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Antisemitism Uncovered: A Guide to Old Myths in a New Era Part 3

taken from: <https://antisemitism.adl.org> (To read part one and two look in the October & November Voice at www.JewishDutchess.org/community/the-voice)

Antisemitism In History

Antisemitism has followed the Jewish community across continents and through history, both globally and in the United States. Antisemitic myths continue to fester today.

Global History

Antisemitism has shown up recently in morning headlines with frightening persistence. In 2018, for example, antisemitic incidents in France increased by 74 percent from the previous year, with over 500 reported acts, including the murder of an elderly Holocaust survivor in her own home.



Germany reported a 62 percent increase in antisemitic incidents that year. In 2019, an antisemitic campaign emerged in Hungarian politics, Jewish and non-Jewish British lawmakers quit the Labour Party due to the pervasiveness of antisemitism, 96 Jewish gravestones in France were defaced with swastikas and an official carnival float in a local parade in Belgium depicted grotesque figures dressed as Orthodox Jews resting on bags of money. According to European Union surveys, almost 90 percent of Europe's Jews believe that antisemitism has significantly increased in their region over the past several years. In Australia, a Jewish student was the subject of intense antisemitic bullying by classmates and, in one particularly egregious incident, forced to kiss a non-Jewish boy's shoe. And, in Canada, a dementia patient in a nursing home had a swastika drawn on his head.

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Thursday,
December 8, 7:00pm

Location:
Boardman Road
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Join us for an overview of 2022 and
the impact made on the community
as well as a preview of some exciting
things to come.

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Please do not bring outside food into the temple.

December

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| December 14 | Holiday Celebration, Ugly Sweater Contest!
Hanukkah with Rabbi Glenn Jacob of Shir Chadash.
We will be learning about the holiday of Hanukkah.
Menu: latkes, pizza, and salad |
| December 28 | Healthy living with Joan Carl.
Joan will give us tips on living a healthier life.
Menu: tune and egg salad wraps, Israeli salad, ice cream and cookies |

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(*Antisemitism Uncovered* Continued from page 1)

Although anti-Jewish hatred can be traced all the way back to the ancient world, the word “antisemitism” is a modern invention that emerged in the wake of rising European nationalism. German journalist Wilhelm Marr coined the term with his founding of the League of Antisemites (*Antisemiten-Liga*) in 1879.

Today, Marr often is called the “father of antisemitism,” not only for inventing a name, but for clarifying the crazed logic behind hatred toward Jews — that being Jewish is not just a matter of ancestry, culture or faith; it’s a disqualification from friendship, citizenship and, as it would become clear decades later, also humanity. For the antisemite, Jews are a special category, a foil, a scapegoat.

How did it come to this?
For centuries before the term “antisemitism” emerged, Jews were persecuted as a minority group whose loyalties were questioned by polytheistic and, later, Christian and Islamic regimes. Though some ancient societies admired Jewish solidarity, ethics and monotheism, Jews often paid a terrible price for their religious difference and statelessness, as well as for their economic successes, which induced bafflement, envy and outrage among masses of people who felt themselves more deserving. From Athens to Alexandria, Rome to Persia, Jews provoked resentment and suspicion, making them a convenient and frequent scapegoat.

In many contexts, Jewish laws and customs were misconstrued as indications of Jews’ inherent hatred of non-Jews. Ancient Egyptian texts refashioned the Exodus story to dehumanize Jews, depicting them as a misguided and sickly group of outcasts who practiced cannibalism and human sacrifice, rejected the “legitimate” gods of civilized society and were expelled, rather than freed, from Egypt. Ancient Greek and Roman literature condemned Jews as cowards and madmen who allegedly failed to contribute enough to civilization, separated themselves from political and social life and practiced bizarre customs, such as dietary laws and circumcision. While the Roman Empire permitted Judaism, the ruling class openly despised Jews for (among other offenses) refusing to acknowledge the emperor’s divinity. Roman commentators condemned Jews’ belief in a singular, “jealous” god and viewed Jews as more loyal to their ancestral homeland of Judea than they were to Roman rule.

In the years following Jesus’ death, the earliest Christian writings starkly defined proto-Christian congregations against those of Jews who did not believe in Jesus’ divinity by painting traditional Judaism in a negative light. Writings of Paul the Apostle, for example, would later support negative caricatures of Judaism as heartless, outdated and excessively focused on strict laws.

Following a Jewish revolt against Roman domination, the Romans destroyed the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem in 70 CE, permanently and dramatically rupturing and fragmenting Jews’ religious, political and collective social existence.

The Christian Gospels were composed in this context of great change and shifting social boundaries. Large numbers of non-Jews joined the new Christian communities and brought with them long-held ambivalence about traditional Jewish laws and customs, as described above. While the Romans had sentenced and crucified Jesus, Christians could not openly foster hatred toward the Romans, because they were still subjects of the Roman empire, vulnerable to Roman power and dependent on Roman favor. The Gospels thus envisioned the Jewish Temple leadership, an already unpopular class among Jews of the first century, as the primary actors responsible for the crucifixion. Despite the fact that Jesus and his initial followers were all Jews, some Christian theologians and Church Fathers solidified this narrative that demonized “the Jews.” For millennia, the notion of Jews as backward, heartless “Christ-killers” would encourage and excuse countless antisemitic atrocities.

Pictured to the left: The annual parade in a Belgian town in 2019 featured caricatures of Orthodox Jews.

(To see the complete article visit: <https://antisemitism.adl.org>)

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Temple Beth-El
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SCHEDULE

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| 11:30 –12:30pm | Program |

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By Brian Jones, Outreach Coordinator, Dutchess County Office for the Aging

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We meet twice a month for dinner and a speaker.

Recent and future speakers include

- Former NYS Senator Steve Saland
- Frank Rubin speaking on Cryptology
- Glenn Tanzman speaking on "My Time in Vietnam"
- Bob Ulrich speaking on "Fun Factoids and Tidbits in History"
- Chris Silva, Bardavon Executive Director

A big Centennial Celebration is being planned for the spring of 2023.

The Harding Club is a source of camaraderie and good times for its members. It also is a club that prides itself on its generosity and philanthropy not only within the Jewish community but also within the greater Dutchess County community through its donations and deliveries of food and other necessities to local families. We are a solid supporter of the Jewish Federation of the Hudson Valley and of the PJ Library.

It is time for those of you who are not members to think about joining our club so that you too can enjoy the camaraderie of friendships and the pride of civic and personal accomplishment.

You are cordially invited to join this group of men who are living up to the club's motto: "Since 1923, a social club for men interested in camaraderie, community, philanthropy, good food, and Jewish culture."

We do look forward to hearing from you.

Alan Fox, Harding Club Immediate Past President

Mike Elkin, Harding Club President

Website: <http://Harding.jigsy.com/> Email: hardingclub1923@gmail.com



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Dear Mom of Singers,

That's a tough one. On the one hand, there are reasons why you may want your kids to be able to support their school functions. On the other hand, if the concert is about winter, great! If not, maybe talk to the music teacher about choosing songs that are good for everyone.

Shoshana

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Rabbi's Blog by Rabbi Krasner

The word Israel has been the buzzword in Jewish Dutchess the past few months. Since the Federation announced that they would be sending a delegation of Dutchess's finest Jews to the Holy Land, that is all that people were talking about. And that word has turned into a excited crescendo when this group returned back invigorated from its visit.



Rabbi Shlomo Krasner

They say that the Land of Israel is composed of the four basic elements: Jerusalem of fire, Safad of air, Tiberias of water and Hebron of Earth. And of course, Tel Aviv is Israel's animalistic soul.

When one visits, he can appreciate the wisdom of this saying. As one walks through the narrow walkways of Safad, as he mingles amongst the artist studios, while hearing the discussions of the Zohar emanating from the windows of the ancient shuls, his soul becomes enveloped with Safad's air and spirituality. As he stands in the Kabbalist neighborhood, overlooking the surrounding mountains, winds wisping through his hair his heart flows with love for Hashem. This develops into a deep yearning to connect to Him, coupled with a strong desire to understand His teachings. Safad truly is composed of air.

Tiberias, nestled over the Kineret Lake and the mouth of the Jordan River, is flowing with water. Reflecting over the Kineret one can actually visualize the tide imbued with the life essence of water. The need to flow -the necessity of not remaining stagnant - to always grow in spirituality starts pulsing through one's blood. To live and to give life to others, to bring joy to others, so their lives as well can sparkle and ripple with happiness and bliss. As one immerses himself in Tiberias's heartland, he can feel the life force of water flowing through her hills.

No trip to Israel can be complete without going down and entering the Mearas Hamachpela, the burial place of our Patriarchs and Matriarchs. As one mingles amongst the gathering of our brothers and sisters, *their* children from all walks of life, in prayer and awe, one's mind fills with appreciation and pride of where we originate from, from which towers we were hewn. We understand our own foundation, and the giants, on whose shoulders we stand. We admire our fathers and mothers, Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov, Sarah, Rivka, Leah (and Rochel), and our intellect yearns to strive to live our lives as they did theirs. Hebron is the foundation of the very earth of our people.

And Jerusalem of fire. You go to the Kotel of the Temple Mount, and you watch in awe as everyone reaches out from the depths of their very essence to beseech their Creator. You see the Yemenite Jew reciting the Tehillim in his sing-song voice, the Chabadnik putting Tefillin on men that may never before worn them, the Israeli soldier with the AR flung over his shoulder, his head tucked under his arm that is resting on the wall, the yeshiva students learning Talmud together, and the Persian Jews surrounded their *chacham* and drinking in his inspiration. You see the Jewish women, their souls engulfed in flame, and the Jewish girls excitedly running to pour out their hearts to their Father in heaven. There are no followers, but rather a nation of leaders.

And let us not forget Shabbat in Jerusalem. Walking down Meah Shearim and Geulah watching around the streams of Jewish men, women and children whose faces are ecstatic with the serenity of Shabbat will be a memory that I will never forget. Nor one that I could properly describe or put down on paper.

And in your own soul a fire starts to grow, which cannot be quenched. It was so clear, both from the city and from the myriads of each soul, Jerusalem is of Fire.

As I was mentioning this to a friend, he told me, that I can ignite that fire in Poughkeepsie. While there is no place that can be compared to Israel, there is likewise no reason why I cannot bring the spirituality, life, foundation, and fire of Israel into our community and our homes. I thought over what he said understood how right he was. I need to bring that fire to Poughkeepsie, but I cannot do that alone. *I need each and everyone of you to help me.* The fire of prayers, the spirituality of Torah, the roots of family and the life of friendship. Friendship with Hashem, and friendship with His people. While there is no place like Israel, we must bring the soul of Israel, the essence of the Jewish people, into Poughkeepsie.

(Fall Proof Your Home Office of the Aging Article Continued from page 2)

that goal by adapting the home with an eye on safety.

If there's only one improvement you can manage for now, fall-proofing is it. Falls are the single leading cause of both fatal and non-fatal injury for American older adults – and expensive. The financial burden of fall-related costs to taxpayers through Medicare and Medicaid was \$674 billion as of 2020 and has risen since then.

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Decluttering? Sort and be ruthless. As you go through your belongings in each room, have three piles – what you need to keep; what can be sold, donated, or put into storage; and what can be thrown away. If there's something that you haven't used in at least a year, and no chance it'll be used soon, away it goes.

Lose the throw rugs and carpets. They can be slipping/tripping hazards. Remove them or replace them with mats that have a non-slip backing. Non-slip mats are essential for bathrooms, too.

If it's in the wrong room, put it back. Where's the screwdriver? You brought it in from the garage to fix a loose door hinge, and then the phone rang, and the dog was hungry, and the Giants game was on, and...we know. While you're in decluttering mode is the time to put things back in their correct location.

Take a trip to the hardware store. If it's time to replace a doorknob, look for one with a lever handle. They're easier on aging hands. LED light bulbs make great replacement bulbs because they're long-lasting and throw off very little heat compared to incandescent.

Join an OFA exercise class. Exercise and falls prevention go hand in hand. Call (845) 486-2555 or dutchessny.gov/senior exercise for more information.

Meet Your Neighbor By Karen Hochhauser

Each month, we ask a Member of the Tribe* (MOT) the following questions and feature their answers for a fun and insightful way to meet your neighbors. This month Hector Epstein, who has always been known as a trades man, took time from construction projects, junk removal or home remodeling jobs to answer our questions.

1. What is your favorite/least favorite word?

Favorite: Family.

Least Favorite: No or can't.

2. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?

People.

3. What is your favorite song?

I believe I can fly.

4. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?

Being President of the United States.

5. What profession would you not like to attempt?

Sanitation Department.

6. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?

Knish.

7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?

Like: My positive energy.

Dislike: That's difficult because I love myself.

8. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?

That I am Jewish.

9. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?

The power to spread love.

10. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?

My two children.

11. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?

I want to jump in an RV and drive into every state in our great United States.

12. If there were one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?

Be kind to each other.

13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?

When my mother said to me, "Hey, that landlord could have been your dad".

14. What is your most favorite Jewish memory?

I love celebrating Passover.

15. In what ways does or can JFedDC impact our Jewish Community?

Getting more people to know we are here helping everyone.

16. What is your most and least favorite part of being Jewish?

Most: I like the unity the Jews have.

Least: The persecution that has been going on for years.

17. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?

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Hit After the Holidays -PJ Our Way Mid-Hudson Valley Steps up to the Plate!

By Kimberly Ritz, Director PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley

It was a beautiful fall day, during the last few days of Sukkot, when 3 PJ Our Way Families bravely entered the competitive **Hit After the Holidays Community Wiffle Ball Tournament**. With our trusty pitcher Myer Gold, age 12, and enthusiastic hitters and outfielders from the Cohen-Parsons, Gold and the Ritz Family we won the first game of the tournament against the Congregation Schomre Israel Team! We all celebrated with a lovely, kosher BBQ lunch put on by the Sisterhood at Schomre Israel and kindly sponsored by NJOP, the National Jewish Outreach Program.

Interested in joining the PJ Library Wiffle Ball Team next October 2023 for the Hit After the Holidays Tournament? Please reach out to me to be added to the roster at pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org.

Vassar Temple Welcomes Assistant RS Director

Vassar Temple is pleased to introduce Lea-Monica Weinstein as our new Assistant Religious School Director. Our religious school has doubled in size, so Lea will be able to provide the additional administrative oversight and support to our teachers and students that is now needed, both in the Temple's religious school and in its Hebrew school.

Lea-Monica Weinstein attained her Master's Degree in K-12 Education in 2000, and has teaching experience on all those grade levels, with a concentration in the elementary school. She believes the role of a teacher is facilitation of independent learning through self-awareness, and that this can be applied in any educational setting, including religious school.



A Get Together: Hosting With PJ Library

By Tamatha Williams

Hosting a Get Together is easier than you may think, especially because **we will help**.

- We'll suggest ideas for the kind of Jewish gathering it could be. (We think about this stuff every day! It's our job and our pleasure.)
- We'll offer practical tips to make it hugely fun and successful *without a huge amount of work*.
- We'll even reimburse you for up to \$100 of expenses to feed, entertain, and delight your gathered guests. You can even host more than once — we'll reimburse your family for up to *three Get Together events!*

Have a great idea for Hanukkah that you would like to share with friends-donut meet up, baking Hanukkah cookies together, hot chocolate meet-up at Starbucks to share gift ideas and practice playing dreidel together! The options are endless!

Email: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org to find out how to apply!



Life Gets Better When We Get Together



PJ Library loves helping families join up for great Jewish gatherings. You may have heard about or hosted a Get Together before, but if not, the idea is simple: We'll help you spend quality time with a couple of other families you know, whether it's a Shabbat dinner party, a holiday picnic, or volunteering for a good cause.

Hosting a Get Together with your friends is easier than you may think! Email pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org for more info!



Community Hannukah Celebration

**Sunday, 12/11/22
11:00-12:30 pm
Vassar Temple
140 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie**

Renowned ventriloquist **Jonathan Geffner** & his highly acclaimed show, "Maccabee Mishegas!" will be performing at 11:30am. All ages welcome!



Light Bagel Brunch at 11:00 am & Community Sing Along with Menorah Lighting

RSVP by 12/5/22

pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

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Everyone loves Sukkot at Vassar Temple



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

BEACON HEBREW ALLIANCE

Friday afternoons, ages 9-13 years

Sunday mornings, ages 5-13 years

331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon

Contact celia@beaconhebrewalliance.org

Led by Education Director, Celia Baczowski -Masa is filled with joyful Jewish experiences, including song, dance, art, food, field trips, and more!

CHABAD MID-HUDSON VALLEY

Sunday, 10:00am-12:15pm, ages 5-12 years

63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie

For information contact Hindy Borenstein, Director (845) 463-5801

chabadmidhudsonvalley@prodigy.net

JUDAIC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm

For information www.mypardess.org/JSA

RHINEBECK JEWISH CENTER

Monday, 4:00-5:30pm

Tiny Tots Division (ages 1-5)

Intermediate Division (ages 6-10)

Bar and Bat Mitzvah (ages 11-13)

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

CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH

Kulanu: All of Us - A joint religious school program with Shir Chadash and Temple Beth-El. Our collaborative school models the true meaning of *Klal Yisrael* (Jewish peoplehood) by increasing the sense of Jewish community and partnership for our students and families. It allows students to get to know their Jewish peers and to receive a broader Jewish education. Students explore Jewish tradition, history, and culture through art, music, movement, and text. For grades pre-K through Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Classes meet Sundays, 10:00am at Temple Beth-El.

For more info contact:

Rabbi Glenn Jacob: rabbigmj@gmail.com or

Rochelle Bellach: rbelach@hotmail.com

TEMPLE BETH-EL

The Temple Beth-El Education programs for kids Pre-K through High School provide an engaging learning environment. Students explore Jewish tradition, history, and culture through art, music, movement, and text.

Classes have resumed in person, with a hybrid option.

Please contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman for the current

school schedule at (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."

The Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School for grades K-7 meets Sunday mornings. The Hebrew School, which meets Wednesday afternoons, offers innovative individualized Hebrew language instruction and bar/bat mitzvah preparation for those in grades 4-7. We also have a special religious education program for grades 8-up. Teens may prepare for Confirmation during 10th grade and may work as madrachim (teacher aides) in the Sunday school.

New enrollments are welcome throughout the year. The religious school and Hebrew School are directed by Rabbi Renni S Altman, D.D. For more information, rsdirector@vassartemple.org (845) 454-2570.

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Thank you!

מְכַבִּים Maccabees hammer or extinguisher

If you're traveling for the holidays you may not have room to pack a traditional menorah. This activity, also from *Bible Belt Balabusta*, and the PJ Library page, is a fun mini-menorah that fits right into a coat pocket. This kind of craft is very appealing to older kids and provides a travel-sized conversation piece for kids to chat about Hanukkah and introduce the holiday to friends from other backgrounds.

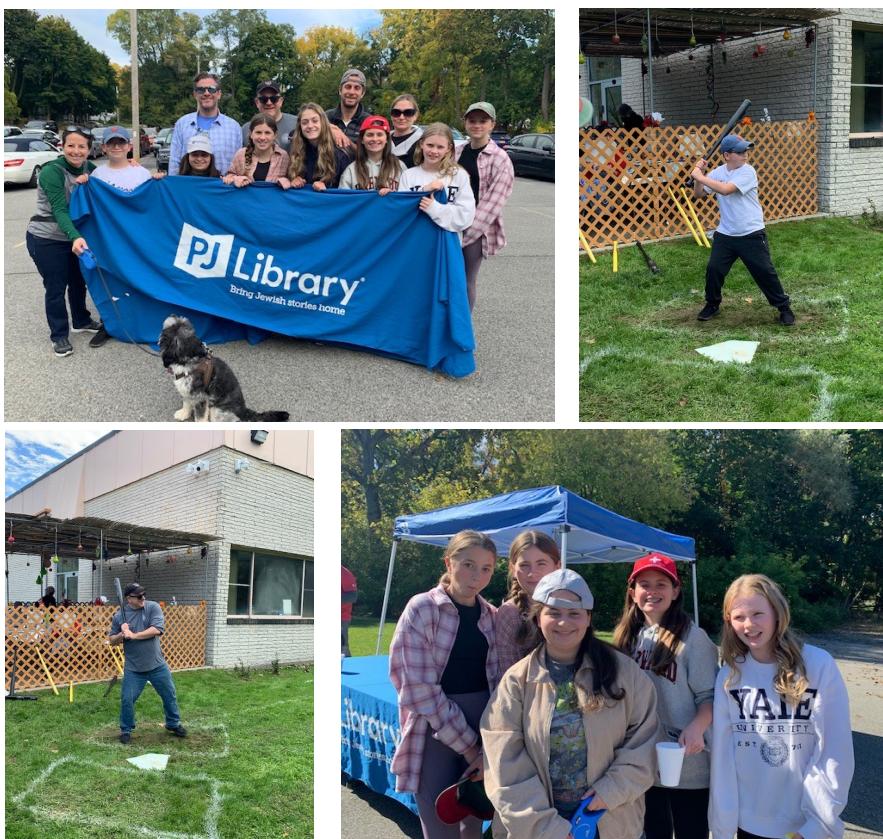
Supplies:

- Small Tin (ex-Altoids)
- 9 Hex Nuts (see picture)
- Glue
- Prayer Book or the PJ Library Hanukkah Hub for Blessings for the Menorah



Steps:

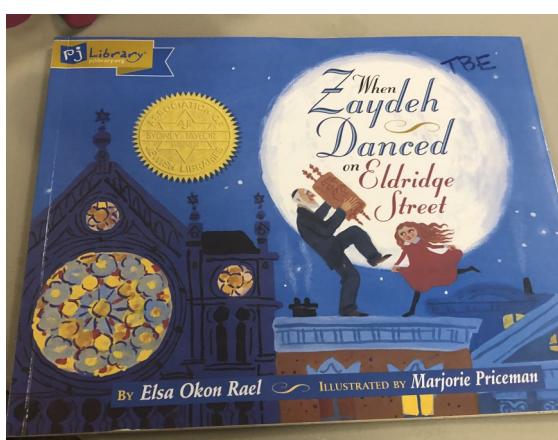
1. Affix nine hex nuts glued to a small tin, such as one from Altoids.
2. Inserted candles. 1 for the Shamash and one for each additional night of Chanukah



Hit after the Holidays



PJ Library and Temple Beth El celebrated Simchat Torah with an edible Torah craft, a story with singing and dancing.



Tiny Temple: Chanukah Fun and Learning

All tots through age five and their grownups are invited to "Tiny Temple" to prepare for Chanukah on Sunday, December 4 at 10:30am at Vassar Temple. We'll learn about this holiday of miracles and light with Rabbi Renni Altman, sing with Morah Olivia, make a holiday craft, and enjoy a healthy snack.

There is never a charge to attend Tiny Temple events, but please help us in our planning by RSVPing to office@vassartemple.org.

PJ Library
Bring Jewish stories home

Kim

Tamatha

Suzanne

"Maccabees, also spelled Machabees, were the **priestly family of Jews who organized a successful rebellion against the Seleucid ruler Antiochus IV and reconsecrated the defiled Temple of Jerusalem**. Maccabee means hammer or extinguisher. Is there anything you wish to "hammer out" or "extinguish" in your life? Bad habits for example? Can you be the shamash, the helper who lights all the other lights? Can you be the light in the darkness?

Great Articles for PJ Parents Around Hanukkah at the PJ Library Hanukkah Hub:

Sharing Hanukkah at School Article:

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/december-2016/sharing-hanukkah-at-school>

How to Light Candles with audio:

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/november-2020/how-to-light-the-hanukkah-candles>

By Suzanne Turrisi, Assistant PJ Library Director

Sparking Friendships By Tamatha Williams

I had just returned from a get together when I peered out my window and noticed my yard blanketed in the most glorious golden hues from the colorful fallen leaves. The sun's rays reflected upon them making the scenery even more radiant and I felt very grateful this particular morning.

A quote by Rabbi Mordechai of Lechovitz was recently shared with me. "Friendship is like a stone. A stone has no value, but when you rub two stones together properly, sparks of fire emerge." PJ Library encourages get togethers because they recognize the potential "spark" of friendship when people come together.

My get together that morning was not elegant with coordinating partyware. It was simple, four moms coming together before beginning their work day, sipping on a delicious cup of coffee, uncovering similar values, discussing familiarity in neighborhoods they grew up in and ultimately creating that glimmer of friendship among us. The last sips were taken and work called to us forcing us to part ways but not before contact information was exchanged and future plans were made.

Friendship has supported me in ways I never knew I needed in recent years. PJ Library understands the value of friendship and makes it so easy for people to get together. To start planning your PJ Library Get Together visit [Pjlibrary.org/GetTogether](https://pjlibrary.org/GetTogether) for more details.



Are you an interfaith couple?
We want to hear from you,
[email programs@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:programs@jewishdutchess.org)

Please check out all of our **PJ Library December 2021 Events** on our Facebook Page: "PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley" and in our bi-monthly PJ Library and PJ OurWay E-News and Mid-Month Update emails! Got Questions? New to the community or looking to make connections with other families? Interested in a Grandparent's Circle? Want to start a Parent's Night In or a monthly playgroup? We can help! Email: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org Join our PJ Library Mom's What's app Group or our Mid-Hudson Valley PJ Library Families FB Group via Email: pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

Holiday Greetings

Kislev—Tevet

Wishing you peace
in this season of
miracles!

Barbara & Bernie
Cohen



Wishing you peace
in this season of
miracles!

Sandra & John
Blair



Wishing you peace
in this season of
miracles!

Sharon, Cynthia, &
Harold Warren



Wishing you peace
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miracles!

Miriam Gold
and Family



Wishing you peace
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miracles!

The Dworkin
Family



Wishing you peace
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miracles!

The Slate Family:
Eileen, Jerry, Jacob,
Alanna, Daniel, and
Emma



Wishing you peace
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miracles!

Roni & Charles
Stein



Peace to all!



Barbara & Len
Hyman

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Dr. & Mrs. Michael
Muffs

Peace to all!



Judy & Alan
Fox

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Leona & Irvin
Miller

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Ellen & Lawrence
Danziger

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Adrienne London
and Dr. Robert
Roeshman, D.O.

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Sandy & Lee
Corwin

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Barbara & Irwin
Lifshay

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Kislev—Tevet

Miriam Gold
and Family



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Doris & Bob
Haas



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Roberta & Len
Grosman



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The
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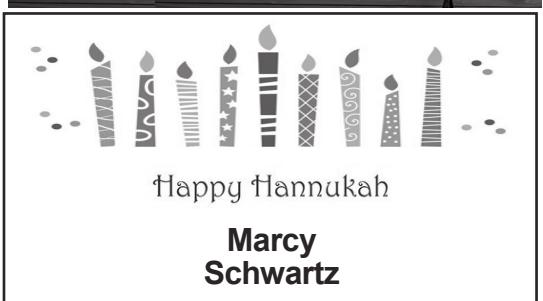
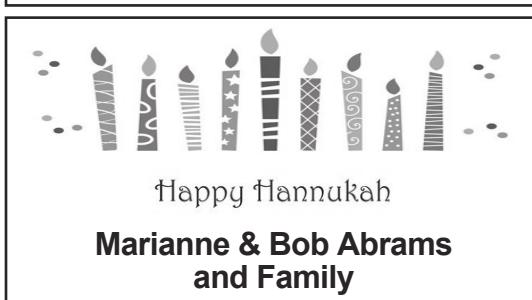
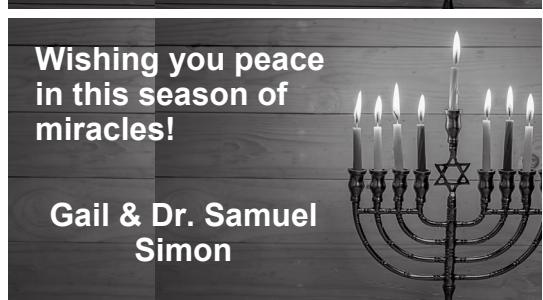
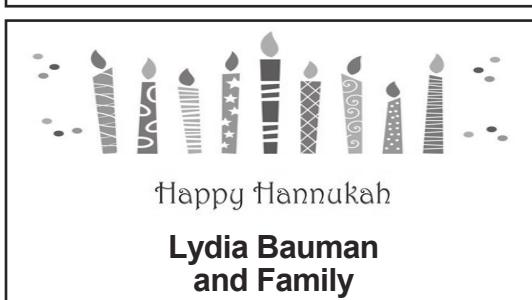
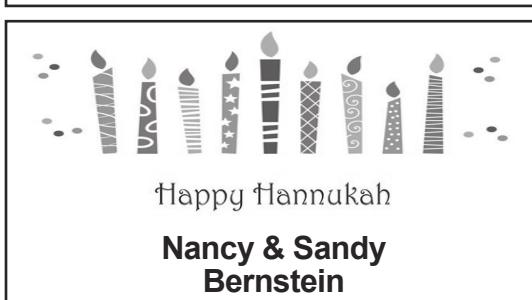
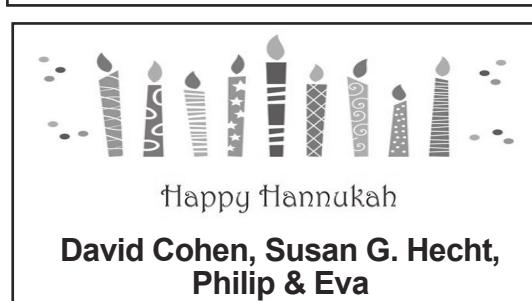
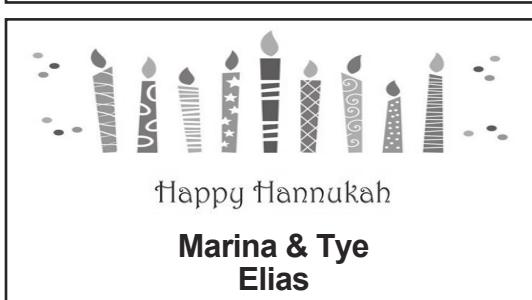
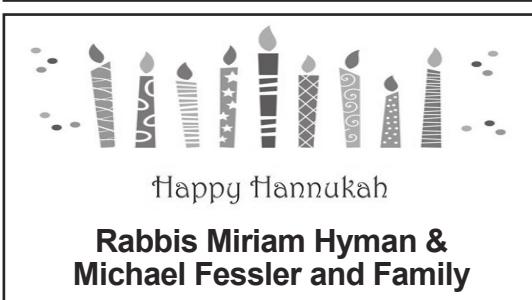
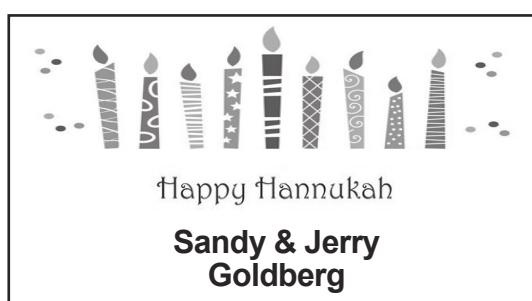
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We apologize in advance for any spelling errors in the Holiday greetings.

Peace to all!



Rabbi Ellen & Judge Jonah Triebwasser

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VanDodick Family

Peace to all!



Jim Robinowitz

Peace to all!



Muriel Lampell

Peace to all!



Eleanor & Marty Korfman

Peace to all!



Barbara (z”l) & Lou Newman and Family

The Federation Board's Voice



Russel Rothman

When your Jewish Federation of Dutchess County began thinking about organizing a community-wide trip to Israel a few years ago, we never imagined that it would be such a success. The chemistry among the 24 participants was magical and resulted in 10 days of excitement, laughter, fun, and education. We all first met together in Tel Aviv at a wonderful dinner in Jaffa where we all got to know each other and learn why we all decided to come on the trip. The next day, we got introduced to the country from 300 feet about Tel Aviv while in a hot air balloon ride. From that vantage point, it's clear how beautiful, fragile, and precarious the country's position is. One can see from the Mediterranean to the Jordanian mountains and understand how small the country is and the inherent difficulties in protecting it. From there, we visited the Palmach Museum which showed the historic human toll of creating a new home in the Holy Land after World War 2.

We covered a lot of ground in 10 days. Archeological sites (Beit She'an, Caesaria, Masada), Rosh Hanikrah, Israel's version of Capri's Blue Grotto was absolutely stunning, sitting just on the other side of the Lebanese border. One morning we all woke at 4am to arrive before sunrise in the Hula Valley to witness one of the largest bird migrations on the planet. Most participants considered this one of the trips most memorable moments.

After arriving in Jerusalem, we headed to the Dead Sea, but not before a visit the Ahava Factory Store where we collectively emptied out their inventory. The Dead Sea swim was something like floating in space. Your spatial senses are disturbed by the weird buoyancy that makes it difficult to float on your stomach or sink. After a few minutes, you give up and just sit or lie on your back and enjoy the spa treatment of hyper-soft water on your skin. The day included a visit to the fortress of Masada, accessible by cable car, and then to nearby En Gedi, the desert oasis where David hid from King Saul. Aside from being entertained by a colony of hyrax (social mammals like our prairie dogs), some participants hiked up to the lower waterfall for a refreshing soak in the cool water under the falls.

Our final days were spent in Jerusalem, visiting the Western Wall and the newly-opened wall tunnels, Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum, the Israel Museum (home of the Dead Sea Scrolls), souks, and the famous Mahane Yehuda Market where I'm sure everyone carried away pounds of food and exotic spices, either in bags or in their bellies. Two of my favorite places in Jerusalem are the Gazelle Valley Park in the heart of the city (home of the last surviving wild herd of gazelles) and the Nili and David Jerusalem Bird Observatory located in the parking lot of the Knesset. There places are unheralded gems of the city and our Federation was able to plant an olive tree at the JBO, which will some day provide nourishment for many of the hundreds of thousands of birds flying through the city each year.

While this short review just touches on the highlights, it cannot possibly convey the fun, the joy (the wine!), and for most of those participants who had never visited Israel, the excitement and amazement at how a small country has created a remarkable country out of sand and stone. A country bereft of natural resources, creating fresh water from the air and sea water, growing fruit and vegetables in the desert, creating new technologies, medicines and treatments to benefit all of humankind.

On our final night, we met with Assad Segev, one of the top diplomats in Israel, responsible for the various consulates in the US, who discussed the then-upcoming elections and how Israel presents itself to the rest of the world diplomatically. It got us thinking how important it is for our local Federation to continue bringing Americans to Israel to see for itself what may not be reported in the regular press. When we returned, we began looking ahead to plan our next trip, perhaps beginning in Morocco or Poland or Cypress before coming to Israel, a trip many of our ancestors must have made. If you're interested or would like to help plan this with us, please let us know. I hope you will consider joining us on the next adventure.

Our Executive Director



October 23 to November 1 - A great miracle happened there. 24 people joined the Federation trip to Israel, and I was blessed to be one of them. During the trip there were numerous amazing experiences that I was planning to share with you. Each day, there was something new, wonderfully unexpected, and all positive. However, when I returned, reality hit me in the face and those Israel stories will need to wait.

Nancy, my work everything (office manager, assistant, accountant, IT, JFS, etc.), shared that she was leaving us after 7 plus years. We are sad for us and will miss her terribly, but very happy for her and all her upcoming adventures. She is still helping us during this transitional period, which is a miracle in itself. We also had a change in board leadership and are appreciative for Susan G. Hecht, and Stan Cooper to rise to the occasion to be Board President and Secretary respectfully.

This was all happening while in the midst of moving offices. Yes, by the time you read this, we will be in our new home at 104 Fulton Ave., the former Children's Medical Group office. We are so thankful to Arnoff Moving and Storage for all their help and the countless volunteers who have come to pack and purge. We hope you will come visit – once all the boxes are unpacked. We have a nice sized multipurpose room in which we look forward to running various events. A key upside is that our new office has ground access, so it is wheelchair accessible. Be on the lookout for our ribbon-cutting event.

Another significant transition has been with our medical loan closet. Unfortunately, due to office space and staffing changes, we realized we could no longer house medical equipment. The equipment we had was thankfully donated to another nonprofit to be distributed to those in need. We are grateful for being able to help all those we served over the years. We are now a referral agency and will help guide people to other locations that lend out medical equipment. That being said, we look forward to focusing more efforts on our Mitzvah Now initiatives throughout the year.

While we were experiencing many potentially dark moments, we realized that there has been light shining through—our community. We are a volunteer-based organization. While we do everything we do for you, we also cannot do it without you. In the spirit of Channukah, we consider you and all you do for us to be the shining light. You volunteer for our Mitzvah Now initiatives and senior holiday care packages. You buy Holiday Greetings to ensure *The Voice* can be offered free to our readers. You donate to our Annual Campaign so we can continue to create community, fight anti-semitism, support those in need, and so much more. As the year and annual campaign is nearing the end, I would be remiss if I did not respectfully ask you to make a contribution to the annual campaign. Whether you donate stocks, maximize your RMD (required minimum distribution—see article below), go to: www.jewishdutchess.org/donate, or call (845) 471-9811, we thank you in advance for helping support our efforts and all that we do. Every little and big donation makes an impact and shines some light in our community.

Happy Channukah, Karen Hochhauser

2022 Year-end IRA Planning By Bonnie J. Orr, Partner at PKF O'Connor Davies

The last few weeks of 2022 are upon us. Time to do our tax planning! If you own a traditional individual retirement account (IRA), or are the beneficiary of an inherited IRA, you might need to check your required minimum distribution (RMD) status.

Traditional IRA distributions are now required beginning in the year we turn 72. The minimum age was bumped from 70 ½ to 72 in 2020 under the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act. Withdrawal of that first RMD can be delayed until April 1 of the year after you turn 72, so relax if you find yourself reading this in January 2023. However, if you do withdraw that 2022 RMD in 2023, you will also need to withdraw your 2023 RMD before December 31, 2023. This means that procrastinating might cause your IRA distribution to be twice as much in 2023. For some, that means a bump into the next tax bracket, which is something your accountant tries hard to avoid.

Beneficiaries of inherited IRA accounts have different sets of rules, depending upon the year of inheritance. The Secure Act requires a 10-year distribution if inherited in 2020 or later. The IRS recently published Notice 2022-53, announcing that IRS will finalize regulations regarding the Secure Act changes in 2023, to be effective in 2023.

We recommend you check with your IRA custodian to find out how much your RMD is for 2022.

Once your RMD amount is established, it is time to estimate the income tax due on your RMD. This is where things can get tricky. Taxpayers are sometimes shocked to see that adding RMD income can cause more social security to be taxable, limit rental losses and reduce itemized medical expense deductions. If your income is close to the adjusted gross income limit for low Medicare premiums, you might incur increased Medicare premiums, (see income-related monthly adjustment amount (IRMAA) for more information).

For taxpayers who give to qualifying charities, there is a wonderful tax savings device called the qualified charitable distribution (QCD). This is available only to individuals who have attained age 70 ½. There is an annual maximum amount of \$100,000 per year, and the RMD (or part of the RMD) must be paid to a qualifying charity directly from the IRA account. Community Foundations qualify if the distribution is to a designated charitable fund. The benefit is that the amount of RMD redirected to a QCD will not increase adjusted gross income and will not be taxed.

If you do use this neat QCD benefit, be sure to tell your accountant exactly how much was paid directly to charity from your IRA. The IRA custodian will not report this on your form 1099R. It is up to you and your accountant to report the reduced taxable amount on your personal income tax returns.

Stay tuned for changes in 2023. We expect IRS final regulations for RMD distributions from inherited IRA accounts, and there is a proposal to push the RMD age to 73, beginning in 2023.



JEWSH FOOD

Connecting our Community through Food

Send us your favorite Kosher recipe so we can share it.

Please email to: TheVoice@jewishdutchess.org.

Parve Chocolate cake

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups bittersweet chocolate chips, or semisweet
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons instant espresso granules
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups neutral oil, such as grapeseed or canola
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 3/4 cup water
- 3 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 350 F/180 C. (If you are using a dark or non-stick pan, reduce the heat by 25 F).
- Lightly grease and flour a Bundt pan, making sure to tap out any excess flour. Or grease two 9-inch (23 centimeters) layer cake pans, and line the bottom of each with a parchment paper circle.
- Grease the parchment circles.
- Set aside.
- In a double-boiler or microwave, melt the chocolate. Alternatively, place the chocolate in a heatproof bowl, and set it over a small saucepan of gently simmering water (the bottom of the bowl should rest in the saucepan, but should not touch the water).
- Stir constantly until the chocolate melts, then remove the bowl from the saucepan and set aside.
- In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, instant espresso, and salt.
- In another bowl, whisk together the oil, orange juice, water, eggs, and vanilla.
- Add the wet ingredients to the dry, and mix just until combined.
- Add the melted chocolate, and stir just until it is well incorporated and the batter is smooth.
- Pour the batter in to the prepared pan(s).
- Bake in the preheated oven until a tester inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean—about 50 to 60 minutes if using a Bundt pan, or 35 to 45 minutes if using layer cake pans.
- Cool completely on a wire rack.
- Glaze or frost as desired. Enjoy!



THE MILLBROOK CHANUKAH COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO THE LIGHTING OF THE
MILLBROOK MENORAH

Sunday, December 18, 2022

On the lawn of the Thorne Building
Franklin Avenue

Festivities begin at 4PM

FOLLOWED BY:

HOT LATKES - HOT APPLE CIDER -
COFFEE - BAKED GOODS - SINGING

AT BABETTE'S KITCHEN
3293 FRANKLIN AVENUE
MILLBROOK, NEW YORK

For more information, call 845-677-0190
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Congregation Information

Kislev—Tevet

Congregation Schomre Israel

(Orthodox)
18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-2890
Rabbi Shlomo Krasner
Website: www.schomreisrael.org
Email: rabbishlomok@gmail.com

Weekly Services:

Shacharis 7:00am (weekdays)
Shacharis 8:30am (Sunday & holidays)
Maariv: 6:40pm (winter weekdays)
Friday Kabbalat Shabbat: around candle lighting times

Adult Education:

Sunday
Talmud Studies with Rabbi Krasner
9:20am, in person, studying topics in the Talmud of mezuzah, tefillin, and sefer torah.

Tuesday
The Collected Writings of Maimonides
10:30am, hybrid. Join us as we discuss and study Maimonides philosophy and his classic works.

Thursday
Contemporary Halachic Questions
7:00pm, hybrid class. We will take a contemporary topic and question which has vexed laymen and scholars alike and analyze and debate the issue until we come out with the Torah's approach.

Other Events:

Sunday
Rosh Chodesh Breakfast December 25, following morning service.

Chanukah Dinner December 25, 5:00pm. Paid reservation by Dec. 6, Adults: \$36. Child 2-12 \$15.

Monday
Evergreen Market Kosher Delivery
Deadline to order December 5, the delivery will be on Tuesday December 6

Thursday
Yiddish Club 10:00am December 1 Yiddish word games; December 22 Chanukah Yiddish. Open to all.

Saturday
Movie Night December 17, 7:00pm. Join us for *The Accused*. \$15 per person, RSVP by December 13.

Looking Ahead
Schomre Israel Sisterhood will be baking and selling Hamentashen for Purim which will be on March 7. Fillings available are prune, poppyseed, raspberry, apricot, and chocolate. Pick up date is Sunday, February 12 At the synagogue from 11am-1pm. Cost is \$18 per dozen and \$12 per half dozen. Shalosh Monet baskets are also available and can be mailed for you. For more info contact: rgrosman@aol.com

Contact:

rabbishlomok@gmail.com
for current information
or visit the website
www.schomreisrael.org

Hanukkah Happenings

December 11

Community Hannukah Celebration 11:00am, see page 8 for info

December 18

Jewish Federation Dutchess & Orange with Poughkeepsie Public Library

Holiday Israeli Farm Olive Oil & Wine tasting / talk

1:00pm, see cover for more info

Menorah Lighting 4:00pm, see page 13 for more info

Millbrook

December 22

Temple Beth-El

December 23

Shir Chadash

Temple Beth-El

Vassar Temple

December 25

Schomre Israel

For more information see the columns on page 14-15

Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)
Interim: Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Lagrange
(845) 232-1029
Rabbi Glenn Jacob
Website: www.shir-chadash.org
Email: info@shir-chadash.org

Weekly Services:

Fridays: 7:30pm In-Person & Zoom
Saturday: 9:15am In-person,
Bi-monthly Torah Study with Rabbi Jacob All welcome to attend.

Adult Education:

Saturday

Torah Study 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Shir Chadash's new spiritual leader, Rabbi Jacob. Everyone has a chance to participate. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts.
For dates and info call (845) 232-1029, email: info@shir-chadash.org or visit www.shir-chadash.org.

Other Events:

Sunday

Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

Those interested in reading are invited, (now done virtually)-- interesting and provocative discussions. Dates & times TBD. Participants meet to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry, and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest. Have a topic suggestion, please let us know! For more information, please contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: info@shir-chadash.org

Friday

Chanukah Service & Celebration

December 23, 7:30pm. Help "Light Up The Night" by bringing your favorite menorah to the service. Come see the many different and unique menorahs all lit! Old, new, handmade, and from different parts of the world. Enjoy the music, singing, and of course, lots of latkes to eat! Don't forget the candles! All welcome. For more information, call (845) 232-1029 or email info@shir-chadash.org.

Contact :
info@shir-chadash.org
for current information
or visit the website
www.shir-chadash.org

Temple Beth El

(Conservative)
118 S Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-0570
Rabbi Michael Fessler
Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman
Website: www.tbeny.org
Email: info@tbeny.org

All services are egalitarian & inclusive. Join us!

Weekly Services:

Friday & Saturday Shabbat Services alternate between in-person and Zoom. Call the Temple Beth-El office for the current schedule.

Adult Education:

For information about ongoing Adult Education at Temple Beth-El, please contact the synagogue office : (845) 454-0570.

Other Events:

Sunday

Temple Beth-El Serves at Lunchbox 2nd Sunday, volunteers are needed to help serve a meal at Lunchbox at Dutchess Outreach. You can also help by making a donation to help cover the cost. Contact Nancy Judson & volunteer (845) 216-7563.

Thursday

Hanukkah Party/Dinner December 22, 6:30pm. Free to Members, Non-member kids are free. 12 and older \$18. RSVP by December 9.

Friday

Hanukkah Songs with the Choir

December 23, 8:00pm.

Contact:

info@tbeny.org
for current information
or visit the website
www.tbeny.org

Do you play MahJongg?

Now is the time to order your 2023 MahJongg cards. For every order through Temple Beth-El Dutchess County Outreach's Lunchbox Program will receive \$5.00 per order. Please support this worthy cause. This is a way to do a mitzvah with no extra cost. Also, please ask your friends and family regardless where they live. The league will mail the cards directly to everyone via first class mail. In 2022 the Lunchbox received \$392. Our goal in 2023 is to break \$500.

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**Phyllis Rosenfield,
32 Ferris Lane
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.
Questions? call Phyllis 845-454-3024.**

Order deadline is January 27th.

Visit Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Hanukkah Shop

We have a broad selection of candles, menorahs, dreidels, chocolate gelt candy, and so much more! See our display in the Temple Library.

Special sale dates are Friday, December 9; Sunday, December 11; Friday, December 16; Sunday, December 18; from 10am - Noon. Regular hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10am-2pm or by appointment.

Questions? judaica@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570.

Vassar Temple

(Reform)
140 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 454-2570
Rabbi Renni S. Altman D.D.
Website: www.vassartemple.org
Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or rabbi@vassartemple.org

Weekly Services:

All services are both in person and Zoom. For information contact office@vassartemple.org

Friday

Shabbat Evening Service

December 2, 9 (Generation Shabbat), 16, 30, 7:30pm;
December 23, 6:00pm Dinner then 7:30pm Service

Saturday

New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship December 3, 17, 10:15am.
Healing Service December 10, 10:30am
Shabbat Morning Service December 24 10:15am.

Adult Education:

Monday

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text: December 12, 19, 12:00pm, via Zoom. Taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, for dates, study sheets and link pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Saturday

Torah Study Hybrid class 9:00am, Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftorah. For info and to be placed on the class list, contact: office@vassartemple.org.

Other Events:

Sunday

Sisterhood Game Afternoon December 4, 1:00-3:00pm in the Social Hall. Mahjong: for experienced or non-experienced players. Limited tables with sets—reserve your spot. Other games include: Scrabble, Checkers, and more. Refreshments of Course! RSVP by December 1 to sisterhood@vassartemple.org



Wednesday

Sisterhood Book Club December 21, 12:00pm via Zoom we will discuss *Little Bee* by Christopher Cleave, a book described by critics as "an utterly enthralling page turner, with vividly memorable and proactive characters. RSVP to Linda Babas at bookclub@vassartemple.org.

Friday

Vassar Temple Chanukah Dinner and Candle Lighting Service December 23, 6:00pm in the social hall. Join us for Vassar Temple's pot-luck Chanukah Dinner. Please bring a meat or vegetable dish for 12 (no dairy, no nuts). Sisterhood will provide latkes, applesauce, challah, salad and beverages. After the dinner, at 7:30pm, a beautiful family-friendly Chanukah/Shabbat service held in the sanctuary, to which everyone is invited, and you are encouraged to bring your menorah and 7 candles as we will light them during the service. There is a cost for the dinner of \$18 per family or \$6 per individual. Reservations for the meal should be made by Tuesday, December 20 by contacting Roni Stein at ChanukahDinner@vassartemple.org or call the temple office (845) 454-2570. Send your check to Vassar Temple Sisterhood, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, with "Chanukah Dinner" on the memo line

Contact :

office@vassartemple.org
for current information
or visit the website
www.vassartemple.org

Pardess Center for Jewish Life

(845) 440-7592
Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus
Website: www.MyPardess.org
Email: info@MyPardess.org

Contact:
info@MyPardess.org
for current information
or visit the website
www.MyPardess.org

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck
(845) 876-7666
Rabbi Hanoch Hecht
Rebbetzin Tzivie Hecht
Website:
www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
Email:
RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Weekly Services:

Fridays: Call for time.
Saturdays: 9:30am

Contact:
RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
for current information
or visit the website
www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Rd, Poughkeepsie
(845) 463-5801
Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
Website:
www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com
Email:
ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net

Weekly Services:

Fridays: Call for times.
Saturdays: 10:00am Chabad Hebrew School

Adult Education:

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

Special Events:

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.

Contact :
ChabadMidhudsonvly@prodigy.net
for current information
or visit the website
www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com



The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Post 625

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the U.S. Military (active, Reserves, or National Guard) or any person who wishes to support veterans are invited to attend Post meetings.

We will be in person at Schomre Israel. The next meeting will be December 11, January 8 at 9:30am (9:00am schmooze). The Post will supply nosh stuff and coffee, and refreshments will be strictly kosher. Masks are optional.

For more info, please contact Post Commander Schwartz at (845) 849-0025 or Rscha9881@aol.com

Beacon Hebrew Alliance

(Conservative)
331 Verplanck Ave, Beacon
(845) 831-2012
Rabbi Brent Spodek;
Email:
411@beaconhebrewalliance.org

Weekly Services:

Friday Shabbat, 5:30pm Mini Minyan with Luke Wygodny & 6:00pm Potluck Shabbat Dinner and Kabbalah Shabbat

Check our Community Calendar for services times, generally every Friday & one Saturday per month:
www.beaconhebrewalliance.org/calendar

Contact:
for current information
or visit the website
www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

Congregation Beth David

(Reform)
East Main St, Amenia
(845) 373-8264
Rabbi Jon Haddon
Website: www.CongBethDavid.org
Email: JonRab33@gmail.com

Weekly Services:

Saturdays 10:30am, December 17, 24

Contact:
jonrab33@gmail.com
for current information
or visit the website
www.CongBethDavid.org

Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Ave, Poughkeepsie
(845) 728-4792
Rabbi Bryan Mann
Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College
Email: bryanmann@vassar.edu

Weekly Services:

Fridays: 6:00pm
7:00pm dinner when school is in session

Contact :
bryanmann@vassar.edu
for current information

Bard College

Rabbi Joshua Boettiger
Jewish Chaplain, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Humanities
Phone: (802) 733-6342
Email: jboettiger@bard.edu

Contact:
jboettiger@bard.edu
for current information

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley

243 Albany Ave, Kingston
(845) 338-4271 ext 101
Rabbi's Study: (845) 338-4384 ext 102
Rabbi Yael Romer: rabbiromer@hvc.rr.com

Weekly Services:

Friday

Kabbalah Shabbat Service December 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:00pm
Childcare Activity for First Fridays December 2

Saturday

Morning Minyan December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:00am.
Tot Shabbat December 10, January 21, February 11, 9:00am

email: assistant@cehv.org to be added to the email list.

Education:
Rhinebeck Mediation & Torah Study Tuesday, December 6, 13, 27, 8:45am
Hebrew Trope Wednesday, December 7, 14, 28, 12:30pm
Conversational Hebrew Wednesday, December 7, 14, 28, 4:00pm
Coffee Chai with the Rabbi (via Zoom) Thursday, December 1, 8, 8:45am.
Beginner-Introduction to Judaism Conversation Class Thursday, December 1, 8, 7:30pm.
Zimet Jewish Learning Adventure Sunday, December 4, 11, 9:30am, December 18, 2:30pm followed by Community Chanukah Candle lighting at 5:00pm

Other Events:

Monthly Brotherhood Meeting Tuesday, December 13, 6:30pm
Mah Jongg Returns Monday, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:15am
Community Kabbalah Shabbat Experience & Dinner Friday, December 9, 6:00pm
Chanukah Community Candle lighting Sunday, December 18, 5:00pm
Israel Trip—now forming for June 29, 2023. For info contact our office.
Backpack Project is back! Collecting Backpacks, supplies and donations to help local students. Contact our main office for more information.
Ukraine Humanitarian Aid - CEHV is partnering with the Ukrainian American Youth Association of The Hudson Valley to send urgently needed medical supplies to Ukraine. Drop off at CEHV. Contact our main office for more information.
CEHV's Food Access and Security Initiative continues to support The Blue Fridge. This ongoing program accepts a variety of donation items, including prepared meals, fresh produce or pantry staples. For more details contact info@cehv.org.

Contact: info@cehv.org
for all events and current information
or visit the website www.CEHV.org



December Candle Lighting Schedule

December 2	4:08pm
December 9	4:07pm
December 16	4:08pm
December 23	4:11pm
December 30	4:16pm



Wishing you a Happy Chanukah

Cecelia Morris

Do a Mitzvah this holiday season and donate to PJ Library.

Jewish Trivia

Q: What famous Jewish stand-up comic saw his first movie, as a little kid sitting in the lap of singer Billie Holiday at the Lowes Commodore, NYC?

A: Billy Crystal



Simchat Torah with the Living Shtetl Klezmer Group at Vassar Temple.



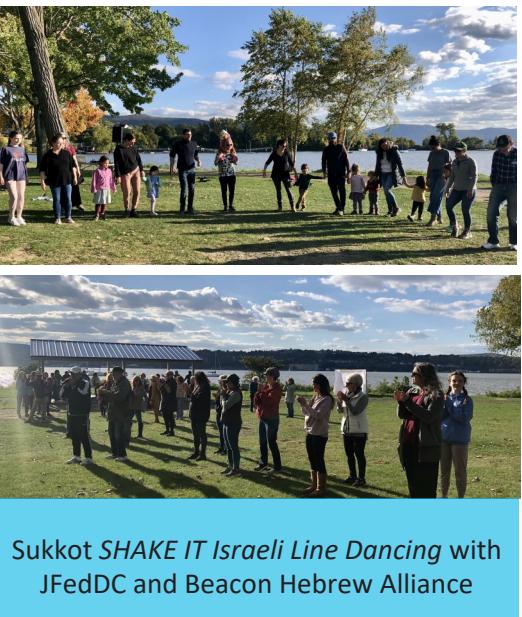
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- Purchase new winter wear and drop it off at TBE
- Drop off or mail a check payable to **Temple Beth-El Youth Group**: 118 S Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie 12603 Questions? Contact Cantor Devorah Gartner at cantordedorah@gmail.com or (845) 399-7192

Wishing Light and Peace for All!
Happy Hanukkah!



Vassar Temple

Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D.
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of the lights
all through
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From the JFedDC Board, and Staff



Food delivery to the Morse School
Pictured: Jeff Lash, Howard Friedman, Victor Stern, Alan Fox, Les Muldorff, Michael Elkin, and helper Ellen Stern.



New York State Senator Sue Serino,
Chair of the Senate's Veterans
Committee, recently stopped in at the
pre-meeting schmooze of
JWV Post 625.
Pictured: Ellie Korfman, Sen. Serino,
Post Commander Marty Korfman,
Chief of Staff Martin Hochhauser