

PJ Library preserves richness and vibrancy of Jewish culture, one book at a time

A newly-released survey measuring the impact of PJ Library finds the program plays an important role in the lives of Jewish families regardless of background.

Joining thousands of Jewish families across North America, Mid-Hudson Valley PJ Library families say the program has influenced or supported how they talk about and practice Jewish traditions in their home. Almost 90% of the more than 300 families participating in the Mid-Hudson Valley program say PJ Library helps them have conversations about Jewish traditions, values and customs with their children.

The study also indicates that PJ Library is more likely to impact interfaith families than in-married families when it comes to celebrating Jewish holidays and learning more about Judaism. *Across the United States and Canada, the majority of interfaith families who participate in PJ Library say the program has not only spurred them to celebrate Jewish holidays (64%) and Shabbat (58%) but also encouraged them to learn more about Judaism (89%) and cook traditional Jewish food (66%).* Here in the Mid-Hudson Valley, interfaith families who participate in PJ Library say the program has increased their confidence in their ability to engage their children around Jewish traditions, values and customs.



“Working to preserve a strong Jewish community for future generations is at the heart of everything we do at the Foundation and through PJ Library,” said Harold Grinspoon, founder of PJ Library. **“Books are a natural way to invite people into a global community and to pass values and traditions onto the next generation, ensuring our children and their children grow up connected to their Jewish heritage.”**

PJ Library, flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, delivers more than 170,000 Jewish children’s books and music CDs free to families throughout North America each month, including more than 300 in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

But PJ Library is much more than a books program. Implemented in the Mid-Hudson Valley by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County in partnership with Ulster County Federation and with the support of The Harding Club and other local donors, a team of PJ Library professionals creates meaningful programming for families with young children all around the region.

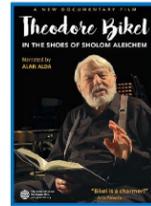


“We help folks connect with other families right in their neighborhoods. In addition to holiday programs and regular story times, we also create Parents’ Night Out events and local coffees to help parents connect with other parents so they can share the challenges and rewards of young family parenting,” says Melinda Margulies, PJ Library Mid-Hudson Program Director.

2017 JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Jewish Storytelling & the American Experience

PREMIERE
Thursday, Sept 7, 7:00-9:00pm



THEODORE BIKEL, IN THE SHOES OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM

The stories of two beloved Jewish icons are woven together in this enchanting documentary, which combines Bikel’s charismatic storytelling and masterful performances with a broader exploration of Aleichem’s remarkable life and work.

A pioneer of modern Jewish literature who championed and luxuriated in the Yiddish language, Aleichem (1859–1916) conveys like no one else the soul of the tragicomic Jewish shtetl life. *Fiddler on the Roof*, the Broadway and Hollywood musical adaptation of Aleichem’s *Tevye the Milkman* short stories, immortalized him.

Vienna-born Theodore Bikel and his family escaped Austria after the Nazi occupation and migrated to Palestine before settling in the United States. An unstoppable performer, Bikel, who passed away in 2015, was the foremost interpreter of Sholom Aleichem’s work, portraying *Tevye on the American stage* more than 2,000 times. His career spanned more than 150 screen roles (including an Oscar-nominated role in *The Defiant Ones*) and countless stage and musical productions.

The film’s highlights include interviews with Alan Alda, Fyvush Finkel, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, and Sholem Aleichem’s granddaughter, Bel Kaufman, who died in 2014. Aleichem, the great Jewish storyteller, and Theodore Bikel, troubadour, actor and one of the most popular stage interpreters of Aleichem’s work—are two sides of the same

Guest presenter for this special screening: **To be announced soon**

Admission is free. But a Jewish education is not.
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All events are open to the public



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ZELIG

Thursday, Sept 14, 7:00-9:00pm



This quirky mockumentary focuses on the quest to define one’s self in a conformity-driven world. Leonard Zelig elects to be like others rather than stand out from the crowd. What could possibly go wrong?

One of Allen’s lesser known films. It’s also one you won’t soon forget.

Following the film, Dr. Peter Antyles, Vassar College professor, takes us on a brief thought-provoking exploration of assimilation and the media.

CROSSING DELANCEY

Tuesday, Sept 19, 7:00-9:30pm



This classic tale of old world meets new finds 30-something Izzy (Amy Irving) resisting the matchmaking of her lovable bubble (Reizl Bozyk.) Izzy, more interested in worldly author, Anton (Ieroen Krabbe), isn’t

prepared for what happens when she meets local boy Sam (Peter Riegert), “the pickle man.” Charmingly contemporary, even today.

We’re thrilled to welcome Delancey Street screenwriter, Susan Sandler, to discuss her movie and the craft of Jewish storytelling after the film.

Last year’s programs filled quickly!
Reservations strongly suggested.
Call Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (845) 471-9811 or email admin@jewishdutchess.org
Don’t be left out.

This program is made possible through a generous grant from the Ann and Abe Effron Fund.

After a recent program, Beacon resident, Chris Ditata offered these words: “I can’t thank Hudson Valley PJ Library enough for putting on a wonderful Grandparents’ Celebration. My two daughters got to play with friends outside, listen to Jewish stories with their grandmother, and create their own books about what their grandparents taught them throughout the years. Not only did the kids love it, but I appreciated being able to give my mother and grandmother [four generations attended!] an afternoon of Jewish culture and family. We will absolutely be attending more PJ Library events!”

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Dutchess County Jewish Federation Mitzvah Day 2017 Visitors



New York State Assembly Member Didi Barrett and Mitzvah Day Coordinator Karen Hochhauser with a finished Birthday Bag.



New York State Senator Susan Serino and volunteer Perla Kaufman taking a break at Mitzvah Day 2017

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LEARN & LUNCH BUNCH

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

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS

- August 2** **Things you can't hear may hurt you** with Haim Keren
 Come learn about the effects of untreated hearing loss.
 Menu: Salad, baked ziti, lasagna, coffee/tea & dessert
- August 9** **Learning about the possible effects of statin drugs** with Betty Andrews
 Betty will teach us how to safely and affordably lower cholesterol
 Menu: Tabouli salad, Israeli salad, Tahini, hummus stuffed grape leaves, coffee/tea, fruit & dessert
- August 16** **Film Festival: Ed Sullivan Show from September 1965**
 Featuring Soupy Sales and The Beatles
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea & dessert
- August 23** **Self-Defense and Safety Awareness for Seniors** with Craig Gittleman
 Menu: Shashuka (Moroccan) omelet, hash browns, pancakes, coffee/tea & dessert
- August 30** **The Federation Presents: PJ Library** with Melinda Margulies
 Sharing about PJ library and the benefits of reading to children.
 Menu: Chili, pico de gallo, guacamole, coffee/tea, dessert

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ages 9-11, PJ OurWay, was launched to continue to encourage kids to read quality Jewish books through the end of elementary school.

Your child can also receive free Jewish books and music each month delivered right to your mailbox. To enroll a child age 6 months to 8 years in PJ Library, go to www.PJLibrary.org. To enroll a child age 9-11, go to www.PJOurWay.org. Or email Melinda Margulies at pjlibrary@JewishDutchess.org.

Follow us on Facebook at PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley to stay informed about local programming.

To support PJ Library in the Mid-Hudson Valley, go to the PJ Library page on the Jewish Federation of Dutchess website and donate online or send a check to JFDC, PO Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 and write "PJ Library" in the memo line.

Jewish War Veterans Local Memorial Day Observance

Jewish War Veterans Post 625 sponsored a Memorial Day ceremony at the veterans' section of Schomre Hadath Cemetery on Lagrange Avenue in Poughkeepsie. Presiding were Post Commander Ron Markowitz and Rabbi Eliezer Langer of Congregation Schomre Israel, which maintains the cemetery.

The ceremony concluded with a moving arrangement of *Taps* played on the trumpet by Jarrod Rizzi of Roy C. Ketcham High School and Alice Pandaleon, daughter of Post member Alec Pandaleon. Appreciation also to teens Nick Pandaleon of Millbrook and Matt McDonough of RCK who assisted with cleaning the cemetery and the lowering of the flag.

The JWV Post distributes flags for the graves of veterans in all the Jewish cemeteries in Dutchess County. If you have questions regarding the placement of flags please contact Ralph Schwartz.

The Post meets monthly and welcomes new members who have served both in war and peace, in the regular military, Reserves, or National Guard.

For information about the Post please contact Ron Markowitz ronmarko@prodigy.net or (845) 473-0178.



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 Program
 12:30pm —Lunch

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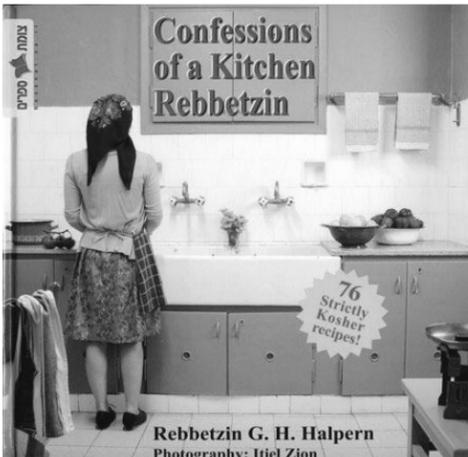
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Book
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Shops**Temple Beth-El's Book and Gift Shop**
submitted by Geri Bromberg

The Temple Beth-El Book and Gift Shops will have hours by appointment until the shops have Sunday hours on Sept. 10, 10:30am—12:30pm. The Judaica Shops will be closed Sept. 17, 24 and Oct. 1.

Plan for upcoming B'nai Mitzvot, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and other special occasions.

The featured Jewish cookbook is *Confessions of a Kitchen Rebbetzin* by Gil Hovav. This is Hovav's single English-language cookbook to date. One of Israel's preeminent food experts, he is a passionate advocate for home cooking. The cookbook was written in the voice of his alter-ego, Ashkenazic grandmother, Rebbetzin GH Halpern, who has a sassy tongue and a comprehensive knowledge of ethnic Israeli cuisine. The recipes include No-Oil Simple Tomato Salad, and Yemenite Idjeh, a herb and potato omelet which makes a great brunch dish served along with the salad or a perfect sandwich with lettuce and tomato.



Gil Hovav's Hebrew-language website is www.Foodspy.co.il.

DETAILS

For additional information, contact the temple office and leave a message for Geri Bromberg for books and recordings and/or Sheri Raften for year-round ceremonies, host and hostess gifts.

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group Presented By Congregation Shir Chadash

Those interested in reading are invited to a potluck brunch and discussion every month. Participants meet and 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, please contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: info@shir-chadash.org or website: www.shir-chadash.org.

Adult Education

Educational Opportunities Abound at Schomre Israel

Know Your Book with Rabbi Langer Tuesday mornings, 10:30am. Study session and discussion of Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs).

Classes with Rabbi Langer Thursday, evenings, 7:00pm. Classes are free. All are welcome. You are invited to visit our website, www.schomreisrael.org, for a full complement of recordings of previous classes of the following topics: books of the Bible, controversial issues in Israel, new perspectives on the holidays, Jewish biographies, crash course on Jewish history and more. For info on weather cancellations and class schedules visit www.schomreisrael.org or call (845) 454-2890.

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

Torah Study, Every Saturday, (no class 8/19), at 9:00am, led by Rabbi Leah Berkowitz. Examine passages from the weekly Torah portion or Haftarah.

Entering Mishkan HaNefesh: New High Holy Day Experience: This coming fall, Vassar Temple will introduce Mishkan HaNefesh (Sanctuary of the Soul), a new High Holy Day prayer book. Anyone interested is invited to join Rabbi Berkowitz now to explore this beautiful new liturgy, learn how and why this prayer book is different from all other prayer books and discuss how to make the High Holy Days more personally meaningful for you. Classes will be held on five Shabbat mornings at 10:30am (after Torah Study Class). The first three sessions are a repeat of the March classes and are available for those who missed them. You can attend any or all sessions: August 5, Sin and Forgiveness in the 21st Century; August 12, Wrestling with Unetaneh Tokaf.

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from Ancient Texts, Every Tuesday, at 12:00pm, resumes in the fall, with Senior Scholar, Rabbi Paul Golomb.

All welcome. No previous training required. No charge to attend. If you have questions, vassartemplerabbi@gmail.com or call (845) 454-2570.

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

Sunday Hebrew for Adults Class, Classes will resume in fall.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Classes, Wednesdays, 7:00pm. Learn the skills to have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Contact Rabbi Victor at rebvictor@tbeny.org with any questions.

Sacred Texts Speaking to Issues of the Day with Rabbi Daniel Victor, Tuesdays, 12:30pm resumes after the High Holidays, The Crafted Kup, Raymond Ave. Meet Rabbi Victor for an interesting conversation on issues of the day in relation to our Jewish texts.

On Eagles Wings; Adult Discovery Course, 9 months of exposure to Jewish History, Spiritually and Practice, classes begin Spring 2017/5777. Temple Beth-El is pleased to present this year's adult discovery course of study 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. For more information (845) 454-0570.

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

Chabad Center Classes

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

New Talmud class: Upcoming classes in Talmud and Hebrew and other fascinating classes and events.

Please visit our website www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Congregation Shir Chadash

Saturday Torah Study, resumes Saturday, Sept. 9, 9:15am. While enjoying a light breakfast, engage in an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish, 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.

For more information call (845) 232-1029, email info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org.

Book Club to Discuss: *The Underground Railroad* on August 16

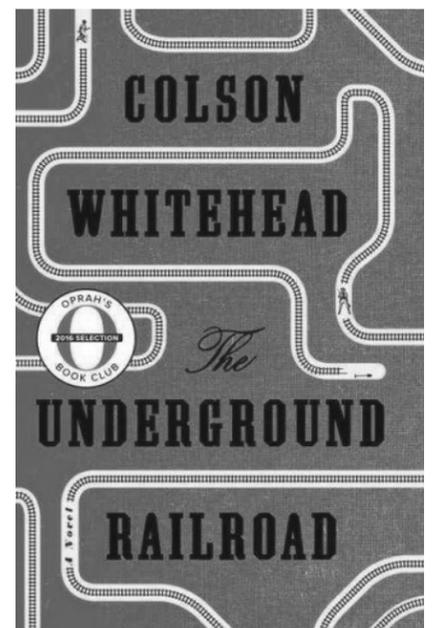
Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss *The Underground Railroad*, by Pulitzer Prize winning author Colson Whitehead, a magnificent story chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate move for freedom and the escape from bondage in the pre-Civil War South.

Life is difficult for all the slaves on a cotton plantation in Georgia, but especially for Cora, an outcast even among her own people. When Caesar, a recent arrival from Virginia, tells her about the Underground Railroad, they decide to take a terrifying risk, and escape. As Cora encounters different worlds at each stage of her journey, Whitehead recreates the unique terrors for black people in the pre-Civil War era. His narrative weaves the saga of America, from the brutal importation of Africans, to the unfulfilled promises of the present day.

The Underground Railroad is available in paperback through Amazon, as well as the local library system, where multiple copies are available. Muriel Lampell will lead the discussion to which to which everyone is welcome.

The meeting will take place Wednesday, August 16, at 2:00pm in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at (845) 473-7931 or linda.babas.41@gmail.com. Your book suggestions for future readings are always appreciated.



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Debbie's VOICE



Recently, I have been thinking a lot about what it means to be part of the “sandwich generation.” I’m not talking about spending lots of time hanging out at Katz’s deli either.

To save you the time of Googling it, Wikipedia says the sandwich generation is “a generation of people (usually in their 30’s or 40’s) who care for their aging parents while supporting their own children.” Like many of Americans, I am part of this generation. I have two youngish boys (8 and gulp - by the time this goes to print - 13!) and both of my parents are in their late 70s.

Over the years, I have been in the ambulance with my youngest son two times (he’s got life-threatening food allergies). And I have spent several nights sleeping at the hospital with both of my boys due to their various illnesses. Luckily my children were released without any lingering issues.

My parents, specifically my dad, haven’t fared as well. In the past 10 years, my dad has been hospitalized a dozen or so times — ranging from cancer, open-heart surgery, broken hip and the list goes on and on and on.

Recently, I took the boys and Turtle (the Team Silbergleit mascot – a mini poodle puppy) to visit my parents for a few days while my husband couldn’t get away from work. My dad had recently fallen and broken several ribs but was slowly healing. My younger son, who also has asthma, had his typical asthmatic cough. The first night at their house, he ran a low-grade fever which vanished after taking Tylenol. This happened for two nights. On the third morning, my dad woke up with a low-grade fever. The next day after we had returned home, my dad was rushed to the hospital with pneumonia. Two days later, my little guy was also diagnosed with pneumonia.

Does the sandwich generation have it rough? Absolutely!

However, when compared to the struggles the men and women of other generations, (especially the GI Generation and Silent Generation) have faced, I would say it’s clearly a case of apples and oranges. By comparison, the newest generation, or the Gen Z or iGen Generation, have it very rough...making sure their cell phones are fully charged so they can text each other, while they sit across from each other at Starbucks.

I am happy to report that both my son and father are fully recovered. It was rough going for a few days, the worst was my guilt (oy, that Jewish guilt!) that I was unable to be in the hospital visiting my dad because I was home taking care of my son. This happens all too frequently for my comfort.

I am grateful that I, at least, don’t shoulder this alone because I’ve got two brothers and a husband who are also part of my generation’s sandwich.



Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

This month meet: Abbie Grossman

Reporter’s Note: Every month, I interview a youngish (50ish or younger) Jewish professional in our area. Do you know someone like that? Email me at TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org! Debbie Silbergleit

Abbie grew up in Long Island in a Conservative Jewish family who kept kosher and attended their temple every Saturday. She spent her college years in Albany, getting her degree and license as a pharmacist. Abbie spent a decade working in Manhattan as a pharmacist at Mt Sinai Hospital and then moved to Dutchess County with her young family. She spent the next decade raising her three children and working part-time as a pharmacist at an area nursing home.



Abbie has been a member of Temple Beth-El since she moved to this area. All three of her children became bar and bat mitzvahs there. It was very important to Abbie that her kids receive a solid foundation in Judaism, and she clearly succeeded because her oldest son, currently a college student in Florida, attends services at school without any prodding from Abbie! Nowadays, she returns to Long Island to celebrate most of the holidays with her family.

Two years ago, with her children settled into high school and college, Abbie decided to return to work full time. Instead of going back to the world of pharmacology, she decided that at this point in her life, she’d rather work with happy people. According to Abbie, “people who eat frozen yogurt are always happy.” Her personal love of frozen yogurt was strong enough to warrant opening her own shop. Unable to find a desirable space to rent, she discovered that Peachwave (located on Freedom Plains Road in Lagrangeville) was for sale. She liked the Peachwave franchise because it’s kosher—which made her feel good—and everything is made fresh onsite, so you know exactly what you’re eating.

Abbie’s favorite part about Peachwave is the sense of accomplishment from owning a family business—Abbie and her fiancé own Peachwave together, and their combined five children all work there! She’s a huge proponent of making sure Peachwave is allergy-friendly, saying that it was “important to be able to accommodate anybody. There’s something for everyone!” I can personally attest to this: my youngest son has life-threatening food allergies (dairy, eggs, nut and tree nuts), and he always leaves Peachwave with a dirty face and a stomach full of a safe frozen yogurt treat with toppings. In addition to dairy-free frozen yogurt, Peachwave also has a variety of other frozen treats including soft serve ice cream, gelato and sorbet, and gluten free and sugar free options.

Abbie is very generous with her charitable endeavors—she has yet to turn down a request for a charitable donation. Peachwave also gives 10% discounts to students after their play, concert or sporting event. And kids wearing camp t-shirts or sports uniforms also receive 10% off. And every Wednesday night, senior citizens can take 10% off their order too!

Abbie clearly enjoys her new career admitting, “it’s hard work but I want to have fun, smiles, and happy people in the second part of my life.”

I think she’s succeeding on this front too. While I was in her shop, every time a customer came in, she greeted them with a smile, which I noticed was always returned.

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Letter to The Voice:

Statement of Rabbi Hanoch Hecht, Rhinebeck Jewish Center regarding Dutchess County Legislator Joel Tyner:

Joel Tyner recently called Dutchess County a "fascist state," and compared DPW Commissioner Bob Balkin to a German soldier during the Holocaust.



Rabbi Hanoch

I’m shocked that my County Legislator would think that these words could possibly ring true, or have any results other than causing resentment and alienation. Resorting to this kind of name-calling is ignorant and spiteful, and stirs up a great deal of pain in the Jewish community.

Bob Balkin is a friend of our congregation and has shared a place at our table. Taunting him with these comments, especially in light of the fact that he had family members who perished at the hands of the Nazis, is not clever or edgy. It doesn’t advance any argument or resolve any problem. It’s just plain offensive.

There is way too much division in our communities today. I’d like to turn this incident into an opportunity to call upon all of our elected officials to set an example of unity and tolerance for the rest of our community.

Letters to The Voice are the opinions of the writer and do not reflect the opinions of The Voice, or the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.

Rabbi's Blog by Rabbi Daniel Victor

"Ivrit, Ivrit, Ivrit, Daber Ivrit...Hebrew, Hebrew, Hebrew we all scream for Hebrew!" From a flagpole song from Camp Young Judaea Sprout Lake



Rabbi Daniel Victor

We find ourselves in the middle of another summer of day camps, summer camps and teen trips all around the world; camps and travel programs that are often directed by, and highly populated, with Jewish youth. We have a challenge in the Jewish community right now, for which part of the solution could lie in the hands of all these programs and the families that affiliate with them. We, as Diaspora Jewish communities, are losing our sense of *Klal Yisrael*. *Klal Yisrael* means the unity of the Jewish people, emphasizing that which connects us as a people. It means having a living connection with, and sense of responsibility for, each other and with the State of Israel. One of the easiest paths to strengthening *Klal Yisrael* is addressing our comfort with and use of the Hebrew language (*Ivrit*).

Hebrew, as a language, unites us with Jews across time and space. It is the eternal language of our people and connects us with Jews in Israel and throughout the world. – Rabbi Jerome Epstein

Synagogue religious schools must deal with serious curriculum questions; whether the goal is to teach prayer Hebrew, modern Hebrew, Hebrew reading, etc. However, with very little effort, Jewish camps and teen trips can meaningfully expose our Jewish youth to Hebrew words and phrases. I was once walking across a narrow bridge with the director of a Jewish camp in Connecticut and asked, "Have you thought about putting a sign on the bridge with Rabbi Nachman's quote, *"Kol Ha'olam Kulo, Geshet Tzar Me'od* (the whole world is a narrow bridge)?" The answer was, "We can't do that, we don't want to alienate our kids or their families." The short-lived sense of unfamiliarity a child or family may feel in the first days of camp will pale in comparison to the long-term elation they will feel when they find themselves familiar with what they see and hear on college campuses, on the menus in an Israeli restaurant or in the prayer books in a synagogue. Doing plays in Hebrew is excellent, but powerful foundations can be laid without making room for times of complete immersion. Team competitions at camp should be *Maccabiah*, bunks and locations in camp can be marked with Hebrew letters or can carry Hebrew names. Think about this, calling a pavilion a *Beit Knesset* (A place of general assembly) could impact the way our kids see their synagogues (the common Hebrew term for it being *Beit Knesset*) when they come back to their communities after the summer. Short energy (*ruach*) songs can be sung in English and Hebrew. Items in the bunk (*Tzrif*) can be labeled in Hebrew, as long as the labels are either made of wood or using bright paper or colored markers. Hebrew words from the farms, sports fields and restaurants of Israel can find their way into camp.

What can parents do? They can write letters to their camp in support of some amount of Hebrew integration. They can make commitments to improve their own Hebrew during the summer as we all look towards the High Holidays in the Fall. Cultures are not given to us, they are created, and even the most minimal culture of Hebrew can be exciting and fun. Hebrew is a crucial piece of American Jews being able to connect and feel comfortable with other Jews anywhere in the world, and it will preserve and serve *Am Yisrael* (the People of Israel) for generations to come.

Kayitz Tov (Have a good summer)

Rabbi Daniel Victor

Back To School Is So Cool

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

We've been busy almost since the moment school let out, planning for another awesome year. There's something for everyone—from the new and innovative to plenty of old favorites.

We are excited to kick off the 5777-5778 school year with a Meet & Greet for families of combined Temple Beth-El/Congregation Shir Chadash Ivrit program, our Religious School Program, and all our wonderful teaching staff at **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt** in Lagrangeville on Tuesday, September 5, 4:30pm-6:30pm. You don't have to be a student or a parent to drop in and cool off. We'd love to see you.

(continued in the next column)

Inside the Jewish Studio

By Debbie Silbergleit

This questionnaire originated in the French series, *Bouillon de Culture*, better known as the closing questions asked by James Lipton on the celebrity interview TV show, *Inside the Actor's Studio*. The questions are re-adapted for this column. Each month I ask a MOT* these questions and feature their answers.

This month, a big thank you to Suzanne Turrisi, wearer of many kippah here in the Dutchess Jewish community, for being so honest and hilarious!

1. What is your favorite word? *Love.*
2. What is your least favorite word? *Prejudice.*
3. What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally? *(Laughing) Music.*
4. What turns you off? *Other people's insensitivities... those nose, insensitive (insert any impressive curse word here.)*
5. What is your favorite curse word? [Reporter's note: As a Jersey girl, this is typically my favorite question and Suzanne, a girl from Brooklyn, did not disappoint!] *How do I narrow it down? I invent new curse words... (Suzanne insisted the words be off the record, but trust me it was hilarious!)*
6. What sound or noise do you love? *My cats' purring.*
7. What sound or noise do you hate? *You know that idiot who has his car alarm going off incessantly and won't address it...BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! - That!*
8. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt? *I wanted to be a Rockette at Radio City, but I didn't make the height requirement.*
9. What profession would you not like to do? *I would hate to be the guy that walks with the shovel behind the elephants or the horses. I don't know what that's called but it's pretty gross.*
10. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates? *That's a deep question. Thank you for helping - I am proud of you.*



Suzanne Turrisi

* Member of the Tribe

(continued from the previous column)

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, we'll gather once more in beautiful Waryas Park for *Shofar over the Hudson*. Every year the Religious School looks forward to classes in the Pavilion and celebrating the sounds of the shofar. This year our theme will be *Rivers of Our History: The Bridge Between The Jordan and The Hudson*. Join us on September 17, 9:30am.



With classes from Early Childhood through Hebrew High School, the joint is always jumping.

Club Katan and Gan (PreK and Kindergarten) programs meet on Sunday mornings. The children experience Hebrew through Movement, Torah Yoga, Hebrew songs and games, holidays as well as songs, stories, arts, crafts and more. Families with young children can join us for our bi-monthly Saturday Tot Shabbat program, as well as our First Friday Family Shabbat Dinners. In Kitot Alef-Bet (Grades 1-2) the students are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet and beginning vocabulary, while continuing on with all of the fun programs they have had in Club Katan and Gan.



Beginning with Kitah Gimmel (Grade 3) and continuing through Kitah Vav (Grade 6) students add Tuesday afternoons to Sunday mornings. Year-by-year the curriculum builds a foundation of Hebrew language, prayer participation, Torah, and Judaic studies, including holidays, life cycle and Jewish practices.

We are so pleased to be expanding our Project Etgar Program to grades 3-6 this year. "Etgar units integrate Jewish life beyond the confines of the classroom through family education, community service and practical applications for Jewish living. Today's students learn best through engagement with others and by actively processing information

that they find personally meaningful. Etgar curriculum builds on students' prior knowledge and experiences while promoting new learning. It empowers them to articulate positive Jewish identities with pride, while adding breadth and depth to their understanding and observance of Judaism. By continually addressing their developmental needs, Etgar helps create a positive, productive Jewish learning experience."

Our B'nai Mitzvah Program is going strong. Our students meet on Tuesday afternoons and on Saturdays, as well as working with Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rabbi Miriam Hyman and individual tutors. Cantor Devorah Gartner is responsible for teaching the class prayer leadership and to read Torah, a skill demonstrated by reading a Torah portion together on a Shabbat morning in the early winter. Students are on the bimah each Shabbat as a class helping Rabbi Victor and Rabbi Hyman lead various parts of the service in preparation for their own special day.

We are especially proud of our award-winning Youth Group! In May 2017, these students won the United Synagogue Youth Award for Most Unique Program for their work on the Dutchess County Community Holocaust Service. They meet every Wednesday before Geshet Hebrew High School session. The Youth Group is open to all Jewish high school students in the greater Dutchess County area. The Youth Group is very involved in social action and community outreach. They take on several worthwhile tzedakah projects every year. The Youth Group members also join together for fun activities, such as bowling and laser tag, as well as attend USY Regional weekends throughout the year.

And speaking of our combined Geshet Hebrew High School – we are thrilled to be starting another year of student-driven programming for high school students from Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple and Congregation Shir Chadash. With everything on the menu from *Art to Jews That Rock* to *Debating to Israeli Dance to Holocaust Heroes* to *What's Funny About Being Jewish*, the students have chosen classes for an amazing year of learning and laughter. Come by any Wednesday and join us.

We wish you a very happy and sweet New Year.

L'shanah tovah umetukah!

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9/1	1st Friday Family Shabbat Dinner 5:30pm-6:45pm
9/5	Peachwave School Meet & Greet 4:30pm-6:30pm
9/10	First Day of Religious School 9:30am-12:30pm
9/12	First Day of Ivrit Program 4:30pm-6:30pm
9/13	First Youth Group Meeting 5:45pm-6:30pm
	First Geshet Hebrew High School 6:30pm-8:30pm
9/16	B'nai Mitzvah Family Workshop 9:30am-12:15pm
9/17	Shofar Over The Hudson 9:30am-12:30pm



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Vassar Temple's Religious School: A Partnership of Learning

By Julie Makowsky, Religious School Director

Vassar Temple's Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School and Hebrew School is planning an exciting 2017-18 school experience for everyone. This year, we have committed to creating even more innovative programming designed to actively involve students, their parents and temple teens.

In addition to a number of Sunday morning family programs that enrich Religious School families' celebrations of Jewish holidays (in September, December, March and May), we will also hold some Shabbat morning family programs and learning (in November, January and March.) This will help create a partnership of learning between the adults, the children and the Religious School.

This year's Religious School program will include several excellent field trips. We will kick off the school year with a family program at a local farm cooperative and in the spring we are planning a trip to the Lower East Side Tenement Museum

In addition, we'll actively involving our post-B'nai Mitzvah students in Vassar Temple through our Madrichim Program. The word Madrich (Madrichim is the plural) means leader. Through this program, we plan to extend our post-Bar and Bat Mitzvah students' connection with the Temple by their serving as leaders and role models for the younger students. Included in this initiative are workshops to help teens reach their full potential in this role. Additionally we have engaged a Youth Group Advisor who will be here Sunday mornings and will hold Youth Group meetings/gatherings following Religious School on specific Sundays

Teens are also encouraged to participate in the Geshher High School Program. The Geshher program is the Wednesday evening community high school program that includes three different Dutchess

Jewish congregations and is housed at Temple Beth-El. Students are given an opportunity to choose their classes and to learn from amazing teachers. After speaking to a number of this past year's participants, I was struck by how excited and engaged they were by their chosen topics of study.

The Mitkadem Hebrew program we introduced this past year at Vassar Temple has proved to be very successful, and will continue to be used in our Hebrew School on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Now that our students are familiar with the curriculum, we expect them to continue to master the prayers we use on Shabbat morning, gaining fluency and understanding with each new level.

New students are always welcome, and they are easily integrated into our programs, and temple membership is not required to enroll your child. For any information about our Sunday school and Hebrew school programs, please contact me any time at vassartemplers@gmail.com.

And for those of you (adults and youth) interested in learning Hebrew throughout this summer, I am offering **FREE** Hebrew classes using the Mitkadem program, meeting Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:00pm, Vassar Temple. Knowledge of the Hebrew letters and vowels is required. This program is designed for students to work at their own pace and works for students on many different levels. Students can begin at any time over the summer but an RSVP vassartemplers@gmail.com is required to make sure we have materials. (Due to summer travel some classes may be changed or canceled - so please RSVP to sign up for the class.) I wish you all a wonderful summer full of rest, relaxation and extra time for Jewish learning!



Temple Beth-El children dancing at family Shabbat



Temple Beth-El students playing GAGA.

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Every Friday at 10:30am.

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RSVP to pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

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

Join the community for Shabbat kiddush afterwards. Parents & children ages 0-6 (& siblings) are welcome! (Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times). All are welcome and bring friends!

Saturday, August 19 (all 3rd Sat) at 11:15am.

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

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Tiny Tots Division ages 1-5

Intermediate Division ages 6-10

Bar and Bat Mitzvah ages 11-13

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

SHIR CHADASH

Congregation Shir-Chadash's religious school will be starting the next phase of their new curriculum, *Immigration: Life & times of the Jews in America*. Member families' children from Kindergarten to 2nd grade are welcome to attend at no charge for a full year.

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

For information, contact (845) 232-1029 or www.shir-chadash.org

TEMPLE BETH-EL

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

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

Wednesday, Geshher Youth Program 6:30-8:30pm, grades 8-12

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

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

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

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

VASSAR TEMPLE

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

Sunday Religious School Sundays 9:00am-12:00pm, grades K-7

Hebrew Language School Wednesdays 4:30pm, grades 4-7

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

For information contact Julie Makowsky, Director (845) 454-2570 or rsdirector@vassartemple.org



PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley

Summer Science Club for kids ages 3 to 8

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Attend these **free** groups every week or any week you're available! RSVP to Melinda at (914) 475-5566 or pjlibrary@JewishDutchess.org

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Our Friday Playgroup has moved to BOWDOIN PARK in Wappingers Falls for the summer. Join us at 10:30 for POPSICLES IN THE PARK. Look for us near the Splash park!



The Harding Club



לשחק lesakhek "to play"



Melinda

Kim

Jessa

Summer Water Games

Attach a colander to a bike helmet using string and have one helmet per team. Have team members stand behind a throwing line and see how many successful catches are made by the "team catcher" (partiesforme.com).

String small, single buckets between trees or poles in your backyard, making sure the strings are taut (one bucket and string per team). Teams then have to move their bucket from one end of the string to the other using only the water from their guns.

Another modified summer classic is this watery baseball-basketball hybrid that focuses on throwing and blocking. Each child is given a bat to defend a 'goal' bucket from incoming water balloons, resulting in plenty of splashes. You'll find the complete game instructions and more at www.Bobvilla.com.



Temple Beth-El Family Shabbat, making Challah and playing games.

Introducing PJ Our Way for kids ages 9-11

The Mid-Hudson Valley is familiar with PJ Library. Many kids in our community have been receiving free PJ Library books in the mail every month for seven years. That is a lot of wonderful Jewish stories filling the bookshelves, backpacks and bedside tables of over 585 children in the Hudson Valley. Thanks to local sponsors like The Harding Club, we are able to say yes to every enrollment we receive and provide meaningful programming for families raising Jewish children.

This year a new program was launched nationally for kids as they age out of PJ Library at age 9 and enter the "tween" years. PJ Our Way is a different program with different goals. Kids go to an interactive website designed and run by other kids to CHOOSE the book they receive each month and every single book is paid for by a coalition of sponsors far from our community. PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley is now a PJ Our Way Partner Community, which means we provide local programming for these older kids and their families.

Once your child is enrolled in PJ Our Way, he or she can contribute to the website by writing book reviews, creating short movies about the themes and participating in book discussions with their peers. Your child chooses from four titles each month ensuring that the books on their bookshelf are books they will want to read. By creating the local programming kids ask for, we help them form lasting relationships with each other.

This spring PJ Library Mid-Hudson underwrote the cost of tickets to the Half Moon Theater's production of *Yours Anne*, a professional production in a beautiful theater about the life of Anne Frank, and followed up a month later with a family book group based on the PJ Our Way book, *Hidden*. Introducing children to the emotional theme of the Holocaust was supported by the presence of their families and peers.

Later this summer PJ Our Way kids and the friends they bring along will have some fun in a day of Water Olympics in a park or backyard nearby. A PJ Our Way book will be discussed or introduced with a skit over snacks. The key to these programs is they are designed and carried out by the kids, ensuring their interest and building leadership skills. This fall, we will skype with an author, carry out a community service project, and compete with each other in a Cupcake Contest.

Do you have a child age 9-11 who you would like to see reading quality, age-appropriate books with Jewish themes? If your child is already enrolled in PJ Library they can enroll in PJ Our Way at age 8.5 ensuring that not a month goes by without a book in the mail. Go to www.pjourway.org to check it out. The website contains a synopsis of each book, a parent blog, and discussions about the challenges of keeping your kids reading as they grow.

Let's keep the great books arriving in your mailbox!

If you need help or have questions let us know at pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org.

Contact us, your PJ Library Mid-Hudson Team,

Melinda Pendleton Margulies, Kimberly Ritz, and Jessa Kwon
Mid-Hudson Valley Program Directors

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92nd Street Y

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

92nd Street Y program is taking a break during the summer. Check the September issue of *The Voice* and the weekly email *Jewish in Dutchess* for the fall 92nd Street Y schedule. Don't get *Jewish in Dutchess*? Contact admin@JewishDutchess.org.

LOCATION: Boardman Library, 141 Boardman Rd, Poughkeepsie
This is a collaboration between the Library District and The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, made possible in part, through a grant from the Norman and Jeannie Greene Fund.

To view one of the 92nd Street Y talks, go to www.92yondemand.org and click on TOPICS, then JEWISH INTEREST to select from a list of recorded programs. You'll find a great number of lectures by such notables as Alan Dershowitz, Elie Wiesel and Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and topics including Judaism in American, God and Israel.

The President's Voice



Betsy Kopstein-Stuts

Dear Friends,

As you doubtless know, the State of Israel has recently passed some resolutions that are of great concern to us. To many Jews living in America these are setbacks.

It is a setback particularly for Jews who have been converted but not by groups that are accepted by the Orthodox. The bill will revoke the de facto state recognition of Orthodox conversions through independent Orthodox rabbinical courts as well as the right of Reform and Conservative converts in Israel to register as Jewish in the Interior Ministry.

The denial of a proposed resolution to allow men and women to pray together represents another serious setback.

Yes, these are damaging actions. Even so, we must remember that Israel is our homeland. We must work together to try to undo these legislations through peaceful protests. Our national Jewish Federation has taken a strong stance to protest these resolutions.

I mention these events at the beginning of my president's column to underline the fact that there are always going to be controversies and differences of opinion.

How to move forward to create a cohesive Jewish community is Federation's challenge. Viewed more locally, we are faced with determining what kinds of programs should we present to attract more of our Jewish population, both the young and the old. Where should many of these programs take place as we become more demographically spread out? How do we grow financially so that we can continue to achieve our goals? To answer these questions, we need your support; we need it now more than ever.

So I am asking you to come forward and become involved. Here are some areas to consider: programing, our annual financial campaign, *The Voice*, Israel programs, to just name a few. Please feel free to call me. I am always happy to hear from you.

Fondly,

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

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2017 Holiday Greetings

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

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

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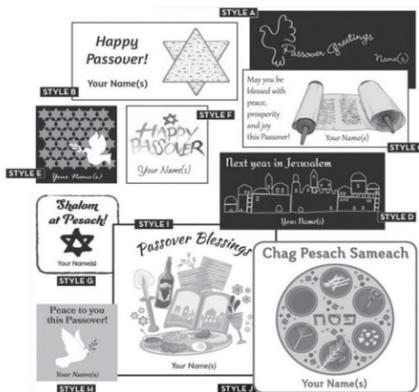
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Passover Greetings



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

Rosh Hashanah Greetings



STYLE A: Happy New Year
STYLE B: Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!
STYLE C: May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness
STYLE D: L'Shanah Tovah
STYLE E: Happy Rosh Hashanah
STYLE F: Have a sweet new year!
STYLE G: Best wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Chanukah Greetings



STYLE A: May the lights of Hanukkah shine in your hearts forever.
STYLE B: Wishing you peace in this season of miracles
STYLE C: Happy Hanukkah!
STYLE D: Have a warm & peaceful Hanukkah!
STYLE E: Peace to all!
STYLE F: Hanukkah Blessings!
STYLE G: Warm Hanukkah Blessings to You!
STYLE H: No text, just your name
STYLE I: From our Family to Yours, Happy Hanukkah!
STYLE J: May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

New Cantorial Soloist at Vassar Temple

Laura Stein, an outstanding cantorial student at the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, will expand her relationship with Vassar Temple by serving as the temple's cantorial soloist for the year starting July 2017. Laura will lead the music for Friday night services approximately twice a month, as well as B'nai Mitzvah and Shabbat morning Torah services and on occasion will provide extra musical experiences for the Religious School students.



Laura Stein

Laura grew up in Scarsdale, New York, and attended Westchester Reform Temple, and studied Spanish Literature at Washington University in St. Louis and lived in Chile, Peru, Iceland, Tanzania and Israel! Laura is about to begin her fifth year of cantorial studies at the DFSSM.

She is passionate about pastoral care and has a special interest in the role of music in healing and prayer. Laura is sure to enrich life at Vassar Temple, both musically and spiritually, in the coming year!



Shir Chadash Celebrates Adult B'nai Mitzvah

On May 20, 2017 seven women from Congregation Shir Chadash, became B'nai Mitzvah on Shabbat Behar. This wonderful celebration was the culmination of 18 months of study with Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. The class not only mastered the reading of Hebrew but also learned chanting the Torah and did in-depth study of Jewish customs, practices and liturgy. This event was a wonderful celebration not only for the seven families but for the synagogue family of Shir Chadash.

Pictured above: L to R: Barbara Strapholz, Wendy Bill, Nancy Barr, Roberta Schiff, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, Sue Marcoe, Suzanne Neil, & Amy Thrasher

Israel Independence Day Film and Lecture on June 5.

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Shir Chadash Held Joint Services with Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church

Congregation Shir Chadash once again met with their Presbyterian friends for two joint services led by Rabbi Daniel Polish and Rev. Paul Lent. Both choirs participated to add a special musical touch. This was an unique opportunity! The services were held on June 9 & 11.

For more information about Shir Chadash or any of its programs, please call (845) 232-1029, email info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org



Joint choirs of Congregation Shir Chadash & the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church.

Flowers for the Holidays

Sisterhood of Schomre Israel will sell flower centerpieces for Rosh Hashanah.

DETAILS
Cost is \$25. All orders must be placed before Sept 14. Pick up will be Wednesday, Sept 20 from 9:00-11:00am. Contact Cassia Brown (845) 452-8317 or office (845) 454-2890 to order.

Shir Chadash - Shabbat Without Walls

Congregation Shir Chadash is planning an unusual Shabbat service - a hiking service! This promises to be an unique experience where one can commune with God and nature. Join us for this exciting opportunity. Bring a picnic lunch. All welcome. Location & date TBD.

For more information, please call (845) 232-1029, email info@shir-chadash.org or website www.shir-chadash.org.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Community Jewish Heritage Night at the Hudson Valley Renegades' game. sponsored by Congregation Schomre Israel. Come on out and enjoy the game.

DETAILS
Sunday, Aug 13, \$12 for ticket and hat, gates open 5:05pm, game begins 7:05pm

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its regular monthly meetings on Sunday, August 13 and September 10.

All persons of 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. All persons of the Jewish faith who have family members who have served in the armed forces of the United States are also invited.

Schomre Israel is strictly kosher. Please no food or drink inside the shul.

DETAILS
Sunday, August 13, and September 10, 9:30am. There is an informal coffee and cake period of schoomzing. Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie. For info contact the Presiding Officer, Rob Rubin at qbee5@optonline.net.

Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour

Join with friends old and new for Happy Hour at Vassar Temple! Everyone is welcome. Bring the kids! Meet on the patio in front of the synagogue (weather permitting) or downstairs in the social hall. Enjoy wine, drinks, appetizers and small plates before services. Menus are themed and feature a local restaurants and cuisine.

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

DETAILS
Upcoming Happy Hours for the fall will be held from 6-7:30pm on Sept 8, Oct 20, and Nov 17. For further information please contact Andi Ciminello andi@ecopkny.com.



Summer Services are Special!

Between the last week of June and Labor Day, while our rabbi enjoys a well deserved break, Vassar Temple presents weekly Friday night services that are led by a wonderful series of specially trained lay leaders. The services are held at 7:30pm in an intimate and relaxed setting in the air conditioned social hall. Each is a complete service including Kaddish, is enhanced with music, and will reflect the unique perspective of the leader. Afterward, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy light seasonal refreshments (often ice cream), and of course to socialize and share news with friends. Be sure to join us! Informal attire is fine. Layleader Schedule for the remaining summer Shabbats:

- Aug. 4:** Sandra Mamis & Richard Levine
- Aug. 11:** Joel & Claudia Kelson
- Aug. 18:** New Paths participants; Oneg in celebration of Schwartz 's wedding anniversary
- Aug. 25:** Ben Krevolin
- Sept. 1:** David & Susan Hecht

Honoring Religious School Teachers

Shir Chadash honored their volunteer religious school teachers on Friday, June 2nd.

The religious school teachers, along with their high-school-age assistant teachers, have been volunteering their time for several years and enjoying the rewards of passing on the knowledge of Jewish learning.

The low-pressure, open environment of the school allows for an enriching, fun time—while encouraging learning for all. A Kabbalat Shabbat service dedicated to the teachers & their assistants, with an introduction by school coordinator Sue Marcoe, was followed by a special Oneg.

For more information about Shir Chadash's religious school please call Sue Marcoe or for general info, call (845) 232-1029, email info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org

Shofar Over the Hudson Bicycle Ride

The bicycle ride to *Shofar Over the Hudson* will depart from the Dutchess Rail Trail entrance behind Gold's Gym, on Titusville Road at 10:00am.

The ride to Waryas Park is approximately eight miles and is expected to take approximately 45 – 60 minutes.

If you would like to join the ride at any other entry point to the Dutchess Rail Trail, along the way, please feel free to do so.

Bicycle rental is available from Leisure Bike Rental, 266 Titusville Rd, (t486-8125). They are located near the Gold's Gym entrance to the Dutchess Rail Trail.

DETAILS
Sunday, September 17, 10:00am. For more info on the bike ride, or to sign up, call Steven Koch (845) 463-2330 or (845) 489-6500 or send an e-mail: sak-steve@optonline.net.



Photo from: 2016 Shofar Over the Hudson

Shofar Over the Hudson

Temple Beth-El's annual *Shofar Over the Hudson* event will be held on Sunday, September 17, outside the Children's Museum pavilion at the north end of Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Kosher dairy lunch to enjoy following the conclusion of the program. Temple Beth-El will provide beverages and honey cake muffins baked by Blanche Bergman. Please try to bring a lawn chair or folding chair. This year's event will again include a bike ride.

Save the date and join us for what has become a meaningful event.

DETAILS
Sunday, September 17, 11:30am.

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Wed., Sept. 20th, 8 pm: Evening Service
Thurs., Sept. 21st, 10 am: Morning Service
3 pm: Family Celebration Service *

YOM KIPPUR
Fri, Sept. 29th, 8 pm: Kol Nidre Service with cello
Sat. Sept. 30th, 10 am: Yom Kippur Morning Service;
12:30 pm: Panel Discussion;
2 pm: Family Service *
3 pm: Memorial/Concluding Service *

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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 Lunchbox August 13, 10:00am—2:00pm. Help Temple Beth-El serve at Lunchbox on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Contact Marlene Straus (845) 462-4704 to sign-up.

Monday

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas, 11:30am. \$5 per session, all welcome.
Temple Beth-El Board Meeting August 14, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees monthly meeting.
Temple Beth-El Tisha B'Av July 31, 8:15pm in the Temple Beth-El Chapel.

Tuesday

Yiddish is back! 11:00am—12:00pm, at the former JCC. Check us out. Groove on the sweet sounds of bubba and zaida, alefasholem! Become one of our small group of alter cockers who, although we really can hardly still speak our zisse mameloschen, rejoice in trying to recreate wonderful olden times of blessed memory. And it's free! For info call Don Poretz (845) 471-9529 or June Seidan (845) 471-5492, Zei gezunt.
Temple Beth-El Tisha B'Avat August 1, 7:30am and 7:00pm we will join together for learning Mincha Ma'ariv and breaking the fast.

Wednesday

Learn & Lunch Bunch every Wednesday, 11am-1:30pm. 118 So Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. Info, menu and program schedule see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.

Thursday

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service resumes September 8, 7:30pm. Service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg, all welcome.
Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service August 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:30pm.
Temple Beth-El Evening Service every week at 7:30pm, evening conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service all welcome.
Temple Beth El Shabbat Family Program August 4, October 6, 5:00pm. We invite families with children ages 0-7 along with grandparents and sibilings 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.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat Program Religious School resumes September 9, 9:00am-10:30am, Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays, and history. New parents are encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation Contact (845) 232-1029, email info2shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org.
Congregation Shir Chadash Torah Study resumes September 9, 9:15am-10:30am. While enjoying a light breakfast engage in an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish.
Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program resumes September 9, 9:00am-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult learn through doing crafts, food and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge.
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service resumes September 9, 10:45am-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome to attend.
Temple Beth-El Shabbat Service 9:30am, Conservative, egalitarian service
Temple Beth-El Tot Shabbat August 19, 11:15am.



The talented Cantors from Shir Chadash's concert "Cantors' Cabaret: Spotlight on Broadway" performing on stage.

Congregation Shir Chadash's Annual Spring Concert entitled, "Cantors' Cabaret: Spotlight on Broadway" took place on Saturday, May 13th. There were three outstanding New York women Cantors performing: Cantor Claire Franco, Cantor Jodi Schechtman, and Shir Chadash's own, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. They used their highly trained vocal talents to delight the audience with old favorites from shows such as "Fiddler On The Roof", "Showboat", and "Chorus Line", as well as more modern shows such as, "Wicked"; "Beautiful"; "Merrily We Roll Along"; and "Ragtime". It was an unforgettable night of Broadway music!

For more info about Shir Chadash or any of its programs, please call (845) 232-1029, email: info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org

Out of Area

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

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

Kabbalat Shabbat evening service every Friday, 6:30pm, with a light Oneg before at 6:00pm
Musical Kabbalat Shabbat is the third Friday of the month. Musical Shabbat is the way Shabbat "ought to feel." Be prepared to be lifted out of your seat as our fabulous community of musicians brings extraordinary talent, passion and soul to accompany our Sabbath prayers.
Shabbat Service with Zemer is the fourth Friday of the month.
Tot Shabbat resumes in September, 9:00am, A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.
Saturday Morning Service 10:00am, September - June. Join our community for uplifting and inspiring Saturday morning communal prayer, meditation and Torah study.
Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi Call (845) 338-4271(x101) for class dates/time: Hebrew Trope, Torah Study, Introduction to Judaism, Beginner and Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew, Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah and Private Conversion Tutorials.
Lunch with Rabbi Romer & Guests Tuesday, September 5, 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for a lunch with discussion. This month's topic: Can Thorium Reactors Save the World? Presented by David Rolfe.
Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study resumes in September Tuesday morning through June, Meditation, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, September-June Led by Rabbi Yael Romer. Welcome your day with a morning ritual that prepares you to receive the day's blessings.
Rosh Chodesh Third Tuesday, 7:00-9:00pm, October-June, a women's gathering exploring our female voices in Jewish traditions. Please reserve your space (845) 338-4271.
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.

Calendar

August

Regular Schedule of Services

Beacon Hebrew Alliance
 331 Veplanck Avenue • Beacon • (845) 831-2012
 Conservative: Rabbi Brent Spodek
 Cantor Ellen Gersh/Education Dir. Rabbi Shoshana Hantman
 Website: www.beaconhebrewalliance.org
 Email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org
 Service held weekly on Fridays at 7:30 pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit our website for information about services, religious school, and community events

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

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

Congregation Schomre Israel
 18 Park Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 454-2890
 Email: Schomre1@aol.com
 Website: www.schomreisrael.org
 Orthodox: Rabbi Eliezer Langer
 Monday-Thursday—7 am, Sundays—8 am, Saturday—9 am
 Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm • Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown.

Congregation Shir Chadash
 Interim: Freedom Plains Pres. Church • Lagrange • (845) 232-1029
 Email: info@shir-chadash.org
 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 9:00am; Torah Study at 9:15am.

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center
 102 Montgomery St • Rhinebeck • (845) 876-7666
 Email: RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
 Website: RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht & Rebbitzin Tzivie 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 Daniel Victor
 Rosh Tefilah: Rabbi Miriam Hyman
 Friday evening—7:30pm,
 Saturday Shabbat service at 9:30 am,
 Weekdays—7:30am daily.

Vassar College Bayit
 51 Collegeview Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 451-3920
 Rabbi
 Email:
 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 Leah Berkowitz
 Email: office@vassartemple.org or rabbi@vassartemple.org
 Friday night service at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Torah study Saturday at 9:00am. New Paths Services on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00am. Unless otherwise noted.

August Candle Lighting

August 4 7:51pm
August 11 7:42pm
August 18 7:32pm
August 25 7:22pm

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JWV Sponsors Clothing Collection

Martin Hochhauser, Chief of Staff of Jewish War Veterans Post 625, delivered new clothing collected at Mitzvah Day to the Veterans' Clothes Closet at the Castle Point V.A. Medical Campus. The Clothes Closet serves local veterans, male and female, as well as those who come to Castle Point for medical treatment.



Vassar Temple 2018/5777 Confirmands

Mariah Robishaw and Justin Moore with Rabbi Leah Berkowitz were recently confirmed during a special Shabbat service at Vassar Temple which the teens conducted. Confirmation takes place at about age 16 when young adults can consider their commitment to Judaism from an intellectual, emotional and spiritual level that is beyond bar mitzvah age. During the moving service, Mariah and Justin spoke about important influences in the development of each of their personal Jewish identities.



Vassar Temple Students Feed the Hungry at LunchBox



Congregation Shir Chadash's Religious School teachers and their young assistants after being honored at a special service.
(L—R) Cantor Gail Hirschenfang; Senior teacher, Rochelle Bellach; School Director, Sue Marcoe; Senior teacher, Steve Moskowitz and Rabbi Dan Polish



Vassar Temple Sisterhood Festivities

Lisa-Sue Quackenbush (l.) was presented the coveted Evelyn Kahn Award by Vassar Temple Sisterhood President Judy Rosenfeld (r.) at the annual Sisterhood Donor Dinner. Honored for her many years of exemplary service to Sisterhood, Lisa-Sue said the award meant even more to her because her mother Gayle Margolin had also been a recipient. Sisterhood members and friends enjoyed a delicious Greek style dinner, followed by special guest speakers Dr. Ron and Shelley Tatelbaum, who shared the principles of Mindfulness and provided helpful suggestions on how to cope with the stress we all experience in our daily lives. Thanks to event chairperson Marcia Tanzman for planning this wonderful evening!



Vassar Temple Honors Educators

Shown are some of the faculty and teacher aides at Vassar Temple's Seth Erlebacher Religious School, along with Religious School Director Julie Makowsky, who were honored at a BBQ dinner and kabbalat service.



A delicious and nourishing breakfast is served at Schomre to an enthusiastic group of bikers for BikeNY on Sunday, June 25.

Mitzvah Day 2017



Schomre Israel held a successful raffle/cocktail party on June 25. All tickets were sold and all prizes were awarded.



Congregation Shir Chadash's religious school children showing off their "lifecycle quilt" project, along with their teachers (L to R: Andrew Scheck & Rochelle Bellach)



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