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Shabbat service including Q & A between Anita and clergy.
Lunch follows with talk by the author at Temple Beth-El.

Sunday, April 15
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From The Red Tent to The Boston Girl: Why I Write Historical Fiction.
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The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County presents weekly cultural, social and educational programs.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS

- April 4** **Closed for Passover**
- April 11** **What makes Jewish Humor Humorous?** with Rabbi Jon Haddon of Congregation Beth David in Amenia
Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert
- April 18** **Hearing Wellness** - with Chaim Keren
Chaim will help us discover ways to help our hearing.
Menu: Shepherds Pie with potato, coffee/tea, dessert
- April 25** **Real Estate:** 6 weeks, 6 months, or 6 years with Karla Rauch
Karla will give us tips for effective real estate planning.
Menu: Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, coffee/tea, dessert

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12:30pm —Lunch

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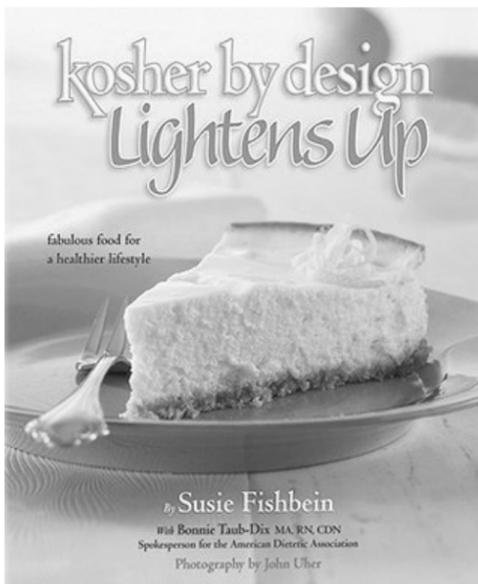


Book & Gift Shops

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

The Temple Beth-El Judaica Book and Gift Shops will have Sunday hours, 9:30am to 12:30pm, on April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 13, 20, and also by appointment. The Shops will be closed April 1, May 6, 27. Plan now for upcoming B'nai Mitzvot, birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, and other special occasions.

The Judaica Bookshop is featuring "Kosher by Design" Cookbook Series by Susie Fishbein. Her cookbooks include "Kosher by Design...Lightens Up" which highlights "Fabulous food for a healthier lifestyle,"



and "Kosher by Design: Kids in the Kitchen," where recipes include photos, step-by-step instructions, equipment and ingredient lists.



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.

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, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, (No Class April 3, Chol Hamoed Passover) 10:30am. Class and discussion April 10—Is there a kosher pig?, April 17—Jewish doctors, April 24—Is poetry Jewish?, May 1—May flours (yes, that's the spelling).

Classes with Rabbi Langer Thursday, April 12, 19, 26, May 3, (No class April 5, Chol Hamoed Passover) 7:00pm. April 12—Yom HaShoah Program viewing *Women in Gold*, April 19—Yom HaAtzmaut program, April 26—Unfit for office, May 3—L'ag BaOmer-Burning desire.

Classes are free. All are welcome. Visit our website, www.schomreisrael.org for a full complement of recordings of previous classes of the following topics: books of the Bible, controversial issues in Israel, new perspectives on the holidays, Jewish biographies, crash course on Jewish history and more.

For information on weather cancellations and class schedules visit www.schomreisrael.org or call (845) 454-2890.

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text, Tuesday, April 10, 24, 12:00pm. Taught by Senior Scholar, Rabbi Paul Golomb. All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes--no previous training required! No charge to attend. Questions? pjgolomb@verizon.net

Torah Study every Saturday, (No class April 14), 9:00am, with Rabbi Leah Berkowitz. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah.

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

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

Adult Discovery Course, Jewish History, Spiritually and Practice

Adult discovery course for both non-Jews journeying towards conversion and Jews looking to strengthen their basic Jewish foundations. Class meetings will be determined 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 this meaningful experience with you.

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

Congregation Shir Chadash

Saturday Torah Study Saturday, April 7, 21, 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 or www.shir-chadash.org.

Women's Friendships Compared to Men's: Deborah Tannen Speaks April 29

Vassar Temple Sisterhood is proud to announce that this year's Doris and Fannie Berlin Lecture will feature Deborah Tannen, author of the #1 New York Times best seller *You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation*, the book that brought gender differences in communication style to the forefront of public awareness. The community is invited to join us for an exciting opportunity to hear this uniquely entertaining and engaging speaker on Sunday, April 29, at 4:00pm in Vassar Temple, when she will talk about women's friendships, as compared to men's--the topic of her recently published twelfth book, *You're the Only One I Can Tell: Inside the Language of Women's Friendships*.



Dr. Tannen, a professor of linguistics at Georgetown University, is a frequent guest on TV shows like *20/20*, *Today*, *The PBS News Hour*, and *Good Morning America*, as well as such radio programs as NPR's *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*. She is also a featured writer for such newspapers and magazines as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Atlantic*. For more info about the program, please contact sisterhood@vassatemple.org.

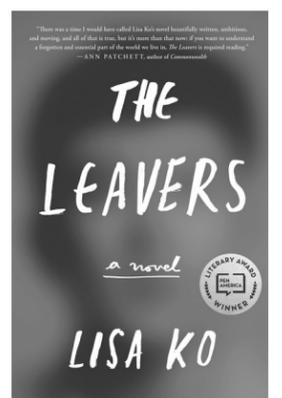
Vassar Temple Sisterhood Book Club to Discuss *The Leavers* on April 12

Vassar Temple's Sisterhood book club will discuss *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko, winner of the 2016 PEN/Bellwether prize for fiction that addresses issues of social justice. One morning, Deming Guo's mother, an undocumented Chinese immigrant, goes to her job at a nail salon, and never returns home. No one can find any trace of her.

With his mother gone, eleven year old Deming is left with no one to care for him. He is eventually adopted by two white college professors who move him from the Bronx to a small town upstate. They rename him Daniel Wilkinson, in their efforts to make him over into their version of the "all American boy."

Set in New York and China, *The Leavers* is a story of how one boy comes into his own when everything he's loved has been taken away – and how a mother learns to live with the mistakes of her past. This powerful debut novel is available through the local library system.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 12 at 2:00 P.M. in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Muriel Lampell will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at (845) 473-7931 or linda.babas.41@gmail.com. As always, your book suggestions for future meetings are welcome.



Debbie's VOICE



For the past dozen years or so, Team Silbergleit has hosted the Passover Seder. Over the years, we've established our own set of traditions. It's a loud, fun and crazy evening surrounded by lots of family, friends, food, wine and whine (there's at least 8 kids!). We try and follow the *Sammy the Spider Hagaddah* but have never made it all the way through. Everyone, especially the kids, participates whether reading, singing or asking questions.

Last year, for the first time my youngest son, Colby, was able to read the four questions. My husband always hides enough affikomens for every child and always forgets where he hid at least one.

Last year, after it became quite clear that Colby was not going to outgrow his life-threatening food allergies any time soon, we decided to make our Seder completely Colby safe too. Colby safe means food cannot contain any form of dairy, eggs, peanuts or tree nuts. I made vegan matzah balls (surprisingly good!), nut-free charoset, vegan kugel and meregne cookies made from aquafava. The joy on Colby's face seeing everything on the table safe for him made all those extra hours googling recipes worth it.

This year, we're going to be visiting my in laws down in Florida during Passover. I am having a hard time wrapping my head around a Seder in the midst of 80-degree weather and palm trees. Actually, looking out at the latest mounds of weather the most recent nor'easter dumped on us, that doesn't sound all that bad!

Zach, my (gulp!) teenage son, recently asked, "even though we'll be in Florida, can you still make the Colby-safe kugel? I really like that." I smiled and said, "I'll try," and now I'm wondering how hard can it be to find soy ricotta "cheese" in Florida? Google, here I come!

If I am being honest (which I always am), I will admit that I am also going to really miss the traditions Team Silbergleit has established.

Our Seder this year will be a very small and quiet evening, compared to what we typically have, and I know I'm going to really miss seeing our friends. On the upside, I'm not going to miss all the Passover preparations though!

Happy Passover to all!



Pesach cleaning was particularly stressful for Hansel and Gretel's mother.

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Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

This month meet: Amanda Hudes

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

Amanda was born and raised in Poughkeepsie. She graduated from Spackenkill High School and earned a degree from FIT in advertising marketing communications. Amanda became a bat mitzvah at Temple Beth-El and always returned for all the High Holidays while away at school. She's come full circle, joining Temple Beth-El now as an adult and her oldest son attends religious school there.



Like most kids growing up, Hanukkah was always her favorite holiday "because, duh...presents!" Her family also had their own tradition of singing an additional prayer after the candles were lit, which she continues with her own children. Now that she's a mom, Amanda still loves Hanukkah. She truly enjoys being the one to give the gifts. Even if they're out of town, her parents still join them for the first two nights of Hanukkah via Skype. Basically, any holiday that has family gathering together, is very special to Amanda. She has a blended family, with her husband and step-daughters (who aren't MOTs) but says, "it works out great because they always get to go to the same family's house for Passover."

Amanda's professional life focuses on her passion for organization and planning and the joy she finds in helping other people. Her company, Smiling Through Chaos, combines event planning (as little or as much as the client desires) while helping the client feel their best.

Amanda is also a certified Health Counselor with additional certifications in Yoga, Barre, Group Fitness and Sports Conditioning and Reiki, so she can truly assist her clients in feeling and looking their best through all aspects of their event planning.

Since returning to Dutchess County as an adult, she has noticed many changes within the Jewish community. The biggest void she sees in the disappearance of the JCC. Amanda has many fond memories of the former JCC, and she practically grew up there, attending Hebrew School, playing basketball at their gym and attending various classes with her Mom. She does appreciate the current Hebrew School focus on making learning Hebrew and Jewish culture fun, ensuring that kids want to be Jewish; however, she'd really like to see additional attention on what it means to be Jewish because she feels that's more relatable than reading Torah.

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Rabbi's Blog

Consistency Amid Chaos: The Oasis of Jewish Life

By Rabbi Yacov Borenstein, Chabad of Mid Hudson Valley

A non Jewish neighbor of mine asked me a while back why Jews don't make their Holidays at a more convenient time, i.e., on the weekends. This way his Jewish co-workers wouldn't have to take off so many days. He gave the example of how the government many times moves around legal holidays such as Veteran's Day, Presidents Day to Monday in order to make it more convenient or to allow for a nice long weekend vacation. I explained to him that Jewish Holidays are not necessarily vacation days (You know anyone making Passover who thinks it's a vacation?!), and they are not simply days that commemorate a historical event.



Jewish Holidays, rather, I explained, are days that contain great spiritual energy that enable us to reenact the events of long ago on a spiritual level. Thus Passover is ALWAYS on the 15th of Nissan and Rosh Hashanah is ALWAYS on the first day of Tishrei. We don't change the days around as they are not elective days that we can just move around for our convenience. The holiness is inherent in the day itself. So, while making a Seder on the third night of Passover or making it on the weekend when everyone is off from work, may be a means to enjoy a nice meal, it is not a Seder.

Likewise blowing the Shofar on the day before Rosh Hashanah does not accomplish the spiritual impact the Shofar is meant to achieve.

We are living in turbulent times, where the world situation, whether political or economic, changes from day to day, sometimes from hour to hour. Leaders are elected and then deposed within short periods of time. In our own country, everyday, the news out of Washington changes. The stock market goes up and down. One never knows what tomorrow may bring. Indeed, life and all physical things are transient and not guaranteed.

But there are some things that are absolute and permanent. No matter what catastrophic events may happen anywhere in the world, on the night of the 15th of Nissan, Jews in every part of the world, in every community, of every color or faction, will sit down to conduct a Seder as Jews have for over 3,000 years. On Rosh Hashanah, we gather to blow the Shofar and accept once again G-d as our King. Every week on Friday from sunset till after dark on Saturday, Jews cease their mundane weekly activities and celebrate Shabbat. No matter what is going on in the world around (pending life threatening emergencies) Jews will celebrate G-d's Day of Rest. In addition, to a Jewish couple, the Mikvah night is sacred and takes precedence over all else.

In a constantly changing world, having something absolute to hold onto is a true blessing. In a world where there are practically no absolutes, and everything, including morality, is relative, Judaism provides an anchor of stability in a sea of turbulence.

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So by observing the Shabbat, which serves as an oasis in time, and by studying Torah and observing the Mitzvot, a Jewish person is connecting to G-d, as well as to his or her true Jewish essence, both of which are unchanging and eternal.

All people need structure. We all need something in our lives that is absolute, that can never be taken away from us. There is a human need for a reality that can help one weather the unpredictable waves of time and of the world around us.

The Jews who gathered in concentration camps or in Soviet prisons to conduct a Seder weren't seeking an "escape" from their reality. They were connected to something higher, to an absolute truth that no one could take from them. When my grandparents collected potato peels in DP camps to use to light the Chanukah candles, or made matzah in an underground makeshift factory, they were connecting to the essence of who they were, which no external force or circumstance could rob them.

Our children are growing up in a world where everything is relative and there are very few absolutes. It is up to us to show them, through our example, that there are things that are sacred and non-negotiable.

It begins at the Seder table. When G-d took us out of Egypt, He made us into a Holy Nation. That holiness is expressed through the observance of the Divine Commandments. Observing the Shabbat, keeping Kashrut, engaging in Torah study and making Jewish observance a part of our daily life, provides not only meaning and a sense of direction and purpose to ourselves and to our children, but offers an absoluteness in an ever changing world, an anchor and to hold onto as we ride the stormy seas of life.

May we all merit to sit together at the ultimate Seder in Our Holy City of Jerusalem, with our Righteous Moshiach.

Next year in Jerusalem!

Wishing you all a Kosher and Joyous Pesach.

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 Kristin Judd, National Manager of Outreach for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, who managed to answer my questions in the midst of a nor'easter...

1. **What is your favorite word?**
Whimsey
2. **What is your least favorite word?**
Moist
3. **What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?**
Collaboration
4. **What turns you off?**
Boastfulness
5. **What is your favorite curse word?**
Bastard. I think it can be really affectionate...it can be very fond.
6. **What sound or noise do you love?**
The sound of my golden retriever groaning
7. **What sound or noise do you hate?**
Gunshots
8. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
I would love to own a bed and breakfast
9. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
I have all the respect in the world for them, but I could never be a teacher.
10. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
Hi Kristin. All of your dogs have been waiting for you!



Kristin Judd

* Member of the Tribe

An Interview with a Vassar College Student

By Liz Aeschlimann, Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College

When I was asked to write this month's column, I thought it would be a great opportunity to share some of the brilliant and thoughtful voices of students at Vassar College. Talking with them about Judaism, college, and life in general, is one of my favorite parts of my role as Director of Jewish Student Life.

Sarah Quiat is a senior at Vassar College. She is from Boulder, Colorado, majoring in Economics and Jewish Studies. Sarah is the Vice President of the Vassar Jewish Union
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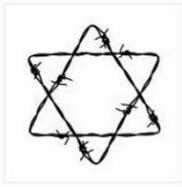


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activity and dinner

6:45pm–7:30pm
Champagne Toast and Dessert

7:30pm-8:20pm
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(The impact and future collaboration
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Highlights of 70 Years of Israel's Achievements (1948-1958)

Israel is founded on May 14, 1948



- Israel is founded on May 14, 1948, a few hours before the British Mandate is due to expire. Eleven minutes later, the United States becomes the first country to recognize the Jewish state when it grants Israel de facto recognition. On May 15, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Syria invade Israel. The War of Independence lasts 13 months.
- The Supreme Court of Israel is inaugurated, the Israeli lira replaces the Palestinian pound, the Israeli flag becomes the state's official flag.

Operation Magic Carpet Begins—1949



- Some 49,000 endangered Yemenite Jews, and some from countries including Saudi Arabia, are airlifted to Israel in a secret operation involving 380 flights by British and American transport planes taking off from Aden.

The Law of Return is formally enacted —1950



- Israel's Law of Return, approved by the Knesset on July 5, entitles anyone of Jewish matrilineal descent, or a Jewish convert, to immigrate to Israel and obtain full citizenship.
- The law was later amended to state that the same rights are also vested in a child and a grandchild of a Jew, the spouse of a Jew, the spouse of a child of a Jew and the spouse of a grandchild of a Jew, except for a person who had been Jewish and voluntarily changed his or her religion.

The Solar Water Heater is born—1955



- Israeli physicist Dr. Harry Zvi Tabor develops a new type of solar heater (*dud shemesh* in Hebrew), to produce hot water for households.
- Six years later, Tabor and Lucien (Yehuda) and Yehudit Bronicki created a solar-powered turbine that uses an alternative liquid to move an electric generator even when the sun's rays aren't strong. They applied this innovation to geothermal energy with great success through their global company, Ormat.
- Tabor, known as the father of Israeli solar energy, is credited with bringing Israel's solar energy program to international prominence.

Israel pledges to help the developing world—1957



demonstration projects. MASHAV provides technical and emergency assistance across the globe.

•MASHAV, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, is founded by Golda Meir after a visit to the newly independent African states, to share Israeli expertise with developing nations. Since its establishment within the Foreign Ministry, MASHAV has trained close to 270,000 course participants from approximately 132 countries in Israel and abroad and has developed dozens of

Watch for more highlights as we celebrate Israel in the upcoming editions of *The Voice* .
Taken from: <https://www.israel21c.org/70-years-of-israeli-achievement/>

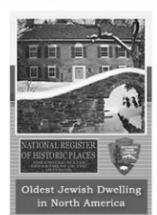
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Call the JFedDC for more info.**

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**Mitzvah Day 2018 – May 6
Help Us Help Them...and more!**



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Rabbis in Conversation: A Learning Series for the Omer

Boardman Road Library, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm (NO Class on 4/24)

Join rabbis from the Dutchess County Jewish community as we explore some of the "Big Ideas" of Jewish faith and practice. Each week, two rabbis from different Jewish institutions will discuss a topic they find essential to living a Jewish life. This series is in observance of the *omer*, a seven-week period of reflection and learning between Pesach (Passover) and Shavuot (Pentecost).



Rabbi Eliezer Langer

April 10
Sacred Memory
Rabbi Eliezer Langer (Congregation Schomre Israel) and Rabbi Leah Berkowitz (Vassar Temple)



Rabbi Leah Berkowitz



Rabbi Paul Golomb

April 17
Practices of Jewish Time and Jewish Eating
Rabbi Paul Golomb (Vassar Temple) and Rabbi Neal Loevinger (Vassar Brothers Medical Center)



Rabbi Neal Loevinger



Rabbi Brent Spodek

May 1
Teshuvah--Repentance and Forgiveness
Rabbi Brent Spodek (Beacon Hebrew Alliance) and Rabbi Paul Golomb (Vassar Temple)



Rabbi Paul Golomb



Rabbi Daniel Polish

May 8
Imitation of God
Rabbi Daniel Polish (Congregation Shir Chadash) And Rabbi Daniel Victor (Temple Beth El)



Rabbi Daniel Victor



Rabbi Miriam Hyman

May 15
Theodicy: God and the Problem of Evil
Rabbi Miriam Hyman (Temple Beth El) And Rabbi Michael Fessler (Reconstructionist Rabbinical College)



Rabbi Michael Fessler

THE 2018 GREENSPAN TRUST-HANDEL FOUNDATION ENDOWED CHAIR IN HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES LECTURE

Dr. Anna Sommer Schneider, "The Meaning and Ramifications of Poland's New Holocaust Law." Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 7:00 pm, Greenspan Cafeteria, Dutchess Community College



Please join us for the 2018 annual Greenspan Trust-Handel Foundation Endowed Chair in Holocaust and Genocide Studies lecture at Dutchess Community College.

Dr. Anna Sommer Schneider will speak on "The Meaning and Ramifications of Poland's new Holocaust Law." Dr. Sommer Schneider is Associate Director and Professor at the Center for Jewish Civilization, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. She is the author of numerous scholarly and critical articles on Holocaust memory and the history of Jews in post-World War II Poland. Her publications include "She'erit Hapletah: Surviving Remnant. The Activities of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Poland, 1945-1989" (2014, published in Polish); "The Survival of 'Yiddishkeit': The Impact of the the American Joint Distribution Committee on Jewish Education in Poland, 1945-1989" and, as co-author, "Rescue, Relief and Renewal: 100 Years of the Joint in Poland, 1945-1989 (2014). Dr. Sommer Schneider has also been serving as a guide and educator at the State Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau in Oswiecim, Poland, since 1998.

The event is free and open to the public. For questions, please contact Dr. Werner Steger at (845) 431-8522.

ASEFA Performs: 'Mediterranean Encounters: Judeo-Islamic Soundscapes'

Critically acclaimed musical ensemble "ASEFA" will be featured in the upcoming concert sponsored by Congregation Shir Chadash in conjunction with Vassar College's Jewish Studies Program and the Vassar Jewish Union entitled "Mediterranean Encounters: Judeo-Islamic Soundscapes"

Asefa means: "gathering with a purpose" and is led by Dr. Samuel Torjman Thomas. A musical treasury of individual and shared traditions among Jews and Muslims will be featured. Dr. Samuel Torjman Thomas leads the ensemble in traversing a super highway of Mediterranean musical traditions highlighting instances of Muslim-Jewish intercultural exchange, musical dialects, and textual traditions in Hebrew, Arabic, and Ladino.

DETAILS

Sunday, April 22, 5:00pm in the Villard Room in Vassar College Main Building. There will be a pre-concert talk at 4:00pm and a reception will follow the concert. Tickets are free with a valid Vassar Student, Faculty or Staff ID. All other tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 18. Info or to reserve a seat, call (845) 232-1029 or email: info@shir-chadash.org or buy tickets at www.shir-chadash.org.



Finding Jewish War Veterans in Dutchess County by Martin C. Hochhauser

The Private Herman Siegel Post #625, Poughkeepsie, Jewish War Veterans of the United States embarked on a project to find as many Jewish War Veterans as possible who lived in Dutchess County. Not just living veterans, but as many as possible from all prior wars. During our search we contacted a representative from Arlington High School who told us of their existing memorial to all war veterans who attended that school.

The senior officers of Post #625 paid a visit to Arlington High School to view their beautiful and meaningful "Arlington High School Wall of Remembrance" display which takes up a significance portion of a wall near their main entrance. Attending were Past Post Commander Ralph Schwartz, Past Post Commander Bob Morrison, Commander Ron Markowitz, Presiding Officer Rob Rubin, and Chief of Staff Martin Hochhauser.

The Arlington High School Wall of Remembrance is dedicated to Arlingtonians who perished during military service to our country during World War II and in the Korea War, Vietnam War and Afghanistan War. The one Jewish veteran we found on the wall was Phillip E. Budd who was killed during WW II. (Our namesake Herman Siegel was not listed because he attended Poughkeepsie HS).

A special portion of the wall is dedicated to PFC Charlie Johnson who graduated AHS in 1951. He was killed in 1953 during the Korean War while he single-handedly tried to hold off enemy forces. Charlie's company numbered 150 while the enemy numbered at least 1,000. The Chinese and North Koreans overran their outpost known as Outpost Harry which is along the 38th Parallel. The battle lasted eight days. Charlie saved nine wounded comrades including fellow AHS graduate Don Dingee. A sculpture on display at the High School shows Johnson dragging a wounded Dingee to safety. Private First Class Charlie Johnson was posthumously awarded the Silver Star 57 years later. The Silver Star is this nation's third-highest metal awarded for valor in combat.

The Arlington High School Wall of Remembrance is an eloquent and meaningful display honoring those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice. JWV Post #625 is grateful that we had the opportunity to visit, understand and appreciate the sacrifices of Dutchess County's youth in times of war.



JWV Post #625 Officers
L-R: Rob Rubin, Ron Markowitz, Robert L. Morrison, Ralph Schwartz, Martin Hochhauser



Plaques of Charles Johnson and his biography



Charlie Johnson pulling Don Dingee to safety.

Looking Back/Forging Ahead

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

We have arrived at the shores of the Sea of Reeds (aka, the Red Sea) and are heading towards Sinai. We hang suspended between our new freedom and receiving the Torah. It's a great time to look back and reflect on where we've been and where we're heading.

Purim was celebrated in every corner of Temple Beth-El, beginning with the **Gesher Hebrew High School** festivities on February 21. The teens helped the TBE Youth Group pack over 200 Mishloach Manot (Purim gift boxes), including their own. They all then sat down to a "Shabbat" dinner made by the cooking class, under the watchful eye of their wonderful teacher, Blanche Bergman. Following dinner, there were games, karaoke and a photo booth.

Purim madness continued at **Shabbat School** with stations exploring the qualities that make a hero/heroine, a king/queen or a villain. Costumes, masks and merriment were definitely the order of the day. When Erev Purim arrived, there was an "instant shpiel" activity for families with young children, followed by a silly service and the megillah reading itself, punctuated with songs inspired by *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

No sooner had the costumes been put away and the glitter vacuumed up, than **Shabbat School** moved into Pesach mode. The Four Questions could be heard from every classroom, and an engaging family learning program with Passover stations on the significance of the number four took place. All too soon, the seders were finished and we were moving on again. With the change to daylight savings, we bid a fond farewell to **Shabbat School** and returned to Sunday programming.

We are looking forward to celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, and to dedicating our beautiful new mosaic, created by artist Sharon Adler, on April 22. This lovely addition to our Social Hall came out of our **Hanukkah in Israel** program, and was made possible by grants from Ma'alot and the Maltz Fund.

The Temple Beth-El **Ivrit Program**, in collaboration with Congregation Shir Chadash, welcomed Kitot Hay (5) and Vav (6), as well as the B'nai Mitzvah Class to a joint Friday evening service at Congregation Shir Chadash on March 23. Joining Rabbi Dan Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang of Congregation Shir Chadash, in addition to Rabbi Daniel Victor and Rabbi Miriam Hyman of Temple Beth-El, the students led much of the service and a good time was had by all at the Kiddush that followed. We look forward to welcoming Kitot Gimmel (3) and Dalet (4) on the bimah at Temple Beth-El on Friday, April 27th for another wonderful joint service.

On Wednesday, April 11, the students of the **Gesher Hebrew High School**, representing every area synagogue, will present this year's Community Holocaust Commemoration at Dutchess Community College, assisted by the local clergy. Working with Temple Beth-El Youth Director, Cantor Devorah Gartner, and their **Gesher** Holocaust teacher, Craig Gittelman, this year's theme is the art, music and drama of the Holocaust. The involvement of our teens ensures that there will be new witnesses to keep the memory of the six million alive. We hope you will join us.

Tots Celebrate Shabbat

Please join us for Tiny Temple's Special Shabbat at Vassar Temple on Saturday, April 28 from 10:30am-11:30am. The tots will participate in an interactive Shabbat service with Cantorial Intern Laura Stein. There will be songs, stories and a craft in a relaxed and friendly setting. A special Shabbat 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.

To assist in planning, please RSVP to Emma Arnoff and Jas Russo at 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. Information is also available at www.vassartemple.org or by calling the Temple Office at (845) 454-2570.



Please Join PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley
in celebration of our
PJ Library Assistant Director,
Kimberly Ritz
for her contribution to
Young Jewish Leadership
as she is honored by
The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County
at the Annual Federation Celebration
Thursday, May 3rd at 5:30 pm.

Enjoy cocktails and dinner and Comedian Brad Trackman

The Links at UnionVale

Tickets \$125

153 N Parlman Road

Contact Nancy at the Federation

LaGrangeville, NY

845-471-9811



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CHABAD MID-HUDSON VALLEY

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

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

RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

Monday, 4:00-5:30pm

Tiny Tots Division ages 1-5

Intermediate Division ages 6-10

Bar and Bat Mitzvah ages 11-13

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

SHIR CHADASH

Congregation Shir-Chadash religious school will be entering the third trimester of their new curriculum, *G-d and Prayer*. Member families' children from Kindergarten to 2nd 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 or www.shir-chadash.org

TEMPLE BETH-EL

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

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

Wednesday, April 4, 11, 18, 25
Gesher Youth Program 6:30-8:30pm,
grades 8-12

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

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

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

VASSAR TEMPLE

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

Sunday Religious School
Sundays, No class April 1, Field Trip April 8
9:00am-12:00pm, grades K-7

Hebrew Language School
Wednesdays, No class April 4,
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

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adamah *dirt/soul*



JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS

MATZAH NACHOS (MACHOS!)

Author: Amy Kritzer
From <http://whatjewwannaeat.com/matzah-nachos-machos/>

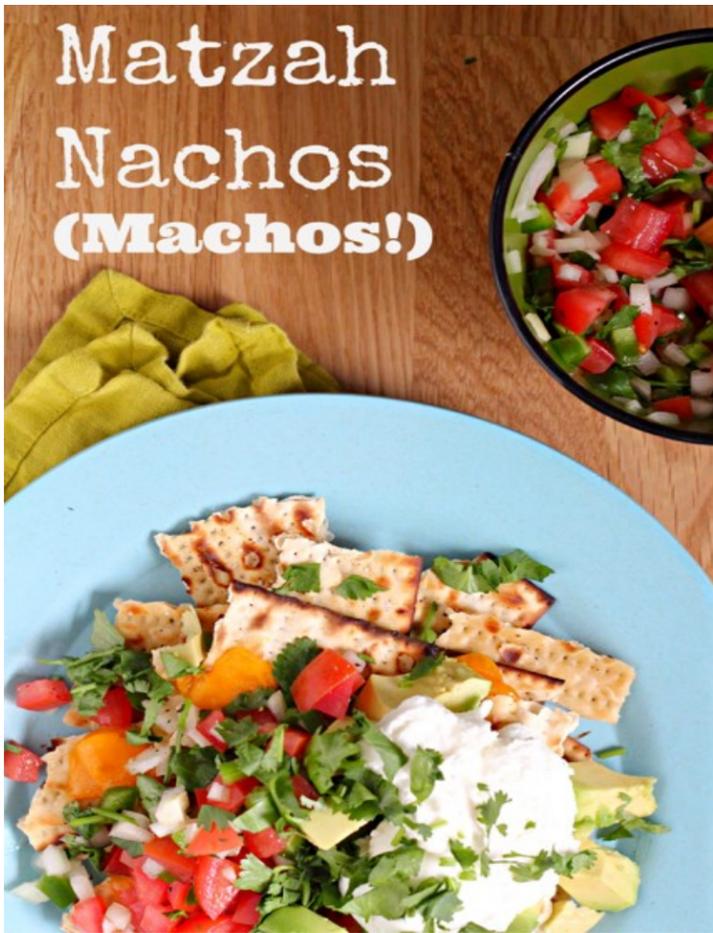
Prep time: 10 mins
Cook time: 10 mins
Total time: 20 mins
Serves: 1-2

INGREDIENTS

- 2 plum tomatoes, small diced
- 1 medium white onion, small diced
- 1 jalapeño, small diced
- Juice from ½ lime
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, minced, plus more for garnish
- Salt and pepper
- 2 pieces matzah, broken into large pieces
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ cup cheese (cheddar or your favorite), shredded or in pieces
- ½ avocado diced
- ¼ cup Greek yogurt

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- Chop and combine tomatoes, onion, jalapeno, lime juice, and cilantro to make a pico de gallo.
- Place matzah pieces on baking sheet, drizzle with olive oil and salt and pepper. Bake 5-8 minutes until browned. Add cheese and return to oven about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Top with pico de gallo, Greek yogurt, avocado, and cilantro.



Melinda Kim Emily Bekah

PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley is a program of The Harold Grinspoon Foundation and made possible locally by the dedication and commitment of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. As we enter our third year of sponsorship by the Harding Club and our second year of support in Ulster County by the UC Federation we are so thankful for everything this support has made possible. PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley is growing in number of participating families and in the number and variety of programs we are offering. We now have four professionals on our team and countless volunteers making programming happen right where you live.

Partnership with area Synagogues, summer camps, and other organizations, is amplifying our outreach and deepening the number and variety of programming for young families available to the community.

We are the implementing partner of a SPARK grant for Jewish Family Farm Education for Eden Village Farm/Camp in Putnam County. Working with the fabulous educators at Eden Village as this program is brought to life we are connecting with other community partners such as Beacon Hebrew Alliance and Huguenot Street Farm in New Paltz, the hosts of the first two offsite Eden Village Programs. Families in the Hudson Valley are already tuned in to where our food comes from, with thousands of families belonging to CSAs that supply them with local veggies, fruit, flowers, and even eggs, meat, and cheese. Local farms also give us an opportunity to impact our ecological footprint by minimizing the amount of packaging used and the cost of transporting and storing food.

This project gives us an opportunity to explore “What’s Jewish about growing food?”, “What’s Jewish about the WAY we grow food?”, and “What’s Jewish about eating it?” Our first farm program is Matzo Making at BHA in March. Working with wheat grown at Eden Village we will make our own Matzo, participating in every step from field to oven. On April 29th Eden Village travels to Huguenot Street Farm in New Paltz where they will help participants create a Havdalah kit including fresh herbs and spices, and candles made that day. The SPARK grant from PJ Library keeps the cost of these events at just \$5 per family. Please share this wonderful opportunity with your friends!

Our PJ Library team is currently exploring new program models to meet the needs of our growing population. We’d love to learn more about how your family has evolved, your current needs, and your connection to the Jewish community. If you are interested in meeting us for coffee and an informal interview, please contact us at pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org. We look forward to meeting you, or to getting to know you better.

On Thursday May 3rd, The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County is hosting its’ Annual Celebration. This year, one of the community members being honored is our PJ Library Mid-Hudson Assistant Director, Kimberly Ritz. Our PJ Library families know how dedicated, creative, and nurturing Kim is. Her mark can be seen on all of our programs but her special focus is PJ OurWay- keeping local kids connected to great Jewish books and activities through age 12. Please join us at the event to honor Kim and our other honorees, and enjoy cocktails, dinner and comedian, Brad Trackman. Call the Federation office to purchase your tickets at (845) 471-9811.

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

Not a part of PJ Library yet?

Receive a FREE children’s book each month and become part of the PJ Library family.

Register online at www.PJLibrary.org

Monthly e-newsletters. Special program invitations! Call (845) 471-9811 or email PJLibrary@JewishDutchess.org



PJ Library is made possible through gifts from the Jewish Federations of Dutchess and Ulster Counties, The Harding Club, and the generous support of PJ Library donors. To make a donation online, go to www.JewishDutchess.org

Thank you!



Purim Fun and Learning at Vassar Temple’s Tiny Temple



Community Purim Carnival



Congregation Shir Chadash’s religious school children performing in a play about Tu B’Shevat



Mitzvah Day Registration & D

Sunday, May 6, 2018 • 9 am-2 pm • Mitzvah Day Headquarters: Congregation Schomre Israel,

REGISTER EARLY!

Register online at www.JewishDutchess.org beginning April 2nd or mail the completed form (next page) to JFDC, PO Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Registrations received by April 15th will be entered into a drawing for various gift card prizes.

	PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
1	Visit to The Pines	Children will demonstrate their talents and interact with the residents. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	100 Franklin Street, Poughkeepsie
2	Teen Car Wash	Teens (grades 7 and up) will raise funds for tzedakah. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	Temple Beth El 118 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie
3	Baking	Grades 5-6 will bake healthy snacks for The Lunch Box to be delivered and served by children and parents at 11:00 am. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	Temple Beth El 118 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie
4	Gomez Mill House	Spring cleaning of property inside and out. Gloves and lunch provided onsite.	11 Mill House Road, Marlboro
5	Appalachian Trail	Removing litter, and broken glass from summit area of Shenandoah Mountain. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am for directions to site.	101 Long Hill Road Hopewell Jct. If late to breakfast, directions to site will be available.
6	Grace Smith House	Various indoor and outdoor projects. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	1 Brookside Avenue, Poughkeepsie
7	Children's Home of Poughkeepsie	Light outdoor yard and garden clean up, planting, painting and/or repair of playground benches or other equipment, indoor painting in the event of bad weather. Lunch provided by agency. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00am.	10 Children's Way, Poughkeepsie
8	Pershing Cemetery	Pershing Cemetery clean-up. Please meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00am.	Pershing Avenue, Poughkeepsie
9	The Birthday Bags Project	Create Birthday-In-A-Bag for underprivileged children. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	Mitzvah Day HQ Congregation Schomre Israel
10	PJ Library Mini-Mitzvah Day	Intergenerational projects, working with The Harding Club and Jewish War Veterans, for children ages 2-8 and their families. Come for any one project or for all three.	Mitzvah Day HQ, Congregation Schomre Israel
11	River Haven Youth Shelter	PJ OurWay Family Project for children ages 9-11 and their families. Weeding, putting down mulch and planting in garden boxes. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00am.	99 Thompson Street, Poughkeepsie
12	New Horizons Resources - Briggs Farm	Light gardening and yard work. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	201 Cream Street, Poughkeepsie
13	Poughkeepsie Public Library	Light gardening; mulch and planting. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ by 9:00 am.	93 Market Street Poughkeepsie
14	Mitzvah Day Committee	Help at registration table Set-Up and serve breakfast Set-up and Serve lunch End of the day clean up	Mitzvah Day HQ, Congregation Schomre Israel
15	Cereal Counts	Donated boxes will be used to build a tower, counted, packed up and loaded into a truck. Meet at location at 9:00 am.	Hudson Valley Community Center 110 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie
16	Dutchess Outreach Lunch Box	Prepare meal and serve at the Lunch Box. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ at 9:00 am.	29 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie
17	Renaissance Rehabilitation and Nursing Care Center	Children will show off their talents and interact with the residents.	4975 Albany Post Road, Staatsburg
18	Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (JFedDC)	Help with community mailing. Letter folding and stuffing. Envelope stamping and sealing. Meet at Mitzvah Day HQ at 9:00 am.	Mitzvah Day HQ, Congregation Schomre Israel
19	Congregation Beth David Pantry Collection	Collecting non-perishable foods, personal care products, and paper goods for the St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Amenia Food Pantry	Congregation Beth David, 3344 East Main Street, Amenia

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

Starting April 8th, we'll be gearing up for a successful Mitzvah Day with three Mitzvah Day Drives. Please participate in the projects below!

• **CEREAL COUNTS**

Boxed cereal for hungry neighbors in need. Drop off boxes of cereal at Hudson Valley Community Center 110 South Grand Street Poughkeepsie, NY after April 8th. For more information contact cerealcounts123@gmail.com

• **BIRTHDAY BAGS**

Bring a box of cake mix, a can of frosting, and a package of birthday candles to Congregation Schomre Israel, Temple Beth El or Vassar Temple starting April 8th. For more information contact [Jasmine Russo jasmainerusso@gmail.com](mailto:jasmainerusso@gmail.com)

Donation Form

18 Park Avenue Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Join us for breakfast at 9:00 am (RSVP when you register) and then head to project location. Or go straight to your project at the appointed time. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

TIME	TOOLS NEEDED (If You Have Them)
9:30 - 12:00	Students should bring items needed to show off their talents.
9:30 - 1:00	Old towels. Please wear clothes that can get wet or dirty.
9:30 - 12:00	None needed.
10:00 - 2:00	Rakes, gardening hand tools, insect repellent, sunscreen and hats. Please wear clothes that can get dirty or stained.
9:45 - 2:30	Bring water, insect repellent, work gloves, and hats. Please wear clothes that can get dirty or stained.
10:00 - 2:00	Outdoor hand tools for landscaping.
9:45-4:00	Work gloves, rakes, garbage bags. Please wear clothes that can get stained or dirty.
10:00-done	Work gloves, rakes, and garbage bags.
10:00 - 1:00	None needed.
10:00 - 11:00 11:00 - 12:00 12:00 - 1:00	None needed.
10:00 - 12:00	Garden gloves, shovel, rake, sunscreen, insect repellent.
10:00 - 2:00	Garden gloves, rake, shovel, sunscreen, insect repellent.
10:00 - 1:00	Garden gloves.
8:30 - 1:00 8:30 - 10:00 10:00 - 1:00 1:00 - 3:00	None needed.
9:00 am (stacking boxes) 10:30 am (place boxes on truck)	An extra hand truck.
10:30 - 1:15	None needed.
10:00-1:00	Children are encouraged to bring items needed to show off their talents.
10:00 til done	None needed.
May 5th 9:30- 1:00	None needed.



Mitzvah Day Project Choices

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

Family Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Individual Name _____

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

Number attending breakfast _____

Number attending lunch _____

SCHEDULE

9:00 Light breakfast and opening ceremony, Mitzvah Day Headquarters, Congregation Schomre Israel

9:30 Off to do mitzvot around the Hudson Valley

11:00 - 1:00 Light lunch for volunteers, Mitzvah Day Headquarters, Congregation Schomre Israel

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

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The Federation Board's Voice



An American Jew's views on Israel

When I was asked to write an article on Israel to celebrate its 70th anniversary, I felt why me?? I am not Israeli; I have not traveled extensively to Israel. So why, I ask, should I have the chutzpa to write the article? I then thought about my two trips to Israel. My first trip was in the winter of 2000 when I was on the board of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Leaders of the conservative movement made this trip during a time when the intifada had caused a cut back on tourism. The trip involved meeting with government leaders and some touring of the country. We also wanted to see the progress on the new Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Jews in Jerusalem on Agron Street. My second trip was more as a tourist about 10 years later. My wife and I toured the entire country.

Arnold Most

The trips to Israel were very different from my travel to other countries. It wasn't the scenery that was the difference it was the emotions I felt.

Growing up in a small New England town, my association with Israel was the JNF donations, the planting of trees and later on buying of Israeli bonds. Travel to Israel, on my first trip, gave me a connection I never experienced before. I still remember Shabbat in Jerusalem. After Friday services we walked to the Kotel (Western Wall) and as I approached the wall I felt very emotional. I felt a connection with my ancestors. I was in a Jewish place with fellow Jews and feeling the presence of my ancestors, I actually started to weep.

The next day I went to Shabbat services on French Hill. It was a conservative service lead by a Rabbi from France in a congregation of mostly Russian Jews. I didn't understand much, but still felt like I was amongst family. In Israel I felt safe. When we weren't programmed to meet with government politicians I explored Jerusalem on my own and didn't think about my personal safety.

The second trip included a visit to the now completed Fuchsberg Center. Our children now have a beautiful home in Jerusalem when they go on USY Pilgrimage. The rest of the trip was a more relaxed travel around the country from the Galilee in the north to Elat in the south. The country is varied and beautiful.

To sum up my feelings, when I was in Israel I felt like I was home. It was the same feeling I have coming home to my home or how I felt when I came home to my parents' home or my Bubbe and Zaydes' home. It was safe, familiar, argumentative (with love) and Jewish. I could choose a restaurant where I could order anything and know it was kosher. This is this American Jew's perspective on Israel.

92nd Street Y

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

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

Since the founding of Israel in 1948, the nation has relied on its intelligence community and armed services to defend against those who would do it harm. Hear gripping accounts of the dangerous missions undertaken by the Mossad, Shin Bet and the IDF to root out Israel's enemies before they could attack the Jewish state. And explore the thorny ethical questions that Israeli forces have grappled with as they protected their homeland.



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.

Our Executive Director



Each month, with this column, I think about what may be of interest or relevant to you, the reader, that is also meaningful to me. As Israel celebrates its 70th Birthday, and we will be having numerous celebratory events this year, I paused to think about my own connection with Israel, on a personal level.

Many years ago, I visited Israel with USY Pilgrimage. For 6 amazing weeks, our group experienced all that Israel had to offer. While the whole trip was unforgettable, there was one particular moment that I want to share.

One Shabbat, we went to The Kotel. Per tradition, we brought notes with our thoughts and prayers to insert into the crevices. As I stood looking at all of the inserted notes, my eyes kept moving up The Wall and I was unexpectedly struck with awe and wonder. I was suddenly acutely aware of "where I was" – historically and religiously speaking. My connection with the Jewish people, culture, and nation, throughout history, was very real and alive.

With that wave of emotion and connection to "our people", I closed my eyes and said the shema, feeling more connected to our ancestors and community than I ever had before. Once back in the US, I was concerned I would never relive that same experience. Something wonderful happened though as I started reciting the shema. As I closed my eyes to start the prayer, I was suddenly transformed back to Israel, back to The Kotel. It was remarkable. To this day, each time I close my eyes during that prayer, I am back in Israel, back with my people...an experience I hope everyone can some day experience.

Happy Birthday Israel!
 Karen Hochhauser

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Generations Shabbat and Dinner

Vassar Temple will both honor long-time members of our Temple and celebrate the contributions of our Sisterhood. Members of Sisterhood will lead the shabbat service, during which everyone who has been a member of the congregation for 40 or more years will be recognized.

Please join us for a special family dinner prior to the service. Come enjoy a delicious Shabbat roast chicken dinner (with a vegetarian option). Rather than charge a set amount for the dinner, donations for the cost of the meal are greatly appreciated. It is important that we know how much food to prepare, so we ask that you please RSVP.

Those who are being recognized as a Generations Member are invited to be our guests at the dinner, but please RSVP.

DETAILS

Friday, April 27, 6:00pm Dinner 7:30pm Shabbat. Donations accepted, please RSVP by April 24 to danahmoore@hotmail.com.

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 and others of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate. At 9:00am an informal coffee and cake "schmooze."

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

DETAILS

Sunday: April 8 at 9:30am. 18 Park Ave. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer qbee5@optonline.net

New Paths Morning Worship

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

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

Participants may also bring supplemental materials to share.

Each New Paths service, whether lay-led or rabbi-led, provides a unique and thoughtful Shabbat morning experience. A brief mini Kiddush follows.

DETAILS

Saturday, April 7, 21, 10:00am. For info, contact Rabbi Berkowitz: rabbi@vassartemple.org, or Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or call the temple office (845) 454-2570.

Laura's Favorite Things: Concert to Benefit Vassar Temple

For the past year, Vassar Temple has been blessed to have Laura Stein as their cantorial intern. Soon she will be ordained as a cantor and move on. But before she goes, Laura will perform in a concert where she'll be sharing her favorite songs from various genres with the local community. Join us as she sings funny cabaret songs, sweet show tunes, jazzy classics, and of course Jewish ritual and folk tunes. As usual, Laura will teach new music, ask for audience participation, and bring in havdalah with familiar melodies. The evening will feature a festive dessert table.

DETAILS

Saturday, April 28, 7:00pm Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$18. RSVP's appreciated: bobabrams1@gmail.com.

Vassar Temple's Rummage Sale

Start cleaning those closets of gently used items and packing your bric-a-brac for the Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Spring Rummage sale. Drop-offs start Sunday, April 15 in the social hall when the temple is normally open. Two evenings drop-offs on: Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 19 from 6:00-8:00pm. No items will be accepted after April 20.

We CANNOT accept textbooks, tv's, computers, or heavily damaged goods. For large items, please call before you bring them. Please make sure you place items on the left side of the room and keep the area in front of the stage clear, as well as the rest of the building. We have tax receipts for your donated items.

Volunteers are always welcome to sort items the week prior to the sale, and on the day of the sale.

DETAILS

Sunday, April 22 from 9:30am-12:30pm; and the bag sale 2:00pm-5:00pm. For more info, contact: rummage@vassartemple.org or call (845)454-2570.

The Life and Work of Janusz Korczak

Guest Speaker Mariola Strahlberg will present an informative and timely talk on the life and work of Janusz Korczak.

The Janusz Korczak Association of the USA promotes the legacy of Dr. Korczak, a pediatrician, writer, educator, and humanitarian, who is well known for his innovative work with the Polish and Jewish orphans at tow orphanages in Warsaw from 1912-1942.

Come out and hear Mariola Strahlberg share about his life.

DETAILS

Friday, April 14, 10:30am-11:30am, Congregation Beth David, 3344 E Main St, Amenia, NY. Shabbat Service, presentation following in the Community Room, refreshments provided.

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An Interview with a Vassar College Student**How did you get involved in Jewish life on campus?**

I saw the First Year Shabbat in the orientation booklet, but I was too scared to go by myself. The next week I made a Jewish friend who went with me to Shabbat services, and I fell in love, in part because I liked how the service was led that week, but I also thought it was interesting that the service was different each week. I grew up in a small but active reform congregation in Colorado, and I was interested in learning about different kinds of practice.

Why have you put so much time and effort into this community?

A lot of it was about seeing the way that both students and faculty members put deliberate time and energy into creating an environment where people feel radical inclusion and radical welcome. How can you create an environment that feels like home to everyone when you're trying to include people from vastly different backgrounds and environments? I became invested in this community because I thought that was a project that was really worthwhile.

What is it like to be a Jewish college student?

For me being a Jewish student and being involved in Jewish community at a small liberal arts school is a really interesting and special thing because there are so many opportunities here. I'm leading Shabbat this week with a first year student who also grew up in a Reform community and it was so interesting for us to talk about how we're going to lead it, because I realized how many tunes I've learned and how many prayers I've learned that we didn't necessarily do in my synagogue back home. Being exposed to so many different ways of practicing and ways of being Jewish is really incredible.

What do you wish older people knew?

I wish that older people knew that for us this is a time of real exploration where we're trying to understand not only how to engage with Judaism but the entire world around us, and that's a process. There are things we're going to get right and things we're going to get wrong. There are things people in our generation are going to do that are very often seen as representative of us, but one of the things I want most as a student is to feel like my voice, as an individual and as a member of a community, is important and that it matters. I want to know that people really are interested in hearing it, and will make the effort to hear it as much as I will try to share it.

What do you think your generation has to offer the Jewish community?

I think that there's a lot that's really incredible that people in my generation are doing. As part of my senior project, I'm trying to study and understand patterns of how memory is institutionalized within Judaism and what Jewish memory looks like, specifically within the context of Vassar. I'm hoping over time to create a digital archive.

I think my generation is really interested in taking the time to understand how we exist right now in the Jewish community, and also trying to connect that to so many traditions that have been lying dormant, or that we weren't taught in Hebrew school. I'm learning Yiddish right now, and have talked to my parents a lot about why some of these traditions weren't passed down in our family.

What have you learned over your time at Vassar?

I've learned a lot. My foundational knowledge of Judaism has increased from learning other people's backgrounds and traditions, and taking classes, but also so much of college and my Jewish Studies major have been about developing a Jewish lens for the world and using Judaism as a means of understanding the world around me, which I think has been really important in all of these different parts of my life.

What I've tried to do in my time here and what I want to do, is engage in conversations that are impactful and thoughtful, and that create the opportunity for people to see the world as interconnected. Because to me that is one of the many Jewish lenses that exist.

What is your hope for the future of the Vassar Jewish community?

That it will continue to exist as this pluralistic entity. I could come back here in five years and not recognize a single thing, and that would actually make me happy because it would mean that people were constantly engaging with Judaism and that they felt really encouraged to contribute their own practices and to engage with other people's practices as well.

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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 April 9, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

Tuesday

Temple Beth-El Passover Lunch for the Developmentally Challenged April 3. Hosted by Rabbi Victor, Rabbi Miriam and lay leaders. For more information (845) 454-0570 or info@tbeny.org

Wednesday

Learn & Lunch Bunch every Wednesday, 11:00am-1:30pm. 118 So. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. For information, menu and program schedule, see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.
Temple Beth-El Interfaith Freedom Seder April 4, 6:00pm. Hosted by Rabbi Daniel Victor and TBE lay leaders, we welcome you to join us for our 2nd Annual Interfaith Freedom Seder. For more info contact rebvictor@tbeny.org or (845) 454-0570

Thursday

Temple Beth-El Echoes of the Holocaust April 12, 12:30pm. Video screening in commemoration of Yom HaShoah. Presented by Gloria and Ron Robbins.
Congregation Schomre Israel to Show *Woman in Gold* April 12, 7:00pm. The community is invited to view the film at Congregation Schomre Israel. This film which stars Helen Mirren is based on a true story. Six decades after the Holocaust, Maria Altman, an elderly Jewish woman, embarks on a quest to reclaim her family's artwork that had been stolen by the Nazis. Included among this family's stolen paintings is the famed portrait *Woman in Gold* by Gustav Klimt. Plan to join us in this additional commemoration of Yom HaShoah. This program is free and open to the community.

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service April 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:30pm, evening service with Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg. All welcome.
Vassar Temple Yikor Service April 6, 10:00am.
Vassar Temple Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour April 6, 7:30pm service, 6:00pm Happy Hour
Vassar Temple Shabbat April 13, 20, 7:30pm, 13 is with Anita Diamant.
Vassar Temple Sisterhood/Generations Dinner and Shabbat April 27, 6:00pm dinner, 7:30pm Shabbat. Please RSVP and for more information see page 14.
Temple Beth-El Evening Service each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service. All welcome.
Temple Beth-El Shabbat Intergenerational Family Program May 4, 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 April 7, 21, 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 April 7, 21, 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 April 7, 21, 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 April 7, 21 10:00am.
Vassar Temple Baby Shabbat April 28, 10:00am.
Temple Beth-Shabbat Morning Service every week, 9:30am, Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.
Temple Beth-El Tot Shabbat, Kid-Dish and Kadimah April 14, 28, 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. suggested donation.

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Musical Kabbalat Shabbat is the third Friday of the month.
Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation Fourth Friday of the month.
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Saturday Morning Service 10:00am, Join us for uplifting morning communal prayer, meditation and Torah study.
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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 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for a hot luncheon with discussion following.
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 63 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie (845) 463-5801
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
 Website: www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com
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 Services: Fridays, call for time and Saturdays at 10:00am

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

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

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 Website: www.shir-chadash.org
 Email: info@shir-chadash.org
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm; bimonthly Saturday children's religious school, 9:00am, Torah study, 9:15

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

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

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

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

April Candle Lighting

April 6..... 7:08pm
 April 13..... 7:16pm
 April 20..... 7:24pm
 April 27..... 7:31pm

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Vassar Temple families and friends enjoyed the annual Purim Pasta Dinner, prepared and served by Men's Club members Ron Rosen, Alan Kaflowitz, Bob Abrams, David Hecht, Kurt Quackenbush, Gil Seligman, Jonah Ritter, Charles Stein, Eric Rosenfeld, and Glenn Tanzman.



Vassar Temple's Purim spiel was cast with Sesame Street friends, featuring Oscar the Grouch as Haman.



Purim spiel performed by Congregation Shir Chadash's members.



Temple Beth-El Ho Down



Temple Beth-El Purim programs



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