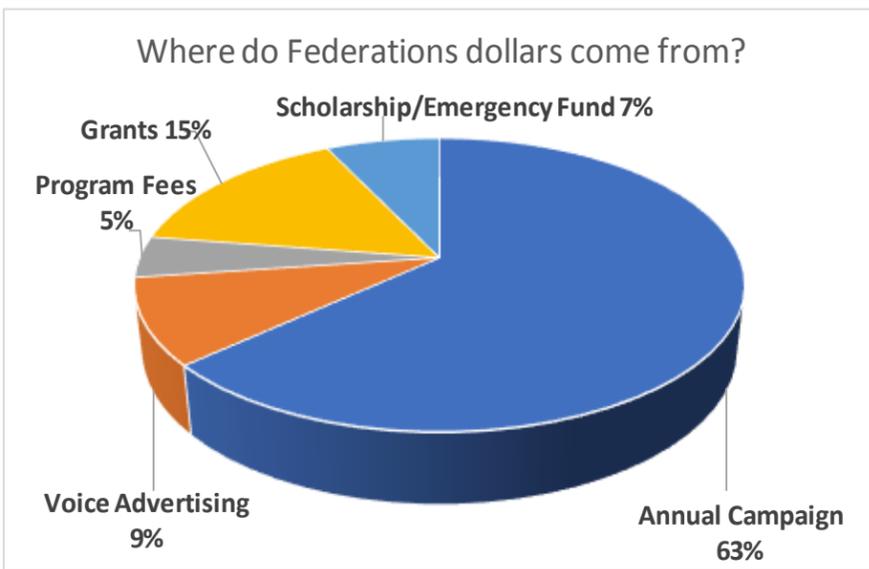


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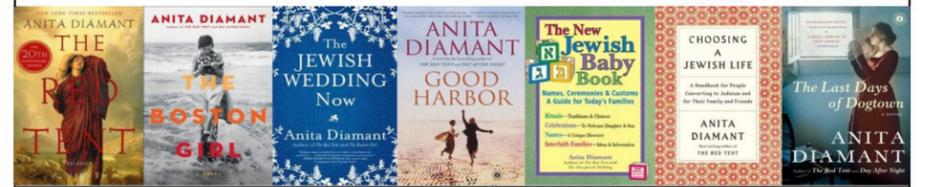


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Anita Diamant is the author of twelve books. Her first novel, New York Times bestseller, *The Red Tent*, has been published in more than 25 countries. Winner of the 2001 Booksense Book of the Year Award, it was adapted into a two-part miniseries by Lifetime TV. Diamant's other bestselling novels include *Good Harbor*, *The Last Days of Dogtown*, *Day after Night*, and *The Boston Girl*.  
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Anita Diamant is the founding president of Mayyim Hayyim: Living Waters Community Mikveh, a 21<sup>st</sup> century reinvention of the ritual bath as a place for exploring ancient traditions and enriching contemporary Jewish life. [www.mayyimhayyim.org](http://www.mayyimhayyim.org). For more information go to [www.anitadiamant.com](http://www.anitadiamant.com)

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- March 14** **Medical Ethics & Medical Research in Poughkeepsie** with Rabbi Neal Loevinger, Hospital Chaplain Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert
- March 21** **Successful Aging** - with Brian Jones Brian will give us tips on aging well. Menu: Chinese Food: spring rolls, sesame chicken, fried rice, coffee/tea, ice cream
- March 28** **Closed for Passover**

**INFORMATION**

For details including weather updates, last minute schedule changes or menu updates, you can call the Jewish Federation office (845) 471-9811.

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### Book & Gift Shops

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

The Temple Beth-El Judaica Book and Gift Shops will be closed on March 4 and March 11. There will be hours by appointment until Sunday hours resume on March 18, 9:30am to 12:30pm. There will also be hours on Sundays, March 25, April 8, 15 & 22, also at the same time. The Shops also will be closed on April 1.

The Bookshop has all that you need for Passover: stories, Passover Haggadot and cookbooks, Seder plates, matzah covers, Passover finger puppets, afikomen covers as well as host and hostess gifts.

The Bookshop is featuring *Sammy's Spider's First Passover*, *Sammy Spider's First Haggadah*, and *Sammy's Spider's Passover Fun Book*, all three written by Sylvia A. Rouss, all illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn and all for Grades PreK-3. "Ms. Kahn's large, bright mixed-media cut paper illustrations enhance the cutlike mood" from *School Library Journal*.

New to the Bookshop is *A Different Kind of Passover* by Linda Leopold Strauss, illustrated by Jeremy Tugeau - for Grades PreK-3. In this book by Ms. Strauss and Mr. Tugeau, Jessica loves spending time with her grandparents, but this year Grandpa is sick and can't lead the Seder. Can Jessica find a way to include Grandpa in the Seder and make the holiday of Passover as joyful as ever?

Back in stock is *Feast of Freedom Passover Haggadah of the Conservative Movement*. Edited by Rachel A. Rabinowitz with colorful illustrations by prominent Israeli artist, Dan Reisinger. It is published by The Rabbinical Assembly.

Another favorite haggadah is *Family Haggadah: A Seder for All Generations* by Elie M. Gindi. This Haggadah is for families with young children who want to conduct an engaging Seder in 45 minutes. Also recommended for supplementary Haggadah and afikomen presents.

In stock Jewish cookbooks for Passover also include *Matzah 101: An Innovative Cookbook Containing "101" Creative Recipes with Matzah* by Jenny Kdoshim and Debbie Bevans; *Passover By Design* by Susie Fishbein, and *Temple Beth-El Sisterhood Jubilee Cookbook*, with section on international Kosher cuisine which includes Passover recipes.

#### DETAILS

For more 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.

#### Passover Judaica Sale at Vassar Temple

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Judaica shop carries all your needs for your festive Passover table: Seder plates, matzah plates, kiddush, Elijah and Miriam cups, table cloths, fun items for the children and so much more. We are also featuring some very special Israeli artisans. Come and browse—our prices will amaze you....no shipping charges for special orders either!!

#### DETAILS

Special sale hours Sunday, March 4, 18, 9:00am-12:00pm. The shop is also open Monday thru Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm and by appointment. For info contact: Perla Kaufman (brandaiz5@optonline.net Or (914) 456-7309).

#### 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.

Have a topic suggestion, please let us know! Date and location to be decided.

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

## Adult Education

### Educational Opportunities Abound at Schomre Israel

**Know Your Book with Rabbi Langer** Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30am. Class and discussion March 6—Mirror, Mirror on the Ball, March 13—Sacrifices-You Asked for it!, March 20—Spring and Speed, March 27—Haggadah Gems.

**Classes with Rabbi Langer** Thursday, March 8, 15, 22, (No Class March 1, 29), 7:00pm. Class and discussion March 1—No class but come hear the Megillah reading for Purim. March 8—Tax Exemptions, March 15—How to Shecht a Fish, March 22—Kosher Coke (for Passover, no less), March 29—no class (search for chametz instead).

Classes are free. All are welcome. Visit our website, [www.schomreisrael.org](http://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 weather cancellations and class schedules visit [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) or call (845) 454-2890.

### Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text**, Tuesday, March 13 & 27, 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](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net)

**Torah Study** every Saturday (No class March 31), 9:00am, with Rabbi Leah Berkowitz. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah.

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.

### 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 number of topics. For info email Merri Sedgwick at [moondoggie7@optonline.net](mailto:moondoggie7@optonline.net).

**People of the Book with Rabbi Daniel Victor**, Thursday, 12:30pm, at The Crafted Kup, Raymond Avenue. 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 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). No charge for the class and everyone is welcome.

#### On Eagles Wings: 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.

**Adult Hebrew Class** Ongoing Saturday's, 9:30am through March 10. Learn to read and speak Hebrew with Naomi Kamlot. RSVP to [educationassist@tbeny.org](mailto:educationassist@tbeny.org) or contact the office (845) 454-0570. Donation for the class is suggested.

#### SIX WEEK MINI-MESTER: HEBREW LEVEL TWO—DO YOU LIKE YOUR CHAROSET CHUNKY OR SMOOTH?

Looking for another opportunity to take your Hebrew reading fluency to the next level in time to read the Passover Haggadah at your Seder table? Join Rabbi Victor after minyan (around 8:30am) on **Thursdays through March 22nd**, as we go beyond letter and vowel recognition to an understanding of syllables, accents and verb recognition. These skills will help improve your minyan experience, Seder experience, and even advance any service-leading skills you are already developing. The class will go for 45 minutes and coffee will be served.

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).

### Chabad Center Classes

**Torah Class: Discover the World of Prayer:** Wednesdays, 11:00am at the Borenstein home, 36 Pleasant Ridge Drive, led by Hindy Borenstein. Indulge your mind with thought-provoking insights from the weekly Torah portion and other contemporary issues, and indulge your body with a light and healthy lunch.

Please visit our website [www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)

### Congregation Shir Chadash

**Saturday Torah Study** Saturday, March & 17, 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish while enjoying a light breakfast. Everyone has a chance to participate. No expertise or knowledge of Hebrew is needed. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend. Bi monthly, check website calendar for exact dates.

For more information call (845) 232-1029, email [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org).

### Jewish Social Action Coalition announces Grant for its work with Morse Elementary School

The Jewish Social Action Coalition: a collaboration of area synagogues and the Harding Club is thrilled to announce that our group is the recipient of a very generous grant from the Jeannette F. Schlobach Fund of the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley. This grant, along with the continued generosity of our communities, will allow us to continue our collaboration to assist the students at Morse Elementary School in a variety of ways. We will be able to support more children and their families who need food—especially on weekends and school holidays. We will be able to better respond quickly to emergencies as they arise. This year, our grant request included aid for all parts of our project including helping children with school supplies, underwear and other clothing to help children stay safe and our newest literacy initiative - helping children utilize the school library and obtaining new, updated books (especially in areas of diversity and Spanish language). We work closely with the staff at the school in all we do. We are excited to hear that the students and their families are becoming more involved in helping with our project and gaining more agency. Our main goal is to help provide basic needs so that the wonderful students at this school can learn and succeed. If you would like to help in any aspect of this project, please contact us at [socialaction@tbeny.org](mailto:socialaction@tbeny.org) or talk to the social action chairperson at your synagogue.

### Notes from Dutchess County Interfaith Council

#### Announcement of new Executive Director:

DCIC began the year with a new Executive Director, Karen Dipnarine-Saroop. Karen has been an active member of the Dutchess County community for many years and is passionate about interfaith work. She has worked extensively at home and across the world in interfaith communication and cooperation. You may know her locally for her work in founding the Green Brain Initiative, initiating the Sacred Earth Festival and organizing several health and wellness fairs. Board president, Reverend Walter LeFlore, said, "We look forward with excitement to Ms. Dipnarine-Saroop's leadership in helping to expand our role as a unique community partner to bring a more visible religious, moral and ethical perspective to issues affecting our County."

Karen has degrees from India and the United Kingdom and is a member of the Public Relations Society of America, with Accreditation in Public Relations.

#### Annual Meeting:

Meet Karen, learn what the council is planning and bring your ideas to our Spring Annual Meeting, Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00pm at the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 Vassar Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

#### Story Circle:

Continuing a very successful story circle year, the next circle will be at our newest member congregation: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 204 Spackenkill Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Go to the council's website <https://www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org> or more information on this and other programs of the Council.

# Debbie's Voice



I've been staring out my kitchen window for the last several minutes, watching the snow fall. I'm a big fan of snow, especially when I'm in Florida or curled up on the couch, in front of a roaring fire, with a mug of tea and a good book. Today's weather (it's cold, snowy and the sky is a whitish gray blob) makes me long for Spring. Due to the deadline, I always write my column for the month ahead, so even though it's currently February, this column will be published in balmy March. So, to fight off the winter blahs and to help welcome in Spring, here's my favorite things about Spring...

1. The flowers that finally bloom. I'm not a gardener (my idea of enjoying nature is walking down the aisles in the health food store) but my mom has a serious green thumb and over the years, she's planted all sorts of flowers and plants around my property. There's no surer sign of spring then when those crocuses she planted start blooming,

2. It no longer gets dark at 5pm. I always feel like the hardest part of winter is that it's too dark for my kids to play outside for more than an hour after school.
3. Mud season! I lived in Vermont before moving to NY and I love mud season. There is nothing better than stomping or driving through a good mud puddle!
4. Baseball. Whether it's the Mets or my kid's playing on their teams, there's nothing more spring than baseball. Of course, by June I'm tired of having to schlep the kids all over town for practice and games and the Mets are in last place!
5. Spring Break. Vacation or staycation. It doesn't matter. It's always great to have some time off from school and work.
6. The birds return. I love to hear them chirping back and forth to each other.
7. Finally, being able to spend some quality time outside with my kids and catching up with all the neighbors...it's like bears waking up from hibernation!
8. All those new spring fashions - they're always so cheerful and happy. And by spring fashion, I mean that cheerful new shirt to wear with my yoga pants.
9. Knowing that flip-flop season is just around the corner.
10. People are just happier. Maybe it's the extra daylight or the lack of frigid weather, but people always seem to smile more in Spring.

So, here's wishing you all a healthy and happy spring!



## Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

### This month meet: Sharon Mosden

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

Sharon grew up in Queens. She and her siblings were raised conservative and orthodox. Unable to become a bat mitzvah because her orthodox synagogue was dismantled, she plans on becoming a bat mitzvah at some point in the nearish future. For now, Sharon is thinking of having a joint ceremony when her youngest son becomes a bar mitzvah.



Sharon Mosden

Growing up, Sharon's favorite holiday was Passover. She loved it because her family traveled to Long Island to spend time with her extended family. Her aunt and uncle belonged to a reform congregation and her family would join them for services there. Sharon always felt very comfortable there and especially enjoyed the musical atmosphere.

Now that she has her own children, Sharon's favorite holiday has become Rosh Hashanah. Sharon is married to her high-school sweetheart, Aelan, and they have 3 boys (ages 6, 8 and 11). She absolutely loves Temple Beth-El's Shofar on the Hudson. Her boys are all very proud to be raised Jewish and they enjoy sharing their experiences with their non-Jewish friends.

Sharon has been an elementary school teacher in the Arlington School District for almost 20 years. She currently teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Her favorite part of teaching "is helping students become passionate learners outside of the classroom." Over the past 20 years, teaching has changed. Her biggest challenge is balancing the student's needs with the high expectations of their parents. Sharon brings her traditional Jewish values into her classroom. She is very aware of cultural diversity (especially in an area with so little) and is sure to be sensitive to children fasting during Ramadan. She also has all of her students participate in a Thanksgiving Feast where each student brings a culturally-relative dish from home to share with the class.

Sharon moved back to Dutchess County 20 years ago. She loves all of the outdoor activities it provides, especially the drive-in theaters, parks and star gazing at night. There is one part of Dutchess County that she really hates - "the crappy bagels and pizza!" You can take the girl out of Queens but you can't take Queens out of the girl!

### The Private Herman Siegel Post 625 Announcement

With this year being the centennial of the end of World War I, the Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, of the Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America is attempting to develop a list of Dutchess County Jewish men and women who went off to serve their country in World War I.

We are seeking help and input from the public in this effort.

These people had to have been Dutchess County residents at the time of their enlistment.

The information we seek is:

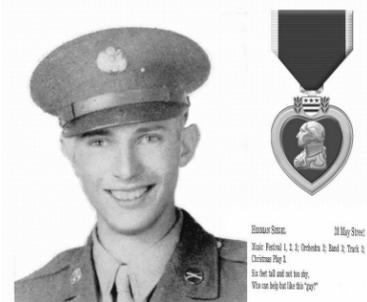
- Name
- Town or City of residence
- Branch of service
- Time in the service (if known)
- Any awards received from the service (if known)
- Any other pertinent information

It is our intent to give any list of Dutchess County Jewish World War I veterans that may be developed to the Dutchess County Historian. (We have already developed such a list for those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II. That list was developed from reviewing the two-volume set of books "American Jews in World War II" published in 1947.)

Please send all information to: Robert Rubin, Presiding Officer, Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, of the Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America.

Email qbee5@optonline.net

We thank the public in advance for any information provided.



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Place of Birth Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie, NY  
Graduated Poughkeepsie High School, June 1941  
Inducted into the Army in Upton, New York  
Date Killed in Action May 16, 1944  
Location Aviano, Italy  
Re-interred in Poughkeepsie, New York in 1947  
In the early 1960's the Army presented a replacement Purple Heart Medal to his father at a meeting of the Jewish Veterans of the United States, Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie. (The original Purple Heart Medal was stolen from the family home during a burglary.)

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# Rabbi's Blog

## How we practice as Jews in foreign lands

By Rabbi Daniel Victor

Many of you have probably spent time living abroad, have high school age children or know families who have kids that are thinking about spending time in Israel or in another country.



Rabbi Daniel Victor

Over the years, I have visited Jewish communities in places like England, Rome, Turkey and South Africa. When I was in South Africa in the Spring of 2007, I got a very different perspective on Jewish life in a country that wasn't the US and wasn't Israel. The most pronounced aspects of what defined them as a Jewish community was a successful integration into the work force, successful commerce and entrepreneurship, along with a significant commitment to the pursuit of social justice, a deep emphasis on Jewish education and a powerful sense of pride for Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael. Living in a Diaspora community in which Jews are strong yet small in number, the individual and collective ways by which identities are expressed can be key to Jewish survival and can lead to our people having a positive impact on the surrounding society and culture

Jews living in a Diaspora – this is not a new saga. Who are our famous biblical Jews who have had to live in foreign lands...Yes, Esther, Joseph, Moshe, Ruth, Naomi, Daniel, etc. How does our sacred literature tell their story? The realities facing these individuals were distinctly different from those of characters who lived in Eretz Yisrael like Deborah the Judge, David the king or Judah the Maccabee. Having lived in a minority culture under foreign rule may have led to certain challenges for them to which we can relate, and thus the choices they did or did not make can be quite instructive.

A professor I had in college, Dr. Marc Brettler, wrote a piece where he compared the book of Esther with the Book of Daniel. The Purim story was believed to have been put down on a scroll in the 4-5<sup>th</sup> century BCE, Brettler argues that while the Daniel narrative (a similar work to the Purim story) takes place in pre-Esther Babylonia, it was written down post-Esther. What do we know from the text of our Megillah about Esther's time in the palace? We know that Mordechai tells her not to reveal her identity as a Jew when she goes to enter the contest. And from that point on, the text says nothing about how she lived Jewishly while she was there. When Esther reveals her identity as a Jew, Haman and Achashverosh are pretty surprised. While there is no direct textual evidence that Esther engaged in Jewish ritual while in the Persian court, the text of the Daniel narrative says he, "made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself." Now if Daniel was written after the Book of Esther, it may come as no surprise that in works like the Septuagint (The Greek translation of the Bible) having Esther, like Daniel, refusing to eat certain forbidden foods. The Talmud (centuries later) tells us that Esther did in fact pray and that while she was in the Harem, she had her handmaidens keep track of the days of the week to know when Shabbat would fall.

We understand why commentators and authors since the megillah was written would have wanted Esther presented in a certain way, but the original author of the story seems to have had a different take on how one can practice Judaism in a foreign land. How Esther expressed her Judaism was different from Daniel, his was more public, while hers could have been more private. In the end, however, both acted *b'kiddushat hashem* (in the sanctification of the divine name) and they both brought honor and redemption to the Jewish people.

The story of Jews finding and choosing ways to live strong in foreign lands is both an ancient and modern story. Let us be grateful that today, unlike Jews of the past or even Jews today in countries other than America, our Diaspora allows us to think about and choose from among all the different ways there are for a Jew to practice his or her faith and commitment to Am Yisrael. Think about what a privilege it is to be able to discuss freely and openly how we express our faith in God and how we express our connection to the Jewish people; through ritual, worship, social action, professional success and political influence. Every day we, as Jews in the Diaspora, have to make decisions about how we live as Jews, where we work, how we worship, with whom we socialize and what behaviors we engage in publicly or privately and how they reflect our Jewish values. It is important to be conscious and proud of who we are. Are we Esther, are we Daniel, are we Moshe, are we Joseph? Our tradition says *Elu v'Elu divrei Elohim chayim*, these and these are the ways of the living God. Through this raised consciousness, our communities are strengthened to the point where even with different paths are being traveled, the possibility still exists for continuity of mission. This gives us power, power to raise ourselves up, the power to raise up others, and perhaps the power to alter the course of human events and one day have it be written down in a Megillah. Purim Sameach!

### First Night Community Seder at Vassar Temple March 30

Vassar Temple is sponsoring its 7<sup>th</sup> annual lay-led Seder on the first night of Passover, and the community is warmly invited to attend. Short and meaningful, the Seder service is appealing to both adults and children and followed by a delicious four-course kosher-style dinner with: matzah ball soup, appetizers, entrée choice of fish or rotisserie chicken, herbed vegetables, Pesach desserts, ritual wine, juice and soft drinks. Attendees may also bring their own wines.

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

This is not a fundraiser and the fees have been set to cover expenses. Cost is Adult: \$40; Age 5 to 13: \$12; Under age 5: free. If you cannot afford that fee, please contact us as support funds are available.

Due to the preparation and planning required, the RSVP deadline is March 20, and your payment is considered your reservation. Checks should be made out to Vassar Temple; in the memo area please note "Seder" and the number of adults and children. Please include your email address and indicate your entrée selection(s) of fish or chicken. Checks should be brought or mailed to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 so that they are received by March 20.

If you have any further questions, have any special dietary requirements, or would like financial assistance, please contact Ron Rosen at seder@vassar temple.org or 845-454-4936. This event is co-chaired by Polly Lewis and Ron Rosen.

#### DETAILS

Fri, March 30, 5:30pm at Vassar Temple Social Hall  
 RSVP & pay by March 20  
 Adult: \$40, Age 5-13: \$12, Under 5: Free; Financial assistance available  
 Questions: seder@vassar temple.org or 845-454-4936

# 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 Dr. Danny Szpiro, Dean of Marist College School of Professional Programs, who carved out a few minutes on route to the airport to answer my questions...

- 1. What is your favorite word?**  
*Not one I get to use often but I like the word penultimate. It's a word I try and use when I can; it's not because of its deep meaning...it's just a funny word that most people never hear so I think it's a blast.*
- 2. What is your least favorite word?**  
*Just a single word? Well, I guess my least favorite word is no because it's offered too often instinctively or defensively and both of those things are not necessarily the place to start a conversation.*
- 3. What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?**  
*I think I'm an academic and I focus on administrative roles in the academy. There's an opportunity to see how your work can help other people be successful and seeing the accomplishments of the students finish their programs turns me on.*
- 4. What turns you off?**  
*I think what turns me off is working with people who aren't problem solvers. People more interested in finding what's wrong with an idea, without thinking of any way forward, is a turn off.*
- 5. What is your favorite curse word?**  
*Well you know, I grew up in Quebec and in Quebec there are swear words that are completely unique to Quebec but most of them are tied to items from the Catholic church. My favorite swear word is Tabernacle. (Reporter's Note: You'll have to trust me, it sounds much more impressive with a French accent!)*
- 6. What sound or noise do you love?**  
*Gee, that's a good question. I enjoy writing with a fountain pen. I really like the sound the pen's nib makes as it makes its way across the paper. That scratching sound the nib makes sounds to me like inspiration or a great idea.*
- 7. What sound or noise do you hate?**  
*Hmmm. Let me think if I feel strongly enough about a sound or noise to say I hate it. Thankfully, I haven't heard it too often but the sound when you've rubbed your car against another car (that metal on metal sound)!.*
- 8. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*I would love to have the opportunity to clear my head and be a writer. Fun, fiction story-telling, nothing academic.*
- 9. What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**  
*I have no interest in ever being a politician. I think that is, even for the most-sincere person, it must be a process that wears you down.*
- 10. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
*We have been waiting for you!*



Dr. Danny Szpiro

\* Member of the Tribe

## Purim Schedule from Schomre Israel

Ta'anit Esther (Fast of Esther) - Wednesday, February 28  
 Fast begins: 5:22am  
 Fast ends: 6:27pm

Purim - Commences on Wednesday night, February 28  
 Mincha at 5:15pm. Maariv and Megillah reading 6:00pm  
 Refreshments will be served after the Megillah reading.

Purim Day—Thursday, March 1  
 Morning Service and Megillah reading 7:00am  
 Second Megillah Reading 9:30am

## Purim Celebration & Spiel at Congregation Shir Chadash

Celebrate Purim by enjoying a special Purim service and an original Purim Spiel on Friday, March 2 at 6:30pm.

If you love Purim and appreciate a unique take on things, this spiel is for you! Come and listen to the story you know, but with a different twist. Enjoy the fun, the music and, of course, delicious homemade Hamentaschen! (Costumes & hats optional). All welcome!

Please note the early time (to make it easier for families with young children to participate). For more information, please contact (845) 232-1029 email: info@shir-chadash.org. or www.shir-chadash.org.

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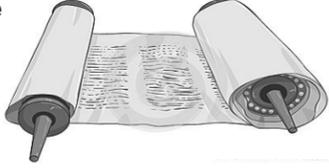
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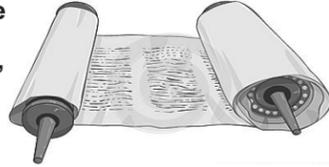
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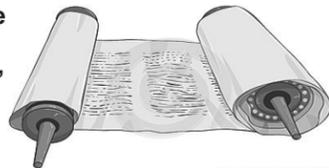
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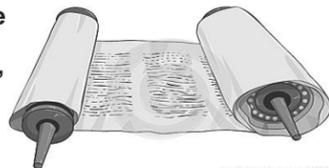
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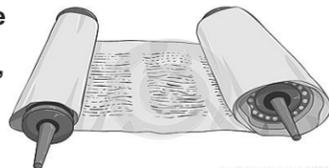
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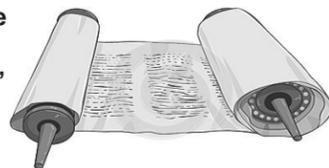
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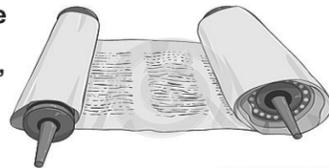
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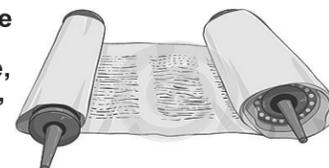
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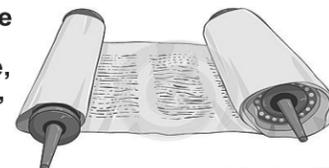
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## Passover Blessings



Frieda & Ed Gershuny

## Chag Pesach Sameach



Sandra & Harry Mamis

## Passover Blessings



Brenda & Ted Baker and Family

Passover Greetings  
Team Silbergleit

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Irene & Eric Brooks and Family

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Elaine & Aaron Blum and Family

Passover Greetings  
Jill & Ira Auerbach

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Nextyear in Jerusalem  
Miriam, Eric, Callie & Liza Goldstone

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Miriam & Frank Rubin

# Passover Personal Greetings

*Passover Greetings*  
 Miriam & Burt Gold  
 and Family

*Passover Greetings*  
 Judy & Alan  
 Fox

*Passover Greetings*  
 Ellen & Lawrence  
 Danziger

*Passover Greetings*  
 Elaine  
 Lipschutz

*Passover Greetings*  
 Barbara & Bernie  
 Cohen

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 Sharon & Hal Warren

*Passover Greetings*  
 Muriel & Matt  
 Lampell

*Passover Greetings*  
 Pam & Sol  
 Resnikoff

*Passover Greetings*  
 Lori, Elliot,  
 Bradley, Adam  
 & Jenna Levine

*Passover Greetings*  
 Ellen, Victor, Edward &  
 Benjamin Stern

**Happy Passover**  
 Marianne & Bob  
 and  
 Family

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Anita & Ed  
 Lester and Family

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Adrienne London  
 and Dr. Robert  
 Roeshman D.O.

**Shalom  
 at Pesach!**

Eleanor & Marty  
 Korfman

**Happy Passover**  
 Arlene & Ronald  
 Scheinzeit

**Happy Passover**  
 Karen & Jack  
 Fein

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Roz & Dan  
 Ashley

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Candy & Lou  
 Lewis

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Barbara & Irwin  
 Lifshey

**Happy Passover**  
 Amy, Steve,  
 Lindsay &  
 Hannah  
 Effron

**Happy Passover**  
 The Hankin  
 Family

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Judy & Herb  
 Dym

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Carole & Stu  
 Chimkin

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Ruth & Donald  
 Klein and Family

**Happy Passover**  
 Deanie Gordon,  
 Levine, Israel  
 and Gordon  
 Families

**Happy Passover**  
 Jane & Steven  
 Idell

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Marcy & George  
 Marlow

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

The Gorin  
 Family

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

The Kerchman  
 Family

**Happy Passover**  
 Sheila & Marty  
 Zweifler

**Happy Passover**  
 Drs. Miriam &  
 Maury Lacher

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Neil & Elyse  
 Mansfield

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Roni, Charles &  
 Joe Stein

Peace to you  
 this Passover!

Suzanne & Don  
 Turrisi

**Happy Passover**  
 Evelyn & Oscar  
 Weiss

**Happy Passover**  
 Joan & David  
 Posner

## March Madness

By Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Education Director & Cantor Devorah Gartner, Youth & B'nai Mitzvah Director

When Purim is on the very first day of March, the difference between the solar and lunar cycles seems especially vast. As March roars in like a lion, we are already folding our costumes and putting away our masks for another year.

It is wonderful when we all get together for the Community Purim Carnival. As always, a good time was had by all at this year's event, which was held at Temple Beth-El. There were parades, prizes, games, candy-grams and lots of hamantaschen.

At Temple Beth-El, the annual Megillah reading and Purim Spiel brought a sweet twist to the Purim story, retold through the lens of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In addition, jokes and shtick by our clergy & megillah readers ensured that everyone enjoyed the festivities. As always, our megillah reading concluded with an ice cream and hamantaschen party.

The Youth Group, with the assistance of the entire Geshher Hebrew High School student body, packed over 200 mishloach manot baskets. This project brings joy and delicious treats to our entire Temple Beth-El community, while raising money for donations to tzedakah, locally and in Israel, as well as providing scholarship funds for students to attend regional Jewish Youth programming and camps.

Under the guidance of Craig Gittelman and Cantor Devorah Gartner, Geshher students are preparing to participate in the annual Community Holocaust Commemoration on Wednesday, April 11 at Dutchess Community College. This year, the students will be presenting selections from the music, drama and art of the Holocaust.

Shabbat School continues through mid-March for all students and families. Join us for Rabbi Victor's weekly Shabbat morning schmooze from 9:30-10:15am at the Boker Tov Café in the lobby. And don't miss our interactive family program on Pesach.

Springing ahead means that it is time to say shalom to Shabbat School and return to our Sunday School programming model. Our classes from Club Katan (PreK) through B'nai Mitzvah (7<sup>th</sup> grade) will prepare for Pesach. Our Ivrit program (grades 3-7) begins to practice for our combined Kabbalat Shabbat programs, in partnership with Congregation Shir Chadash.

All are welcome to join us for Shabbat Together-intergenerational Friday Night Dinner for families with kids, and Bubbes and Zaydes too. The next dinner will take place on Friday, March 16. Join us for activities, Shabbat preparation, a simple family-friendly Shabbat meal and a musical program with Rabbi Daniel Victor and Rabbi Miriam Hyman. Let Rabbi Miriam know if you would like to participate [education@tbeny.org](mailto:education@tbeny.org).

When March gambols away like the proverbial lamb, we know Pesach will arrive. Soon we will step into spring like Nachshon into the parting waters of the Red Sea, and head for Mount Sinai.

### Temple Beth-El Stories, Songs, Torah & Fun! Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Neal

Join the community for Shabbat Kiddush afterwards. Parents and children ages 0-6 (and their siblings) are welcome! Bring friends!

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



# Make Your Own Matzo!

**at Beacon  
Hebrew Alliance**

**Sunday, March 25, 1:30- 3:30pm**

**331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon**

Using wheat grown on our farm in the Hudson Valley, we'll learn how to winnow, thresh, grind and bake homemade Matzo from scratch!

- For children ages 2-8
- Passover storytime with PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley
- Connect with other young families from the community
- Event is \$5 per family



This program is made possible through a grant from PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and PJ Library Alliance partners.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### CHABAD MID-HUDSON VALLEY

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

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

### RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

Monday, 4:00-5:30pm

Tiny Tots Division	ages 1-5
Intermediate Division	ages 6-10
Bar and Bat Mitzvah	ages 11-13

For information, contact Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht, Director (845) 876-7666 or [tziviehecht@gmail.com](mailto:tziviehecht@gmail.com)

### SHIR CHADASH

Congregation Shir-Chadash religious school will be entering the second trimester of their new curriculum, *Studying & Having Fun with Bible Stories*. Member families' children from Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grades are welcome to attend at no charge for a full year. New enrollments always welcome.

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

For information, contact Sue Marcoe (845) 723-4045, [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

### TEMPLE BETH-EL

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

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

Wednesday, March 7, 14, 21, 28  
Geshher Youth Program 6:30-8:30pm,  
grades 8-12

Saturday, Shabbat School  
9:30am-12:30pm, grades PreK-6

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

Sunday, Judaic Studies  
9:30am-12:30pm, grades PreK-6

For information, contact (845) 454-0570 or [education@tbeny.org](mailto:education@tbeny.org)

### VASSAR TEMPLE

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

Sunday Religious School  
Sundays, No class March 28  
9:00am-12:00pm, grades K-7

Hebrew Language School  
Wednesdays, No class March 11, 25,  
4:30pm-6:30pm, grades 4-7

Special Intergenerational Shabbat Experience  
Sat, March 10, 9am – 12pm

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

For info contact Julie Makowsky, Director (845) 454-2570 or [rsdirector@vassartemple.org](mailto:rsdirector@vassartemple.org)

# הַבְּדִלָּה havdalah *seperation*

## Havdalah Candle Braiding

Start with some thin candles. longer, thin, Chanukah candles work or buy long, thin tapers.

Wait for a warm sunny day. Place the candles in a disposable foil pan and place in the sun. The temperature will determine how long it will take for the candles to get soft. Be careful they don't melt too much or you'll have a runny mess! They should just be soft enough to be flexible so you are able to braid.



These can also be placed in a microwave oven for two minutes or so (again, every oven is different so you'll have to experiment) just until they are soft enough to braid. Work quickly before the wax starts to harden.



Older children can join in making these...as long as they know how to braid. Lay the three candles next to each other and pinch them together at the bottom, braid, right over the middle, left over the middle, until you reach the wicks. [www.designmegillah.com](http://www.designmegillah.com)



Melinda Kim Emily Bekah

In February, PJ Library families received a special gift in their book envelopes, Havdalah scratch and sniff cards. To follow up on that short introduction to Havdalah we are sharing this from the PJ Library web page's Havdalah Hub.

"Each Friday evening families around the world bring in Shabbat with favorite foods, company for dinner, and blessings over candles, wine or grape juice, and challah. Havdalah, or "separation" in Hebrew, is Shabbat's closing ritual, when three stars appear on Saturday evening. In a simple multi-sensory ceremony, with blessings over lights, wine or grape juice, and spices, Havdalah is an inspiring way to end Shabbat and start the new week as a family.

However your family chooses to make Shabbat special, Havdalah marks a transition back into "everyday time." Havdalah is the shuttle flight, sweet-and-a-little-sad, that lets you down on the other side. Per ritual minute, Havdalah is probably the most beautiful - and most distilled - of all Jewish traditions. No meal, no prayer service. A few minutes of spirit served straight up.

For young kids, Havdalah is a memorable send-off to bed, with flames and spices still dancing in their heads. But for parents it's something else: a lovely mini-ritual that often gives a quick injection of energy with which to start the week.

With light, fragrance, a sweet sip, and a shout-out to Elijah the Prophet, the upshot of Havdalah is that we begin a new week believing in the best possible future - a good way to start the week.

Set up is easy. You need:

- **A cup of grape juice or wine** (a Kiddush cup is customary, but any cup will do)
- **Pleasant-smelling spices** (in a jar, from the garden, in a spicebox - however your family prefers)
- **A multi-wick candle** (a braided Havdalah candle or any two candles with wicks held together)

To create the right mood, it's nice to lower the lights or turn them off completely, so the flames of the Havdalah candle can cast their spell. Each person has a "job"-- one holds the lit candle, one holds the spices and another holds the cup of grape juice or wine.

You can learn the blessings over wine, spices, fire, and a final blessing, and end Havdalah with the song "*Eliyahu Hanavi*" (Elijah the Prophet) at [www.pjlibrary.org/havdalahhub](http://www.pjlibrary.org/havdalahhub). Elijah is the symbol of human redemption, and reminds us of the world we strive for each new week - a world of peace, compassion and justice."

Look for several local Havdalah programs with PJ Library and community partners in the coming weeks including a two hour Havdalah Workshop with Eden Village Farm to be held in New Paltz in April.

We welcomed Bekah Starr back to our PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley Team in February as our Neighborhood Liaison for Southern Dutchess County and welcomed Jessa Kwon to her new position as volunteer Neighborhood Captain.

Let us know how we can create the program you are looking for at [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org). and look for programming details on our Facebook Page, PJ Library-Mid Hudson Valley.

We will see you soon!

Your PJ Library Mid-Hudson Team,  
Melinda, Kimberly, Emily, and Bekah

## Eden Village Camp Receives PJ Library Grant Grant will strengthen social connections and increase opportunities for Jewish experiences and learning across the United States and Canada

Putnam Valley, NY - Mid Hudson Valley area families raising Jewish children will have more opportunities to participate in Jewish life, thanks to a grant recently awarded by PJ Library®, the flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, which provides free books to families raising Jewish children all over the world.

Eden Village Camp received \$15,000 to **launch Roots and Shoots Shabbat**, which will run Farm-based, experiential Jewish Holiday programming for children ages 2-8.

PJ Library Alliance Spark Engagement Grants support new or expanded initiatives to create engagement opportunities for families raising young Jewish children across North America. The selected grants support the growing field of Jewish farming and focus, in particular, on using farms as platforms for Jewish education and engagement. These innovative approaches are designed to engage families who are not regularly participating in Jewish or PJ Library programming.

"Eden Village is honored to receive this grant and thrilled by the opportunity to bring farm-based experiential education to our local Hudson Valley Jewish Community" **Ayelet Singer, Farm Director, Eden Village Camp.**

"PJ Library's impact goes well beyond the more than 180,000 books we send out each month across the United States and Canada," said Judi Wisch, director of community engagement for PJ Library. "We have worked closely with our local partners for years to help advance Jewish family engagement, and now we are able to add financial support to help ensure the success of great initiatives."

Part of a 5-year strategy to expand Jewish engagement in North America, these grants are funded through the PJ Library Alliance. Partners in the Alliance are the Azrieli Foundation; Carl and Joann Bianco; the Crown Family; William Davidson Foundation; William and Audrey Farber Philanthropic Fund; Genesis Philanthropy Group; Diane and Guildford Glazer/Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles; Jim Joseph Foundation; The Marcus Foundation, Inc.; Howard and Geraldine Polinger Family Foundation; Mike and Sofia Segal Family Foundation; Susser Family Trust; Walter, Arnee, Sarah, and Aaron Winshall; Zucker Family Foundation; and two anonymous partners.

### Not a part of PJ Library yet?

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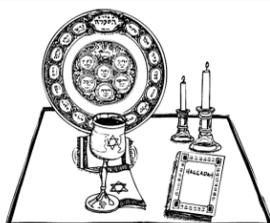
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May you and  
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## The Federation Board's Voice



Jack Fein

It is a privilege for me to join the Board of the Federation this year, as we look forward to celebrating the 70th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. Despite its incredible growth and development, Israel faces an increasingly sophisticated assault on its right to exist as a sovereign, Jewish state. In global politics and throughout academia, attempts at delegitimization of Israel continue. The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement continues to spread these anti-Israel messages nationally and has more recently surfaced here at home.

As the umbrella organization for Jewish institutions in the Hudson valley, the Federation coordinates our common efforts for Israel advocacy. We look forward to a local gala on May 3rd which will underscore our commitment to Israel's future. Additionally, as a part of the Jewish Federation of North America and allied with the Jewish Council of Public Affairs, we can advocate for Israel every day through the Israel Action Network. The IAN was created to educate, organize and mobilize the organized North American Jewish community. It develops strategic approaches to countering assaults on Israel and develops innovative efforts to change the conversation about Israel.

Its goal is two states for two people.

I was a Board member of the JCPA in support of the IAN and its early development. I am hopeful that this collaborative effort will have a meaningful application to our local Israel advocacy efforts in the Hudson Valley.

Dr. Jack Fein

## Our Executive Director



This past month, February, I had the honor, privilege and pleasure of attending the Jewish Federations' JFNA Professional Institute. The conference, held in Houston, was attended by close to 300 Jewish Federation professionals from all over North America. When initially I learned about my attending this conference, I must confess that I felt a little giddy, just like a teenager knowing about an upcoming USY conference, but for adults. I was not certain what to expect but had great hopes and high expectations about the learning and Jewish community bonding experience I was anticipating. To say that the event exceeded my expectations is an understatement.

Similar to most conferences, there were certain activities in which we were all together, like when the Houston team took us all to the hurricane damaged JCC and shared their horrific experience and devastation that occurred during Hurricane Harvey—a story for a later time.

The majority of the conference sessions were tracks based on function or interdisciplinary interests and needs. I was honored to be part of a team of 22 Executive Directors from "small Federations" from all across America (the total number of "small" Federations is 67). Being new to this group, I was overwhelmed how everyone was so welcoming and helpful. People offered to answer every question I had, share their materials, best practices, approaches and lessons learned. They all encouraged me to use them as a resource and have already provided us with a number of ways to help make our local

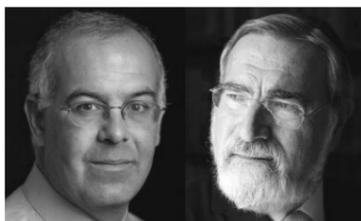
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### 92nd Street Y

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

**Thursday, March 15, 7pm, Boardman Road Branch Library**  
**David Brooks with Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks: Finding a Moral Compass in Challenging Times**

David Brooks has been an Op-Ed columnist for *The New York Times* since 2003. He's a commentator on PBS's *NewsHour*, NPR's *All Things Considered* and NBC's *Meet the Press*. His most recent book is *The Road to Character* (2015), and named as one of the best books of the year by *The Economist*. Other recent books include the novel *The Well-Kept Secret* (2013) and *The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement* (2011). David Brooks worked at *The Washington Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, serving as a foreign correspondent and then op-ed editor. He was also a senior editor at *The Weekly Standard* and contributing editor to *The Atlantic* and *Newsweek*. He teaches at Yale University and is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.



An international religious leader, philosopher, award-winning author and respected moral voice, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks was recently named the winner of the 2016 Templeton Prize. He served as the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth from 1991 to 2013 and has taught at various academic institutions; he is currently the Ingeborg and Ira Rennert Global Distinguished Professor at New York University. Rabbi Sacks is the author of more than 30 books; his most recent is *Not in God's Name*, which was awarded a 2015 National Jewish Book Award in America and was a top ten *Sunday Times* bestseller in the UK. He is sought after as a contributor to radio, television and the press, and he has been awarded 17 honorary doctorates. In 1995 Rabbi Sacks received the Jerusalem Prize for his contribution to diaspora Jewish life, and in 2005 he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

**Thursday, April 19, 7pm, Boardman Road Branch Library**  
**Inside the Mossad: Ronen Bergman in Conversations with David Sanger**

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**Thursday, May 17, 7pm, Boardman Road Branch Library**  
**Building Culture: Architects on the Social and Cultural Impact of Their Work**

We are experiencing a unique cultural moment wherein a critical examination of our museums, monuments and arts institutions is no longer optional, but compulsory. The discussion will explore the responsibility of the architect today and the task of interpreting our legacy for future generations.



**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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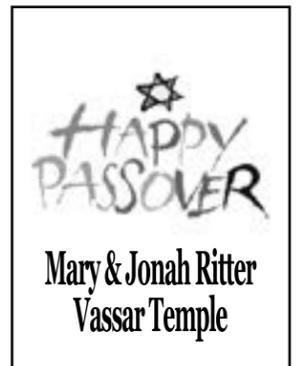
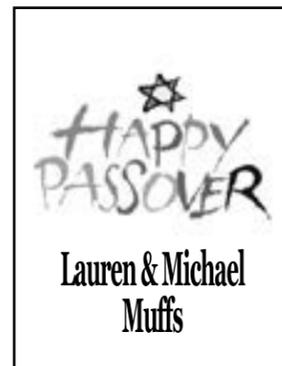
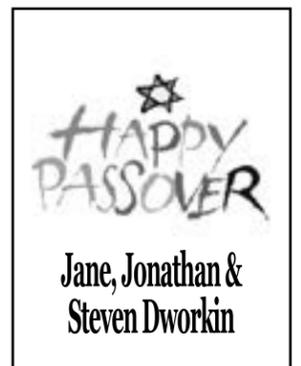
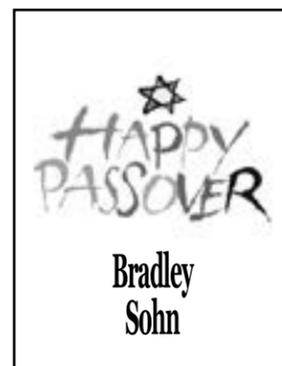
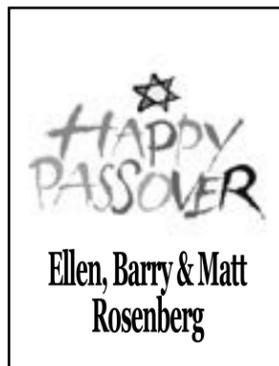
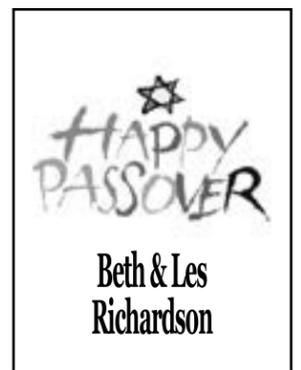
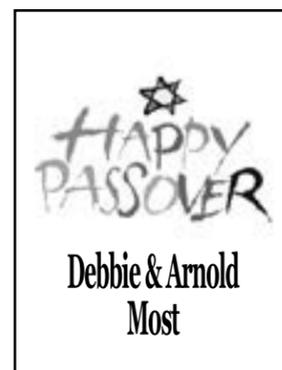
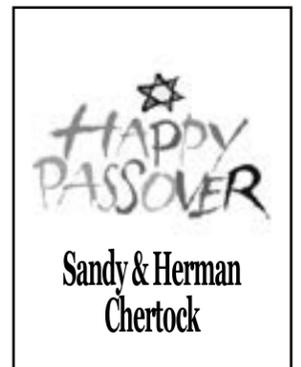
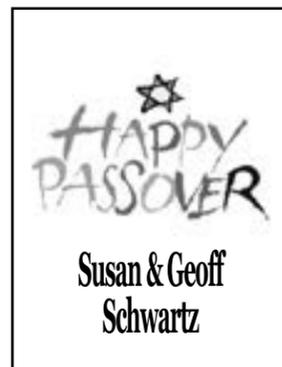
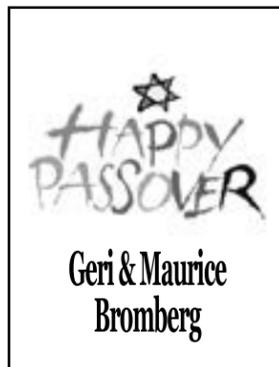
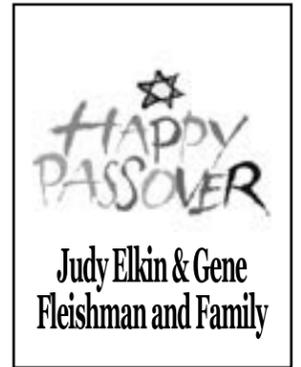
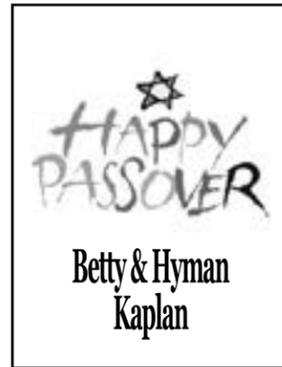
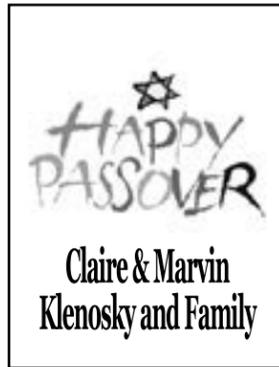
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Federation even stronger (e.g., help with creation of engagement survey, ways to enhance each event experience, social media approaches to help us culturally unite the Jewish community of Dutchess County, etc.).

Not only did I walk away with a new group of friends that I am blessed to have met, but equally if not more importantly, a network of seasoned professionals that are a phone call away and willing and ready to help us achieve our goals.

Best wishes,

Karen Hochhauser,  
Executive Director of Jewish Federation of Dutchess County



**Movie Night at Schomre**

Please visit [www.schomreisreal.org](http://www.schomreisreal.org) to find out what movie will be shown

Enjoy popcorn, beverage and the movie.

**DETAILS**  
March 17, 8:15pm at the synagogue. A donation of \$5 is suggested. All are welcome.

**Schomre Israel Post Purim Dinner**

The Sisterhood of Congregation Schomre Israel will host a post Purim/Shabbat dinner.

You can expect great food and an extension of the festive atmosphere of Purim at the dinner.

**DETAILS**  
Friday, March 2, following 5:30pm services. Reservations must be made by Feb. 19. The cost of the dinner is \$36 for adults and \$15 for children from ages 2 to 12. To make reservations contact the synagogue at [schomre1@aol.com](mailto:schomre1@aol.com) or call (845) 454-2890. All are welcome.

**Beautify Your Passover Table**

Sisterhood of Schomre Israel will be selling floral centerpieces to enhance your Seder table or to bring as a gift to your Seder host.

**DETAILS**  
The price is \$25 which must be prepaid by March 23. Pickup of the flowers will be on Friday, March 30 between 9:00-10:00am at the synagogue on 18 Park Ave., Poughkeepsie. To order contact the synagogue office at (845) 454-2890 or Cassia Brown at (845) 452-8317.

**Save The Date!**

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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: March 4, April 8 at 9:30am. 18 Park Ave. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer [qbee5@optonline.net](mailto:qbee5@optonline.net)

**Tiny Temple Passover**

Please join us for Tiny Temple's free Passover event at Vassar Temple. The tots will learn about Passover through crafts, story and song in a relaxed and friendly setting, and a special holiday snack will be served.

Parents, grandparents, families and children ages infant to 5 are warmly invited to join in the fun. Tiny Temple is open to all regardless of temple affiliation, is always free of charge, and is sponsored by the Sisterhood.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, March 18, 10:30am-11:30am. To assist in our planning, please RSVP to Emma Arnoff and Jas Russo at: [tinytemple@vassartemple.org](mailto:tinytemple@vassartemple.org). They will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about this wonderful, free, monthly program, and to put you on the Tiny Temple e-mail list. Additional information is available at [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org) or by calling the Temple Office at (845) 454-2570.

**It's Coming...Summer & Baseball**

August 19 is Jewish Heritage Night at Renegades Stadium. Gates open at 3:30pm and game begins at 5:05pm.

Several packages available including tickets, food and souvenirs. Save the date and plan to join us, Stacey Gamberg is the coordinator. More information coming soon.

**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, March 3, 17 10:00am. For info, contact Rabbi Leah Berkowitz: [rabbil@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbil@vassartemple.org), email Marian Schwartz: [mschwa9882@aol.com](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com) or call the temple office (845) 454-2570.

**Advocate in Albany**

Reform Jewish Voice of New York State (RJVS), Judaism's progressive voice for social justice in the state, needs your voice when we return to Albany on Monday, March 12, 2018, where we will be part of an intergenerational force lobbying for:

- Early voting and the NY Votes Act
- Reproductive choice
- Expanding anti-discrimination laws
- Clean energy
- Protecting public education
- Ending the unjust money bail system

Register for the Annual Advocacy Day ASAP at [rjvnys.org/aad](http://rjvnys.org/aad). Howard Susser, a member of Vassar Temple, is involved and will be happy to answer your questions. Message him at [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

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## Sunday

**Bagels, Lox, Torah (Tefellin 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 Schomre Israel K4 Meeting** (Koffee, Kibitz, Kvetch Klub) March 25, 9:30am, continuing discussion on the direction of the group.  
**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.  
**Temple Beth-El Board Meeting** March 12, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

## 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** March 2, 9, 16, 23, 7:30pm, evening service with Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg. All welcome.  
**Joint Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Congregation Shir Chadash & Temple Beth-El** March 23, 7:30pm, Shir Chadash Interim Home. Service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang & Rabbi Victor. Followed by community Oneg. All are welcome.  
**Vassar Temple Shabbat** March 2, 9, 23, 7:30pm.  
**Vassar Temple Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour** March 16 7:30pm service, 6:00pm Happy Hour  
**Temple Beth-El Evening Service** each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service. All welcome.  
**Temple Beth-El Shabbat Intergenerational Family Program** March 2, 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** March 3, 17, 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** March 3, 17, 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** March 3,17, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels and coffee prior to service. All welcome to attend.  
**Celebrate Passover at Congregation Shir Chadash** March 17, 11:30am. Congregation Shir Chadash will be having a Family Seder. The tots class (K-1st grade), under the tutelage of Leah Polish, will participate in the Seder by reciting the four questions. The older children will also be taking part in the Seder's rituals. The program is geared towards all ages and all are welcome! For more info, contact Sue Marcoe, School Director, (845) 723-4045, email info@shir-chadash.org. or website: www.shir-chadash.org.  
**Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** March 3, 17, 10:00am.  
**Vassar Temple Shabbat morning Torah Service** March 24 10:00am.  
**Vassar Temple Intergenerational Shabbat Experience** March 10 9:00am-12:00pm.  
**Temple Beth-Shabbat Morning Service** every week, 9:30am, Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.  
**Temple Beth-El Tot Shabbat, Kid-Dish and Kadimah** March 24, April 14, 11:00am, Families with young children can join us for a bimonthly 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.  
**Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night** March 17, 8:15pm. Consult www.schomreisrael.org for movie title \$5 suggested donation.

# Out of Area

### Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

23 Albany Ave, Kingston NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 www.templemanuelkingston.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** March 10, 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, 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.

**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.

**Lunch with Rabbi Romer and Guests** March 6, 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for a hot luncheon with discussion following.

**Rosh Chodesh** The third Tuesday of each month 7:00pm-9:00pm. Explore your female voice in Jewish Traditions.

**Congregation Trip to Israel** April 23—May 3 Information available at www.cehv.org

**Women's Seder** Sunday, March 18, 5:00pm, \$10 donation benefits the Sisterhood. Veggie/dairy potluck with no Chametz. Bring a bottle of wine/juice to share with your table.

**2nd Night Seder** Saturday, March 31, this year's theme is Undocumented Immigrants. RSVP to (845)338-4271

**The Jewish Federation of Ulster County and Bowery Dugout cooking demonstration with Bruce Paley** Menu: quinoa salad, pasta contadinesca, wine and dessert. Wednesday, March 14, 6:00pm at Bowery Dugout, 857 Ulster Ave, Kingston. Minimum Donation \$54 per person, limit 30 people. RSVP by March 5, pay by check mail checks to 1 Albany Ave Suite G-10 or phone (845) 338-8131 or online ucjf.org. All proceeds from the event will be used to benefit the Federation's PJ Library program.

# Calendar

## March

### 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](http://www.beaconhebrewalliance.org)  
 Email: [411@beaconhebrewalliance.org](mailto: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](http://www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com)  
 Email: [ChabadMidhudsonVly@prodigy.net](mailto: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](http://www.CongBethDavid.org)  
 Email: [JonRab33@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.schomreisrael.org)  
 Email: [Schomre1@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.shir-chadash.org)  
 Email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org)  
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm; bimonthly Saturday children's religious school, 9:00am, Torah study, 9:15

**The Rhinebeck Jewish Center**  
 102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck (845) 876-7666  
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht and Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht  
 Website: [www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](http://www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com)  
 Email: [RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@tbeny.org)  
 Website: [www.tbeny.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.vassartemple.org)  
 Email: [Office@VassarTemple.org](mailto:Office@VassarTemple.org) or [rabbil@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbil@vassartemple.org)  
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah study Saturday, 9:00am. New Paths 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted

### March Candle Lighting

- March 2 ..... 5:29pm
- March 9 ..... 5:37pm
- March 16 ..... 6:45pm
- March 23 ..... 6:53pm
- March 30 ..... 7:01pm
- March 31 ..... 8:02pm

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Vassar Temple Sisterhood, Family & Friends at Lunch Box



On Shabbat Shira, members of Vassar Temple joined Cantorial Intern, Laura Stein, in her "Sermon in Song" celebrating the musical legacy of Debbie Friedman.



Rabbi Leah Berkowitz presides at the Intergenerational Tu B'Shevat Seder held at Vassar Temple.



Vassar Temple held its annual Souper Sale fundraiser, enabling them to purchase and deliver cases of chunky deluxe soup to Dutchess Outreach, Community Action Partnership for its multiple food pantries, Interfaith Towers senior housing and Morse Elementary School's food pantry.



Shown is the soup delivery team Perla Kaufman, Jim Robinowitz, Joel Kelson, and Marian Schwartz with project coordinator and Religious School Committee Chair, Shaari Roland



On Sunday, Jan. 14 Sybil Silver spoke at Schomre Israel. She is a founder of the Jewish Heritage Foundation whose mission is to return Judaica stolen by the Nazis to Jewish communities.



Vassar Temple Sisterhood led members of the congregation and students of the religious school in baking hamantaschen to share with the home bound, students away at college and for everyone to enjoy at the upcoming Purim spiel. .



Schomre Israel hamantaschen factory



Congregation Shir Chadash Tu Bishvat Seder and Religious School students doing a play.



**FDR 136th Birthday Celebration in the Rose Garden**  
Past Post Commander Ralph Schwartz is saluting and Chief of Staff Martin Hochhauser is placing a stone on FDR's headstone in the typical Jewish tradition of remembering a departed person.

Note the West Point cadets in the background. It was an inspiring moment watching the formality of the cadets marching into the Rose Garden to the beat of a solitary Army drummer.



Grace Bass, one of our volunteer teachers, chanting from the Torah with the religious school children and friends around her.



Temple Beth-El hosted a Kadima overnight



Geshur Teen program at dinner