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May 1  
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Rabbi Brent Spodek  
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and

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May 8

**Imitation of God**

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and

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 (Temple Beth El)



May 15  
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# LEARN & LUNCH BUNCH

The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County presents weekly cultural, social and educational programs.

## WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS

- May 2** **Holy Muslim month of Ramadan** with Seema Rizvi  
Seema will be teaching us all about Ramadan  
Menu: Ramadan meal: stuffed grape leave, stuffed vegetables, middle eastern dessert, coffee/tea
- May 9\*** **Post-Acute Care—Passport your way home!**  
with Samantha Cerbone of **The Pines at Poughkeepsie**.  
She will help us understand all about after care.  
Menu: Baked ziti, salad, coffee/tea, dessert
- May 16** **Effective Communication Strategies** - with Joan Carl  
An educational program by the Alzheimer's Association  
Menu: Shashukah (omelet), hash browns, pita, coffee/tea, dessert
- May 23** **Blue Path Service Dogs** with Erica Stanzione  
Erica will show us how dogs are trained to help children with autism.  
Menu: Chili con carne, coffee/tea, "doggie" dessert
- May 30** **Energy Efficiency** - with Mike Bennett  
Mike will teach us ways to cut down on energy costs.  
Menu: Salad Fiesta: egg salad, tuna salad, Israeli salad, pasta salad, coffee/tea, dessert

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### SCHEDULE

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Coffee & Nosh  
11:30 –12:30pm  
Program  
12:30pm —Lunch

\$6.00—Lunch and program  
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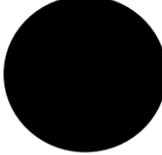
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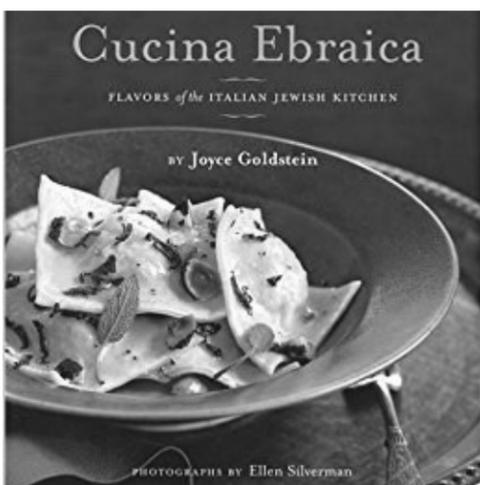
The Temple Beth-El Judaica Book and Gift Shops will have Sunday hours, 9:30am to 12:30pm, on May 13, 20, and by appointment. The Shops will be closed May 6. Sunday hours resume in the fall.

The Bookshop has all that you need for Shabbat and Shavuot: stories, cookbooks, recordings, Shabbat and colorful Havdalah candles; year-round ceremonial objects, gifts for graduation, Mother's Day, and Father's Day, as well as host and hostess gifts.

The Bookshop is featuring *Who Knows Ten? Children's Tales of Written Out Ten Commandments* by Molly Cone with illustrations by Robin Brickman for Grades PreK-1; *Sammy Spider's First Shavuot* by Sylvia Rouss with illustrations by Katherine Janus Kahn for PreK-1, *A Child's First Book of Holidays* by Rabbi Alfred J. Kolatch with bright and colorful illustrations by Harry Araten, which add fun and excitement to each holiday presentation for Grades K-5.



The following Jewish cookbook may be ordered by calling Geri Bromberg: *Cucina Ebraica: Flavors of the Italian Jewish Kitchen* by Joyce Goldstein, award winning author and restaurateur, with photographs by Ellen Silverman. A fascinating glimpse into culinary history as well as a compilation of superbly satisfying dishes that respect kosher laws. *Cucina Ebraica* is a distinguished reference on a little known but rich culinary tradition. Here is an invitation for unexpected new joys in both Italian and Jewish cookery.



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

## Adult Education

### Educational Opportunities Abound at Schomre Israel

**Know Your Book with Rabbi Langer** Tuesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30am. Class and discussion May 1—May flours (yes, that's the spelling); May 8—Behar - Bechukosai - Land Lease vs. Ownership of Israel; May 15—Why is Rosh Chodesh Called The Women's Holiday; May 22—Naso - On the Shoulders; May 29—Light Me Up - Behalosecha

**Classes with Rabbi Langer** Thursday, May 3, 7:00pm. May 3—L'ag BaOmer-Burning desire; May 10—Are There Halachic Reasons to Move the US Embassy to Yerushalayim?; May 17—Bitcoin Transactions and Halacha; May 24—The Prayer for the Welfare of the Government & July 4th; May 31—Torah Perspectives on Recycling

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 cancellations and class schedules visit [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) or call (845) 454-2890.

### Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

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**Torah Study** every Saturday, 9:00am, with Rabbi Leah Berkowitz. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftorah.

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

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

### Adult Discovery Course, Jewish History, Spiritually and Practice

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

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

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### Congregation Shir Chadash

**Saturday Torah Study** Saturday, May 5, 19, 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).

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Mitzvah Day



### 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](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or website: [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org).

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# Debbie's Voice



In a perfect world, every day would be Mitzvah Day. As anyone with a pulse can tell you, sadly we live in a less than perfect world. Personally, I feel perfection is one of those words we should remove from our vocabulary. While we're editing our vocabularies, I would also like to vote for the removal of normal and moist. Normal because any parent of a child with special needs can tell you how tiresome that word becomes, not to mention how unrealistic. Moist should be removed because it's just plain gross.

Surprisingly, Webster's dictionary lists mitzvah and defines it as "a meritorious or charitable act." (For giggles, I started looking up other typically Jewish words and was delighted when I found schlep listed.) Like most Jews, I was raised with a strong belief in giving to charity - both (when realistic) physically and financially. Over the years, I have made financial donations to various political organizations, healthcare charities, endangered animals (not to be confused with political organizations), Jewish groups, etc. and I currently am able to donate my time to the Morse Library, Temple Beth-El and my children's schools.

Do I do these things daily? No...because I am not Superman. Should I try and do more? Give more? I would love to but I also must be realistic about being able to give my family what they need. Here's the great thing about the JFedDC's Mitzvah Day - we can cram a whole lot of giving and doing in one day. It's a great way to give back to your synagogue, your community and lead by example in the eyes of your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren.

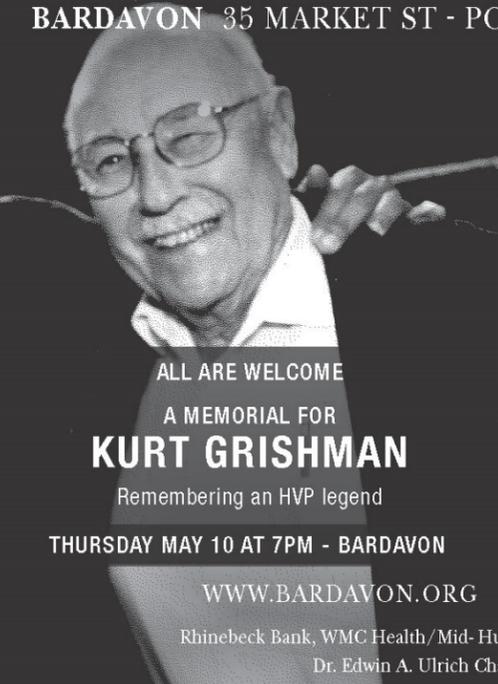
As you are hopefully aware (and already signed up for!), Mitzvah Day is fast approaching. It's Sunday, May 6. There is truly a volunteer opportunity for everyone, regardless of your age, physical abilities or interest. You can sign up via the internet ([www.JewishDutchess.org](http://www.JewishDutchess.org)) or call the JFedDC office (845) 471-9811.

For the past few years, Team Silbergleit have been big supporters of the Birthday Bag Project and Cereal Counts. Both Mitzvah projects have helped my boys get involved. My older son loves to pick out cake mixes, frosting and candles because "everyone should be able to have birthday cake on their birthday." My younger son likes to pick out all the cereals I refuse to let him eat "because your day is always better when it starts with marshmallows and (soy)milk!"

Looking forward to seeing our community get together and give back on May 6!

<https://jewishdutchess.org/programs/2018-mitzvah-day>

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June/July	May 1
August	July 1
September	August 1



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## Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

This month meet: Elizabeth (Liz) Aeschlimann

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

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



Liz Aeschlimann

Liz grew up in Madison, Wisconsin and later moved to Massachusetts where she became a part of the "United Interfaith Action" group, identifying local issues within the state. Realizing she wanted to learn more about social justice and Judaism, she decided to pursue a Masters in Divinity program at Harvard.

She recently moved to Poughkeepsie to become the Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College, a position that offers her the opportunity to assist students in figuring out what Judaism means to them personally.

To Liz, being Jewish is "a way of rooting everything that I do." She "treasures the qualities of Judaism," a statement of such gratefulness. There is a sense of curiosity with Liz, such a refreshing and admirable quality. Looking within and questioning leads Liz to be able to help students do the same.

While studying abroad in Thailand during college, Liz had an experience that led her to truly understanding her calling. There, she realized that in order to "sustain myself for the long haul, to find joy in struggle, to stand up for the things I believed in, I needed deep relationships and deep roots in my own tradition." That experience created a passion to help students find their place in Jewish life and tradition. To be heard, to be guided, and to feel secure in their Judaism is a true gift.

## Introducing Reporter Amanda Hudes

Amanda Hudes, Founder of 'Smiling Through Chaos,' is an Event Planner who seamlessly plans and coordinates major lifetime events while also offering everything to help clients feel and look their best for the event and beyond. These additional offerings include nutrition, yoga and barre, exercise guidance, fashion styling, and relaxation techniques.

We are thrilled to have such a broad level of expertise, as well as optimism and positivity, in our newest contributor as she welcomes other young Jewish professionals. Amanda has written for blogs and websites such as Wedding Connections of the Hudson Valley and NY Metro Parents, and featured in such websites and newspapers like WeddingWire, Loverly, Mod Wedding, the Northern Highlands, and the Poughkeepsie Journal.



# Rabbi's Blog

## Letting Go and Holding On

By Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

At the beginning of *Fiddler on the Roof*, Tevye shares that it's tradition in his community for men to wear hats at all times, though he doesn't know why. At the end of the play, when Tevye and his neighbors are preparing to leave Anatevka forever, one of them remarks, "Our ancestors were often driven out of their homes at a moment's notice." Tevye, in a flash of insight, answers, "Maybe *that's* why we always wear our hats!"



Rabbi Berkowitz

For generations, our ancestors have been moving from one place to the other, carrying with them little more than the clothing on their backs, maybe a precious heirloom or family photograph tucked inside a pocket. Often, they didn't have much else to leave behind. At Passover, we learn that the Israelites' fled so quickly they didn't even have time to bake bread. On Sukkot, we raise flimsy booths in our yards to remind us of the Israelites' wandering.

Our current generation faces a new conundrum. We are, perhaps, the first generation of Jews that has had the luxury of accumulating, even over-accumulating. We might be the first generation that could afford to keep things from our parents, buy things for ourselves, and pass things down to our children, if they'll take them. What do we do with all of that stuff? How do we decide what's important?

As I write this, Vassar Temple is holding its biannual Rummage Sale. Twice each year, our members engage in the diligent—and sometimes tedious—task of sorting through their possessions, deciding what to keep and what to donate, then schlepping it to the synagogue. Then our volunteers sort through it *again*, assigning each item a place and a price.

For my family, this entire year has felt like a rummage sale. Both my parents and I are bracing ourselves for big moves—me to Philadelphia, they to a smaller home across town. As my parents prepared to sell my childhood home, they sorted through the countless items that had managed to fill our four-bedroom house to overflowing in the 30 years we lived there. Every time I see my parents, my car is packed with "treasures": old photographs and letters, childhood toys and stuffed animals, even castoffs from my parents' extensive collection of serving pieces and Judaic art. (A few times, they tried to give me their kitchen table, but they couldn't sneak that into my trunk!).

Watching my parents go through the difficult, and sometimes painful, process of sorting through 30-plus years of stuff has made me want to travel a little lighter myself. I've spent months sorting through my own things, deciding what to keep and what to donate, what to photograph for posterity, and what to toss in the trash. In one sense, I am reliving my entire childhood. In another sense, I am trying to imagine my future, and what I'll want to have with me.

At times, we all go through this process, whether with our personal possession or with our life experiences. Each Shabbat, I like to tell our congregation to consider the past week, letting go of what we want to let go of, and holding onto what we want to hold onto.

As we prepare to celebrate Shavuot, we are reminded that so much of what we carry with us can't be folded into a suitcase or sealed in a box. At Sinai, we received the Torah, our people's collection of stories and instructions, detailing everything from how to celebrate festivals and how to care for the poor. Over the centuries, the rabbis and the Jewish people have added prayers, traditions, and legends to this collection. While there have been many physical structures that briefly held the Jewish people—the *mishkan*, the Temple, and our many modern synagogues, community centers, and schools—the essence of who we are is something we can carry with us, wherever we go.

## Poughkeepsie JWV Post Makes Clothing Donation To Castle Point V.A.

Shown are Presiding Officer Rob Rubin and Post Commander Ron Markowitz delivering almost \$3,000.00 worth of new clothing that Poughkeepsie-based Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., donated to the Castle Point V.A.



Rubin conveyed the JWV's sincere thanks to the community for their donations to the Post's annual Buddy Poppy sale which, along with the support of the Harding Club, allowed them to make this purchase.

# 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 Stephen Diamond, partner with Stenger, Roberts, Davis & Diamond, LLP (SRDD Law), who took the time to answer my questions...

1. **What is your favorite word?**  
*Yes*
2. **What is your least favorite word?**  
*No*
3. **What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?**  
*Sincerity*
4. **What turns you off?**  
*Entitlement*
5. **What is your favorite curse word?**  
*You can't have a favorite curse word—that's just not right!*
6. **What sound or noise do you love?**  
*The ocean*
7. **What sound or noise do you hate?**  
*Screeching voices*
8. **What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
*Comedian*
9. **What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**  
*Sewer plant operator*
10. **If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**  
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Stephen Diamond

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Alexander and Benjamin are currently in seventh grade at Lagrange Middle School in Arlington.

Alex and Ben are both avid soccer players, a love they both share and at which they excel. With Alex typically in attack and Ben typically in defense as goalie, they are a pair you cannot beat, except when they have to scrimmage against each other.

Having been born in Asia, and only recently moved to Poughkeepsie, they have a unique and global perspective on many things, including current events. Ben thoroughly enjoys reading and finding a good book to dive into. Alex has an infinity towards baking and is always looking to try a new recipe.



As the boys' passion is sports, their Mitzvah Day Project is helping collect sports supplies for the Morse School. Understanding the value and importance of team work, physical activity, and sportsmanship, they hope to help other children who are not as fortunate in having access to equipment.

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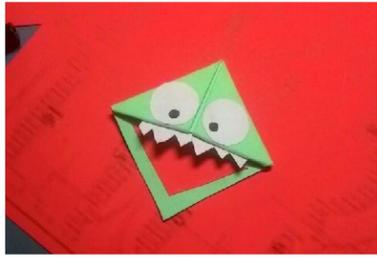
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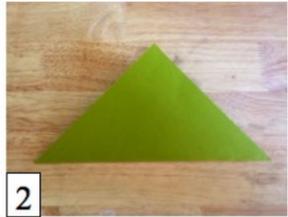
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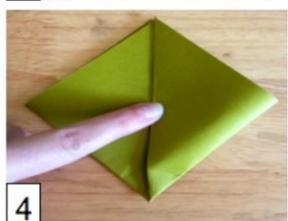
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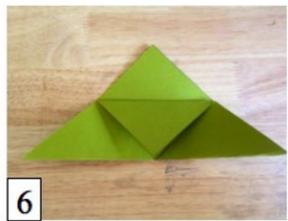
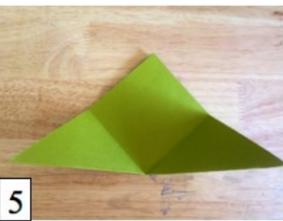


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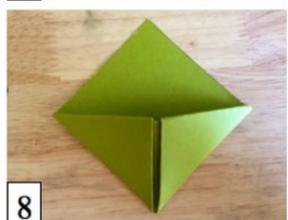


#4 - Fold the right corner to the center.



#5 - Open up your triangle.

#6 - Fold the top flap of the center to the bottom.



#7 - Take the left corner and tuck it into the middle "pocket".

#8 - Take the right corner and tuck it into the "pocket".

Now you have the head of your monster! Turn it 180 degrees so the folds are at the top, as that's where the eyes can be placed. All that's left is to take a smaller square (a little less than 3" x 3") of red paper to glue inside of the mouth, cut out some teeth and eyes to glue on for a finished monster bookmark that will just slip over the corner of the page.



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Melinda Kim Emily Bekah

A family culture of reading together

Reading together is an amazing bonding activity for many reasons including time together, shared experience, shared knowledge, a supply of inside jokes and family references that tie you together. To this day any member of our family when asked a question may respond, "I do not know, go ask your dad", from P.D.Eastman's Go Dog Go.

Before our children were born, we read aloud to them, not just children's books, but my husband and I read books aloud to each other. I read recipes and the newspaper aloud, just to supply the sound of my voice, the cadence of spoken language, and the feelings the words gave me. We kept books in every room of our house as the kids grew up, also in the car, in my purse, and in my husband's office.

When the kids were in elementary school we continued reading aloud as a family by sharing chapter books, taking turns being the reader and the listener. I think we read the whole "Lion Witch and The Wardrobe" series this way as well as many others. As the family aged our reading together time separated into each of us reading something different at the same time, in the same room. I would look up to discover somebody on the computer, someone reading a magazine, someone reading an assigned novel for school.

I took "reading together" a step further by making it a point to read what my kids were reading. Most often these were revisits to books I had read in school myself, but sometimes, I was introduced to an author or genre I had not yet discovered on my own. When your kids are teenagers there is precious little opportunity to be together in the same activity but by reading the books they read, having the story and the author's style fresh in my mind, I was able to take advantage of those moments when their attention was not occupied to have a conversation. At the end of their homework session in the evening or driving them to a sports practice or friend's house we had something interesting to talk about. I even tried to keep up when they were in college when I could. Since this practice was a well-established part of our family culture it was not seen as intrusive. It gave us a place to dwell together no matter which direction our individual lives were taking us.

As children begin to read on their own, too often families allow that to separate reading from time together, to time apart. If you continue reading aloud well past the age that they are following their own interests and create a family book club to keep a connection to great books, you will extend the intimacy of a good bedtime story well into their adulthoods. I frequently open an email or text from my adult children that is simply a quote from the book of the day, and our family dinner conversations still revolve around what we are reading.

If you find that your elementary and middle school age kids aren't choosing books for pleasure, step in and choose a book for all of you to read together. This can be a great way to make the bridge between PJ Library and PJ OurWay. Encourage your child to make that book choice every month and take the opportunity to "pass the book" with a great mid-age chapter book with a Jewish theme.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our many upcoming events,

Melinda, Kimberly, Emily, and Bekah

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*Thank you!*



Passover Fun for Vassar Temple Religious School and Tiny Temple



Vassar Temple Religious School serves at the Lunch Box



Moses, Jeff Lash, with some of Congregation Shir Chadash's religious school children at the mini Passover Seder



Diane Light-Spiro enjoying Congregation Shir Chadash's mini Passover Seder with her grandchildren.

## The Federation Board's Voice



We all need reasons to celebrate. After this seemingly endless winter, the early signs of spring are definitely cause for celebration, especially in this part of the country. You really don't have to be the gardener that I am in order to welcome some sunshine and some blue skies after all those chilly months of gray skies. The thing about spring that gets to me every year is the promise that once again there will be rebirth. More than that, there is the promise that at least some of the things that have been planted and nourished will continue to survive. Maybe they will do more than just survive: maybe they will actually flourish.

Vicki Greenberg

These thoughts are especially poignant and relevant this particular spring. Because this spring we Jews are celebrating the seventieth birthday of the State of Israel. Many of us have planted seeds there: with our families who live there, with our friends who visit there, with the dollars we send there, with the trees that we plant there in honor and in memory of so many of our loved ones. And with the dreams of Israel that we continue to hold dear. We have nourished all of these things, and they are indeed flourishing.

If you were able to join us to celebrate Israel's seventieth birthday at the Yom Ha'atzmaut party in mid-April then you know first hand what a grand and uplifting experience it was. If you weren't able to be there, then perhaps you heard about the wonderful event you missed. But either way, let the celebration continue as spring demonstrates for all to see how beautiful its colors are, and as Israel continues to live and flourish.

Vicki Greenburg

## Our Executive Director



What a year it has been so far...In April, we had a powerful and emotional Yom HaShoa program followed by our Israel 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Kickoff with a beautifully energizing Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. In May, the celebration continues with our Federation Celebration and Mitzvah Day, which are fast approaching. While all these events have been meaningful, in May, there is one event that touches my heart and soul and trumps all others...the b'nai mitzvah of my twins.

When my oldest was 13, we came back from Asia for his bar mitzvah, to celebrate with family and friends. As I stood on the bimah with him, I looked out into the congregation and saw my family, my extended family, and all the members of the community who raised me. (Yes, I had quite a number of Jewish mothers growing up.) However, I also felt our ancestors with us - there in spirit - surrounding and embracing us with love and support as we continued the tradition of the bar mitzvah to another generation. I could not help but cry a little, being overwhelmed by the emotion at that moment. My mother, at that time, was still with us, and it was a blessing for her and us that she was able to attend her eldest grandson's bar mitzvah. While she will not be there with us physically for the twins b'nai mitzvah, I know that she is with us in spirit, alongside my grandparents and uncle and our other relatives. For me, this is our special connection and Jewish tradition-Le Dor Va Dor, from generation to generation.

As my children prepare to read from the torah, just as I had, and generations before me, I count our blessings that we are a part of this Dutchess County family, receiving the continued support from this community- in good times and bad - which, as I have explained to my children, is one of the most special parts of being Jewish and being part of this community.

Mazal Tov to Alexander and Benjamin,  
Love Your Proud Mother  
Karen Hochhauser

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

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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: May 6, 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.

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**DETAILS**

Saturday, May 5, 19, 10:00am. For info, contact Rabbi Berkowitz: rabbi@vassartemple.org, or Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or call the temple office (845) 454-2570.

**Special Shavuot Program**

Congregation Schomre Israel, Poughkeepsie's modern, orthodox synagogue, looks forward to the fourth annual Shavuot Day Luncheon and Learn session. Shavuot, the anniversary of the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people, is celebrated with extra Torah study. Many follow the age old custom of studying all night long in anticipation of that memorable time in world and Jewish history. In place of the regular sermon during services, the congregation will adjourn to a scrumptious dairy lunch in honor of the tradition of a dairy meal on Shavuot. In past years discussion during the meal focused on the background of the holiday, culinary delights, who wrote the last eight sentences of the Torah and the topic 'What's So Important About 10 of the 613 Commandments.'

This year the Congregation will analyze "Secret Jews and Jewish Secrets", addressing conversion in to and out of Judaism as seen in the southwest of the United States where Rabbi Langer served for eight years.

"Taste and see that the word of G-d is good" said the psalmist.

**DETAILS**

Sunday May 20, 9:00am and will be followed by the luncheon. Reservations are required by May 10 call the office (845) 454-2890 or email at schomre1@aol.com

**Save the Date Jewish Heritage Day at Renegades Stadium**

Come celebrate Jewish Heritage Day at Renegades Stadium on Sunday afternoon August 19. Enjoy the game, great snacks and some special programming. Stacey Gamberg is coordinating this event. More information to come.

**Save the Date: June 24 Cocktail Party/Raffle**

Sunday, June 24, 2:00pm is the Schomre Israel's annual raffle to be held at the synagogue.

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

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

**DETAILS**

For more information or to purchase a ticket, please contact Irwin Lifshy, chairperson (845) 452-2051, or the synagogue (845) 454-2890. Please join us for an afternoon of good food, good company and the possibility of coming away with some extra money.

Second Day Services on Monday, May 21, 9:00am with Yizkor memorial prayers following the rabbi's sermon at 10:30am.

Evening services during the holiday will be at 7:45pm Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

**Schomre Israel to Host NCSY Bike Riders**

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

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

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



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## Sunday

**Bagels, Lox, Torah (Tefillin too!)** 9:00am led by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein. Morning minyan will follow Torah discussion on the coming week's Torah portion, upcoming holiday or topic of Jewish interest.  
**Temple Beth-El serves at Lunchbox** Volunteers always needed to keep this program running. Please call (845) 454-0570 if you can help.  
**Temple Beth-El Shavuot Service** May 20, 9:30am and 7:30pm, the evening service is in the chapel.  
**Vassar Temple Yizkor for Shavuot** May 20, 10:00am.

## Monday

**Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga** with Toni Farkas, 11:30am. \$5 per session, all welcome.  
**Temple Beth-El Shavuot Service** May 21, 9:30am. Conservative, egalitarian service with Rabbi Daniel Victor and Rabbi Miriam Hyman. All are welcome. For more info contact (845) 454-0570 or info@tbeny.org.  
**Temple Beth-El Board Meeting** May 7, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

## Tuesday

## Wednesday

**Learn & Lunch Bunch** every Wednesday, 11:00am-1:30pm. 118 So. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. For information, menu and program schedule, see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.  
**Temple Beth-El Annual Congregational Meeting** May 30, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El reviews the year and looks forward, electing a new Board of Trustees and voting on a budget for fiscal 2018-2019.

## Thursday

## Friday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service** May 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:30pm, evening service with Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg. All welcome.  
**Vassar Temple Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour** May 4, 7:30pm service, 6:00pm Happy Hour  
**Vassar Temple Shabbat** May 11, 18, 25, 7:30pm, May 11—Teacher Recognition, May 18 Confirmation Service  
**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** May 5, 19, 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** May 5, 19, 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** May 5, 19, 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** May 5, 19, 10:00am.  
**Vassar Temple Torah Service** May 12, 10:00am.  
**Vassar Temple Tikkun Leil Shavuot** May 12, 7:30pm.  
**Temple Beth-Shabbat Morning Service** every week, 9:30am, Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.  
**Temple Beth-El Tikkun Leil Shavuot** May 19, 7:30pm at Vassar Temple. A community Tikkun Leil Shavuot presented jointly by Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El and Vassar Temple. It will be held Saturday night to provide us all the opportunity to spiritually prepare for the receiving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai the following day (Shavuot). Watch your emails for program details. The tikkun will end by 11:00pm and everyone is warmly invited to come and learn and celebrate together.  
**Temple Beth-El Tot Shabbat, Kid-Dish and Kadimah** May 12, 26, 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.

# 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** 9:00am, A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.  
**Saturday Morning Service** 10:00am, Join us for uplifting morning communal prayer, meditation and Torah study.  
**Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi** Call (845) 338-4271(x101) for class dates/time: Hebrew Trope, Torah Study, Introduction to Judaism, Beginner and Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew, Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah and Private Conversion Tutorials.  
**Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study** Tuesday's through June, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, Led by Rabbi Yael Romer.  
**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** Tuesday, May 1, 12:00pm. Join Cantor Cohen & Pat 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.  
**Tikkun Leil Shavuot** Saturday, May 19, 10:30pm at a congregants home. Please call the office for the address (845) 338-4271  
**Sunrise Shavuot Service** Sunday, May 20, 5:00am at Kingston Point Beach.

# Calendar

## May

### 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

## May Candle Lighting

**May 4..... 7:39pm**  
**May 11..... 7:46pm**  
**May 18..... 7:53pm**  
**May 25..... 8:00pm**

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Sue Marcoe, Religious School Coordinator of Congregation Shir Chadash, Moses, Jeff Lash and Rabbi Polish at the Mini Passover Seder



Vassar Temple Community Seder



Interfaith Freedom Seder at Temple Beth-El



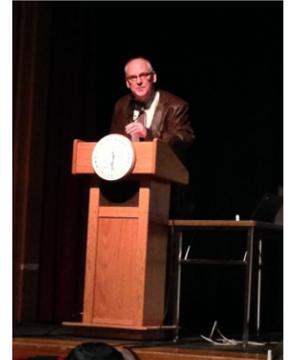
Congregation Shir Chadash's congregants participating in the March Against Violence on the Walkway Over the Hudson



**Veterans Receive Gift from Harding Club**  
Irving Baum, Commander, Pvt Herman Siegel Post #625 JWV of the USA, accepts a check for \$500 from Harding Club Pres. Alan Lemberger (right) and Harding Club Treasurer Bernie Cohen (center). The Post will use the donation to purchase food, clothing and other necessities for the veterans' pantries at the Castle Point V.A.



The JFedDC at the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast



Yom HaShoa at DCC

# Israel's 70th Birthday Celebration

