



Northern Dutchess Hebrew School families participate in Mitzvah Day

### Northern Dutchess Community Hebrew School Closes by Miriam Goldstone

After 14 years of successfully providing Hebrew School education to the Northern Dutchess community, the Northern Dutchess branch of the Community Hebrew School has closed its doors.

The school's offerings ranged from teaching Hebrew language and prayer book skills to Hebrew Regents instruction, from participation in Mitzvah Day activities vital to Northern Dutchess organizations to workshops and holiday celebrations open to the entire Northern Dutchess community.

The school became the springboard for the Jewish Alliance of Northern Dutchess, a volunteer-led community group that held several events throughout the year to connect the Jewish community of Northern Dutchess.

The Northern Dutchess Community Hebrew School first opened in 2003 with just one class for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Parents Kimba Baker and Miriam Goldstone, members of Temple Beth-El, needed a Hebrew School option for their children that avoided lengthy drives multiple times a week to Poughkeepsie. They founded the school, which also aimed to expand their children's local Jewish peer group and bring innovative Hebrew education to the northern parts of the county. With generous support from community members, Jewish Federation, and the Community Hebrew School in Poughkeepsie, donations of funds and supplies established the school in Rhinebeck. The Church of the Messiah, an Episcopal church with a classroom building, provided space and a welcoming atmosphere. Most important, School Director and Head Teacher Shula Aizer agreed to oversee the curriculum and teach classes. She did so for all 14 years, inspiring dozens of students, many of whom had no other connection to Judaism other than weekly Hebrew School.



Students and community members with their hand-made Chanukiot

As word spread, classes grew to the point where the school offered five classes, hired several teachers and teaching assistants, and developed a music program. With diminished enrollment, however, Mrs. Aizer and the parents of the school board mutually came to the decision that the school no longer had sufficient enrollment to continue.

Highlights of the program included playing Aleph-Bet bingo, Kar/Cham and Shimon Omer; celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut; Sukkah hops hosted by neighbors; making charosets from around the world; timing homemade

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### My Trip to Touro Temple by Jonah Ritter

This past Rosh Hashanah, my wife and I planned a trip to Touro Synagogue, an Orthodox synagogue in Newport Rhode Island. Touro is the oldest synagogue building in North America, and the only one dating back to the colonial era.

Jews started settling in Newport in the late 1600's. Isaac Touro arrived later, and the Newport building was dedicated during Chanukah in 1763. In August of 1790, George Washington visited Newport for a public appearance to rally support for a new Bill of Rights. As part of the welcoming ceremonies for the president, the Newport temple's President Moses Mendes Seixas was one of the community leaders honored to address George Washington. Washington's subsequent response letter to Moses Seixas and the temple, quoting his thoughts on religious liberties and the separation of Church and State, is a remarkable example of both our first president's and our new government's support of First Amendment Rights. Each year, Touro Synagogue holds a public reading of Washington's letter as a celebration and pronouncement of religious freedom.

This bit of history provides the context for my trip to Touro Synagogue but not the reason I chose to do my Rosh Hashanah prayers there.

I went to Touro with a particular goal and a personal question. With the partisan political strife in America today, I wanted to be in this setting for the traditional prayer that is given for the United States and the Armed Forces of the USA and Israel.



There were other special moments, as well. I was touched by Rabbi Mandel's thoughts about Sarah and Isaac as the two relate to the meaning of a name and how to view laughter. I was honored to be invited to the rabbi's home for Rosh Hashanah dinner. During Taschlich by the ocean, I was delighted to meet and speak with a special individual, Simcha, who dreams of being a rabbi. Last but not least, hearing the shofar sounded on Rosh Hashanah at Touro Synagogue is a quintessential Jewish-American experience.

Touro Synagogue is a blessing. Our journey to and prayers at Touro were a wonderful way to start 5778. I hope this story inspires you to make a trip to Newport and attend Shabbat there.

Shana Tova u'metuka!



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- November 15 "What's a theatre person like you doing in the pulpit?"**  
 Pastor Whitlock of St. John's Lutheran Church shares stories about her 25 years in the theatre prior to seminary  
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert
- November 22 Thanksgiving: Eleanor Roosevelt's Fight for Civil Rights**  
 with Shannon Butler  
 Menu: Thanksgiving: veggie turkey, cranberries, potatoes, green beans, coffee/tea, dessert
- November 29 Understanding Estate Planning** with Michael Martin  
 Learn about wills, health care proxy, and trusts  
 Menu: veggie burger, potato salad, cole slaw, coffee/tea, dessert

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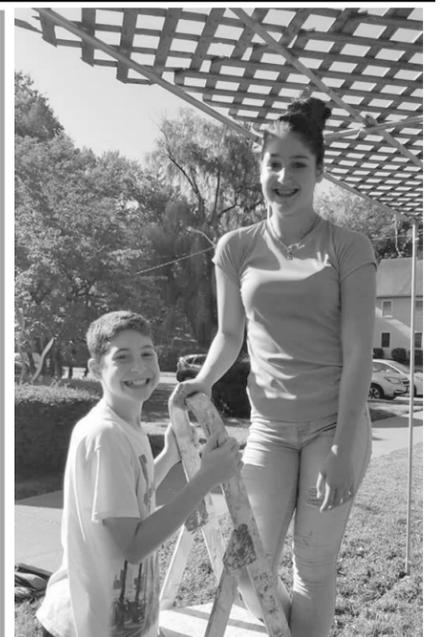
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For more information, contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or website: [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org).

## Community

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

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

The Shops will be open Sundays, 9:30am to 12:30pm, on Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 5. The Shops will be closed on Nov. 26.

The Bookshop is featuring *Lots of Latkes* by Sandy Lanton, illustrated by Vicki Jo Redenblaugh for ages 3-8. In *Lots of Latkes* when the mice eat the sugar, the apples have rotted, and the fish aren't biting, what can Rivke Leah's friends bring to her Hanukkah celebration?

Also featured is *Hanukkah is Coming* by Tracy Newman, illustrated by Viviana Garofoli for ages 1-4. In this second Hanukkah board book, readers join a cute family and their dog as they light the menorah, eat latkes, unwrap gifts, sing songs, play dreidel, eat chocolate Hanukkah gelt and march like Maccabees during the eight nights of Hanukkah. This is the second book in Tracy's holiday board book series after *Shabbat is Coming*, *Passover is Coming* and *Rosh Hashanah is Coming* are also part of the series.

Back in stock are *Maccabee Meals: Foods and Fun for Hanukkah* by Judy Groner and Madeline Wikler, illustrated by Ursula Roma for children ages 7-12. *Maccabee Meals* includes eight menus and celebration suggestions for the eight nights of the happy winter festival, recipes for smoothies, carrot latkes, dreidel cake, as well as rules for making Hanukkah decorations. Another favorite children's Hanukkah cookbook is *Sammy Spider's First Taste of Hanukkah Cookbook* by Sylvia A. Rouss and Genene Levy Turner, for children ages 2-8. With four chapters of Hanukkah recipes for snacks, meals, treats, and crafts, this book is a nice addition to the *Sammy Spider* series. It includes Katherine Kahn's iconic *Sammy* art.

The following Jewish cookbook may be ordered by contacting Geri Bromberg: *Jewish Soul Food: From Minsk to Marrakesh, More Than 100 Unforgettable Dishes Updated for Today's Kitchens* by Janna Gur: with Nirit Yadin and Ruth Oliver. Photography By Daniel Lailah. Visual concept and food styling by Amit Farber. Ms. Gur presents the best recipes from a fascinating food culture that will give you a chance to enrich your own cooking repertoire and also a chance to preserve a valuable element of the Jewish heritage and its collective soul. The collection includes two dishes associated with Hanukkah: Syrian Herb and Meat Latkes (Ijeh B'lahamah) and Sephardic Honeyed Hanukkah Puffs (Bimuelos).

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

## Adult Education

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

**Coming to America: Part II Stories of Immigration**: Tuesday, November 14, 28, December 12 (note that these are not consecutive dates) 7:00pm. Join Rabbi Berkowitz as we continue our conversation about the immigration experience. Through an exploration of Jewish short fiction—and real letters from the Bintel Brief advice column in the Forward—we will see how the historic period of migration played out in the lives of new Americans. How did they deal with the challenges of culture shock, adaptation, and assimilation? All welcome. No charge to attend.

November 14: Scenes from Hester Street. Abraham Cahan's *Yekl*; November 28: The Problem of Well Meaning Americans: Anzia Yezeirska's *Free Vacation House*; December 12: The First December Dilemma: Grace Paley's *The Loudest Voice*.

**Torah Study** every Saturday, 9:00am, (No classes, November 25) with Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, which examines passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah. The session on November 18 will be held as a part of an intergenerational program.

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

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**People of the Book with Rabbi Daniel Victor**, Tuesday, 12:30pm, at The Crafted Kup, Raymond Avenue. with Rabbi Daniel Victor. "Jews often refer to themselves as 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—laws of agriculture, Shabbat and festivals, marriage and relationships, laws and court dealings, ritual purities, and holy things—is the most basic book of the post-biblical literature (The Oral Torah) and hence it is considered the key to the rest.

Beginning this fall and continuing through the year, we will be studying Mishnah Sukkah (from the tractate of Shabbat and Holidays), **whose major themes are simcha (joy) and the unity of the Jewish people**. Of the many lessons one can take away is the reality that our actions impact those around us. Therefore, let us choose to influence others for good. Every student will receive his/her own copy of the Mishnah (I will have handouts as well) and we will be discussing a different piece of text each week. There is no charge for the class. Everyone is welcome.

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

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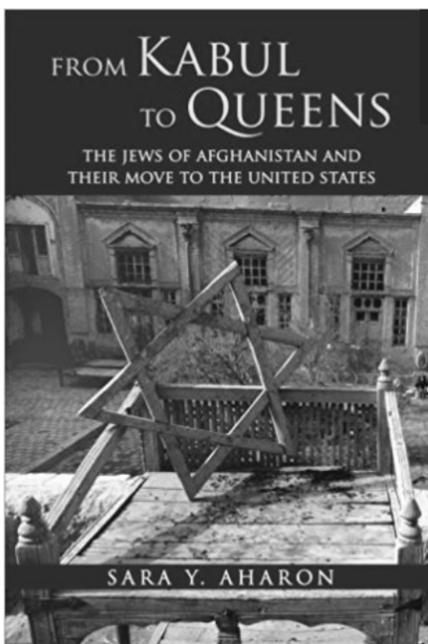
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**DETAILS**

**Sunday, November 5, 11:00am**, Congregation Beth David at 3344 East Main St., Route 343, Amenia, NY. For more information, call Sherry Frankel (917) 385-2783.

**Sunday, November 5, 2:00pm**, Congregation Shir Chadash, 1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville (Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church) (845) 232-1029. or [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org).



# Debbie's Voice



It's getting to be that time of year.

No, not the pumpkin spice time of year, although I must confess I am not on team pumpkin spice. I just don't get it. Sure, I'll happily eat pumpkin bread (as long as it has chocolate chips in it because otherwise why bother?) but that's pretty much the limit of my support of pumpkin-flavored items.

No, I am referring to the time of year of thankfulness, gratitude and appreciation. Sadly, these sentiments are not used often enough on a daily basis and seem to become the focus of November and December.

Every year around the Team Silbergleit Thanksgiving table, before we dig in, everyone says something that they are grateful for.

Without fail, Colby has been grateful for Legos for the past five years. Zach tends to state his gratitude for family (grudgingly including his brother), although this year I suspect our puppy, Turtle, will trump all.

In a year filled with so much awfulness, between the divisiveness of the election, the wrath of Mother Nature, and the horrendous mass shootings, I can't help but feel I may have to dig deeper to find something to be thankful for.

In preparation of Thanksgiving dinner, I've come up with the following "I am thankful, grateful or appreciative list:"

1. Our puppy, Turtle. Although my carpets may never be the same, I am so grateful for how much joy that dog has brought to Zach. His face lights up the second he gets home, and Turtle runs over to greet him.
2. My parents. As I schlep my children to their various afterschool activities, I can't help but deeply appreciate how both my parent's managed working fulltime, feeding, and schlepping three kids and two dogs to our various afterschool activities.
3. Modern medicine. This fall has been a horrific asthma season for Colby. He's been on prednisone, rescue inhalers and antibiotics after his asthma flared up. I am so unbelievably thankful for the phenomenal medical care he has received.

I could keep going, and perhaps with all the awfulness in the world I should. (As I write this column, details of the Las Vegas shooting are coming to light.) So, here are a few more lighthearted additional items to hopefully bring a smile while they express my appreciation:

1. DVR. Not having to watch commercials makes tv so much better, unless it's the Super Bowl. Now we fast-forward through the game so we can watch commercials!
2. Dark chocolate granola. I don't know who had the genius idea to combine the two, but I am forever appreciative of the innovation in making breakfast that much more delicious.
3. Silence. As the mother of two rowdy boys, I can't express how much I now appreciate utter silence. When the boys are bickering incessantly, we play the quiet game where whoever speaks first loses. The game inevitably lasts for less than two minutes, with Colby always caving first but those two minutes are glorious.

As the season of thankfulness, appreciation and gratitude approaches, I hope your November is filled with numerous items to mention around your Thanksgiving table.



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## Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

### This month meet: Jason Silbergleit

*Reporter's Note: I apologize for the blatant nepotism with this month's column. My older son, Zach, became a bar mitzvah at the end of October and my younger son, Colby, suffered through three solid weeks of horrific asthma. This drastically impacted my schedule, and I promise next month I will not interview anyone I am related to! I am happy to report, the bar mitzvah was amazing and Colby is doing much better.—Debbie Silbergleit*

Jason was born and raised in Albany. He comes from a very close-knit Jewish family. He attended Hebrew school and Sunday School at Temple Ohav Shalom in Albany. His fondest memories of religious school were preparing for his bar mitzvah by going to Saturday services and realizing that he could do the prayers.



Jason spent every single Jewish holiday with various relatives but has the fondest memories of being with his grandparents, two of whom are in their 90's and still thriving.

By the time he was a junior in high school, Jason knew he wanted to be an engineer. He had always wanted to be an inventor, which he didn't think would pay the bills, so he decided to study ceramic engineering instead. Jason attended Alfred University (where he would meet his beautiful wife...) and graduated with a degree in ceramic engineering with a minor in business. Before graduating, he was offered and accepted an engineering position with IBM in Essex Junction, VT.

Jason spent several years in Essex Junction as an engineer and received his MBA from University of Vermont. In 2001, he moved to the Hudson Valley when he was offered an opportunity to be a startup manager at IBM's factory in Fishkill. In 2005, Jason changed career paths. While he stayed with IBM, he changed direction from engineering to business, focusing on technology partnerships. Currently, he is responsible for IBM research alliances and government programs. He really enjoys supporting IBM research, which has exposed him to new areas such as healthcare and artificial intelligence.

Jason's Jewish upbringing encouraged diversity of thought and tolerance of others, which has helped him throughout his career. He has had the opportunity to travel to Israel for various meetings, which has been very fulfilling to him. His children are very jealous and look forward to when they can see Israel for themselves!

Jason's favorite Jewish holiday is Passover. He loves Passover, because it brings a large family gathering with lots of food he enjoys. There is nothing that makes him happier than sitting around a large dining room table and seeing friends and family enjoying traditional Jewish holiday meals.

"I hope that my kids have the same bond to Judaism and family that I grew up with."

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### Letter to the Editor:

[Editor: This letter was received by The Voice in response to last month's Jewish Federation Rosh Hashanah greeting and is being reprinted here with the permission of the writer. We welcome your letters and comments]

To the Editor:

I don't think it is appropriate to list LGBTQ along with the list of Jewish Sects/Organizations.

It stands out, as though you are inviting Aliens, or unhuman creatures. I am not saying, don't welcome them, but this poster does not do a service for the LGBTQ community. You would not list separately Blacks, Women, Sado-Masochists, Alcoholics, Plumbers...aren't they people like the rest of us...equal, and no better or worse?

Sincerely concerned,  
Jane LaLone, Poughkeepsie, NY



# Rabbi's Blog

## Things Fall Apart, the Centre Cannot Hold

By Rabbi Paul Golomb

In late September, early October these three events took place: the general national election in Germany, in which for the first time since the end of World War II, an arch-nationalist party gained enough votes to seat representatives in the Bundestag, their general Assembly; and the independence referenda held in the Kurdish region of Iraq, and Catalonia in Spain, both of which passed with huge majorities.

We have witnessed these irruptions of separatist national movements before. In recent years, Scotland has a vote to break off from the rest of the United Kingdom. It was barely defeated, but a similar act on the part of U.K. to disengage from the European Union – Brexit – succeeded. As did the avowedly “America First” campaign in the 2016 US elections. There are, as intimated in the lines from Yeats poem, some powerful centrifugal forces at work in the world today.

With these events as background, I want to address the question: what does all this mean to Jews?

Nationalism is a powerful and persistent force. As a form of political organization, it is relatively recent, arising for the most part in the nineteenth century. Note that an alternative, Communism, which conceives of political organization by economic class rather than geographic boundaries, also has its roots in that century. Communism seemed to attach itself to Russia and appeared to be growing in the 1950s and 60s, but it was all illusion, and had mostly collapsed by 1990.

A principal reason for the development of nationalism in the 1800s was the concomitant development of means of communication and transportation. Throughout history, groups of people created a sort of national identity through ethnic, cultural and linguistic affinities. And these were highly local, as a result of technological limitations. Political organization was in the form of a ruling nobility that could extend itself over many localized “nations.”

One significant exception to this state of affairs was the Jews. They broke out of the geographic constraints on maintaining a cohesive identity by creating a portable form of national affinity: Torah. Hence, the Jews could spread far and wide, and still preserve their cultural and linguistic commonality. From the time of the loss of the Second Temple to the twentieth century, the Jews were a nationality without a nation. Or, as Mordechai Kaplan put it, a religious civilization.

It is precisely this unique feature of the people Israel that suggests that excessive expressions of nationalism are bad for the Jews. When people think in nationalistic terms, the Jews simply do not fit in. No better example exists than the protests in Charlottesville last May. Much of “America First” rhetoric has been explicitly directed toward Hispanic and Muslim residents of the United States. When marchers came to defend a statue of Robert E. Lee, however, their shouts were ones of naked anti-Semitism.

Jews therefore have an interest, not in eliminating or opposing instances of nationalism – that is folly, and runs counter to the Jewish national aspiration of Zionism – but rather to support efforts to restrain it. Communities of people have a legitimate interest in preserving unique histories and cultures, and nationalism is an apt way of doing so. But too much national ardor tends to create an ‘us-versus-them’ mentality that can only be ethically corrosive.

So, what restrains the worst traits of nationalism? Let me suggest fidelity to something that transcends the nation. You might think I am talking about religion. Not necessarily.

Let me conclude with this observation drawn from the book of Exodus. Moses is about to lead the people to the base of Mt. Sinai, where they will experience God’s revelation, and become at that moment a “people apart.” Before Sinai, however, we learn that Moses’ father-in-law, Jethro, instructs Moses in setting up a system for adjudicating disputes; one that specifically combines attention to the particular concerns of the litigants with the canons of law and justice. This system of judges is not to be based on class or title, but on merit; who can do the job best. What I find most significant here is the order: system first then revelation. The courts have been set up even before there is a Law on which to judge!

Thus, the revelation that creates the covenant people – the nation – is poured into a preexisting vessel: an institution (not a Jewish institution, after all, it was created by a Midianite) for the preservation and distribution of justice. This is how the worst of nationalism is restrained.

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matzah baking in the oven; and workshops to which the entire community were invited: shofar/Purim mask and chanukiot-making and Torah calligraphy taught by a sofer.

All funds in the school’s bank accounts were disbursed to the organizations that supported the Community Hebrew School throughout the years: The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, Temple Beth-El, Congregation Shir Chadash, and Vassar Temple. The school’s supplies and monetary holdings now sustain students throughout the mid-Hudson area. In total, seven organizations received donations as the school found new homes for its educational materials. They are the organizations listed above, as well Temple Israel of Catskill, Hillel, and Morse Elementary School.

For those who attended the school, the memories are vibrant: making shofarot, pressing olive oil for Chanukah, recess games with student teachers from local colleges, Purim plays, singing at the local nursing home, and the Mitzvah Day car wash to raise funds for a food pantry. The school served families of diverse backgrounds, with many choosing to affiliate with synagogues and celebrate b’nai mitzvah after their children began learning. Several students graduated and returned to serve as assistants. The Hebrew Regents students from seven years ago still remain close friends even though they live far apart. And they make a point to see each other when they come home. And that’s thanks to the *rouach* that the Hebrew School built.



Liza Goldstone receives her graduation certificate from School Director Shula Aizer.



Rabbi Paul Golomb

# Inside the Jewish Studio

By Debbie Silbergleit

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

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

This month, a big thank you to Rachel Etkin, Education Assistant for Temple Beth-El, who so graciously answered my questions...

1. What is your favorite word? *Fabulous*
2. What is your least favorite word? *Moist*
3. What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally? *I think things that make my children happy...something that gives them joy inspires me.*
4. What turns you off? *People being fake.*
5. What is your favorite curse word? *Reporter's note: Without any hesitation: Rachel grinned and dropped an impressive "f-bomb!"*
6. What sound or noise do you love? *My dog's yawn.*
7. What sound or noise do you hate? *A baby's shrill scream.*
8. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt? *I would like to be an artist. But I'm not very artistic...I think it would be very gratifying though.*
9. What profession would you not like to do? *Politician—no explanation necessary!*
10. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates? *You made me proud.*



Rachel Etkin

\* Member of the Tribe

## Dedication of the Frances Davis Memorial Eruv

On Sunday afternoon, September 10 at Congregation Schomre Israel, a ceremony officially dedicating the Frances Davis Memorial Eruv was held.

Remarks were made by Dr. Irving Baum, President of the congregation; Rabbi David Kaplan, former rabbi of the congregation and rabbi under whom this project was initiated; Rabbi Eliezer Langer, current rabbi of the congregation; Rabbi Gavriel Bechhofer, halachic authority on Eruvs, author of *Contemporary Eruv and Halachik Guide* and consultant who gave guidance to this project; Hal Warren, chairperson of the Eruv committee and the person who really made this happen; and Bernard Handel, representative of the Frances Davis Trust which provided a generous grant to make the Eruv a reality.

The Eruv encircles a certain area of the city and town and allows Sabbath observers to carry items on the Shabbat within that domain. The word “Eruv” translates as “joining together” or “commingling.” In the Poughkeepsie Jewish community there was a joining together to make this project a reality. Rabbi Neal Loevinger, former rabbi of Temple Beth-El, and Rabbi Paul Golomb, former Rabbi of Vassar Temple, were both supportive of the efforts to construct an Eruv.



L to R: Rabbi Gavriel Bechhofer, Rabbi Eliezer Langer, Bernard Handel, Hal Warren, Irving Baum, President of the congregation at the dedication of the Frances Davis Memorial Eruv.




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Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The third Saturday of the month at 11:15am.

## Bat & Bar Mitzvah

**Lana Lieberman, November 4, 2017, Vassar Temple**

**Daughter of Fern Lox and Jon Lieberman of East Fishkill**

Lana is a student at Bulkeley Middle School in Rhinebeck, where she is a member of the volleyball team. After school, Lana enjoys swimming, crafts, and cycling and serves as a student assistant at Vassar Temple Religious School.

For her mitzvah project, Lana has been working with Bouquets Renewed for You, a local non-profit organization that repurposes flowers donated from events or by businesses. Flowers are made into bouquets in vases, cards are added, and then the flowers are delivered to residents of area nursing homes. Lana has painted cards, helped create bouquets, and made several visits with Bouquets Renewed for You to bring flowers and a smile to seniors.

When asked, Lana explained why she chose this project, "When my grandfather was in a nursing home, I remembered how the people and the rooms needed cheering up. So that's what I wanted to do—help seniors in my community."

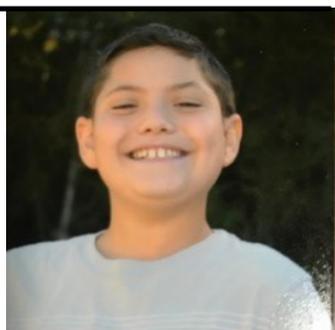
**Jonathan Raz, November 11, 2017, Temple Beth-El**

**Son of Amy and Ori Raz and Brother to Iris and Ben**

Jonathan attends Todd Middle School. During summers, he attended Camp Young Judea Sprout Lake.

For his community service project, Jonathan collected school supplies and food for Morse School. The congregation was very generous and donated a large amount to his mitzvah project.

Jonathan is looking forward to celebrating his special day with family, friends and congregants.



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

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# הַפְּרַת טוֹבָה

## hakarat tovah *gratitude*



Melinda Kim Jessa Emily  
Dear Friends,

As we live our lives, we take for granted—and even fail to notice—so many firsts. But it is the special focus of parenting to slow down and point them out. And to give thanks for the moment.

We devote scrap books and Instagram accounts to first smiles, first words, first steps, and first days of preschool. We freeze those moments in a snapshot and preserve them in all of their texture in a video. We return to them over and over as our children grow, so we can show our children who they were and celebrate who they are becoming. One of my favorite prayers is the *Shehechyanu*, a prayer of thanks for this moment.

*Take time to celebrate the moment, to recognize the firsts in every day just as we notice the first bite of food, the first word, and first steps our babies take.*

For this first. We say it on the first night of important holidays, and I say it over and over and over with my grandchildren as they leap from one new moment to the next. In the kindergarten classroom this was our go-to prayer as we followed the cycle of the year. And it was also said in celebration of the frequent moments in our class where something happened for the first time.

There's a lot of focus today on living mindfully. Mindfulness is more than just slowing down to notice the good things. But if that were the only change we made in the way we parent, it would be a good change.

Take time to celebrate the moment, to recognize the firsts in every day just as we notice the first bite of food, the first word, and first steps our babies take.

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a whole day to stop and give thanks for good food and good friends and family. Many families have a tradition of going around the table to acknowledge one thing that each family member is thankful for. And there is much in that experience to give thanks for.

But I challenge each of us to make an effort to notice, and savor, and celebrate, the firsts and bests of *every* day and to express our gratitude for them.

My granddaughter frequently exclaims, "We are SO LUCKY!" That is her personal *Shehechyanu*, her prayer of gratitude, as she stops in that moment and recognizes the blessings in her day. When that moment is a first for her, I lead her to say the *Shehechyanu*:

*"Baruch Atah Adonai, Elohaynu Melech ha'olam, shehechyanu, vki'manu vchigyanu lazman hazeh."*

*"Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion."*

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

Make a gratitude tree this year with your family and friends! To create a tree, you'll need the following items:

- Quart jar
- Beans or gravel to fill the jar halfway
- Twigs and leaves cut from card stock with a hole punched in the stem
- A marker and string

**Directions:**

1. Fill the jar half-full with beans or rocks; stick the twigs in the jar and arrange the "branches" of your tree
2. Each day, think of one thing that you are each grateful for and write your gratitude on a leaf
3. Attach the leaf with string to the branch
4. Before you know it your tree will be filled with leaves, and your home will be filled with gratitude!

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*Thank you!*



Vassar Temple Religious School Visits Vassar Farm Project



Temple Beth-El pre-Shabbat dinner at Greenvale Park in September



PJ Our Way at Gravity Vault

## The President's Voice



Dear Friends,

This past year I have had the privilege and pleasure of working with Joyce Schriebman, our consultant at the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. For the past three years, Joyce has brought innovative ideas to *The Voice*, she invigorated our "Learn and Lunch Bunch" program by hiring Suzanne Turrisi, she mentored our ever-growing PJ Library program headed by Melinda Margulies, and, with the help of an active committee of volunteers, Joyce created an outstanding Jewish Film Festival and mentored our Annual Campaign and she did so much more.

Hence, we are very sorry to see Joyce go. We wish her the best in all her new endeavors.

As the saying goes: when one door closes another door opens.

The Jewish Federation has been actively looking to hire an Executive Director, someone who resides in Dutchess County and who will energetically expand Federation's horizons. We have found her! Karen Hochhauser has enthusiastically accepted our offer. Her extensive experience in leading a Human Resource Consulting firm in Thailand, her demonstrated ability to provide strategic leadership and to work successfully with various teams to accomplish their goal make Karen an ideal fit for the position. Karen's knowledge of social media, her skills as an active listener, along with her interpersonal skills make her a natural. The fact that Karen grew up in the Poughkeepsie community is a bonus for her and for us.

In a separate article, Karen will tell you more about herself. Keep an eye out for it next month, and join me in welcoming Karen to the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.

Fondly,

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

### 92nd Street Y

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

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

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



#### Thursday, January 18, 7pm, Boardman Road Branch Library Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg in conversation with Charlie Rose

Charlie Rose and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg will cover a broad range of topics — from the law to politics. From gender equality. From the workways of the Supreme Court to...much much more.



Don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of the most influential people in America. **[recorded previously]**

#### Thursday, February 15, 7pm, Boardman Road Branch Library Rabbi Naomi Levy and Julianna Margulies: Einstein and the Rabbi

Bestselling author Rabbi Naomi Levy, the founder of Nashuva, a renowned Jewish spiritual movement, is joined by Julianna Margulies (*The Good Wife*) for a conversation about the rabbi's new book, *Einstein and the Rabbi*, an exploration of the meaning and purpose of the soul, inspired by the famous correspondence between Albert Einstein and a grieving rabbi. **[recorded previously]**



**LOCATION: Boardman Library, 141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie**

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

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

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Unfortunately the same cannot be said for Hanukkah or Kwanzaa stamps. The USPS will be selling the same stamps from 2016. **However, most post offices will not have them**, claiming "lack of demand" for their not ordering any of the Hanukkah and Kwanzaa stamps. This has occurred at several post offices already.

If you want Hanukkah or Kwanzaa stamps this year, tell your local post office to order them for you. If they refuse, please contact Ronald Scheiman by email at: [hanukkah@att.net](mailto:hanukkah@att.net)



# 2017 Holiday Greetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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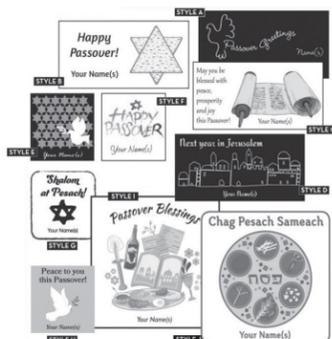


### Chanukah Greetings



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!

### Passover Greetings



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

### Rosh Hashanah Greetings



STYLE A: Happy New Year  
 STYLE B: Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!  
 STYLE C: May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness  
 STYLE D: L'Shanah Jovah  
 STYLE E: Happy Rosh Hashanah  
 STYLE F: Have a sweet new year!  
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Join with friends old and new for Happy Hour at Vassar Temple!

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

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

**DETAILS**  
Upcoming Happy Hours for the fall are 6:00-7:30pm, November 17. For more information or if you have questions, contact by email Andi Ciminello at andi@ecopkny.com.

**Temple Beth-El Monte Carlo Night**

As in previous years, the fantasy casino will include blackjack, poker, roulette, the Big Wheel, and a trivia competition. Electronic Bingo also returns this year. And much, much more!

Admission includes food and beverages. Participants must be 21 years of age or over.

Table and event sponsorships available.

**DETAILS**  
November 18, 7:30pm, Temple Beth-El, \$30 per person before November 4. \$45 per person after. For info contact the Temple office (845) 454-0570 or any board member if you wish to purchase tickets.



**JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625**

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

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

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

**Congregation Shir Chadash's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Dinner**

Congregation Shir Chadash is once again having a joint service with their shared space counterpart, The Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church.

This will be their annual Thanksgiving Service led by Rabbi Daniel Polish and Rev. Paul Lent. Congregants from both congregations will experience connected traditions.

This is a great opportunity for inter-faith families to share their services together. Dinner will immediately follow the service. All are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The main course will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, November 19, 5:00pm, For more information, call (845) 232-1029 or email info@shir-chadash.org.

**SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIES**

Schomre Israel is hosting movies with popcorn and a drink on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

*Mrs. Doubtfire* will be shown on Nov 18, 7:00pm at the synagogue. A donation of \$5 is suggested. All are welcome.



**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 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, Nov. 11, 10:00am. For info, contact Rabbi Leah Berkowitz: rabbi@vassartemple.org, email Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or call the temple office (845) 454-2570.

**OUT OF AREA**



**The Holiday Small Works Show**

Gallery Lev Shalem at The Woodstock Jewish Congregation is accepting art entries for the annual Holiday Small Works show November 12-January 9.

Each artist may enter up to two two-dimensional original artworks, in any medium priced at up to \$250. Size limit is 16" on longest size. All work must be wired and ready to hang. Work must be acceptable for viewing in a family setting. All artwork meeting criteria will be accepted. There is a \$5 per artwork processing fee.

Opening Reception is Sunday, Nov 12, 12:00pm -2:00pm

**DETAILS**  
For information contact Charlotte Tusch wjc.arts@gmail.com (845) 679-4937 Intake is Monday, Nov 6, 11:00am-3:00pm at Gallery Lev Shalem, Woodstock Jewish Congregation, 1682 Glasco Turnpike, Woodstock, NY

**A TRIP TO POLAND AND ISRAEL**

Rabbi Langer of Congregation Schomre Israel is planning a historical tour to Poland and Israel in the spring of 2018. Participants will experience both the beauty and the destruction of European Jewry by seeing first hand communities where our ancestors lived for centuries prior to emigration and annihilation. Visits to former Chassidic centers, concentration camps and mass burial sites in Poland will broaden our perspective and give us greater appreciation for the Jewish life that was. We will then travel to Israel to experience the modern and the ancient.

**DETAILS**  
Five-star hotels, air conditioned buses, full board and excellent guidance will assure you of an experience of a lifetime on this unique Schomre Israel tour. The trip is open to the community. Please email Rabbi Langer at rabbi@schomreisrael.org or call him at (845) 454-2890 for further detailed information, dates, and cost.

**Sisterhood of Schomre Israel Plans Chanukah Dinner**

Congregation Schomre Israel's annual Chanukah dinner will be held on the evening of the sixth night of Chanukah.

A delicious dinner complete with special Chanukah treats (latkes and sufganiyot) will be served.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, December 17. The cost is \$36 for adults and \$15 for children ages 6 through 12. Reservations are required. Contact the synagogue office at (854) 454-890, to make a reservation.

**VASSAR TEMPLE GALA**

As Vassar Temple enters its 18th decade, a gala event will be held on Veterans Day weekend to highlight the Temple's remarkable history of heroes among us who serve or have served the temple, the community and the nation.

Gala will feature hors d'oeuvres and dinner catered by Simply Gourmet, wine pairings, a silent auction, vocal performances by Laura Stein, DJ, and dancing.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, November 12, 4:00-8:00pm, Poughkeepsie Tennis Club.

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- Fresh Fruit Tart ... .. 16.99      Pumpkin Cheese Cake... 16.99

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# Local

## Sunday

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

**Congregation Shir Chadash Joint Thanksgiving Service & Dinner with Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church** November 19, 5:00pm. Joint service and dinner led by Rabbi Daniel Polish and Rev. Paul Lent. Dinner will be immediately following the service. All welcome. Please bring a side or dessert to share. (845) 232-1029 or email info@shirchadash.org.

**Congregation Schomre Israel K4 Meeting** (Koffee, Kibitz, kvetch klub) November 19, 9:30am, conversation and discussion about the High Holidays

## Monday

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

**Temple Beth-El Board Meeting** November 13, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees monthly meeting

## Tuesday

### 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

**Life In Israel Comedy Evening with Benji Lovitt** November 1, 7:30pm, East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Rt 82 Hopewell Junction, \$18 per person, adults only. Since moving to Israel in 2006, comedian Benji Lovitt has performed for audiences around the world. His perspectives on life in Israel have been featured on Israeli television, radio, *USA Today*, *Time Magazine*, *Huffington Post* and *The Times of Israel*. RSVP at [www.mypardess.org/benjilovitt](http://www.mypardess.org/benjilovitt) or call Pardess Center for Jewish Life at (845) 440-7592 for more information.

## Thursday

### Friday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service** November 3, 10, 17, 7:30pm, and November 24, 6:30pm, evening service with Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg. All welcome.

**Vassar Temple Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour** November 17, 6:00pm. Men's Club Shabbat evening service, with cantorial intern Laura Stein, 7:30pm.

**Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service** November 3, 10, 7:30pm and November 24, 6:00pm.

**Temple Beth-El Evening Service** each week, 7:30pm, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service. All welcome.

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

## Saturday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs** November 4, 18, 9:00-10:30am, if you haven't already done so it's not too late to register. Come early (8:45) and have breakfast on us. All welcome.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program** November 4, 18, 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult learn through doing crafts, food and games. Free and open to all families.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service** November 4, 18, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels and coffee prior to service. All welcome to attend.

**Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** November 11, 10:00am.

**Vassar Temple Shabbat Morning Torah Service/Bat Mitzvah of Lana Lieberman** November 4, 10:00am.

**Vassar Temple Intergenerational Shabbat Program** November 18, 9:00am, including Torah study session.

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

**Temple Beth-El Tot Shabbat, Kid-dish and Kadimah** November 11, December 9, 11:00am, Families with young children can join us for a bi-monthly Saturday Tot Shabbat program, as well as a First Friday Family Shabbat Dinner. Kid-dish is for children ages 0 to pre bar/bat mitzvah AND THEIR PARENTS. Kid-dish starts with a story or game, followed by a snack for children with delicious things. Tot Shabbat is a special program for tots and their caregivers and Kadima is for kids ages 8-12 For more information, contact education@tbeny.org.

**Temple Beth-El Monte Carlo Night** November 18, 7:30pm see page 10 for more details.

**Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night** November 18, 7:00pm. *Mrs. Doubtfire*, \$5 suggested donation.

# Out of Area

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00am  
Sunday November 5

## Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

23 Albany Ave, Kingston NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 [www.templemanuelkingston.org](http://www.templemanuelkingston.org).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Calendar

## November

### Regular Schedule of Services

#### Beacon Hebrew Alliance

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

Conservative: Rabbi Brent Spodek

Cantor Ellen Gersh/Education Dir. Ashley Baker

Website: [www.beaconhebrewalliance.org](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org)

Email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org

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

#### Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

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

Email: [chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net](mailto:chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net)

Website: [www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)

Rabbi Yacov Borenstein

Friday - Call for time • Saturday - 10 am

#### Congregation Beth David

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

Email: [JonRab33@gmail.com](mailto:JonRab33@gmail.com)

Website: [CongBethDavid.org](http://CongBethDavid.org)

Reformed: Rabbi Jon Haddon

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

#### Congregation Schomre Israel

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

Email: [Schomre1@aol.com](mailto:Schomre1@aol.com)

Website: [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org)

Orthodox: Rabbi Eliezer Langer

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

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

#### Congregation Shir Chadash

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

Email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)

Website: [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

Reform: Rabbi Daniel Polish

Cantor Gail Hirschenfang

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

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

9:15am.

#### The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

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

Email: [RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto:RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)

Website: [RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](http://RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)

Rabbi Hanoch Hecht & Rebbitzin Tzivia Hecht

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

#### Temple Beth El

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

Email: [info@tbeny.org](mailto:info@tbeny.org)

Website: [www.tbeny.org](http://www.tbeny.org)

Conservative: Rabbi Daniel Victor

Rosh Tefilah: Rabbi Miriam Hyman

Friday evening - 7:30pm,

Saturday Shabbat service at 9:30 am,

Weekdays - 7:30am daily.

#### Vassar College Bayit

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

Student Advisor: Liz Aeschlimann

Email: [eaeschlimann@vassar.edu](mailto:eaeschlimann@vassar.edu)

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

#### Vassar Temple (Reform)

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

Website: [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org)

Reform: Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

Education Director Julie Makowski

Email: [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) or [rabbil@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbil@vassartemple.org)

Friday night service at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Torah

study Saturday at 9:00am. New Paths Services on the 1st and 3rd

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

## November Candle Lighting

November 3 ..... 5:29pm

November 10 ..... 4:22pm

November 17 ..... 4:15pm

November 24 ..... 4:11pm

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Bonnie Scheer (shown here with Rabbi Berkowitz), was presented the 2017 Arnold Award for contributions to religious life at Vassar Temple, especially for infusing religious services with beautiful music and for her work on the Nachamu (Comfort) project to provide practical and spiritual resources for the dying and their families.



Members of the Vassar Temple Men's Club, with enthusiastic assistance from the religious school, set up the congregation's sukkah on the front lawn of the synagogue. The sukkah was open to the community.



Vassar Temple Tashlich at Sunset Lake



Temple Beth-El's Shofar Over the Hudson  
Pictured top to bottom:  
Blowing the Shofar  
Rabbi Miriam Hyman and Pam Splke sing  
Rabbi Daniel Victor dancing with congregants



The Selichot Players from Congregation Shir Chadash and Temple Beth-El working and playing together. (JFDC VP Azzy Reckess, on the far rt and TBE Rabbi Daniel Victor 3rd from rt.)



Temple Beth-El Cemetery Gate was damaged in 2017 from multiple storms. The gate was removed, recreated and installed in September



Congregation Shir Chadash's Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang with religious school children enjoying Shabbat.



Congregation Shir Chadash children making hamotzi with Cantor Gail Hirschenfang at a Shabbat service.

**41st Annual Marist College William and Sadie Efron Lecture in Jewish Studies**  
**Monday, November 20, 2017, 7:00PM**  
**Nelly Goletti Theatre, Murray Student Center**

Free and open to the public. Refreshments to follow.

Speaker: Dr. David G. Roskies  
Title: Litvaks in Love: The Making of a Modern Memoryscape

David G. Roskies is the Sol and Evelyn Henkind Chair in Yiddish Literature and Culture and a professor of Jewish literature at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Since 2013, he has also served as the Naomi Prawer Kadar Visiting Professor of Yiddish Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Roskies was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2012.

Roskies is a cultural historian of Eastern European Jewry. A prolific author, editor, and scholar, he has published nine books and received numerous awards. In 1981, Roskies cofounded, with Alan Mintz, *Prooftexts: A Journal of Jewish Literary History*. He served for seventeen years as editor in chief of the New Yiddish Library series, published by Yale University Press.

In Roskies's telling, Litvaks have a reputation of being humorless, elitist, and ascetic. They speak a funny Yiddish, season their gefilte fish with pepper instead of sugar, and prefer a book over a good meal. Seventy-five years after the destruction of Lita, the Litvak homeland, Roskies challenges these stereotypes using the stories of his Vilna-born mother and major Yiddish writers from this vast geocultural region. His lecture will navigate the poles of forbidden and sanctified love, opening a new vein of remembrance based on life instead of death.

The Efron Lecture, through generous support from the Efron family in Poughkeepsie, was established in 1976 to raise awareness of Jewish history, culture, and current affairs at Marist and in the community. Speakers in the series have included Adam Kirsch, Yael Zerubavel, Yossi Klein Halevi, Moshe Halbertal, David Makovsky, Hasia Diner, and James E. Young.

For more information contact Marist Office of Public Affairs:  
(845) 575-3174 or Dr. Joshua Kotzin: [joshua.kotzin@marist.edu](mailto:joshua.kotzin@marist.edu)

