mother teaches his 5-year-old daughter Hebrew, so although his daughter may not ultimately require Hebrew school, he would love to connect with other Jewish families who are seeking the same.

"A lot of the congregations are older, which I think is problematic for the future of the Jewish community in Dutchess County," and although he isn't sure of the exact method to connecting the younger Jewish population in Dutchess County, he is hopeful there is a way. He felt that the Purim Festival this year was a start to building activities around this population, with the kids enjoying their time together and the adults spending time getting to know each other as well.

"I liked growing up here and I liked the relationships we had with other children growing up in the mid '90s, and it's important to get that back in whatever way possible. There are young Jewish families around that would be interested in being involved in whatever young Jewish family/professional group that the Federation looks to build or create or get involved in."

His message is an important one: Give us the platform and help us build relationships amongst the Jewish community so we can grow. A flower is beautiful, but when you water it daily, it blooms, the vibrant colors shine brightly, and the aroma is fragrant. We just need a little water to flourish.

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Rabbi's Blog

The Best in You

by Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus, Pardess Center for Jewish Life

Since moving to Dutchess County four years ago, my family's favorite part of the summer has become our visits to the local farms. The joy of picking our own fruits and vegetables, surrounded by the beautiful mountains, and then enjoying fresh delicious produce for snack and dinner that day is an experience we look forward to all winter. Surely for the farmers who work blood, sweat and tears to make those crops grow, the fruit of their labor is all that more satisfying for them.



Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus

This brought to light for me just how significant the mitzvah of Bikkurim was during Temple times. Every year the Jewish farmers in Israel would look for the first budding fruits in their field and tie a reed around them, verbally declaring them their "first fruits." During harvest season, which started Shavuot time and went through Chanukah, all firstly ripened fruits of each crop were brought to the Temple as a donation.

Imagine the inner strength and commitment the farmers in Israel must have possessed in order to fulfill this mitzvah. They dug, planted, toiled, and of course worried endlessly for the rain and good weather. And when that fruit finally did bud and blossom surely they wanted to taste the first one! Yet those first fruits were set aside and brought to the Temple as a gift, thanking G-d for giving them a successful crop.

Although Bikkurim is a mitzvah for farmers in Temple times, its message is timeless and relevant today. We put so much effort and energy into making a living and providing for our family. The mitzvah of Bikkurim reminds us that ultimately our blessings and livelihood are a gift from G-d. G-d wants us to show our appreciation to Him, and to do so in the finest way possible: by giving the "First Fruits," the best of our crop, with sincerity and a whole heart.

Our days are busy. We juggle work, chauffeuring our kids to and from activities, shopping, appointments... it's endless. Yet the Torah tells us that in addition to everything going on, we should set aside the best time of our day – the morning – for prayer. Give a few of those fresh moments to G-d, and show thanks to the source of your blessings for the day.

This applies to all aspects of our lives. Regardless of how well we are doing financially, we are expected to give to charity generously and with a smile. And no matter how busy we are, when someone needs a hand, a ride, or a listening ear, we don't do it because "well, it was hard to say no." We do it with a whole heart, a smile, and we listen with both ears.

The irony (or blessing) in all this is that we think we are giving our best to others, but in truth we are giving ourselves the greatest gifts. Prayer in the morning brings success to our day, charity brings more wealth, and kindness brings more happiness. It pays to give our all.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer.

Inside the Jewish Studio

By Debbie Silbergleit

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

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

This month, a special thank you to Karen Jacobs, co-chair of the Education Committee at Temple Beth-El who kindly answered my questions...

1. **What is your favorite word?**
Fantabulous
2. **What is your least favorite word?**
I can't
3. **What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?**
Music
4. **What turns you off?**
Negativity
5. **What is your favorite curse word?**
The s-word (the g-rated version)
6. **What sound or noise do you love?**
A baby's giggle
7. **What sound or noise do you hate?**
My daughter's whining
8. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
Chef
9. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
Mortician
10. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
Your mom is waiting for you



Karen Jacobs

*Member of the Tribe

Tisha B'Av Commemoration at Schomre Israel

Congregation Schomre Israel will begin the observance of Tisha B'Av with services on Saturday night, July 21, at 9:40 pm The biblical book of Lamentations, Eicha, which describes the tragedy of the fall of Jerusalem and the ensuing crises will be chanted. The fast day continues on Sunday, July 22. Morning services commence at 8:30am and include the Kinot which highlight the many calamities of this day as well as special prayers composed in memory of the European communities wiped out by the Nazis and their accomplices. Mincha afternoon prayers will be preceded at 6:45pm by a video presentation of Yizkoreim/Remembrances in memory of the righteous gentiles who endangered their lives and the lives of their families to rescue Jews from the clutches of death. The video will be shown at 6:45pm and Mincha will be at 7:45pm.

One of the most moving experiences one can have is to be at the Kotel, the Western Wall on Tisha B'Av night. Thousands of Jews from all over the entire world gather to mourn the destruction of the Holy Temple and the dispersion of the Jewish people to the four corners of the world. Many vividly recall groups of Yemenites who, in their recitation of the elegies of the day, count the number of years of the diaspora.



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Summertime

by Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Ed. Director & Cantor Devorah Gartner, Youth & B'nai Mitzvah Director



Where has the time flown? From the moment we finish Pesach, it seems as if we fairly fly through Nisan and Iyar to Tammuz. It's been an exciting ride and another amazing year.

The **Gesher Hebrew High School** and **TBE Youth Group** students, assisted by area clergy, moved all who attended this year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration at Dutchess Community College. Co-Presidents of the Youth Group, Bethanie Gartner (graduating senior) and Rafi Hyman-Fessler, were among teens that did dramatic readings.



The **Youth Group** then hosted a delicious cake decorating event on Yom Ha'atzmaut for students in grades 3-7. **PJ OurWay** was on hand with a fun *hamsa* craft. All of the students had falafel for dinner, and then participated in a 70th Birthday Bash for Israel. **Gesher** concluded its programming in May, with a festive dinner, followed by a chance to preview and give feedback on the course offerings for next fall. Looks like some new exciting choices, and some old favorites back by popular demand, are on the horizon for September.

The combined **Temple Beth-El/Congregation Shir Chadash Ivrit Program** finished off the year in fine style. The students of grades 3 and 4 helped lead a joint Friday evening service at TBE, assisted by clergy from both synagogues. Every year, we are astounded not just by how much they have learned, but how much they have taught us.

Students in the combined **Ivrit Program** had a blast celebrating Lag b'Omer with outdoor sports and games led by Mark Cooper. And the entire Religious School enjoyed arriving at Sinai participating in Shavuot services and traveling through a series of learning activities. And of course, the ice cream sundaes and cheesecake were appreciated by one and all.

The **Temple Beth-El Religious School** hosted a lovely ceremony to dedicate the beautiful mosaic begun at our **Hanukkah in Israel** program. Artist Sharon Adler and the TBE teaching staff were

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Bar Mitzvah

Jake Rohan, Temple Beth-El on June 16, 2018.

Son of Dr. Stephanie Saltzberg and Dr. Darren Rohan. Brother of Lexi Rohan.

Jake is in the seventh grade at Dutchess Day School in Millbrook.

While Jake is a competitive and distinguished baseball player, he also enjoys skiing, basketball, soccer, and video games.

This year he served on the Model UN in Boston and also traveled to Italy with his schoolmates to explore ancient ruins. His baseball team, The Poughkeepsie Lightning 12u, will be competing in the Cal Ripken World Series in Branson, Missouri this August.

For his mitzvah project, Jake will participate in collecting sports equipment for the Morse School.

This is certainly an exciting year for Jake and his family could not be more proud.



The Madrachim Program at Vassar Temple

by Julie Stein Makowsky, Religious School Dir., Vassar Temple

Last Spring we had a large "graduating" class of B'nai Mitzvah students at Vassar Temple. These students were curious, helpful and seemed to care very deeply for their classmates with whom they had been learning since they were young children. We encouraged the teens to enroll in the Community Jewish High School program, Gesher, which meets weekly at Temple Beth El. However, I was saddened to think that they would no longer be a presence in the Vassar Temple Religious School, so I attempted an experiment.

In 2017 I sent out applications to all teens entering 8th grade and above with an explanation of what it means to be a part of a Madrachim Program. **The word Madrich (masculine) or Madricha (feminine) means leader. It comes from the Hebrew root, Dalet-Resh-Chaf, which means road, way or path. The plural for Madrich is Madrichim.** The application process included an interview with the Religious School Director, and if asked to become one of the participants, the Madrichim were expected to attend a half-day orientation session. To my surprise I had 10 teens apply to be a Madrich or Madricha.

Madrichim receive a small hourly wage and with 10 teens I knew that I would be in some trouble with the budget if I hired them all. However, I realized that when you have 10 teens who want to be a part of the Temple--and are willing to get up on Sunday mornings to do so, you cannot turn them away. So I began a quest for some additional funding. With the help of a Vassar Temple Board Member we were able to write a grant for **YELP**, The Vassar Temple **Youth Engagement Leadership Program** (aka The Madrichim Program.)

The success of this program has exceeded my expectations! Madrichim have taken on more and more responsibility as they become more familiar with our school program. Our 2017-18 school year began with a visit to the Vassar Farm Co-op, and our Madrichim were front and center in making it a very special kick-off for our school year. They helped facilitate special programming and planned and executed the School's Passover holiday program themselves. Our three Shabbat Morning Family Programs were planned with their help and best of all they showed up, along with Vassar Temple's Torah Study group to make the experience truly an intergenerational Shabbat Morning. From my perspective, the best part of the Madrichim program is that it has built community. My personal Jewish Education philosophy is that the mission of Jewish Education is to build community. Without community you cannot continue to be a viable Jewish community. We can fill our students with historical facts, with a knowledge of holidays and Jewish Life Cycles. We can even teach them to read Hebrew, chant from the Torah and pray from the Siddur. But without community, the shelf life of all the learning is not very long.

Funding a program such as the Madrichim Program is always an issue. I pray that those who work to build up the strength and fortitude of each of our Jewish institutions will remember that the foundation of these institutions relies on the community, and that our young people are an important part of that community.

Here are quotes from some of the teens in the program:

"Being a Madricha means being dedicated to what you do and teaching kids about their Jewish heritage. This means a lot to me since I grew up here and I wanted to give back to my Jewish community. The kids are honestly so thankful and just seeing their engagement to the topic makes me so happy." ~ M.K.

"To me, being a Madricha means helping the students and continuing to learn. I love watching the kids progress as they learn more about our religion and heritage. I love helping the Temple's students and it has helped my time management and teamwork skills." ~Anonymous

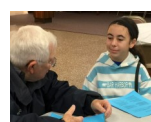
"Being a Madrich means a lot to me. It has allowed me to continue to being close to Vassar Temple after my run through the Religious School program. It has also allowed me to remain close to many members of the congregation, being around more often. I also get the opportunity to work on leadership and teamwork skills. In addition it allows me a cohesiveness with other students and adults." ~ A.S.

"This year I was a Madricha at Vassar Temple which meant a lot to me. It meant helping with the education of other kids. It was also my first job. I had the privilege to help teaching the kindergarten class. On two occasions, I even got to teach the class. In our class, we had four incredibly smart girls. This experience has not only reinforced the importance of continuing to learn about my religion, but has given me the opportunity to make new memories that I will keep forever." ~ I.H.

"I thought that being a Madricha was a good experience because I was able to help the children and Vassar Temple. It was fun and I think that we will make the kids want to come to Temple more. Then they (the kids) will pass Judaism onto the next generation." ~L.L.

"Being a Madricha meant learning and interacting with all the amazing students at Vassar Temple Religious School! Learning and teaching the kids helps me continue my Jewish Education and I have so much fun working with my friends. I love Vassar Temple!" ~A.M.

Being a Madricha means that I get to help at Vassar Temple. I help to keep the students of Vassar Temple wanting to come back. It's really fun and I get to work with some of my best friends. I really love being here and furthering my Jewish Education." ~ H.K.



PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley invites you to our Grandparents' Celebrations



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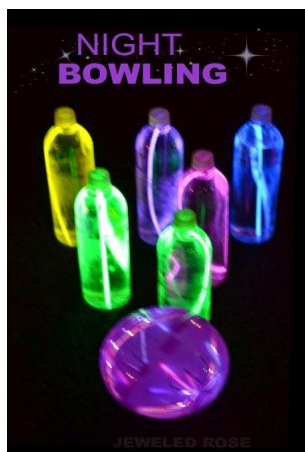


Melinda Kim Emily Bekah

The end of May and the beginning of June bring us to the end of the school year, the last religious school classes before summer, and the joy of several months of a new routine, new experiences, and the delicious lazy days of summer. For the first time Eden Village Camp near Cold Spring, in partnership with PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley, will be hosting Roots and Shoots: Shabbat On The Farm, a program designed for families with children ages 2-8! Families will pick fresh vegetables, make challah, pick fresh flowers for the Shabbat table and enjoy music, and stories together. This series will be held on the farm at Eden Village Camp on five Friday mornings throughout the summer starting Friday July 6. Learn more and register: <http://ow.ly/rRTP50hkNHt> or check the PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley Facebook page for more information.

Want to add some fun to summer nights?

Fill one liter bottles with water, add a glow stick, and set up a glow in the dark bowling lane in the driveway!



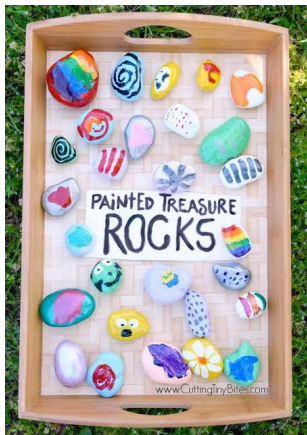
June and July bring us opportunities to travel, take day-trips, or design mini staycations. Children may be off to camp, a week with their grandparents, or a camping trip with friends. It is time to put together travel activity kits for the kids, stock up on easy to take along snacks, and learn a few new games to play while you wait in line or drive across the state. PJ Library and PJ OurWay offer many resources to help us with this challenge on the blog, Travel Tips, <https://www.pjlibrary.org/Beyond-Books/PJBlog/April-2017/tefilathaderech>.

Add glow sticks to the wading pool or back yard pool and go for a glow in the dark swim!

Whatever your plans, a stack of good books is a must for the long days of summer. The PJ blog has assembled lists of books for you that cover certain topics such as "Books that take place in New York City", "Books about going on a journey", and "Multicultural books". You already have many of these titles on your book shelf. PJ Library Parents had an opportunity to choose between 5 adult titles last month that will be arriving in mailboxes in July. We will be adding an adult book club to our Parent's Night Out offerings sometime this summer so take advantage of those lazy afternoons and read!

Spread some love!

Spend a summer afternoon collecting stones, washing and drying them, and then painting them with acrylic paint. Add some key words like "Joy", or "Shalom". Place a bag of painted rocks in your car and leave them for other to find as you go about your summer adventures.



We have several PJ Library programs scheduled for June and July, we will take part in the Multi-Cultural Festival in Kingston on June 3, and we have Grandparents' Teas in both Dutchess and Ulster in the works later in the month. The Beacon Zish and Jewish playdate continues, and Popsicles in the Park will pop up in a park near you sometime this summer, too. We are also launching Shabbat on the Farm boxes at several CSA's this summer. PJ Library families will have the opportunity to check out the Shabbat box stocked with candles, grape juice, challah and great PJ books when they pick up their farm share, and return the box the next week to be refilled for another family. Please check PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley on Facebook and read our emails for details.

Your PJ Library Team

Melinda, Kimberly, Emily, and Bekah

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Thank you!

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honored. And best of all, there was cake, made by our very smallest students in Gan. Religious School students, and families all turned out for Mitzvah Day 5778. Our smallest students helped out with beautification projects at Congregation Schomre Yisrael—Mitzvah Day Headquarters and at Temple Beth-El. Volunteers of all ages worked in the TBE Kitchen to bake cookies for Dutchess County Outreach Lunch Box. The TBE Youth Group, B'nai Mitzvah Class and Gesher Hebrew High School teens and families, replaced flags on veterans' graves in preparation for Memorial Day weekend.

Our bi-monthly Intergenerational Shabbat Dinners continue to draw a crowd of all ages. May was fun and delicious. Join us in July for a casual early evening dinner, stories, songs, arts and crafts.

The B'nai Mitzvah Class of 5778 has started their individual journeys to the bimah. It was a joy to see Alex and Benjamin Marks lead services and read Torah & Haftarah. We look forward to welcoming Jake Rohan later this month. A warm Mazel Tov to Jake and his entire family.

So what are we up to all summer, as camp and family vacations are in full swing? Why, we are busy planning all of the wonderful classes, celebrations, holidays, activities, and adventures for next year.

See you in September and have a great summer!



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The Federation Board's Voice

UNITY by Jonah Ritter



Jonah Ritter

Jews are a diverse group, and we have our differences. But as Israeli President Reuv Rivlin said, "Despite our differences, we are one...with responsibility for each other and the right to demand tolerance from each other."

Rabbi Menachem Mendle told us that "Intolerance lies at the core of evil." He said that our intolerance is deep within us because "every human being secretly desires the entire universe to himself." We see today how different political groups, countries, and even some people seem, in a metaphorical sense, to have the desire to "have the universe" to themselves. Therein lies the basis of many of the world's, and our own personal conflicts.

There may be no greater example of the power of unity than the nation of Israel. Israel's very existence is born out of struggle. And since Israel's founding 70 years ago it's very survival has depended on the unity and support of the Jewish people.

Natan Sharansky, a "refusenik" in the former Soviet Union during the 1970's and 80's, who spent 9 years in Soviet prisons, said "There is no power in the world that can stand against us when we feel a part of our history, part of our people and part of this historic struggle."

The sages say, "All Jews are responsible for one another"... "We care for each other, and from that we draw real comfort and strength."

While Shabbat has sustained generations of Jews through every imaginable (and unimaginable) circumstance, the source of our strength is rooted in unity - unity to the Land of Israel and unity through the Torah. It has been said that when we are united, there is no power on earth that can defeat us. But, "when we are separated, divided and scattered, even a light breeze can cause us to fold."

There may be no greater moment of unity for our people than when we stood together at Mount Sinai. Every year during Passover we sing Dayenu. The lyrics take us through the journey of the Israelites beginning with our deliverance out of Egyptian bondage. And each Passover, Jews from that day to now are unified still. In Dayenu we say that if G-d had brought us to Mount Sinai, but not given us the Torah, it would have been enough. We were united!

In early June, about the same time as Jews around the world celebrate Shavout, receiving the Torah, there is a very special "Jewish Unity" celebration to honor the memory of Eyal Ifrach, Gil-ad Shaer and Naftali Fraenkel z"l, by recalling the sense of unity that was felt in Israel during those 18 days from when the boys were kidnapped and until their bodies were found.

Unity strengthens us individually and collectively. Unity is the foundation of the Jewish people.

"Moses called all of Israel and said to them: 'Hear, O Israel, the decrees and the ordinances that I speak in your ears today—learn them, and be careful to perform them. The Lord your God sealed a covenant with us at Horev [Mount Sinai]. Not with our forefathers did God seal this covenant, but with us—we who are here, all of us alive today. Face to face did God speak with you on the mountain from amid the fire.' (Deuteronomy 5:1-4)"

From the mass revelation at Sinai to every time the Shofar is sounded in all our Congregations around the world, when Jews are unified through the Torah and Eretz Israel we are strengthened and we are our strongest.

In a famous quote, Mark Twain said, "All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains." The entire quote finishes with the question, "What is the secret of his immortality?"

My answer to Mark Twain would be "UNITY."

The Mission of The Jewish Federation movement is to "protect and enhance the well-being of Jews worldwide." In essence, The Jewish Federation exists to promote the unity of the Jews in order to apply our collective strength to do good in all our communities and the world.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" – Psalms 133

If you personally would like to be involved in strengthening yourself and our community I encourage you to read our Voice newspaper and get on our mailing list to find out what is happening in the Jewish community, and then get involved.

Have you considered how to continue your Financial Legacy by partnering with an organization you care about?

Let's begin a conversation and ensure that the causes you hold near to your heart, continue long after you are gone.



Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple, JFedDC welcomed Anita Diamant.



JFedDC and DCC Community Yom HaShoa Program

Our Executive Director



A few months ago, I went into NYC to meet with some friends visiting from Asia. It was a great opportunity to catch up and have a night in The Big Apple. When we arrived at the restaurant, we were told that the wait was 45 minutes, which we thought was reasonable for a Saturday night without having a reservation and in light of the fact that one friend was on crutches, it made sense just to stay and have a drink at the bar while we waited for our table. We got to chatting and before we realized, an hour and a half went by. When I went up to the hostess, she said our table was paying and would be ready shortly. Even the bartender sensed that we had been waiting a long time and tried helping. After 2 plus hours, I again went back to the hostess and she asked if I wanted to see a manager, which I did. When the Manager came over, I kindly and nicely explained that we had been waiting for close to 2 and a half hours when the waitress said it would be 45 minutes. I explained that my friends and I work in customer service industry and managing expectations is key. If the wait was longer than the original 45 minutes, the hostess should have told us so we could make a decision as to whether or not we wanted to wait, etc. I was polite and respectful. I did not get angry or raise my voice. When I was finished, the Manager asked if it was his turn to speak. His response shocked me and made us all smile. He said he had never received such a kind and nice rebuke. He even said, sincerely, that he was looking forward to going home to his wife and sharing the experience. He then told us that he wanted to comp our entire meal and thanked us for our feedback.

The moral of the story is that at JFedDC, we too are receptive for respectful and constructive feedback. As we try and do new things, some will work wonderfully the first time, others maybe not so. For each event, activity and item we do, not only do we know that there will be room for improvement, but we welcome it.

My last boss in Thailand, a brilliant leader, always said that if "issues/mistakes" happen or something doesn't go exactly right, she would not be angry and would not consider it a problem as long as a lesson was learned from it and we could move forward positively. We at JFedDC look forward to hearing from you, the good and the bad, and working with you to move forward positively and constructively.

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Congregation Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, so no outside food may be brought in. We look forward to seeing you there.

DETAILS
Sunday: June 10, at 9:30am. 18 Park Ave. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer qbee5@optonline.net

Save the Date Jewish Heritage Day at Renegades Stadium

Come celebrate Jewish Heritage Day at Renegades Stadium on Sunday afternoon August 19.

Enjoy the game, great snacks and some special programming. Stacey Gamberg is coordinating this event. More info email smg7474@gmail.com.

Schomre Israel Cocktail Party/Raffle

Only 200 raffle tickets will be sold at the price of \$100 each. The prizes to be given away are 8 prizes of \$250, one prize of \$1000 and the grand prize of \$5000. All ticket holders are invited to attend a delicious buffet with an open wine bar.

The winning tickets will be selected at this event. It is possible to purchase a ticket jointly with others.

DETAILS
Sunday, June 24, 2:00pm, Schomre Israel. For more info or to purchase a ticket, please contact Irwin Lifshay, chairperson (845) 452-2051, or the synagogue (845) 454-2890. Please join us for an afternoon of good food, good company and the possibility of coming away with some extra money.

New Paths Morning Worship

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

The moving liturgy of the *New Paths* prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English.

Participants may also 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, June 2, 16, 10:00am. For info, contact Rabbi Berkowitz: rabbi@vassartemple.org, or Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or call the temple office (845) 454-2570.

Congregation Shir Chadash Honors its Religious School Teachers

Shir Chadash's religious school teachers volunteer their time and talents to enhance the children's understanding and appreciation of Judaism. The teachers get to enjoy the reward of passing on the knowledge of Jewish learning. The low-pressure, open environment of the school allows for an enriching, fun time—while encouraging learning for all.

We will honor its religious school teachers with a special Kabbalat Shabbat service dedicated to the teachers will be led by Rabbi Dan Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschengang and joined by Shir Chadash's junior and adult choirs.

There will be an introduction by school coordinator Sue Marcoe, followed by a community oneg. All are welcome!

DETAILS
Friday, June 1, 7:30 pm. For info call (845) 232-1029, email info@shir-chadash.org or check out the website: www.shir-chadash.org.

Come to Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Chai Noon Lunch

Dutch treat! Good Food! Schmoozing! Friendship! We will hopefully sit on the terrace....sorry, no guarantee!

DETAILS
Monday, June 18, 12:00pm, Shadows on the Hudson, 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Poughkeepsie. Let us know you are coming by calling or texting Perla Kaufman at (914) 456-7309

Save the Dates:

Yiddish Theatre Trip
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(more info on page 3)

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October 18

Wiffle Ball Tournament
October 7

Schomre Israel to Host NCSY Bike Riders

Once again this year Congregation Schomre Israel is partnering with NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) for their Bike NCSY event to be held on Sunday, June 24 in conjunction with the many bicycling events in the Hudson Valley sponsored by BikeNY. Schomre Israel is offering hospitality at the synagogue to NCSY registered bikers in this fundraising event in which bikers obtain sponsors.

Monies raised will be used to help send NCSY teens to Israel for a gap year of study and growth. Riders can participate in bike rides of various lengths, ranging from 15 miles up to 100 miles. Riders of all levels are welcome.

Schomre Israel will be welcoming these young bikers with a pre-ride breakfast on the morning of June 24 at the synagogue. For more info contact bike.ncsy.org

If you had a greeting for Passover then you do not need to send the form below as your Rosh Hashanah greeting will be in our September issue unless you want to change your greeting's style. Thank you for your support of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.

2018 Holiday Greetings

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

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

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

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

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

2018 Holiday Greetings

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

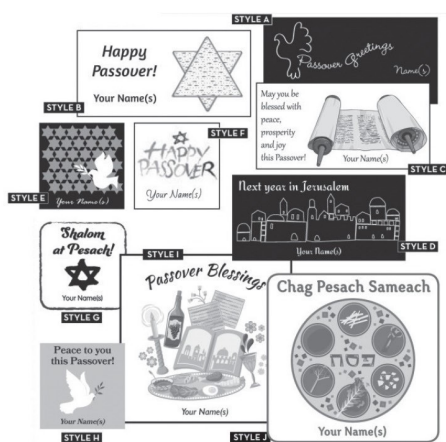
Rosh Hashanah: (circle one) A B C D E F G H I J

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

Your name(s) on Greeting: _____

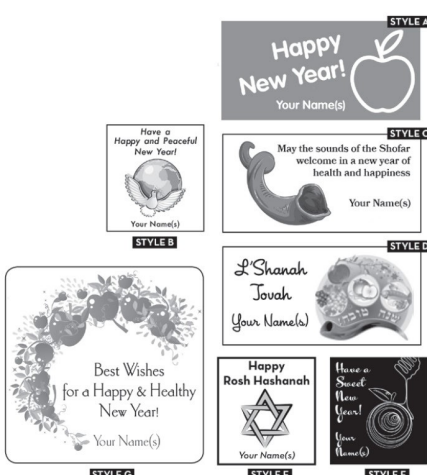
Checks should be made out to the
Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

Passover Greetings



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

Rosh Hashanah Greetings



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

Chanukah Greetings



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

Local

Sunday

Congregation Schomre Israel Raffle and Cocktail Party June 24, 2:00pm.
Congregation Schomre Israel BIKEN CSY June 24 morning hospitality for BIKEN CSY participants.
Congregation Schomre Israel Video and Mincha July 22, 6:45pm, afternoon video and 7:45pm Mincha for Tisha B'Av.
Bagels, Lox, Torah (Tefillin too!) 9:00am led by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein. Morning minyan will follow Torah discussion on the coming week's Torah portion, upcoming holiday or topic of Jewish interest.
Temple Beth-El serves at Lunchbox Volunteers always needed to keep this program running. Please call (845) 454-0570 if you can help.

Monday

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas, 11:30am. \$5 per session, all welcome. and Rabbi Miriam Hyman. All are welcome. For more info contact (845) 454-0570 or info@tbeny.org.

Wednesday

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

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service June 1, 8, 15, 7:30pm, evening service with Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg. June 1—Religious School Teacher Recognition, June 15—Installation of New Board Members. All welcome.
Vassar Temple Happy Hour/Annual Picnic Service June 1, 6:00pm.
Vassar Temple Shabbat June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 20, 27, 7:30pm.
Vassar Temple Shabbat at Home July 13, 6:30pm, call for details about Shabbat at Home (845) 454-2570
Vassar Temple Shabbat Service/Installation of Officers June 8, 7:30pm.
Temple Beth-El Evening Service each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service. All welcome.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs Recessed until the Fall. It is not too early to register for religious school for the Fall. New parents are encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation. Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays and history while having fun and making friends. All are welcome.
Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program Recessed until the Fall.
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service Recessed until the Fall.
Congregation Schomre Israel Tisha B'Av Service July 21, 9:40pm, Services for Tisha B'Av and chanting of Eicha, the book of Lamentations.
Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship June 2, 16, 10:00am.
Vassar Temple Torah Service June 23, 10:00am.
Vassar Temple Outdoor Shabbat Experience July 28, 10:30am, call for details (845) 454-2570
Temple Beth-Shabbat Morning Service every week, 9:30am, Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.

Out of Area

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events
 23 Albany Ave, Kingston NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 www.templeemanuelkingston.org.
 All Services held in our Chapel are available to live stream. Visit our website: www.cehv.org and click on the live stream link on the homepage. You can also view archived services and classes.
Kabbalat Shabbat evening service First Friday evening, 6:00pm, with a symbolic Oneg following. All other Friday's 7:30pm with an Oneg following.
Musical Kabbalat Shabbat is the third Friday of the month.
Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation Fourth Friday of the month.
Tot Shabbat 9:00am, A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.
Saturday Morning Service 10:00am, Join us for uplifting 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.
Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Tuesday's through June, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, Led by Rabbi Yael Romer.
Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer Meeting first Wednesday, Shabbat Dinner the third Friday, Community service TBD monthly on either second or fourth Thursday. Religious School registration required.
Intro to Judaism with Rabbi Romer Meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month 6:00pm.
Mussar Class with Rabbi Romer Meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month 5:30pm—7:00pm.
Rosh Chodesh The third Tuesday of each month 7:00pm-9:00pm. Explore your female voice in Jewish Traditions
Lunch with Rabbi Romer and Guests 1st Tuesday of the month beginning October 2nd, 12:00pm, hot lunch with discussion following.

Federation Celebration cont...



Calendar

June/July

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Beacon Hebrew Alliance (Conservative)
 331 Veplanck Avenue, Beacon (845) 831-2012
 Rabbi Brent Spodek; Cantor Ellen Gersh; Education Director, Ashley Baker
 Website: www.beaconhebrewalliance.org
 Email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org
 Services: Fridays, 7:30pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit website for information about services, religious school, and community events

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley
 63 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie (845) 463-5801
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
 Website: www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com
 Email: ChabadMidhudsonVly@prodigy.net
 Services: Fridays, call for time and Saturdays at 10:00am

Congregation Beth David (Reform)
 East Main Street, Amenia (845) 373-8264
 Rabbi Jon Haddon
 Website: www.CongBethDavid.org
 Email: JonRab33@gmail.com
 Services: usually Saturdays, 10:00am twice monthly except January and February; call for schedules

Congregation Schomre Israel (Orthodox)
 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2890
 Rabbi Eliezer Langer
 Website: www.schomreisrael.org
 Email: Schomre1@aol.com
 Services: Monday-Thursday, 7:00am, Sunday, 8:00am, Saturday, 9:00am Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm
 Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown

Congregation Shir Chadash (Reform)
 Interim: Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Lagrange (845) 232-1029
 Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang
 Website: www.shir-chadash.org
 Email: info@shir-chadash.org
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm; bimonthly Saturday children's religious school, 9:00am, Torah study, 9:15

Pardess Center for Jewish Life
 (845) 440-7592
 Rabbi Salman Sandhaus
 Website: www.MyPardess.org
 Email: info@MyPardess.org

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center
 102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck (845) 876-7666
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht and Rebbitzin Tzvie Hecht
 Website: www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
 Email: RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
 Friday services call for time; Saturday services, 9:30am

Temple Beth El (Conservative)
 118 So Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-0570
 Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman
 Email: info@tbeny.org
 Website: www.tbeny.org
 Services: Friday, 8:00pm, Saturday Shabbat service at 9:30am, weekdays, 7:30am daily

Vassar College Bayit
 51 Collegeview Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 451-3920
 Liz Aeschlimann, Rose and Irving Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College
 Email: eaeschlimann@vassar.edu
 Services: Friday, 6:00pm service, 7:00pm dinner when school is in session

Vassar Temple (Reform)
 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2570
 Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, Education Dir Julie Makowski
 Website: www.vassartemple.org
 Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or rabbiv@vassartemple.org
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah study Saturday, 9:00am. New Paths 1st and 3rd Saturday every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted

June/July Candle Lighting

June 1.....	8:06pm
June 8.....	8:10pm
June 15.....	8:14pm
June 22.....	8:16pm
June 29.....	8:16pm
July 6.....	8:15pm
July 13.....	8:12pm
July 20.....	8:07pm
July 27.....	8:01pm

Want to share your thoughts about *The Voice*? Got an idea you'd like to see in print? We're listening. Email us at TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org

Mitzvah Day continued...(for more Mitzvah Day pictures go to www.jewishdutchess.org/gallery)



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Congregation Shir Chadash's Annual Spring Concert featuring the group 'ASEFA Music.'



Laura Stein, cantorial intern at Vassar Temple, presented a concert for the enjoyment of the local community before becoming ordained and moving to her next adventure.



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