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ADL Audit Finds Antisemitic Incidents in United States Reached All-Time High in 2021

Incidents reported in all 50 states, including a dramatic spike during Hamas-Israel conflict; Attacks against synagogues and JCCs increased 61 percent.

New York, NY, April 26, 2022 ... Antisemitic incidents reached an all-time high in the United States in 2021, with a total of 2,717 incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism reported to ADL (the Anti-Defamation League). This represents the highest number of incidents on record since ADL began tracking antisemitic incidents in 1979 – an average of more than seven incidents per day and a 34% increase year over year.

ADL's annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents, found that antisemitic incidents reached a high watermark across virtually every category. Attacks against Jewish institutions, including Jewish community centers (JCCs) and synagogues, were up by 61%, incidents at K-12 schools increased 106%, and incidents on college campuses rose 21%.

Assaults – considered the most serious incident type because it involves person-on-person physical violence triggered by antisemitic animus – increased 167%, jumping to a total of 88 reports in 2021 from 33 in 2020. Incidents of harassment were up 43%, and acts of antisemitic vandalism rose 14%.

A substantial surge was reported during the May 2021 conflict between Israel and Hamas. There was a staggering 148% increase in reports of

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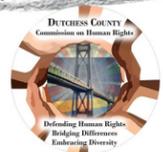
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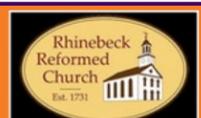
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MEETING LOCATION

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 Please do not bring outside food into the temple.

June Location
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June 22 **Art from the Loom**—with Mary Flad
 Join tapestry weaver May Flad who will talk about her work and textiles around the world that have inspired her. She has designed tapestries for many public buildings in the Mid Hudson Region. Come and hear about them.
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July 13 **Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D** —with Gerri Brenner
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Menu: Bagels, tuna, tossed salad, and dessert

July 27 **Plant Based Diet**—with Apama Marthi
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Menu: Gardein burgers, fries, salad, and dessert

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Office of the Aging News by Brian Jones

By most estimates, Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurers each lose tens of billions of dollars each year due to errors, abuse, and fraud. Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP, smpresource.org) estimates taxpayer losses at over \$60 billion just for Medicare fraud – and that is likely a low-end number because successful fraud goes undetected and thus uncounted.

Those who commit health care fraud fit no one profile. The Justice Department has prosecuted criminals who work alone, institutions that submit unnecessary “padded” claims, and international organized crime operations posing as legitimate providers and suppliers.

The key for a criminal, according to Harvard professor and insurance fraud expert Malcolm Sparrow, is to make fake claims look just like legitimate claims so that payment algorithms are unlikely to flag anything amiss.

The key to stopping this kind of fraud starts with you. Criminals need stolen or fraudulent credentials from patients and providers alike to get their schemes rolling.

Protect yourself from fraud:

- Guard your card. Never give your Medicare or Medicaid cards or number to strangers.
- Do not feel pressured into purchasing medical equipment, supplies, or health insurance. The Office for the Aging has volunteer counselors in our HIICAP program (Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program) who provide unbiased counseling on health insurance issues. Contact OFA to find out more.
- Never give your Medicare or Medicaid number to anyone for a “free” service or piece of equipment. If the service or equipment really is free, they would not need your number.
- Never accept medical supplies or equipment from a door-to-door salesperson.
- Never let anyone look at your medical records or prescription medications unless you have contacted your physician or pharmacist and received their approval.

Common fraudulent practices:

- Billing for goods and services not provided.
- Billing for old items as new items.
- Billing for patient visits that did not take place.
- Billing for more hours than there are in a day.
- Concealing ownership of related companies.
- Falsifying credentials and double-billing.

More tips on fighting fraud:

- Keep track of your appointments and medical services, supplies, and equipment.
- Check that the “Services Provided” description matches your record of appointments and services. Watch for claims made by facilities you have never been to – and which may not even exist.

Call New York’s Senior Medicare Patrol Fraud Hot Line at 1-877-678-4697 if you suspect fraudulent practices. You can find a printable Scam Prevention Resources sheet at dutchessny.gov/aging.

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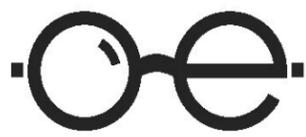
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antisemitic incidents that month when compared in May 2020, as tensions were high and hundreds of anti-Israel protests took place in dozens of U.S. cities. As Jewish individuals were violently beaten in the streets from New York to Los Angeles, a total of 387 incidents were reported that month with 297 of the incidents occurring after May 10, the date marking the official start of military action.

"While we have always seen a rise in antisemitic activity during periods of increased hostilities between Israel and terrorist groups, the violence we witnessed in America during the conflict last May was shocking," said Jonathan A. Greenblatt, ADL CEO and National Director. "Jews were being attacked in the streets for no other reason than the fact that they were Jewish, and it seemed as if the working assumption was that if you were Jewish, you were blameworthy for what was happening half a world away."

The May conflict represented only one of several spikes reported throughout the year and, overall, anti-Israel sentiment did not account for the lion's share of incidents in 2021. In fact, antisemitic acts also spiked in November and December, times when there was no similar triggering factor. Nearly 18% of the incidents last year—at least 484—were attributable to actions by domestic extremists.

"When it comes to antisemitic activity in America, you cannot point to any single ideology or belief system, and in many cases, we simply don't know the motivation," said Greenblatt. "But we do know that Jews are experiencing more antisemitic incidents than we have in this country in at least 40 years, and that's a deeply troubling indicator of larger societal fissures."

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Incidents were reported in all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia. The states with the highest number of incidents were New York (416), New Jersey (370), California (367), Florida (190), Michigan (112) and Texas (112). Combined, these states accounted for 58% of the total incidents.

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A total of 494 incidents were identified through newly established partnerships between ADL and several Jewish organizations, including the Community Security Initiative (CSI), Community Security Service (CSS), Hillel International, Secure Community Network (SCN), Union of Reform Judaism and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. This shared reporting represented 18% of the total incidents. Even without improved reporting through cooperative partnerships, the 2021 Audit numbers still would have been the highest

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The Harding Club

Spring of 2022 is upon us, summer beckons, and fall's leaves will be falling sooner than we planned. It is time to look both to the past and to plan for the future.

The past year was the 99th year of Harding Club's existence. Despite the many challenges posed by Covid, the club had a very successful year. Numerous meetings with entertaining and informative speakers were held via Zoom. Philanthropic contributions to a wide range of worthy local organizations were made. Generous support was given to the Jewish Federation of the Hudson Valley and to PJ Library. Commitments to continue such important activities were overwhelmingly made.

The club has a vital spirit and an energy that will not quit.

This fall, you are cordially invited to join this group of men who are living up to the club's mantra:

"Since 1923, a social club for men interested in camaraderie, community, philanthropy, good food, and Jewish culture."

The 2022 - 2023 season promises to be ultra-sensational. We look forward to resuming in-person meetings at a local restaurant, featuring dinner and a speaker. And, very significantly, the club's centennial will be celebrated this upcoming year. In 1923 a group of young, local, Jewish men were barred from Poughkeepsie athletic leagues due to their faith. They then formed the Harding Club, borrowing the current president's name. Over the years, the Harding Club has been a positive force in the Poughkeepsie and Hudson Valley communities. There will be much to celebrate at the upcoming centennial event. Become a Harding Club member, and you, too, can join the celebration and make the commitment to continue a great tradition.

We do look forward to hearing from you.

Alan Fox, Harding Club Immediate Past President
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"For next Father's Day, we'll get you a tie clip."

Rabbi Erwin and Lilli Zimet Art Auction

by the Zimet Art Collection Committee

On Sunday, June 26, under the auspices of the Jewish Federation and Temple Beth-El in Poughkeepsie, our community will have a unique opportunity to bid on pieces of art from the collection of Rabbi Erwin Zimet and his wife Lilli.

Rabbi Erwin and Lilli (nee Gehr) Zimet were born in Berlin, Germany. Erwin Zimet was ordained as a Rabbi in 1938, shortly before being arrested by the Nazis and deported to a no-man's land camp. A few months later, he was offered the post of associate rabbi at the Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City, where he served until 1946. Lilli was trained as an early childhood educator in Berlin and taught young children until she left Germany for England in 1939 to serve as a private governess. She was finally able to come to America in October, 1940, where she and Erwin married one month later. Unlike the horrific fate of their families in Nazi Europe, they were able to escape the Nazis.

In 1946, Rabbi and Lilli came to Temple Beth-El, a congregation of approximately 70 families, attracted by the opportunity to create a stable home for their family. Under their leadership and guidance, the Temple blossomed as a home for Jewish living and worship, and a model for interfaith involvement and social justice causes. He remained Beth-El's rabbi for more than 43 years. He continually fought for justice and equal rights in America and, in 1965, marched for Civil Rights in Selma, Alabama. Locally, Rabbi Zimet was instrumental in the creation of the Dutchess County Human Rights Commission and the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. He also served as Jewish chaplain at Vassar College and Green Haven prison. As a highly respected community leader, he was the recipient of numerous honors, including honorary doctorates from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Marist College. He remained a key Temple and community figure until his death in 1989.

Lilli created the Temple's vibrant Religious School, serving for many years as its principal and as a teacher, with a special emphasis on Holocaust studies. She also established a temple nursery school. But she may be best remembered for creating the High Holiday Choir and the Junior Choir for religious school students, which she led for 50 years. She died at the age of 101 in 2021.

Their art collection represents their own acquisitions as well as pieces that were gifted to them throughout their lives.

Bidding will begin online a week prior with by-appointment viewing in person at Temple Beth-El during the week. A listing with photographs will be available online.

More information on the cover or visit www.jewishdutchess.org/events

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Dear Dad,

You bet your challah it is! It's one of the original Ten Commandments. To honor your parents is pivotal to Jewish life. Tell me, you think you got to where you are by yourself?

Shoshana

Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Daniel Polish*

In Praise of the Least Appreciated of our Festivals

Take the test yourself: do a mental list of all our holidays. Trick question: of course Shabbat should be at the top of the list. After that you will probably list Pesach, because we just finished it, and because it is a pretty compelling celebration with the remarkable ritual of the Seder and its food restrictions which upend the normal patterns of our lives. And also, its story of liberation from Egypt is the great origin story of our people. Just before that came Purim—so raucous and ridiculous that it cannot help but impress itself on your memory. Your list will no doubt include Chanukah with its lights and latkes and gifts and its miracle as well as its celebration of freedom. You won't forget either Rosh Hashanah nor Yom Kippur often referred to as the solemnest days on our calendar. Because they are so personally compelling and demanding, they are not easily forgotten. If you continue with your list, you might remember Succot. Perhaps those booths make it stand out in your memory.



Rabbi Daniel Polish

And then...for many Jews the list is pretty much done. And yet this month we celebrate the festival that may commemorate the single most significant moment in the long history of our people: Shavuot, a week of weeks. Forty-nine days after Pesach is the culmination of the long march out of Egypt to Sinai. On this day the Torah tells us that we received the Ten Commandments. If you ask Jews or Christians to talk about the heart of their faith, the first thing that most people are likely to name are those "Ten Words" that are recorded in both the Book of Exodus and the Book of Deuteronomy. According to the rabbis, at Sinai we received the Torah – all of it -- both the written Torah (the whole of the TaNaKH) and the Oral Torah – the teachings of the rabbis themselves (as recorded in our "second scripture", the Talmud). And more broadly still, all of Jewish learning that which was already taught and that which is yet to be taught was revealed on that fiftieth day after the Exodus. A pretty significant event, wouldn't you say?

And more significant still, our tradition sees it as the moment when G-d made a covenant with our people, binding us to one another for all time. Among the Sephardim it is a custom to read a poem on Shavuot that treats the holiday as a wedding between G-d and the Jewish people. The rabbis tell us that the soul of every Jew who ever lived and whoever would live was present at Sinai. They say we all stood at Sinai. Sinai is the great covenant moment of Jewish history.

Such an event clearly deserves to be taken seriously, and tradition accords it the attention it deserves. The Torah lists Shavuot along with Pesach and Succot as one of the three "foot festivals" when every Jew was supposed to make pilgrimage to Jerusalem to make appropriate sacrifice. On Shavuot our ancestors brought the first fruits of their harvest and two loaves of bread made from the new crop of wheat. The Kabbalists introduced the custom of *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* -- staying up the entire eve of Shavuot engaged in study. And we? How do we commemorate this momentous event? At best with blintzes. More likely with the briefest nod to the existence of the day. Why does Shavuot get slighted this way? Perhaps because it is not a multi-day observance like Pesach, Succot, Chanukah or the High Holy Days. Perhaps because it falls at the start of summer when we begin to get distracted. And dairy food? How did it find its way into the celebration? Actually, no one really knows the answer to that riddle.

Still, Shavuot deserves better from us than it receives. Yes, we do "count down" to it as we count the omer from Pesach to its arrival, often studying *Pirkei Avot/Ethics of the Sages* along the way. Some of us still engage in *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*. (In Dutchess County three of the congregations in Poughkeepsie will join together to study on Erev Shavuot, June 4.) Many Reform congregations celebrate Confirmation on that day. And yet even with all that, Shavuot seems to deserve more from us than it receives. Shavuot feels like a holiday in need of considerably more elaborate celebration than it gets (perhaps more liturgical innovation is called for). After all, Shavuot might very well be the most important day on our calendar.

Meet Your Neighbor *By Karen Hochhauser*

Each month, we ask a Member of the Tribe (MOT) the following questions. This month, Mihai Grunfeld, took time from writing his continuation of his memoir.

- 1. What is your favorite word?**
Trauma and subconscious
- 2. What is your least favorite word?**
Antisemitism
- 3. What inspires you creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
The possibility of moving, not stagnating, getting out of repetition—and poetry of course.
- 4. What is your favorite song?**
"Eli Eli" by Hannah Senesh
- 5. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
Besides being a professor, I'm writing and not interested in anything else right now.
- 6. What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
19th Century coal miner.
- 7. What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: *The increasing capacity to accept who I am and not criticize myself. There's room in this world for someone like me. I do not have to change.*
Dislike: *The self-critical part, which is also here, in me, present.*
- 8. What is your favorite Jewish food/dessert?**
I love Italian food, and for dessert I especially like Tiramisu.
- 9. What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
The self-hatred of being a Jew; the internalized hate.
- 10. If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
Something that would help me be playful, more loving.
- 11. What is your greatest achievement/something you are most proud of?**
I was a Professor at Vassar College for 33 years. I am proud of that. I am also proud of my writing. I am very happy that I've allowed myself to write creatively.
- 12. Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
Go to Vietnam and Thailand.
- 13. What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
Being surrounded by a lot of non-Jewish kids who were trying to convince me that I'm really not Jewish because being Jewish they said is terrible thing.
- 14. What is your most favorite Jewish Memory?**
Mother lighting the Shabbos candles.
- 15. If there was one thing you would hope others do in the interest of our future, what would that be?**
We should try to learn about themselves. Who we are and where we came from. To learn more about love and acceptance of ourselves and others.
- 16. What is your most and least favorite part of being Jewish**
Most: *What I am discovering—The beauty of people who have a long and beautiful tradition. So many Jewish people have open hearts and help other people. They do good things in life—I appreciate that so much.*
Least: *Thinking that we are the chosen ones, special, above everyone else. We are just people like everyone else.*
- 17. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
Welcome, Mihai!
- 18. What question do you wish we asked and what would be the answer?**
Q: *Who is your favorite poet?*
A: *David Whyte*



Mihai Grunfeld

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recorded by ADL, with 2,223 incidents.

The ADL Center on Extremism has reflected the complete 2021 data, as well as data from the previous three years, on its H.E.A.T. Map, an interactive online tool that allows users to geographically chart antisemitic incidents and events nationally and regionally.

Methodology

The ADL Audit includes both criminal and non-criminal acts of harassment and intimidation, including distribution of hate propaganda, threats and slurs, as well as vandalism and assault. Compiled using information provided by victims, law enforcement and community leaders, and evaluated by ADL's professional staff, the Audit provides a regular snapshot of one specific aspect of a nationwide problem while identifying possible trends or changes in the types of activity reported. This information assists ADL in developing and enhancing its programs to counter and prevent the spread of antisemitism and other forms of bigotry. The Audit offers a snapshot of one of the ways American Jews encounter antisemitism, but a full understanding of antisemitism in the U.S. requires other forms of analysis as well, including public opinion polling, assessments of online antisemitism and examinations of extremist activity, all of which ADL offers in other reports, such as ADL Global 100, Online Hate and Harassment: The American Experience, Survey on Jewish Americans' Experiences with Antisemitism, Murder and Extremism, and the ADL Survey of American Attitudes Toward Jews.

To read full report: www.jewishdutchess.org/community/the-voice



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TEMPLE BETH-EL & CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH ANNOUNCE NEW JOINT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Temple Beth-El and Congregation Shir Chadash are pleased to announce that we will be combining our religious school programs beginning in September 2022. Our older students have already participated in Ivrit (Hebrew) classes together. Expanding our collaboration to include religious school will provide a number of benefits not only for our students, but also for our teachers and the Jewish community.

Our collaborative school will model the true meaning of *Kiai Yisraei* (Jewish peoplehood) by increasing the sense of Jewish community and partnership for our students and families.

It will allow students to get to know their Jewish peers and to receive a broader Jewish education with exposure to both Reform and Conservative Judaism. Students will learn about key differences between
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B'nai Mitzvah

Thomas Carr, Vassar Temple, June 18, 2022
Son of Elizabeth and Greg; brother to Helen

Thomas is currently a 7th grader at LaGrange Middle School and really enjoyed being a member of the stage/tech crew of the Annie Jr. production earlier this spring, getting to learn about and be a part of the behind-the-scenes work of the play. In his free time, he enjoys playing violin, hiking around the Hudson Valley, exploring coding and Javascript on the computer, and playing with the two family cats, Mei and Satsuki.

All of these interests played a part in trying to decide on a Mitzvah project, and Thomas' project is to be an active citizen in the community. This includes volunteering at Hudson Valley Animal Rescue and Sanctuary, making chili for the Lunchbox program, and picking up litter on hikes to clean up the environment of our community. Thomas also will be donating some of his money to Ukraine and to the charity Direct Relief, a humanitarian organization that provides emergency medical assistance.

Colby Silbergleit, Temple Beth-El, May 14, 2022
Son of Debbie & Jason Silbergleit

Colby is currently a 6th grader at Oakwood Friends School. He really loves playing sports: soccer, basketball, and skiing.



Jack Gussikoff, Temple Beth-El, June 25, 2022
Son of Lisa & Perry Gussikoff

Jack is currently a 7th grader at Millbrook Middle School. He enjoys playing soccer and doing odd jobs around the house with his dad.



James and Zach Cohen, Temple Beth-El, June 18, 2022
Son of Lisa Christine Doyle & Bert Cohen

James and Zach are each currently in 7th grade at Union Vale Middle School.

James enjoys piano and percussion. He recently received his black belt in karate.

Zach is an encyclopedia of knowledge on a wide range of topics ranging from superhero movies to crypto currency to rap music.

James and Zach are excited to be taking a trip to Israel this summer to culminate their Bar Mitzvah experiences.



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CONGREGATION SHIR CHADASH

We engage in a Sharing Shabbat Program. As our tradition instructs us, Shabbat is a day for prayer, rest, and study. We have an intergenerational program of learning. Our adults can study Torah with our Rabbi while our children learn about Jewish holidays, values, customs, history, and our relationship to God—all at appropriate grade levels. Our students learn the ethical teachings of Reform Judaism and its commitment to social justice. Our learning is experiential and highly participatory. We utilize crafts, stories, award-winning textbooks, technology, and music to teach. We have trips and events outside the classroom that enhance our learning. Mostly, we aim to imbue our students with a love of Judaism!

Bi-monthly Saturdays, 9:15am followed by Torah Service, 10:30am For info contact Cantor Gail Hirschenfang: polishfang@optonline.net

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 at Vassar Temple are directed by our Rabbi Renni S Altman, D.D. For more information, please contact her at rsdirector@vassartemple.org (845) 454-2570.

Shavuot Family Picnic and Program

Families with children of all ages are invited to celebrate the Festival of Shavuot with a picnic on Sunday, June 5, beginning at noon on the Vassar Temple lawn.

We will have activities and games related to this late spring festival when we celebrate the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai and the Ten Commandments.

In accordance with a long-standing Shavuot tradition of eating dairy, we will cap the afternoon with make your own sundaes! Bring your own picnic lunch - we will provide the ice cream and sundae fixings. Bring chairs and blankets to sit on. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors in the social hall.

Please RSVP to office@vassartemple.org by Tuesday, May 31, as it will be essential for our planning purposes.

**Don't forget to order your
Holiday Greetings.**

For info see page 4 or visit:

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יום האב
Father's Day

"Honor thy father and thy mother so your days will be long." Why is that such a pivotal concept? You will have many people coming in and out of your life, but you only get one set of parents. One of the holiest things you can do is to help your family, your parents in particular. Mishpacha or family, is the backbone of Judaism. When we honor our parents, we bring happiness to not only them, but we become happier people ourselves.

By Suzanne Turrisi, Assistant PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley Program Director



How do you honor your father?
10 ways to honor your dad from ALL Pro Dad.com

1. Make your dad look good. Simply be a good person, "Zay a mensch" ...
2. Let him know you understand what he's done for you. ...
3. Listen to his stories. ...
4. Tell him your stories. ...
5. Be excited about his life. ...
6. Draw him a picture. ...
7. Write him a poem. ...
8. Ask for help from him rather than expect it.
9. Help around the house where needed
10. Respect his values

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our different streams of Judaism - and even more importantly, they will see how much we have in common. Our school will combine two dynamic programs led by dedicated educators, allowing us to offer a rich and meaningful introduction to Judaism.

Our joint religious school for grades pre-K through grade 6 will meet weekly throughout the year. The day we meet will vary, allowing students to experience various elements of Jewish life.

Ivrit (Hebrew) classes will continue to take place on Tuesday afternoons. In addition, each Hebrew student will receive a weekly on-line tutoring session with his or her teacher. We learned during the pandemic that one-on-one instruction gives teachers the opportunity to work with each child at their own pace and level and provides vital reinforcement of the weekly lesson.

School tuition will be the same for students from both congregations. B'nai Mitzvah training will continue to be provided separately by each congregation and fees may differ. **If you are not yet members of a congregation, we welcome you to try our school.**

Don't let worries about tuition costs prevent you from giving your child a Jewish education. Scholarships are available! For info contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman (education@tbeny.org) and on how to register.

PJ LIBRARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

Family Name:
The Lipp Family

How many kids are in your family and what are their ages?
2 children: Issac—1, Eleanor—3.5

How long have you been receiving PJ Library books?
3.5 years

What is your family's favorite PJ Library book?
Mommy, Can Your Stop the Rain?

How did you hear about PJ Library?
Friends

Why is PJ Library important in your home?
It's an accessible way to engage the children in Jewish traditions.

How has PJ Library influenced your family's Jewish living and decisions?
PJ Library— and especially Generation Gratitude has really increased our involvement in the Jewish community and resulted in us celebrating holidays we did not observe previously. We attend nearly all of the generation gratitude events!

Is PJ Library helpful to you as a parent? How?
Yes! It provides me with an easy way to introduce my children to the Jewish holidays and traditions that we all enjoy because it is social and fun.



Family of the Month

Kim



Tamatha



Suzanne



Shehecheyanu: the Power of Jewish Moments

by Kimberly Ritz, PJ Library Program Director

Shehecheyanu is the Jewish blessing we recite typically at the beginning of holidays or for special occasions honoring doing something for the first time that year like lighting the menorah. One example of this blessing translated by Kol HaOt is "Dear G-d, Creator of our World, thank you for keeping us alive so we can celebrate this important moment".

Moments have the capacity to be very meaningful, memorable or fleeting. The Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the founding organization of PJ Library, knows the importance of the ritual of bedtime for families and the power of moments reading books together. It hosts an annual conference for its PJ Library professionals from across the globe and dedicates an entire department to make every moment of the conference intentional, meaningful and nourishing. This year I came back from the conference on 4/27 especially energized because it brought together all of my professional knowledge, my personal spiritual connection, and life experience about family engagement and the power of PJ Library books together from the past six years. An experience almost worthy of saying the Shehecheyanu blessing.

In summary, the mission of the conference "Shehecheyanu the Power of Jewish Moments" was to explore, teach and empower PJ Library Professionals to create Jewish experiences that are both meaningful and memorable for their local PJ Library communities. I have had the honor of working, supporting and growing our local PJ Library community these last six years. I'm excited to bring back my conference findings and share my inspiration with our PJ Library Community. I believe that the pandemic has given our families laser focus on the importance and power of shared Jewish moments and I'm enthusiastic to bring experiences and opportunities for connection with my PJ Library team and our PJ Library Community.

A Walk in the Park by Tamatha Williams

The last time Generation Gratitude families met at the park, we did so with sleds in tow bundled up to brave the wintery elements. On our latest park adventure, the sun gave us warmth and the promise of spring days to come. We strategically placed picnic blankets next to each other while the children excitedly took out their snacks to share. We had decided in advance on a communal snack-nic. Although at heart I am a sugar feign, I made sure to bring yummy fruit which I guess we can say still checked off that sugar box. Another family brought a charcuterie smorgasbord while a third knew that a snack-nic certainly called for cookies, especially of the frosted mermaid variety.



For our story walk, I chose to read one of my childhood favorites *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. While this story has often been debated by scholars, I will remain steadfast with my interpretation. At the end of the endearing story, the boy returns to the tree as an elderly man and although the tree believes she has nothing left to give, she is mistaken. She shares the gifts of friendship, loyalty and comfort, offering her stump for him to sit and rest. While the park is lots of fun, cherished is the gratitude felt for the comfort of friends.



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- Facebook @ PJ Library Mid Hudson Valley
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The Federation Board's Voice



Teach Your Children Well *By Stan Cooper*

I've been disturbed lately. That's not true. I've been disturbed for quite some time with some things that seem to be surfacing more and more frequently. That something is *hate* and *intolerance*. We seem to see things every day in plain sight that try to influence our thinking. We can't get away from it even when driving past a six-foot-long sign on a lawn stating "F**K BIDEN". I suppose the intent of the person who put up the sign is to influence others. But the sign, perhaps, has unintended consequence in its influence on children seeing the sign. For me the issue is the blatant message that defines right vs. wrong from someone's perspective with no in between. The message is that you are with me or are my enemy. What happened to civility and respect for other's opinions?

When I see my grandchildren playing with their friends I see a blank slate that can easily be influenced by parents, teachers, friends, relatives, the media, etc. I see innocence and openness in those children. I see no biases for color, religion, and generally for people not like them.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we, as adults, could continue with that childlike innocence and those wonderful aspects of being a child by not focusing on differences but judging people based on who they are as a person and not by a category.

So where does hate and intolerance come from? Children are not born with biases. As a parent, grandparent, friend, teacher, etc. we all have the opportunity to influence the youngsters we come in contact with. Our influence isn't always by actions or words, but could also be by the raising of an eyebrow or the expression on our face or off-the-cuff comments. But there is no mistake about it, subtle and not so subtle social cues have a profound impact on our children. It is our responsibility to recognize that we are all accountable for shaping those young minds in so many different ways.

Bias, prejudice, and hate has been around for as long as there have been human beings on this earth. I have no unrealistic expectation that that will ever change. But I do think we all can do better at considering the words and messages we pass on to others, especially children. Remember *Tikkun Olam*, one child at a time.

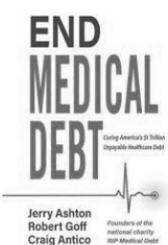
In the words Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young:
*... You, who are on the road
 Must have a code that you can live by
 And so, become yourself
 Because the past is just a goodbye*

*... Teach your children well
 Their father's hell did slowly go by
 And feed them on your dreams
 The one they pick's the one you'll know by*

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Jews in the News:

Highlights updates and happenings of our Jewish business members of the community.



End Medical Debt written by Jerry Ashton, Robert Goff and Craig Antico who in 2014 founded the national charity RIP Medical Debt, based in New York. They received a 2022 Benjamin Franklin Award for Health books. Sponsored by the Independent Book Publishers Association, the annual award, recognizing excellence in writing and design, is regarded as one of the highest national honors for independent publishers.

Congratulations!

from the Jewish Federation to:



Susan Petendree on your retirement from Temple Beth-El after 25 years!
(picture to the left)



Susan Canning, after 22 years of serving Temple Beth-El, will be relocating to the Berkshires.
(picture to the right)

Leaving a Legacy

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Our Executive Director



SINK OR SWIM

Ever feel a bit overwhelmed? Like you are drowning in deep water with seaweed wrapped around your leg pulling you under and preventing you from swimming away, barely able to catch your breath? I am a swimmer and love water, but that thought and feeling is a nightmare.

In Thailand, I had a different water analogy. One of the companies at which I was employed was an amazingly dynamic place to work. The strategy and approach was always changing and doing something new and different. Our brilliant owner was like a chess player who had the ability to see five to ten steps ahead.

To work there, one had to have a certain personality: to be flexible, resilient to change, and energetic yet focused enough to know that every six months one's role and priorities might be different. The water analogy played out here as well. As the waves of change came, one could choose to jump over the wave, dive under it, try to ride it, or get knocked down by it. In the last scenario, which did happen, hopefully one had the capability to pick up oneself and get ready for the next wave. (This was very similar to a game that my sister and I used to play with my Dad at the beach. With our backs turned to the ocean, we never knew whether a small or big wave was approaching as my Dad would keep us guessing.)

With what is happening in the world, and recently more locally, I feel the waves coming. Ukraine is still a horrific war happening. Closer to home, the mass shooting in Buffalo is a strong reminder that evil is lurking around the corner. The fact that a disturbed young man researched and chose a zip code based on the predominant color of the population to murder innocent bystanders is almost inconceivable, yet it happened. To paraphrase Reverend Bottoms, 'Evil is real, and evil is here'.

We cannot control evil people around the globe, but doing nothing and being silent is not an option. We absolutely all must continue to combat evil. At JFedDC we continue to create community, to collaborate, and to partner with other organizations, non-profits, religious organizations, companies, law enforcement, and elected officials. We can focus on creating programming and education to strengthen our relationships with others, to create understanding, and to demonstrate visually and vocally that evil people are not welcome here.

Antisemitic incidents keep growing, and at an alarming rate as per the ADL's newly released report. Even within Dutchess County, we are hearing of stories of "minor" incidents that seem to be escalating. We work with the DC Commission on Human Rights, the ADL, SCN, school officials, law enforcement, elected officials, and concerned citizens - for this is all of our home.

We may not necessarily be able to change the whole world, but what we can do is work to improve and change our little corner of the world in order to make it a better place for all.

Keep on swimming!
 Karen Hochhauser

New Community Partner Job Posting Board

JEWISH FOOD

Connecting our Community through food

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

Please email to: TheVoice@jewishdutchess.org.

Blintzes

Taken from <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/recipe/blintzes/>

Blintzes are of Hungarian origin. Pancakes of every kind with various fillings, called "palacsinta," are common in Hungary. This is adopted as a specialty of Shavuot, when it is customary to eat dairy dishes. It is a magnificent sweet and one of my favorites.

Ingredients:

- Sour Cream to pass around
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon to sprinkle on (optional)
- Zest of 1 and 1/2 lemons
- 1/2 cup or more sugar, to taste
- 1 lb. curd cheese
- 1/2 lb. cream cheese
- 203 Tablespoons melted unsalted butter
- Confectioners' sugar to sprinkle on (optional)
- 3/4 cup currants or raisins soaked in a little rum for 1/2 hour (optional)
- A few drops of vanilla extract (optional)
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/2 Tablespoon oil plus more for greasing the pan
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 cup flour
- 1 1/4 cups milk



Monthly Kosher Food Delivery From Evergreen—
First Tuesday of the Month

Congregation Schomre Israel has organized a monthly Evergreen delivery program. All orders should be placed no later than midday Monday prior to the scheduled delivery day.

Evergreenkosher.com offers an amazing variety of items for Passover. You can order online and pick up your items at Schomre Israel. Deliveries are scheduled to arrive via Evergreen truck at the synagogue early afternoon on the **first Tuesday of each month**.

If interested, call the synagogue at (845) 454-2890 or email Rabbi Shlomo Krasner at rabbishlomok@gmail.com

Directions

1. Add the milk and water to the flour gradually, beating vigorously. Add the egg, salt and oil and beat the batter until smooth. Leave to rest for 1-2 hours.
2. Heat a preferably nonstick frying pan—with a bottom not wider than 8 inches (20cm) - and grease very slightly with oil. Pour about half a ladleful of batter into the frying pan and move the pan around so the entire surface is covered with batter. The batter and the resulting pancake should be thin. As soon as the pancake is slightly browned and detached, turn it over with a spatula and cook a moment only on the other side. Continue until all the batter is used and put the pancakes in a pile.
3. For the filling, blend the curd and cream cheese with the sugar, lemon zest, egg yolks, and vanilla, if you like, in a food processor. Then stir in the raisins, if using.
4. Take each pancake ,1 at a time, put 2 heaping tablespoons of filling on the bottom half, fold the edge of the pancake over the filling, tuck in the sides so that it is trapped, and roll up into a slim roll. Place the rolls side by side in a greased oven dish. Sprinkle with butter and bake in a preheated 375 F (190C) over for 20 minutes.

Shir Chadash has Positive Impact on Clergy *By Irwin M. Goldberg, President, Congregation Shir Chadash*

When Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang met in Detroit, Michigan, they had no idea the impact they would have on Jews in Poughkeepsie, NY. And the families who founded Congregation Shir Chadash of the Hudson Valley didn't know the impact they would have on this clergy couple, who are retiring in June. Together, over the last 22 years for Hirschenfang and 20 for Polish, they've helped create a new congregation, one that encourages members to learn, grow, interact and forge ties.

"This congregation's intimacy is very moving. It feels more like a family than any congregation I'm used to," Polish said. "We've had the privilege of naming babies, sharing in their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, watching the children grow up, marrying them and then naming their children."

Hirschenfang was Shir Chadash's sole spiritual leader for its first two years before Polish became Rabbi. "The goal of starting the congregation was that it would be values-based and reflect the dynamic vision of the group of people who started it," Hirschenfang said, sitting at a picnic table in the Freedom Park Pavilion on the afternoon of a retirement potluck celebration.

It has stayed true to the vision, maintaining worship and Torah study, and engaging members and the greater community in deeds of love and kindness. It was challenging at first, for Hirschenfang, who graduated from Hebrew Union College's School of Sacred Music in 1981 and had been a cantor at large congregations before coming to Poughkeepsie. "I hadn't previously organized worship services, delivered sermons, run a religious school. — It took me out of my comfort zone," she said. "But I had a lot of support from the lay members of the congregation in terms of seeing the vision and supporting it Jewishly, financially and spiritually."

Polish, too, came to his role with extensive experience, having graduated from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1967. During his career, Polish said he has been privileged to meet two popes, Presidents Carter, Reagan and Clinton, and write several books. Yet, the experience at Shir Chadash stretched him. "It challenged me to teach and gave me permission to preach about whatever was on my heart," he said.

Though a small congregation, Shir Chadash acts like a larger congregation when it comes to programming, social justice activities and music, they said. "One of the greatest joys is having such talented pianists (Tom McCoy and Joseph Bertolozzi) and members of the congregation who are so musical and talented and committed to enhance worship services with their voices," Hirschenfang said, referring to the congregation's volunteer choir – the only active Jewish choir in Dutchess County.

"It's the most remarkable experience in our professional lives because of the spirit of collaboration and the culture of the congregation that is earnest in its commitment to excellence and is willing to take risks," Polish said.

The experience has also led to deep friendships, such as the one Polish developed with Rev. Paul Lent of the Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church. And the opportunity to conduct services with his wife and listen to her as cantor at each service was an added blessing for the Rabbi." He is grateful that the congregation supported his outside endeavors of interfaith work and writing. In retirement, he plans to add to his most recent works, "Bringing the Psalms to Life" and "Talking About God," by completing two books on Judaism and Hinduism.

Together, the two plan to travel and explore other synagogues as congregants, spend more time with family in Florida and Chicago and enjoy their five grandchildren. "Shir Chadash will always be a part of us. We were privileged to be here at the birth of a congregation and that is not an experience all clergy have. It has been both rewarding and fulfilling," Polish said. Hirschenfang called their departure, "bittersweet," and said, "We pray Shir Chadash will go from strength to strength as a Jewish presence in Dutchess County."

On behalf of Shir Chadash members past, present and future, we wish Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Hirschenfang much joy and happiness in their retirement. Mazel Tov!



Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang and daughter, Leah, attend a dinner in the clergy's honor in April 2022.

Congratulations from the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County!

**Thank you,
Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang
for over 20 years of service in Dutchess County.**

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Shacharis 7:00am (weekdays)
Shacharis 8:30am (Sunday & holidays)
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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)

Thursday
Contemporary Halachic Questions
7:00pm. In person discussion.

Other Events:

Sunday
4K Club June 26, July 31 after morning services.

Wednesday
Rosh Chodesh Breakfast June 29, following morning services

Thursday
Rosh Chodesh Breakfast June 30, following morning service
Yiddish Club June 30, July 28, 10:00am. Join us for an enjoyable time speaking and listening to 'mama lusher'.

Friday
Rosh Chodesh Breakfast July 29, following morning services.

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Congregation Schomre Israel Shavuot Schedule

The holiday of Shavuot is celebrated in early June this year. It begins on Saturday evening, June 4. All are welcome to attend. Here is the time table of events:

Erev Shavuot - Shabbat, June 4
8:00 PM SHARP Mincha/Maariv
after 9:08 PM Candle lighting

Shavuot, First Day - Sunday, June 5
9:00 AM Shacharit with the Ten Commandments followed by a Light Dairy Luncheon (RSVP 5/27) and a special teaching
8:00 PM Mincha/Maariv
after 9:09 PM Candle lighting

Shavuot, Second Day - Monday, June 6
9:00 AM Shacharit with Rus
10:30 AM Yizkor memorial prayers following the rabbi's sermon
8:00 PM Mincha/Maariv
9:10 PM Havdallah and Yom Tov Ends

Congregation Shir Chadash

(Reform)
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Presbyterian Church, Lagrange
(845) 232-1029
Rabbi Daniel Polish
Cantor Gail Hirschenfang
Website: www.shir-chadash.org
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Weekly Services:

Fridays: 7:30pm In-person & Zoom
Saturday: 9:15am In-person Bi-monthly children's religious school
10:30am In-Person Shabbat Service
All welcome to attend.

Adult Education:

Saturday
Torah Study 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish. Available via Zoom. Contact the office for more info or Zoom Id.

Other Events:

Sunday
Rosh Chodesh Reading Group
Those interested in reading are invited, (virtual as of press time)-- 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
Rabbi Dan Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang Lead their Final Shabbat Service June 3, 7:30pm. After 22 years Rabbi Polish is retiring. Please join us at this Shabbat Service as the congregation and friends say goodbye to their beloved clergy. The bittersweet service will include special presentations and remembrances from members and others. All welcome, in person or via Zoom.

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Temple Beth El

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Rabbi Michael Fessler
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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 to get involved at (845) 216-7563.

Friday
Calling All Bibliophiles TBE is proud to announce that our book club lives on. The 2022 dates are: June 2—Hope Valley by Haviva Ner-David, September 20—*My 15 Grandmothers* by Genie Milgrom, and November 15—*The Last Kings of Shanghai* by Jonathan Kaufman. All meetings are from 1:00-2:00 INSIDE TBE; all Covid precautions at the time of each meeting will be followed. Please note that there is no Zoom option.

Please register for each meeting no later than 9:00 AM the Friday preceding each meeting. That way I know which room at TBE will be needed to maintain Covid protocols. If you have any questions, please contact Merri Sedgwick at: moondoggie7@optonline.net

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Vassar Temple

(Reform)
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Rabbi Renni S. Altman D.D.
Website: www.vassartemple.org
Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or rabbi@vassartemple.org

Weekly Services:

Friday
Shabbat Evening Service
June 10, 17, 24, July 15, 22, 29, 7:30pm;
July 1 6pm.
Shabbat Service & Picnic May 13, 6:00pm.

Saturday
New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship
June 11, 25, (July-August TBA) 10:15am
Shabbat Morning Service
June 4, 18, 10:00am.
Community Tikkun Leil Shavout at TBE
June 4, 7:30pm.

Adult Education:

Thursday
The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text June 2, 16, (no class July-August), 12:00pm, via Zoom. Taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. For info, sheets, and updates email: pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Saturday
Torah Study 9:00am, (no class June 4, 18) Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah. Led by Rabbi Renni S Altman, D.D.
New attendees should contact: rabbi@vassartemple.org to be placed on the class email and for study sheets.

Other Events:

Sunday
Shavout Yizkor Service June 5, 10:30am

Wednesday
Sisterhood Book Club June 15, 2:00pm
We will discuss *The Four Winds*, by award winning author Kristin Hannah. The story brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it, the harsh realities that divided a nation and the enduring battle between "the haves and the have nots." By 1934, millions are out of work, and drought has devastated the Great Plains, where the story begins. As dust storms roll across the plains, Elsa must make an agonizing choice – fight for the land she loves, or leave it behind and go west to California, in search for a better life for her family. The author has created a deeply moving story about heroism, the strength and resilience of women, the bond between mother and daughter, and the value of female friendship. This novel is available through the local library system, as well as local book stores.

The meeting will take place on Zoom. Irma Jacobs will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact bookclub@vassartemple.org
I look forward to seeing you all.

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Jewish Culinary Traditions with Leah Koenig Wednesday, July 13, 7 pm, Boardman Rd Library

Leah Koenig has been writing about Jewish food for over a decade, for publications like The New York Times, The Washington Post, Food & Wine, Tablet, Food52, and Epicurious. She's the author of six cookbooks including The Jewish Cookbook (Phaidon, 2019) and Modern Jewish Cooking. (Chronicle Books). Koenig is also the energy behind The Jewish Table, a clearing house for all things related to global Jewish cuisine.

Books for purchase will be available at the event.

Registration required. Masks may be required based on local public health conditions.

Torah Gems: Rabbis Sharing Their Favorite Torah Texts Tikkun Leil Shavuot, Saturday, June 4, 7:30pm, Temple Beth-El

Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El and Vassar Temple will join together for a *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, a gathering to prepare oneself spiritually for Shavuot, the holiday celebrating the receiving of the Torah. Temple Beth-El will host the program, hopefully including the Shavuot tradition of cheesecake! For the study session portion of the evening, the three temples' Rabbis Daniel Polish, Michael Fessler, and Renni Altman will lead a program teaching their favorite Torah texts. Participants will also be invited to share their favorite texts with the group. The evening will conclude with the Festival *Ma'ariv* service, beginning at approximately 9:15pm. This program is planned to be held in person with an online option. For the on-line link please contact any one of the sponsoring temples.

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Weekly Services:

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 Saturdays: 9:30am

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Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

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Weekly Services:

Fridays: Call for times.
 Saturdays: 10:00am

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.

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Beacon Hebrew Alliance

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Weekly Services:

Fridays, 7:30pm
 Saturdays: 9:30am alternating weeks

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Congregation Beth David

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Weekly Services:

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 Call for schedules.

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Vassar College Bayit

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Weekly Services:

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

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Weekly Services:

Friday

Family Kabbalat Shabbat June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, 6:00pm.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service June 17, 24, July 15, 22, 29, August 19, 26, September 16, 23, 30, 7:30pm.

Musical Shabbat June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, 7:30pm

Tot Shabbat June 3, and July 1, 5:30pm

Saturday

Morning Minyan June 4, 11, 18, 25, (no services in July or August) 10:00am.

Education:

Rhinebeck Mediation & Torah Study Tuesday, June 7, 14, 28, July 5, 12, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 30, September 6, 13, 8:45am

Hebrew Trope Wednesday, June 1, 8, 15, 29, July 6, 13, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 31, September 7, 14, 12:30pm

Conversational Hebrew Wednesday, June 1, 8, 15, 29, July 6, 13, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 31, September 7, 14, 4:00pm

Beginner -Introduction to Judaism June 2, 9, July 7, 14, 7:30pm, with Rabbie Yael Romer

Other Events:

Sunday

Shavuot Sunrise Service June 5, 5:00am

Tuesday

Monthly Brotherhood Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Thursday

Coffee Chai with the Rabbi June 2, 16, July 7, 21, August 4, 18, September 1, 15, 8:45am

The Merchant of Venice with Mary Warren June 2, 7:00pm.

Saturday

Tikkun L'eil Shavuot June 4, 10:30pm (via Zoom)

Israel Trip—now forming for June 25, 2023. For info contact our office.

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

June/July

Candle Lighting Schedule

June 3	8:07pm
June 10	8:11pm
June 17	8:14pm
June 24	8:16pm
July 1	8:16pm
July 8	8:14m
July 15	8:10pm
July 22	8:05pm
July 29	7:58pm



Jewish Trivia

Q: What movie of 1942 cast 4 Jews, an Irishman & a German as California Mexicans?

A: "Tortilla Flat", from the book by John Steinbeck, was a movie about a bunch of poor Monterrey, CA. Mexicans who just sit around and kvetch all day. The cast consisted of 4 Jews: Hedy Lamarr a Viennese Jew with a strong German accent, John Garfield & Sheldon Leonard both Jews with strong New York accents, and Akim Tamiroff a Russian Jew with a strong Russian accent. In addition, they cast the very Irish Spencer Tracy and the German-American Frank Morgan!!! Not a decent Mexican accent in the bunch.



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 meetings will be June 12, July 10, August 14, at 9:30am (9:00am schmooze). The Post will supply nosh stuff and coffee, and refreshments will be strictly kosher. Masks are optional.

If you wish for more information, please contact Post Commander Schwartz at (845) 849-0025 or Rschwa9881@aol.com

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Martin Hochhauser (center) delivers a check from the Harding Club, given in support of JWV Post 625, to Post leaders Sr. Vice Commander Ralph Schwartz (l) and Commander Marty Korfman (r).

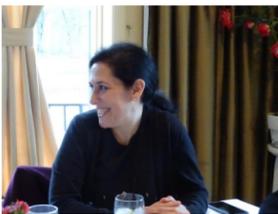
Clergy Retirement Dinner.



Shir Chadash President, Irwin Goldberg and his wife Marion at the clergy's retirement dinner.



Retirement dinner for Congregation Shir Chadash's Rabbi Dan Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang



Karen Hochhauser, JFedDC Executive Director joined us to honor Rabbi Polish and Cantor Hirschenfang at their retirement dinner.



Movie Night Out: *The Grey Zone* with Dr. Werner Steger, Professor at DCC



Vassar Temple members of all ages gathered to paint a mural based on the prayer, "Oseh Shalom," under the supervision of Jewish educator and artist Jennifer Levine. The finished mural will hang in the Temple social hall.



JFedDC & The Rotary Club at Spratt Park ribbon cutting ceremony

Naturalization Ceremony Speaker



Community Yom Hashoah Commemoration at DCC
Ralph Preiss & Paula Reckess, Pastor Luis Perez, Ralph Preiss, Jeff Gross, Dr. Werner Steger, Amalia Parsons (Pictured top row L to R)

Guest Speaker Mihai Grunfeld, Debra McGarvey, Marlene Straus & Paula Reckess, Community Together (Pictured bottom row L to R)

Do you know a 2022 High School or College graduate?

Let us know, we would like to include them in our August edition of *The Voice*.

Send the name, where they graduated from, and a picture to: thevoice@jewishdutchess.org



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