



Dutchess Film Festival Showcases Israeli Filmmaking

With its premiere showing of *Dancing in Jaffa* last month, the Dutchess County Israeli Film Festival kicked off its 2th annual showcase of films related to Israel or written, produced and directed by Israeli filmmakers.

This year’s lineup includes a film written and directed by the first Orthodox Jewish woman to direct a film intended for viewers outside the Orthodox community, two very different films each exploring Israeli/Palestinian relations, an historic account of American pilots who volunteered in Israel during the War of Independence and several films suited for the entire family.

“We’re excited about the films chosen this year and feel the selection represents a wide spectrum of interests and genres,” said Howard Lynne, chair of the Film Festival Committee. A listing of films with descriptions, dates and times can be found on page 8.

Thank you, 2015 Israel Film Festival Committee			
Rabbi David Barnett	Mims Gold	Howard Lynne	Sara Rothman
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Beloved rabbi looks to retirement

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Rabbi Paul Golomb had a 40-year plan.

“I had it pretty much in my mind, the number of years, and that if my health stayed up, this was as long as I would work — 40 years,” said Golomb, 67. “And it became easy with this congregation.”

He hit his mark this year and will retire in July from the Vassar Temple in Poughkeepsie, where he’s served as rabbi for 15 years.

Golomb grew up in Port Washington, Nassau County. He was ordained in 1975 by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City and over the years became involved in a range of rabbinic work, including serving congregations of various sizes, being a university chaplain, teaching undergraduate and graduate coursework, and otherwise supporting the Reform movement of Judaism.

Prior to joining the Vassar Temple, Golomb was executive director of the Canadian



Rabbi Paul Golomb in Vassar Temple’s sanctuary.

Council for Reform

Judaism of the Union for Reform Judaism. He liked the work but missed interacting with a congregation. Plus he and his wife, attorney Deborah Golomb, wanted to be closer to their children, son, Tal, and daughter, Rivka, who were attending college in New York City and Philadelphia.

And so, when a position as rabbi for the Vassar Temple opened in 2000, Golomb accepted it, favoring its convenient location and small, 200-plus member size.

“It’s a warm, friendly, active and extraordinarily intelligent congregation,” he said.

“That worked out really well for me. This was a congregation that could be responsive to what I did best to provide; a lot of scholarship in terms of the full range of Jewish thought and practice.”

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Mission to Cuba Needs Humanitarian Items Deadline May 22

A 9-day, May 31-June 8, mission to Cuba is asking for donations for the Cuban Jewish Community and a rural high-risk pregnancy clinic.

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- ◆ Azitromycin 500 mg
- ◆ Advair; Enalapril (Vasutec)
- ◆ Diclofenac; Singulair

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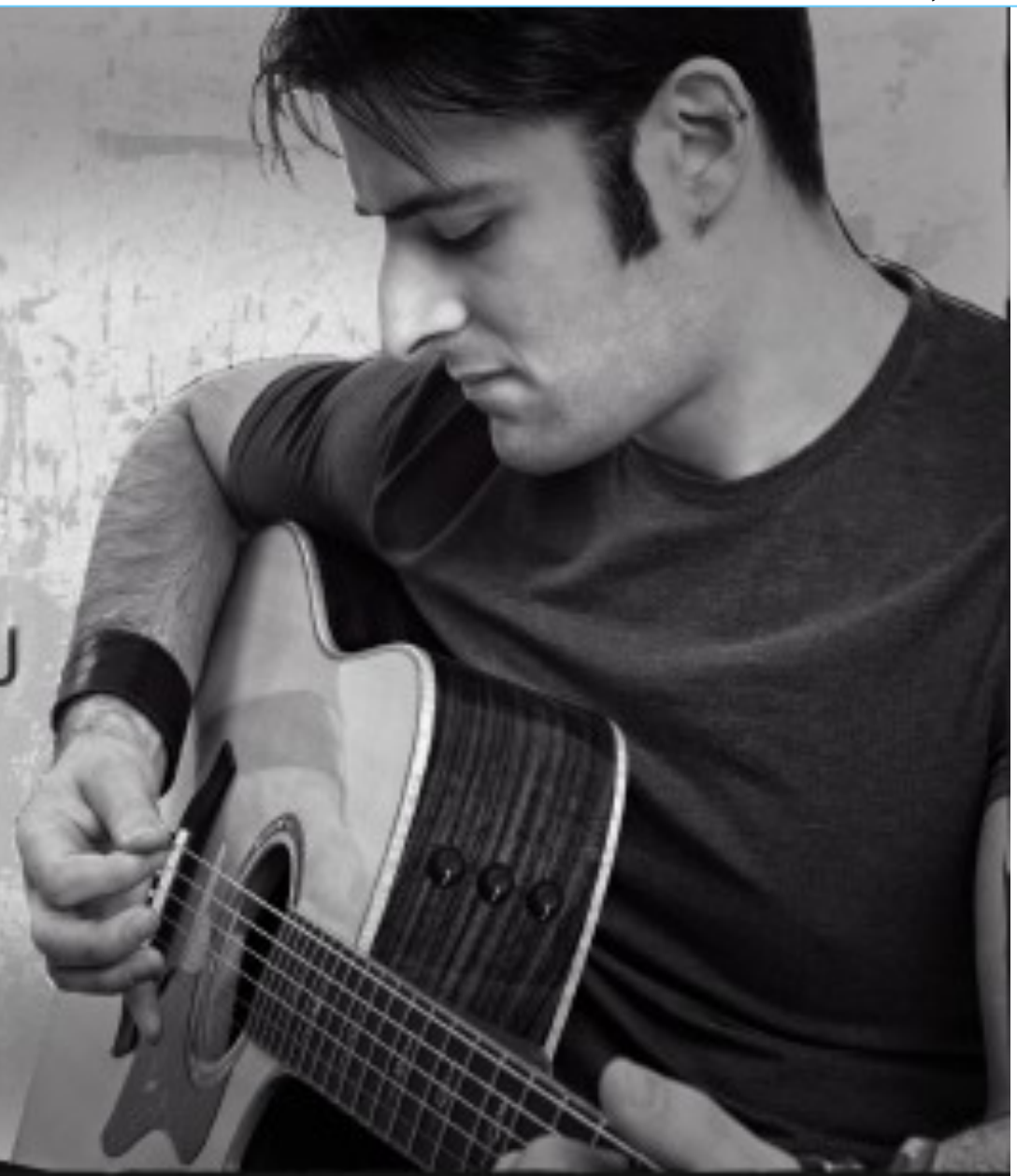
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Editorial



After several years of dedicated service, Toby Lavi, *the Voice* Editor and author of the weekly *Jewish in Dutchess* email, has resigned her position with JFDC and is moving on to other personal and professional adventures. During her tenure, Toby brought the newspaper through many stages, coordinating community news, authoring articles, and bringing her own vision and flair to what we’ve all come to rely on for our Dutchess Jewish communication. Toby is a strong supporter of the Federation, a good friend to many, and her energy and talent will be missed. We look forward to working with Toby on other projects in our community and wish her luck and Godspeed in the next chapter of her journey.

Howard Lynne, Chair, Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.

Shalom and Todah Rabah

Letters to the Editor

Dear Voice Editor:

My Jewish thoughts these days revolve about my liberal feelings, having voted for Barack Obama twice. Up front I will tell you that if nuclear weapons are used against Israel I will be called lots of bad things because most of my Jewish friends consider Obama a "bad/incompetent" President - after all he has had a difference of opinion with Netanyahu. But as an octogenarian I have a pretty good memory of things that have happened during my life time so permit me a few facts:

President Eisenhpwer in leaving office said " we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military industrial complex".

A few years later President Kennedy increased U.S. advisory presence in South Vietnam hoping that a U.S. support program of "nation-building" would strengthen the new South Vietnamese government.

By August, 1964 President Johnson believed escalation of the U.S. presence in Vietnam was the only solution.

The Vietnam war memorial now lists over 58,000 Americans who died in that war. Especially tragic are forty pairs of brothers listed on that memorial.

In 2003, two years after 9/11, President Bush got US Congress approval for war with Iraq, trying to find Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction. The Weapons were never found but U.S troop death toll in Iraq is almost 4,500.

Which brings me to 2008 where Obama campaigned "Change." and "Hope". The first thing he had to do was focus on the economy AND setting dates to end our involvement in wars. In 2012 he campaigned on his health care reforms, the bailout of the American auto-industry, the death of Osama bin Laden and an economy making slow but steady progress.

But as a Jew, who values life above all else, I'm struck by Obama's constant focus on the enormity of senseless loss of life whether it is due to the insanity of wars, or the bombing of Synagogues or the seemingly endless shooting of black youths. In his own words, talking about the shooting of Trayvon Martin, "Obviously, this is a tragedy. I can only imagine what these parents are going through. And when I think about this boy, I think about my own kids. And, you know, I think every parent in America should be able to understand why it is absolutely imperative that we investigate every aspect of this and that everybody pulls together -- federal, state and local -- to figure out exactly how this tragedy happened."

I'll close with the thought that Israel has been castigated by many bigots, terrorists, and tyrants but the people currently controlling Iran still refer to us, the US, as the "great Satan". And so I'm of the opinion that Obama's goal is to keep Iran from Nuclear weapons for America's safety, and Israel's, which seems to be contrary to many opinions. Until all the facts are published I will stay with the man who values life above all else.

Melvin Zipes
Poughkeepsie, NY

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June 15

A Father’s Perspective

By Mark Cooper

We have always tried to create an environment for our children that enabled them to have a life with strong Jewish values. We have weekly Shabbos dinners, participate in our synagogue and celebrate Jewish holidays.

But we never thought that was enough.

“Our daughter wanted to go to Israel for a year...”

The Jewish summer camp experience was an important part of our youth, and we made it a priority for our children. Our two oldest children, Alana and Adam, after participating for years have now outgrown summer camps. Our youngest child, Julia, will be attending Young Judea Sprout Lake this summer. Teen tours in Israel are sometimes the next step after summer camps. Alana toured Israel with Young Judea in 2013 and Adam plans to do the same tour this summer. Fostering a relationship with Israel could not have made us happier.

When Alana graduated high school last year, we expected she’dstart college in the fall of 2014. Alana, however, wanted to spend more time in Israel. She told us the teen tour was nice, but she wanted a deeper experience of Israel. Israeli counselors during the summer camp years had always encouraged her to spend time in Israel. She wanted to feel what everyday life was like in Israel. When Alana asked us if she could defer her first year of college to participate in a gap year program in Israel, we had to say yes.

Sure there were many considerations. Safety was and is a concern. The cost basically added another year of tuition to the expensive cost of college. On top of all that, this would be the longest time we ever spent away from our firstborn child. Even with all the considerations, we couldn’t deny our daughter this unique opportunity to connect to Israel.

That was last spring. Fast forward to today. Susan and I recently visited Alana in Israel.

The trip was amazing. We toured around Israel, connected with family and experienced many of Alana’s favorite places. We visited Tel Aviv, Ra’anana, Netanya, Safed, Herzlyia, Petah Tikvah, Zikhron Ya’akov and

of course Jerusalem. The advancements all over Israel were astounding. We walked down Rothschild Blvd in Tel Aviv and were amazed to see all the modern buildings. We jogged on the beach in Tel Aviv, Alana knowing that we like to be active. We spent hours walking around Jerusalem including eating our way through Machane Yehuda and going to her favorite eatery, Aroma, to get a decaf cappuccino or a quinoa salad. The Western Wall excavations were unbelievable.

Alana showed us Hebrew University where she went to school. Her favorite class was taught by a Palestinian about the on-going conflict. Alana’s Hebrew has improved. She also has made some great Jewish friends from all over the States and elsewhere. In the Spring semester she will be volunteering at Kfar Hassidim working with young immigrants located near Haifa.

We are so proud of our daughter. We were anxious when she left last Sept and those feelings have not totally gone away. But that decision may turn out to be one of the most important decisions we ever made with our daughter. Not only did we see a more mature young adult who will be better able to tackle the challenges at the University of Delaware next year, but we also saw a young Jewish leader more passionate about Jewish causes than ever before. We know she will be active in Jewish events on campus inspired by her home Jewish experiences in combination with this Israel experience.



Alana and the author enjoying a meal in Israel

If anyone else is making such a decision and has questions, we would be more than happy to talk about our experiences.

The Coopers are participants in the Federation of Dutchess County Israel Youth Scholarship program.

Rabbi’s blog

Contributed by Rabbi Eliezer Langer

I invite you to take a “Jewish IQ Test” from NJOP, the National Jewish Outreach Program.

G = General Knowledge Questions J = Jewish Knowledge Questions

- 1G

The author of "Das Kapital" is

a) Vladimir Lenin b) Karl Marx c) New World Atlas
- 1J

The author of *Guide To The Perplexed* is

a) Maimonides b) Nachmanides c) Sigmund Freud
- 2G

What happened to Columbus in 1492? He

a) got lost in the Atlantic b) discovered America
c) died
- 2J

What happened to Jews in 1492? a) They were expelled from England b) from Spain
c) the birth of Maimonides
- 3G

Name 3 of the 4 Gospels

a) Mathew, Paul, Luke b) Mark, Luke John c) Paul, Mark, Luke
- 3J

Name 3 of the 5 Books of Moses

a) Genesis, Exodus, Job b) Numbers, Leviticus, Ruth
c) Numbers, Exodus, Deuteronomy
- 4G

Who was the mother of Jesus? a) Martha b) Mary c) Anne
- 4J

Who was the mother of Moses? a) Miriam b) Yocheved c) Rebecca,
- 5G

What is the independence date of the US? a) July 4, 1776 b) August 10, 1947
c) December 7, 1941
- 5J

What is the independence date of Israel? a) November 14, 1947 b) May 14, 1948
c) August 10, 1947
- 6G

On what day is Jesus' birthday celebrated? a) July 4th b) December 25th c) January 1st
- 6J

On what day is Moses’s birthday celebrated? a) 15 Tishrei b) 7 Adar c) 9 Av
- 7G

Who is the present Pope? a) Leo X b) Frances c) Benedict XVI
- 7J

Who are the chief rabbis of Israel? a) Rabbis Lichtenstein & Buchwald b) Rabbis Metzger & Amar
c) Rabbis Yosef & Lau.
- 8G

"Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name..." is the first line of

a) the 23rd Psalm b) The Lord's Prayer c) The “New Testament”
- 8J

"Hear O Israel the L-rd is Our G-d, the L-rd is One" is the first line of

a) the Israeli national anthem b) The Shemoneh Esrei c) The Shema
- 9G

Eggs are dyed for

a) Easter b) Christmas c) egg salad
- 9J

We spin the dreidl on

a) Passover b) Chanukah c) Rosh Hashanah
- 10G

The Trinity is

a) the first three books of the Christian Bible b) The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit
c) the three cardinal sins of Christianity
- 10J

A Mitzvah is

a) a Prayer b) a Commandment c) a sin

If the G's were available but the J’s befuddling, don't despair. This is a marvelous time to (re) acquaint yourself with our marvelous heritage. The time period between Pesach and Shavuot is the time during which we historically prepared ourselves to receive the Torah and become “The People of The Books.” There are so many opportunities to study various aspects of Torah on a multitude of levels and topics. The Internet brings us a vast array of Jewish knowledge, and Rabbi Google is ready to help us research any topic 24/6, in addition to the resources found in our own community.

So...do you know what happened on July the Fourth and on the Ninth of Av? Of course you do. And if don't today, you can. **Challenge yourself and experience the joy of Torah Study.**

Answers can be found on the next page.

Retirement

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With that, Golomb strengthened the adult education program with ongoing sessions on Jewish mysticism and ethics, plus expert-led programs on the culture, society and politics of the Middle East. He expanded on the temple’s interfaith activities with other religious communities and founded Scriptural Reasonings, a small group of religious and academic notables of various religious backgrounds that meet to discuss texts and central topics.

Golomb also served as president of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council and worked with the Dutchess County Human Right’s Commission.

“When you actually have face-to-face contact, it’s not a matter of determining what we have in common... but how we can live with what’s different,” he said.

Bob Ritter of LaGrange, president of the Vassar Temple, said Golomb has an amazing mind, with a facility to recall religious, philosophical and historic facts.

“We all admire his ability to share his knowledge with us in a way that’s pleasant and inspiring,” he said.

Golomb, who will be missed, is adept at *lashon hara*, said Ritter, a Jewish law that prohibits negative talk about others.

“In all my years that I’ve known him, he’s taught me to observe my words more and how I talk about others,” he said. “He’s a genuine, kind individual.”

Sandra Mamis of Poughkeepsie has been a member of the Vassar Temple since 1989, where she’s served as several committee chairs plus past president. Rabbi Golomb, she said, came to the temple during a period of transition and provided the congregation with needed reassurance.

“One of the first things Rabbi brought us was a sense of stability and calm,” she said, as he has a big heart and great deal of commitment to the temple members.

In working with Rabbi Golomb over the years Mamis has found his vast knowledge on Judaism and virtually any other topic as impressive, a proficiency that’s benefited the temple’s adult education program, in particular.

“He is a scholar by the hundredth degree,” she said.

With his retirement, Golomb, who lives in the City of Poughkeepsie with his wife, will have more time to dedicate to the CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly for which he serves as editor-in-chief. He’ll also continue his work with the Association of Reform Zionists of America and the Scriptural Reasonings group. Plus, he’ll have more time with his wife and for visits with their grandchildren in Brooklyn.

“There’s not been a day in which I’ve not be unemployed until July 1 this year,” said Golomb, since his 1975 ordination, “so that’s something brand new to both of us.”

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Shavuot — The Culmination of a Plethora of Auspicious Days

Shavuot (or Shavuot if you're from the old country) comes 50 days after the end of Passover and commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. The 50-day period between Pesach and Shavuot is called the Counting of the Omer. During this time many Jews refrain from cutting their hair or partying. Lag BaOmer falls on the 33rd day of the Counting of the Omer, and, for one day, restrictions are lifted and celebrations are often marked with the lighting of bon fires! Originally an agricultural holiday, in our time Shavuot is associated with education and often coincides with commencement or graduation. As such it is traditional to participate in all-night Torah and text study and eat dairy foods! Any holiday that includes eating cheesecake goes to the top of the list!

To help celebrate Shavuot, try this quick and easy blintz casserole made with frozen cheese blintzes from your supermarket. Assemble it the day before and pop it in the oven to bake when your guests arrive. Top with fresh fruit or jam and enjoy!

Ingredients

- 2 packages frozen blintzes
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter
- 1 1/2 pts sour cream
- 6 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup sugar (or honey)
- Cinnamon



Directions

Preheat the oven to 350. Melt the butter or margarine and pour into a 9x13 baking pan. Place the frozen blintzes in the pan and turn them to ensure they all get coated in butter or margarine. In a bowl beat together sour cream, eggs, vanilla, orange juice, and sugar or honey. Pour the sour cream mixture over the blintzes and sprinkle the top with cinnamon. Bake for 40 minutes or until the top is puffy and golden. Wait for the compliments!

Why do we eat dairy on Shavuot?

There are many reasons but the yummiest comes from Exodus 3:8 when the Israelites were promised a “land flowing with milk and honey.” Song of Songs 4:11 reads “honey and milk are under your tongue,” which is why some communities enjoy honey along with their dairy during the holiday!

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Answer Key

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| 1G | a | 1J | a |
| 2G | b | 2J | b |
| 3G | c | 3J | c |
| 4G | b | 4J | b |
| 5G | a | 5J | b |
| 6G | b | 6J | b |
| 7G | b | 7J | c |
| 8G | b | 8J | c |
| 9G | a | 9J | b |
| 10G | b | 0J | b |

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE RATINGS FOR G QUESTIONS

- 10 Correct - Genius
- 7-9 Correct - Sharpie
- 5-6 Correct - OK
- 3-4 Correct - Go back to school
- 0-2 Correct - Oy vey!

JEWISH KNOWLEDGE RATING FOR QUESTION

- 10 Correct - You should become a Rabbi
- 7-9 Correct - Are you a Hebrew school teacher?
- 5-6 Correct - Pretty good
- 3-4 Correct - Pareve
- 0-2 Correct - Oy Vey!



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Jacob Domber, Temple Beth El, May 2, 2015
Son of Steven and Debra Domber



For his community service project Jacob was an aide at the Lutheran Care Center in Poughkeepsie. There he helped residents get back and forth to chapel to attend services, set up activities, and assisted resi-

dents with their bingo games.

"I felt that I could make a difference in someone's day. I knew these elderly people could be very lonely, and it was a good feeling to make someone who doesn't get a lot of visitors smile."

Jacob attends Dutchess Day School in Millbrook, has two older sisters, Lauren and Sarah, and plans to continue volunteering at the Lutheran Care Center.

Elise Tra, Temple Beth El, May 30, 2015
Daughter of Donna and Mordekai Gordon



Elise volunteers at Lunchbox and the Lutheran Care Center in Poughkeepsie and was a regular part of the youth choir when it was active (before Cantor Shapiro retired.)

Elise attends Shabbat services regularly and loves reading to the younger children in the "kids room."

Elise is a student at Unionvale Middle School and has four siblings—Simone, Zebulun, Ajani, and Sh’lomoni.

"I try to make the world a better place by helping people and making them smile."

Elise is looking forward to celebrating her special day with family, friends and congregants.

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICES

Working with Individual Learning Styles Brings Out the Best in Kids

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Ah, the pressure. Adults aren’t the only ones that feel it. So do kids, especially when it comes to school. In fact, for many children the pressure to perform starts in preschool, when youngsters are held to pre-set learning and socialization standards. Those forced into rigid learning styles are often left frustrated and anxious. Instead, nurturing your child’s ability to learn and develop according to his timeline, and with practiced guidance, is sure to open the way for a love of learning and pride in accomplishments.



The National Association for the Education of the Young Child (www.naeyc.org) supports teaching young kids by way of developmentally appropriate practices, based in three fundamental cores: understanding typical development at each stage of childhood, knowing what is individually appropriate according to a child’s interests and abilities, and keeping with cultural values.

Key, as well, are that all areas of learning are important. Early experiences have a marked effect on later development, as well as kids' interest in – and attitudes about – learning.

Ages and stages. Build your child’s environment to match his age. Most toddlers are on the move and will grab at whatever catches their eye, so keep their spaces safe for exploring and double-up on favorite toys if the room is shared by other youngsters.

By the time a child reaches three years old, he’s moving into social development and learning how to express himself. Interact by sitting on the floor with your child and, in times of conflict, help him understand what a friend or sibling’s unhappy expression means. Show him how to use words to express his feelings.

Maximize learning opportunities. Layer different types of learning in separate activities to expose your child to less conventional opportunities, while taking advantage of more straightforward ones. For example, when reading a picture book together, move beyond the book’s literacy lessons to other developmental aspects. Talk about words that appear in a bold or an otherwise dramatized format and what that extra attention to those words might mean. Point out characters’ different expressions and discuss what they could signify and why. See if your youngster can anticipate repeated phrases and illustrations.

Take advantage of your child’s interests, too. If he or she is fascinated by pirates, compare old pirate-style maps with new ones. Go for a walk together and show your child how to draw a map of the route. Or try a treasure hunt with a group of kids, using it as a learning opportunity on following directions and working as a team. Read pirate books to develop literacy and have your child build ships with blocks to foster motor skills.

Provide a variety of ways to learn. Some kids naturally pick up markers and are happy to copy letters to write their name; others are slower to connect with the process. Instead of pressuring an inattentive youngster into a desk chair with a marker in-hand – a situation that’s bound to create anxiety for you and the child – help him learn to recognize his name by posting it around his room. Point out his name in books and magazines and roll out letters in molding clay.

Observe how your child takes in information to make the most of his natural leanings. Have a youngster that loves to play with blocks? Set a roll of wrapping paper and tape dispenser next to him and show him how to wrap the blocks to help him develop his fine motor skills. Does your child like to play with puzzles? Pull a couple of them out when friends are around to encourage social interaction and cooperation. Are beads or modeling clay your child’s top choice for fun? Use them to open the doors to new discoveries, like counting with beads and shape-making with clay.

Mix with other kids. Teachers and parents aren’t the only people that youngsters learn from. Other kids can make great teachers, too, and not just older brothers and sisters. Preschool peers and friends that know how recognize names, for example, and can point out the proper name tag to kids that can’t identify their own, an interaction that also teaches the more learned kid how to be helpful.

Spending time with other kids also gives youngsters a chance to develop their cognitive skills by working out conflicts, a useful ability as they get older. Step back and observe such interactions

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Kidz Riddlez

How many blocks can you put into an empty box?

(Answer. One, because after that it's not empty!)

When is a car not a car?

(Answer. When it turns into a parking lot.)

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Israeli Film Festival Calendar of Screenings

ABOVE AND BEYOND It wasn't their country, but they made it their war. Produced by Nancy Spielberg (Steven's sister) and directed by Roberta Grossman (*Blessed Is the Match: The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh*), *Above and Beyond* is the first feature-length documentary about foreign airmen in Israel's War of Independence. Receiver of the Audience Award in Miami, Seattle, Charlotte and Philadelphia, the film looks at the motivations of foreign volunteers and examines the tensions between Israelis and Machal soldiers. Would foreign pilots stay in Israel after the war? Were they Americans first or Jews first? Don't miss this account of the personal stories of young pilots whose experiences in Israel were life changing.

THE ZIGZAG KID Based on the book by Israeli author, David Grossman, this quirky Pink Panther-esque film follows the adventures of 12 year old Nono who longs to be a detective like his famous father. But Nono's curiosity and spirit get him into trouble leading to a madcap escapade in the French Riviera. Winner of Children's Jury Prize-Best Feature Film (Seattle Film Festival 2014) and the Golden Elephant Award for Screenplay (International Children's Film Festival India 2013) the film co-stars Isabella Rossellini. This film will delight adults and children old enough to read subtitles.

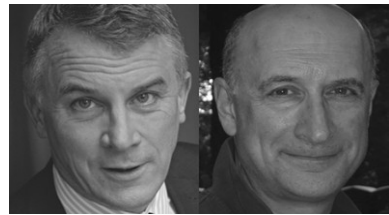
FILL THE VOID An intimate look into the Orthodox world of matchmaking, family loyalties, and personal wishes, *Fill the Void* is the story of 18-year old Shira and her plans for the future. When Shira's sister dies in childbirth, Shira's life is turned upside down. Events soon leave Shira having to choose between her heart and family duty. Winner of seven Israeli Academy Awards and a NY Times Critics Pick. "...Rama Burshtein's exquisitely acted, radiantly shot, and delicately nuanced *Fill the Void* [is] a melodrama set in the ultra-Orthodox Haredi Jewish community of Tel Aviv. By bringing to life complex and sympathetic characters in a precisely observed setting and social framework, and by presenting that isolated world as a microcosm, Burshtein has achieved a gripping film without victims or villains, an ambiguous tragedy drawing on universal themes of love and loss, self-sacrifice and self-preservation." – Peter Keough, Boston Globe

THE GREEN PRINCE An extraordinary documentary, this film tells the gripping story of the relationship between the son of a Hamas leader who became one of Israel's greatest informants and the Shin Bet agent who risked his career to protect him. Through the use of first hand testimony, dramatic action sequences, and rare archival footage the film highlights spiritual transformation and transcendent bonds of friendship. The winner of the Sundance Film Festival 2014 Audience Award for Best Documentary, *The Green Prince* will challenge much of what you know about the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

DANCING IN JAFFA [Screened April 22] – "When you touch someone with respect, something changes." A delightful family-friendly film on the power of dance to bring Israeli and Palestinian children together in spite of their differences. A true story, this documentary won the 2014 Peace and Sport Image of the Year prize.

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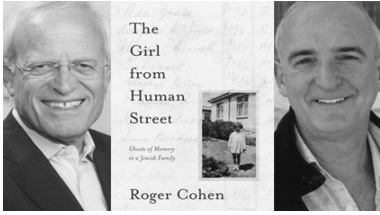
These programs are a joint offering of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and Poughkeepsie Public Library District. They are held at Adriance Library in Poughkeepsie and are underwritten by the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund of Poughkeepsie Public Library District.



Thursday May 21, 7pm PRE-RECORDED

Michael Doran and Warren Kozak
The United States, Iran, and Israel: What Next?

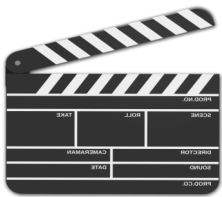
The United States embarked on a historically unprecedented engagement with Iran at a moment when the Middle East has never seemed more volatile and unpredictable. What has it achieved?



Thursday June 18, 7pm PRE-RECORDED

Ambassador Martin Indyk w Roger Cohen
What's Next for Israel?

Ambassador Martin Indyk, former US special envoy for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations shares a diplomatic and scholarly perspective on the latest in the Israeli-Arab conflict. He will discuss the future of diplomacy in achieving a sustainable peace between Israel, Palestinians and her Arab neighbors.



Israeli Day Parade Surprise!
Howard Lynne | President

Do you want to be of a very exciting day? If you answered "YES", then join me, your friends, and neighbors as we venture down to NYC to watch the 67th Annual Israeli Day Parade on Sunday May 31.

We'll meet at Metro North train station, Poughkeepsie, 7:30am, to board the 7:50am train to GCS. In NYC we'll head to the **GRANDSTAND** on 70th St and 5th Ave where we have 15 reserved seats to watch the parade in comfort.

If we'd like, the group can attend a mid-afternoon Israel Day music concert in honor of the day. This concert is traditionally located at the Central Park Summer Stage located near 5th Avenue & 72nd Street.

We will return to Poughkeepsie by about 7pm.

To be a part of this great day, make a reservation with Patty at the JFDC (845) 471-9811 by May 25. **Grandstand seats are limited. First come first served.**

Dancing in Jaffa

Wed, April 22, 7pm, Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie

Above & Beyond

Wed, May 13, 7pm, The Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, 409 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY

The ZigZag Kid NOTE CHANGE

Location, date and time TBD [Note: Dutch, French, and English with some subtitles.]

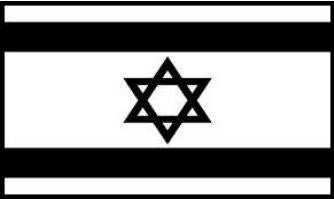
Fill the Void

Tue, May 26, 7pm, Temple Shomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie [Note: Hebrew with subtitles]

The Green Prince

Sun, June 7, 1pm, Upstate Films, 6415 Montgomery, Rhinebeck

Admission is free. Call (845) 471-9811 or visit www.JewishDutchess.org for more information.



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Who’s on First?

Joyce Schriebman | Executive Director

Ah, spring. When a young man’s [and a young woman’s] fancy turns to...BASEBALL!

As an organizational development professional, I’ve always been keen on analogies—framing one situation in terms of another.

Some of the best analogies come from the sports arena. See that? I did it right there. Be a team player. Hit one out of the park. You’re way off base. He’s playing hardball. Score one for our side. She’s a heavy hitter. And a Monday morning quarterback favorite—see? I did it again—“That Sunday morning news show interviewer was throwing softballs yesterday.”

In many ways, our Dutchess Jewish community is like baseball.

We’re a team.

Beyond our loyalty to the Mets, Yankees or Red Sox, we’re faithful to the blue & white Dutchess Jewish Community Team. And that team has players and positions. Our coaches and trainers are our rabbis and teachers. Jewish Family Services is our catcher—always around to back us up when the unexpected happens or something

gets past us. Our cheerleaders are colleagues who rally behind us and encourage us when we’re behind in the game.

We have fans.

Fans? Yes, they’re perhaps the most important part of our game. Our team’s fans are the members of our synagogues, participants in our workshops, students in our classes, and readers of our newspapers. Like a baseball team, we players don’t know most of the fans out there, but the fans are critical to the game’s success. There are many more fans in the stands than players on the field, but without the 10th man/woman, there’s no game.

We have to be in shape.

Optimum performance means stretching ourselves. Extending ourselves just beyond our reach. We strengthen our ability to succeed when we collaborate and learn from others. Our locker room talks are our regular meetings and roundtables. Our batting practices are conferences and seminars. Blogs and social media inform our playbooks and strategies for next season. Working out is critical to our success.

It’s not always exciting.

In the same way that watching baseball is sometimes like watching paint dry, much of the time our team’s work is routine. There are ex-



citing moments, to be sure, when an event, a teachable moment, or an ah-ha lightbulb makes our labor on the field worthwhile. But most of the time, we’re shagging fly balls in the outfield. Answering phones. Repairing leaky roofs. Or rearranging classrooms for a committee meeting. But this GM work is necessary for the team to do its job.

Analogies have their limits, though. There are times when we need to leave the comparisons behind.

Baseball is a zero-sum game. When I win, you lose. When you win, I lose. We can’t build a thriving community when we expect winners and losers. We need to look for win-win opportunities and those moments when a homerun will create a victory for the whole community.

If we get creative there’s no limit to the dynamic community we can have. But we have to do it together—fans and players. So let’s figure out what we want and how we’re going to get there.

For the past several months I’ve been inviting you to share your vision for the Jewish community and

ways Federation can help realize that vision. Let’s talk.

As a wise baseball icon once said, “If you don’t know where you’re going, how will you know when you get there?”




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DETAILS

Sunday, June 7, 2pm. For info or to purchase a ticket contact Irwin Lifshay, chair (845)227-5651 or the synagogue (845)454-2890

Hadassah Chapter Donor Dinner

Rabbi Marvin Tokayer, who spent many years in the Far East, will share amazing stories of his experiences serving the Jewish communities there at the Poughkeepsie Chapter of Hadassah’s annual donor event.

Rabbi Tokayer was a US Air Force Chaplain stationed in Japan in 1962. He returned in 1968 and served until 1976 as the only English-speaking, university-educated rabbi for Jewish communities in the Far East. He has published twenty books in Japanese on Jewish subjects and stories which show the relationship of the Far East with Jews. His stories tell extraordinary ways Jews contributed to the countries of the Far East and how the people of the Far East helped the Jews.

DETAILS

Mon, May 11, Le Express Bistro. Dinner meeting is open to member donors and their guests. Call Denise Eisner (845) 471-9373 for info.

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 JEWISH WAR VETERANS MEETING

Persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the United States armed forces (Active, Reserve, or National Guard) are invited to attend and participate in the activities of this JWV Post.

DETAILS

Sun, May 3, 9:30am, Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie. Schomre Israel is strictly kosher. Please do not bring food or drink into the synagogue. If you need a ride or info, contact Post Commander, Robert L. Morrison at ROBL56@aol.com.



Movie Night

Everyone is invited to the next Schomre Israel movie night. The movie is free and

so is the popcorn!

Check the synagogue website www.schomreisrael.org for more information and to see what movie will be shown. Past movies include "Escape From Sobibor" and "The Chosen."

DETAILS

Sun, May 17 Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue

RUMMAGE SALE COMING IN JUNE!

Clean out your attic. Box up your giveaways. Vassar Temple Sisterhood will be accepting items for its upcoming spring sale. Items must be appropriate for the season, clean, and in new, good or gently used condition. Best sellers include seasonal and household items, spring/summer clothing, toys, small appliances, bric-a-brac and books. Text-books, computers and TVs will not be accepted.

Volunteers are needed to set up and work the sale. It’s a lot of fun, and teen helpers can earn community service credit. This semi-annual sale is a major Sisterhood project that helps fund improvements to the Temple programming and facilities. Items will be accepted in June. More information coming next month.

DETAILS

For info, contact rummage@vassartemple.org or (845)223-5804. Tax receipts will be given to those who donate items

Beth-El Judaica Book and Gift Shops

The Judaica Book and Gift Shops will have Sunday hours, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, on May 3, 10, and 17. After the 17th, shopping is by appointment only until Sunday hours resume in the fall.

Featured this month is *Marcel Marceau: Master Mime*, a biography by Gloria Spielman, Illustrated by Manon Gauthier. The book was a National Jewish Book Award Finalist, a Sydney Taylor Notable Book, and is for grades 3-5. Also featured is *Dinosaurs on Shabbat* by Diane Levin Rauchwerger with illustrations by Jason Wolf suitable for grades PreK-1 and *The Mitzvah Magician* by Linda Elovitz with illustrations by C. Engel, for ages PreK-3.

DETAILS

(845) 454-0570 Geri Bromberg for books and recordings, Sheri Raften for ceremonials.

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Adult Education, Lifelong Learning: Movements of Judaism Jews Talking to Jews: The Sports Special

Life Long Learning at Vassar Temple concludes its school year with two offerings during the month of May. The final topic for the Judaism 101 series is Reform, Orthodox and the Movements of Modern Judaism. Attendance at prior classes in this series is not necessary in order to participate. Jews Talking to Jews: The Sports Special will explore baseball, basketball, boxing, football, golf and other sports that have long been a source of fascination and enjoyment. This should be a fun topic for discussion.

DETAILS

Wed, May 6, 7pm, Reform, Orthodox and the Movements of Modern Judaism

Sun, May 17, 9:15am, Jews Talking to Jews: The Sports Special

Info at office@vassartemple.org. Classes are free and open to the entire community.

New Creations at Judaica Shoppe

Two exciting new artists are showcased this month. Vassar Temple’s Judaica Shoppe features Inna Kudria’s beautiful stone necklaces and bracelets and Myla Cohen's silk creations from Jerusalem. Temple traditional religious articles including mezuzot, candles, tallisim, gift and ritual items, jewelry are of course always available. If you don’t see what you’re looking for, we will do our best to find it for you!

DETAILS

Mon-Thurs 9:30am-2:30pm and by appointment. For information, to place a special order, or to schedule an appointment, contact Perla at membership@vassartemple.org

Vassar New Paths Services

Join us at the next New Paths services where the focus is on letting the service get through you, rather than on you getting through the service.

The atmosphere has been described as spiritual, uplifting, and thought provoking. The moving liturgy of the New Paths prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English, and participants may bring supplemental materials to share.

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

DETAILS

Sat, May 16 and 30, 10am, Vassar Temple. Email Marian Schwartz, mschwa9882@aol.com or rabbi@vassartemple.org or call (845) 454-2570.

Joint Synagogue Shavout May 23

An unforgettable evening of community, spirituality and discovery is planned at a combined three-synagogue Tikkun Leil Shavuot program.

It is traditional to come together for study the night of Shavuot to spiritually prepare to receive the Torah the next day. Even if you have never participated in this tradition before, join this year with members of the local Jewish community to prepare to celebrate the giving of the Torah.

The study session portion of the program will be co-led by clergy of three temples: Rabbis David Barnett and Miriam Hyman of Temple Beth El, Paul Golomb of Vassar Temple, and Daniel Polish of Shir Chadash. Following the theme “Finding Ourselves in the Text,” rabbis will explore favorite selections from the Talmudic tractate Brachot, which contain many of the fundamental Jewish prayers, blessings and rituals. The program focuses on how these teachings can touch our own lives as well.

DETAILS

The evening begins at 8:30 with traditional Shavuot dairy refreshments and a chance to socialize followed by a brief Ma’ariv (evening) service at 9:00 and Tikkun (study) at 9:30.

Sat evening, May 23, at Temple Beth El

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study

Welcome your day with a morning ritual that prepares you to receive the day’s blessings with fullness, center & breath. Explore Jewish traditions with this morning ritual that integrates meditation, prayer and study as an alternative morning practice. Take a Jewish journey with a progressive egalitarian approach and learn what our congregation has to offer.

DETAILS

Held weekly mornings through June and led by Rabbi Yael Romer, meditation begins at 8:45am followed at 9:15 with Weekly Torah Study. For directions and info call Congregation Emanuel’s satellite office in Rhinebeck at (845) 876-5551.

Sunday

Temple Beth-El Judaica Book and Gift shops, 9:30am to 12:30pm, May 3, 10 & 17. Call the temple office and leave a message for Geri Bromberg for books and recordings, or for Sheri Raften for year-round ceremonials. (845) 454-0570.

May 3, The Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States meeting, 9:30am, Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie. If you need a ride, contact the Post Commander, Robert L. Morrison, at ROBL56@aol.com

May 3, Mitzvah Day, A Day of Community Service in Northern Dutchess County, 2 Mitzvah Day Activities: Annual Car Wash to benefit the food pantry at the Church of the Messiah, Gardening at the Astor Home for Children. 10:30am-1:00pm

Temple Beth-El serves at Lunchbox Help Temple Beth-El serve at Lunchbox on the 2nd Sunday of every month at Dutchess Outreach in the Family Partnership Building, 29 North Hamilton St. , May 10, 10am-2pm. Contact Pam Krinsky (845) 853-5199 to sign up.

Temple Beth-El-Religious School Temple Beth-El offers an exciting religious school program for children in Kindergarten through sixth grades. May 10, 17 at 9:30am-12:30pm. For information call Rabbi Miriam Hyman at (845) 454.0570 or email education@tbeny.org

May 17, Movie Night, Congregation Schomre Israel 7:00pm, consult synagogue website www.schomreIsrael.org to see what movie will be shown or (845) 454-2890.

May 17, Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) Celebration featuring Jewish rock star Sheldon Low Temple Beth-El, a celebration of Jerusalem and Israel in commemoration of Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day, 11:00am-2:00pm. (845) 454-0570

May 17, Adult Ed at Vassar Temple "Jews Talking to Jews: The Sports Special." 9:15am. Adult education at Vassar Temple is free of charge and the entire community is warmly invited to attend.

Congregation Schomre Israel- Raffle/Buffer June 7, 2:00pm. Raffle tickets \$100 each entitle ticket holders to attend the buffet. \$8000 in prizes will be awarded. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Contact Irwin Lifshay, (845) 227-5651 or Schomre Israel (845) 454.2890.

Monday

Evening Minyan-Temple Beth-El May 4, 11, 18, 7:15pm. All welcome. Contact TBE office. (845) 454.0570

May 11 Donor Dinner of the Poughkeepsie Chapter of Hadassah at the Le Express Bistro, 1820 New Hackensack Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY, 6:30pm. Contact Denise Eisner for more details. (845) 471-9373

Tuesday

Lunch with Rabbi Romer & Guests May 7, 12:00pm. For directions call Congregation Emanuel's Rhinebeck satellite office. (845) 876-5551

Ivrit (Hebrew) School-Temple Beth-El May 5, 12, 19, 4:30pm-6:30pm in partnership with Congregation Shir Chadash offers an exciting Hebrew school program for grades 3-7. For info call Rabbi Miriam Hyman at (845) 454-0570 or email education@tbeny.org .

Adult Education with Rabbi David Barnett-Temple Beth-El May 5, 12, 19 at 7:00pm-8:30pm. Rabbi Barnett offers adult education class. Topic to be announced. Call the office for details (845) 454-0570.

Monthly Board Meeting-Temple Beth-El May 11, 2015 at 7:30pm. Call the Temple (845) 454-0570 for information.

Wednesday

Temple Beth-El Annual Meeting with Deli Dinner May 28, 2015, 6:15pm. Annual congregational meeting starting with a kosher deli dinner from Harold's Kosher Deli in Paramus. Paid reservations to the TBE office by May 22. Contact TBE office (845) 454-0570.

Adult Ed at Vassar Temple The Life Long Learning adult ed program concludes its school year. The final topic for Judaism 101 is " Reform, Orthodox and the Movements of Modern Judaism", May 6, 7pm Attendance at previous classes in this series is not necessary.

Gesher Youth Program-Temple Beth-El May 6, 13, 20, 6:30pm-8:30pm. Temple Beth-El and Congregation Shir Chadash offer an exciting teen program for grades 8-12. For additional information contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman at (845) 454.0570 or education@tbeny.org.

Thursday

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study held weekly on mornings through June. Welcome your day with a Morning Ritual that prepares you to receive the day's blessings with fullness, center & breath. For info contact the office in Rhinebeck at (845) 876-5551.

Speaking Torah 2nd and 4th Thurs from 5:30-7pm, Oct-May. Led by Rabbi Yael Romer, from "Speaking Torah Vol & 2, Spiritual Teachings from around the Maggid's Table" by Arthur Green, Rabbis Ebn Leader and Or Rose, Ariel Evan Mayse. Last classes 5/14 and 5/28.

Adult Education class-Temple Beth-El May 7, 14, 21, 28 12:30pm-1:30pm Rabbi David Barnett offers an ongoing adult education class afternoons. Call the office for details (845) 454-0570. Open to all.

Friday

Yoga for the Jewish Soul 10:00am in the Chapel at Temple guided by Linda Sumber. Yogis are asked to bring a mat, two blocks and a blanket. Open to the community. Donations support Temple. Contact Congregation Emanuel's satellite office in Rhinebeck (845) 876-5551.

Sisterhood Shabbat & 125th Anniversary Celebration May 1, 6:00pm For directions, contact Congregation Emanuel's satellite office in Rhinebeck at (845) 876-5551.

Lab B'Omer Celebration May 7, 7:00pm-9pm at Rhinebeck satellite sing and dance around the bonfire & bring a potluck dish to share (veggie/dairy.) For directions, contact Congregation Emanuel's satellite office in Rhinebeck at (845) 876-5551.

Saturday

New Paths Services 5/16 and 5/30, 10am, Vassar Temple. Let the service get through you, rather than you getting through the service. A kiddush follows. For info contact Marian Schwartz mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb at rabbib@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570.

"Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway" Congregation Shir Chadash's Annual Spring Concert May 30, 8:00pm, Poughkeepsie Day School, James Earl Jones Theater, 260 Boardman Rd, (845) 227-3327 for info, email info@shir-chadash.org or visit www.shir-chadash.org .

Tikkun Leil Shavuot service and panel discussion 5/23 6:15pm, at Temple Beth El with Vassar Temple and Congregation Shir Chadash. Co-led by Rabbis Daniel Polish, Paul Golomb, David Barnett and Miriam Hyman. All welcome. Call (845) 454-0570 for info.

Shavuot Service Schedule- Temple Beth-El Shavuot is the time of the giving of the Torah. Service schedule: May 23, 9:00pm service and program. Sunday, May 24, 9:30am and 7:30pm. Monday, May 25, 9:30am. All welcome. Contact TBE office (845) 454-0570.

Out of Area

Sunday, May 10, Marching with the King, 7pm, Rabbi Israel Dresner will speak about his time with Dr Martin Luther King. Temple Emanuel, Kingston. Tickets are \$10 at the door. All are welcome. (845) 243-1658

Monday, May 11, Brotherhood Wine & Cooking Class 6:00-10:00pm, featuring Chefs Mike Cohen and Steve Gutterman. Contact Temple Emanuel Main Office in Kingston for more details (845) 338-4271 x101

May

Regular Schedule of Services

Beacon Hebrew Alliance
331 Veplanck Avenue • Beacon • (845) 831-2012
Conservative: Rabbi Brent Spodek
Shilchat Tzibur/Educator Director Ellen Gersh
Web Address: www.beaconhebrewalliance.org
email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org
Service held weekly on Fridays at 7:30 pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30 am. Visit our website for information about services, religious school, and community events

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley
63 Vassar Road • Poughkeepsie • (845) 463-5801
Email: chabadmidhudsonny@prodigy.net
Website Address: www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com
Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
Friday – Call for time • Saturday – 10 am

Congregation Beth David
E. Main Street • Arden • (845) 373-8264
Email: JonRab33@gmail.com
Website Address: CongBethDavid.org
Independent: Rabbi Jon Haddon
Services held usually on Saturdays at 10:00 am twice monthly except January & February. Please call for schedules.

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

Congregation Shir Chadash
Interim home: Freedom Plains Pres. Church • Lagrange • (845) 227-3327
Email: info@shir-chadash.org
Website: www.shir-chadash.org
Reform: Rabbi – Daniel Polish,
Cantor – Gail Hirschenfang
Fridays – Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm, Bi-monthly on Saturdays; Children's Religious School at 9:00 am; Torah Study at 9:15am and Services at 10:45 am

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center
102 Montgomery St • Rhinebeck • (845) 876-7666
Website: rhinebeckjewishcenter.com
Services held at 102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck.
Rabbi Hanoch & Rebbitzin Tzvie Hecht
Friday Services – Please call for time; Saturday Services – 9:30

Temple Beth El
118 So. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie • (845) 454-0570
email: info@tbeny.org
website: www.tbeny.org
Conservative: Rabbi David Barnett
Rosh Tefilah: Rabbi Miriam Hyman
Shabbat B'rychad family service – 1st Friday of the month at 6:30 pm
Friday evening – 7:30 pm,
Shabbat service at 9:30 am Saturday
Weekdays – 7:30 am daily and 7:30 pm Mondays only.

Vassar College Bayit
51 Collegeview Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 451-3920
Rabbi: Malka Packer
Email: mapacker@vassar.edu
Friday- 6:00 pm service, 7:00 pm dinner, when school is in session

Vassar Temple (Reform)
140 Hooker Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 454-2570
website: www.vassartemple.org
Reform: Rabbi – Paul Golomb
Cantorial Soloist – Eliza Dugatkin
Email: office@vassartemple.org or rabbib@vassartemple.org
Friday night services start at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Torah study every Saturday at 9:00am. New Paths Services on the first and third Saturday of each month at 10:00am. Unless otherwise noted.

May Candle Lighting

April 247:26

May 17:33

May 87:41

May 157:48

May 227:54

May 238:56

May 248:56

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JAND Havdalah

The Jewish Alliance of Northern Dutchess (JAND) held a Havdalah for the community in Rhinebeck. Havdalah was hosted by Ron and Ellie Carleton, members of Woodstock Jewish Congregation, at their Rhinebeck home. Children and adults gathered for the Havdalah service followed by a lively talk about Esther’s role of leadership in the Purim story, a potluck dinner, and games for children. Community members came from a wide range of towns, from Kingston to New Paltz, Woodstock to Red Hook.

(Photo credit: Avis Tootchin)
Havdalah photo with Eitan Neustadt (holding the Havdalah candle) and Jonah Carleton, during the Havdalah ceremony



The community seder held at Vassar Temple highlighted beloved traditions as well as special music created especially for this year's event. Pictured, violinist Jacob Kudrica.



Northern Dutchess Community Hebrew School visits Local Nursing Home



The Northern Dutchess Community Hebrew School celebrated the joyful holiday of Purim with singing, dancing, face painting and eating lots of hamantaschen. The celebration continued when students and their parents visited residents

at the Baptist Home, a nursing home in Rhinebeck. At the nursing home, music teacher Liza Goldstone led the students in singing Hebrew and English songs of Purim and songs of peace. Several of the residents joined in the singing and clapped along as the children sang. At the end of the visit, the children handed mishloach manot bags of treats to the residents as they socialized. The giving of mishloach manot fulfills one of the mitzvot of Purim, the giving of gifts.

(Photo credit: Karin Lipke)
Baptist Home – Teachers Liza Goldstone and Emmet Dotan addressing residents of the Baptist Home
Making Hamantaschen – Leah Lipke

Chabad Seder at Manor at Woodside



Chabad of Mid Hudson Valley met with the residents of The Manor at Woodside Nursing Home and explained the meaning of Passover and the traditions of a Passover Seder. The residents had a demonstration of a Seder and sang Passover songs bringing joy and happiness to the crowd.

Stars Wars Themed Purim at Vassar

“You might think the Purim spiel photos from Vassar Temple are "old news." but not really because due to building issues the spiel was not held until March 28th!” ~ Marian Schwartz



100 Years of Broadway: An Enchanted Evening of Music

Fans of the music of the Great White Way will enjoy a trip down memory lane as Congregation Shir Chadash presents its annual spring concert, Neil Berg’s *100 Years of Broadway*, back by popular demand.

Last year’s performance included Todd Adams, a graduate of The Juilliard School and one of a handful of American actors to have portrayed the Phantom, Javert and Jean Valjean. Also performing last year and this year is Rita Harvey, graduate of Simpson College with a degree in opera performance. Ms. Harvey made her Broadway debut in the lead role in *The Phantom of the Opera*. Between numbers, Berg offers tidbits of Broadway history to enrich the experience of the music.

This year, *100 Years of Broadway* promises to be as joyful as last year’s concert. Audiences can expect to relive their favorite moments from shows like *West Side Story*, *Chicago*, *Cats*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Rent*, *Phantom of the Opera*, and a score of others.

“It will truly be an enchanted evening,” said Gloria Goverman, Shir Chadash concert chairperson.

DETAILS
Saturday, May 30, 8 pm, Poughkeepsie Day School, Boardman Road

Ticket price includes complimentary wine and cheese during intermission: \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, \$20 for students. Purchase online at www.shir-chadash.org with PayPal or credit card. Checks made out to Congregation Shir Chadash can be sent to Gloria Goverman, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, 12533. Additional information call (845)227-3327 or email info@shir-chadash.org or for more information about Neil Berg check out www.neilberg.com



Individual Learning Styles Brings Out the Best in Kids

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as they unfold. Follow the kids’ conversation, providing appropriate words to youngsters that need them.

Consider enrolling your child in a preschool for more socialization. The school should offer a variety of ways to support the development of young minds, bodies and emotions. Check out the individual class' character -- each one should have its own personality, with an optimal environment tailored to the group of children and the age of those within it.

Allow for catch-up. Most kids reach the emotional maturity needed for kindergarten’s more structured classroom by the time they finish pre-k, but some of them don’t. For them it’s best to give them another year to mature. Some schools, such as the Sol Silver Early Childhood Center at the Hudson Valley Community Center, offer an additional year of schooling to serve as a "practice kindergarten" – an excellent way to allow for a natural, respectful transition.

Pushing an immature youngster into an unattainable program is much less likely to advance the child than it is to cause a lot of frustration for him, his family and even his friends and classmates. Studies show that, for young kids, emotional and cognitive learning are linked. By meeting kids where they stand and showing them how to move forward, they’ll be motivated to follow the path of a lifelong learner.



About the Author: Lucia Swartz is director of the Sol Silver Early Childhood Center at the Hudson Valley Community Center (www.hvcommunitycenter.com/#!preschool/con8) in Poughkeepsie, a state licensed school that offers a variety of programs for children from ages 18 months to 6 years. The school follows the National Association for the Education of the Young Child’s best practice guidelines and offers a child-centered, experiential approach, providing a stimulating environment for each child to develop according to his or her own pace.