

SAVE THE DATE

June 11
2020

Join us at the
3rd Annual Federation Celebration
An Evening of Food, Friends & Fun!

Learn & Lunch North

Sunday, March 15
12:30pm

Spring Session

"Women in the Bible"

With Dr. Chilton from Bard and Rhinebeck Reformed Church

6368 Mill St
Rhinebeck

Save the Date!
Wednesday, April 22, 2020

HUDSON VALLEY FOOD & BEVERAGE INNOVATION SUMMIT

Marriott Pavilion at The Culinary Institute of America
1946 Campus Drive (Route 9)
Hyde Park, NY 12538
www.hvfb.com

Presented by:

Think DUTCHESS ALLIANCE FOR BUSINESS, DUTCHESS TOURISM, THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, veg fest, Hudson Valley AgriBusiness, The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Dutchess County

learn more at www.hvfb.com

Where Federation Dollars Come From - 2019?

Next month:
Thanking our 2019 campaign contributors.**

We welcome your comments on the activities and impact of the JFedDC. Do you have ideas about how to enrich our Jewish community? Do you want to get involved? Contact us at (845) 471-9811 or email us at director@JewishDutchess.org to share.

****We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the 2019 annual campaign. We look forward to listing your name in a future edition of The Voice. If you prefer to be listed as anonymous or not at all, please notify us by March 15, 2020 via email at admin@jewishdutchess.org.**

Happy Purim

Community Purim Carnival - March 15 - See page 6 for more info

REMEMBER TO PURCHASE YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS by March 8.
See details on page 10.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE PAID
NEWBURGH, NY 12550
PERMIT #954

Jewish Federation of Dutchess County
P.O. Box 2525
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Save the Date

Yom Hashoah at FDR Library and Museum—April 20
 Community Holocaust Commemoration at Dutchess Community College—April 20
 Mitzvah Day—May 3

Community Shabbaton—Lessons of Elie Wiesel

Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El, and Vassar Temple warmly invite you to the Community Shabbaton to be held Friday, March 27- Sunday, March 29, 2020. We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Ariel Burger as scholar-in-residence. Burger's memoir, *Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom*, offers intimate moments and teachings from Elie Wiesel's life and teachings. Rabbi Burger shared a personal relationship with Wiesel, as both teaching assistant and friend. Wiesel, the universally revered Nobel Laureate, author, human rights activist, and Holocaust survivor saw himself first and foremost as a teacher. This recollection includes Wiesel's lessons regarding acting against indifference, the urgency of memory, individual responsibility, humility, and turning the experience of suffering into a commitment to humanitarianism. At a time when antisemitism has reached unprecedented levels and the language of hate and division dominate, the principles of Elie Wiesel can uplift and inspire. Through his writings and speaking engagements, Burger is keeping Wiesel's messages alive and relevant to the challenges we face today.

3/27 Vassar Temple - 7:30pm Friday Night Services and Talk
 3/28 Temple Beth-El - 9:30am Saturday Morning Services and 12:15pm Lunch Discussion
 3/29 Congregation Shir Chadash - 1:00pm Sunday Lunch Program

This community program is sponsored through the *Irving and Gloria Schlossberg Family Fund* of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, The Harding Club, DCIC, and generous private donors. The community is invited to learn, worship, and socialize at any of the events. Please RSVP to info@tbeny.org.

Learn & Lunch Bunch	2
Adult Education Classes	3
Views	4-5
Family & Kids Corner	6-7
Federation Presents	8
Community Outlook/Calendar	10-11
Special Events	12



2020 Federation Officers

President Betsy Kopstein-Stuts
Vice President Ira Auerbach
Second Vice President Jonah Ritter
Secretary Sandra Mamis
Treasurer Dr. Michael Smith
Assistant Treasurer Jack Fein
Immediate Past President Howard Lynne

Federation Board
 Adam Belok
 Rebecca Cohen
 Elissa Davidson
 Mark Klein
 Alyssa Kogon

Advisory Board
 Michael Arnoff

Honorary Board
 Burton Gold (z"l)

Jewish Federation of Dutchess County
 (845) 471-9811 P
JFedDC Executive Director
 Karen Hochhauser
 Director@JewishDutchess.org

The Voice
 Editor: Karen Hochhauser
 Layout: Tamra Bienemann
 MAL: Alyssa Kogon

Subscriptions, address changes, etc.
 TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org

Advertising/Sales
 For advertising information email:
 Advertising@JewishDutchess.org.
 The Voice and the Jewish Federation assume no responsibility for the kashruth or reliability of any products or services advertised.

The Voice is published by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. Your donation of \$36 or more helps defray the cost of this community paper.

Please send your check to:
 The Voice
 PO Box 2525
 Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

HELP PLANET EARTH

A growing number of smart readers read *The Voice* electronically saving trees, paper, and trips to the recycling bin. Plus they get *The Voice* a week before anyone else does. And, you know what can happen in seven days...

Let us know that you'd like to save a tree, and we'll add you to the email list. Email:

TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org.

Yours truly—Mother Nature

Follow us on Facebook
Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (JFedDC)



LEARN & LUNCH BUNCH

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

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS

March

March 4: **Movie: Comedian Tom Lehrer - from his 1967 concert, Live in Copenhagen**
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea, dessert

March 11: **Preventing Elder Abuse with Dana Pavelock and Arlette Murrain**
 Menu: spaghetti and meatballs, coffee/tea, dessert

March 18: **Protecting Ourselves from Scamming with Brian Jones**
 Menu: "meat" lasagna, coffee/tea, dessert

March 25: **Author Tony Musso - Tony will be telling about his new book: Hidden Treasures of the Hudson Valley Volume Three**
 Menu: burgers, fries, coleslaw, coffee/tea, dessert

REGISTRATION STRONGLY REQUESTED BY MONDAY EACH WEEK FOR FOOD AND ACTIVITY PLANNING PURPOSES
 RSVP to the Jewish Federation office (845) 471-9811.
 Learn & Lunch Bunch activities are open to the public.

Local JWV in FDR Event

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 Jewish War Veterans of America participated in ceremonies at Hyde Park commemorating the 138th birthday of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Past Commander Ralph Schwartz placed a wreath on behalf of the Post. Chief of Staff Martin Hochhauser, in the Jewish tradition, placed a small rock atop FDR's headstone. Hochhauser introduced this ritual to the annual ceremony several years ago.



This event is organized by the National Park Service. Distinguished participants included Brigadier General Cindy R. Jebb of the USMA, a West Point Color Guard, members of the Roosevelt family, local community leaders, the American Legion, officials from Valkill and the FDR Presidential Library, and a representative from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

JWV Post 625 meets monthly in Poughkeepsie and welcomes all those of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the active military, National Guard or Reserve, in wartime or peace. There is a membership category for those who are not Jewish veterans but would like to support the organization. For more information, contact Post Commander Ron Markowitz, ronmarko@prodigy.net (845) 473-0178, and visit us on Facebook.



WHERE
 118 South Grand Ave
 Poughkeepsie, NY
 (Temple Beth-El)

SCHEDULE

11:00 –11:30am
Coffee & Nosh
 11:30 –12:30pm
Program
 12:30pm —Lunch

\$6.00—Lunch and program
 \$4.00—Program, coffee, nosh

Learn & Lunch Bunch is partially funded by the Ann & Abe Effron Fund and the Bernard & Shirley Handel Foundation Donor Advised Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley



CORPORATE,
 COMMERCIAL &
 BUSINESS LAW;
 CONSTRUCTION LAW;
 MUNICIPAL LAW;
 REAL PROPERTY
 TAX LAW

LOU LEWIS
 J. SCOTT GREER

~
 DYLAN C. HARRIS
 PHIL GIAMPORTONE

www.lewisgreer.com
 (845) 454-1200
 510 Haight Avenue
 Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

See our website at
www.lewisgreer.com



Serving Jewish families with the utmost care and concern throughout the entire Hudson Valley

218 Mill Street
 Poughkeepsie, NY
 845-452-7700

38 Main Street
 Highland, NY
 845-691-2281

www.Torsonememorial.com



Prescription Guild Opticians
 Fashion Eyewear
 Precision Optics

76 Fulton Avenue
 Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
 (845) 485-4080
 (845) 485-4175 Fax

Brion S. Shapiro H.F.O.A.A.
 OptiqueElegance.com

Mazel Tov Memories

Send us information about what you are celebrating: birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, and simchas. We at the JFedDC want to celebrate with you and share the nachas. Send your information to thevoice@jewishdutchess.org



Congratulations Jacob Reckess for being selected to receive an award for Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce 2020 Forty Under 40 Mover and Shaker Award

A special thank you to our 2020 Corporate Sponsors

Pillar Sponsors



Platinum Sponsors

Bernard & Shirley Handel Foundation
JGS, CPA
Rose & Kiernan, Inc
Turk Hospitality Group

Gold Sponsors

Arnoff Moving & Storage
Levine & Levine
M&T Bank
Wm. G. Miller & Son
Funeral Home, Inc
Riverside Bank

Silver Sponsors

Hudson Valley Renegades

Bronze Sponsors

Marshall & Sterling

Adult Education

Educational Opportunities Abound at Congregation Schomre Israel

Conversational Hebrew Mondays, 6:00pm-6:45pm, with Rabbi Krasner. This class' participants will learn some basic Hebrew conversational skills. It is recommended that participant attend every class session.

The Blessings and Destinies of the Twelve Jewish Families Tuesdays, 10:30am, with Rabbi Krasner. This class will provide an in-depth analysis based on the Talmud and Midrash of each of Jacob's 12 sons and the families they built.

Timeless Thoughts on the Parsha with Rabbi Krasner Thursdays, (no classes March 5, 26), 7:00pm, with Rabbi Krasner. Come to study and discuss the weekly Torah portion.

Hands on Judaism Workshop Thursdays, 6:00pm-8:00pm, through June. **March 5: What Exactly Is a Mikvah?** What does it entail to build one? Why its use is so important in the formation and life blood of the Jewish family? Join us as we discuss the concepts of purity and the importance of the mitzvah of mikvah. We will then have a tour and take a closer look at the Schomre Israel mikvah.

Talmud Class Sunday, 9:15am. We will be studying the 4th chapter of Brachos

Classes are free. All are welcome. View website at www.schomreisrael.org for recordings of previous classes. For information on cancellations and class schedules, visit www.schomreisrael.org or call (845) 454-2890.

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

Sacred Eating: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, and April 1, 7:00pm at Vassar Temple except March 18 will be 6:30pm at Vassar Farm. March 4 - Overview and Synopsis of Sacred Eating, with Rabbi Altman, covering the tenets of traditional kashrut; March 11- Oshet: The Meeting Point of Ritual Piety, and Moral Purity, a skype lecture with Rabbi Richard Litvak; March 18 at Vassar Farm with Head Farmer, Leo Vehaba; April 1 with Rabbi Altman. Please RSVP for any or all sessions to Gail D'Alessio at gailsalesio@yahoo.com

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text Thursday, March 19 12:00-1:30pm. A monthly class taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. Please call to confirm date.

Torah Study Saturdays, (no classes March 28), 9:00am. Examine passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah, led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D.

All are welcome to come and join in all the classes- -no previous training required! No charge to attend. Questions? Rabbi Altman: rabbai@vassartemple.org, Rabbi Golomb pjgolomb@verizon.net, or (845) 454-2570.

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

Metaphors for the High Holiday Experience with Rabbi Daniel Victor Thursdays, 9:30am at The Crafted Kup. There you can purchase a coffee and meet with us in the back room at 44 Raymond Ave, Poughkeepsie.

Adult Discovery Course Wednesdays, 8:00pm. Temple Beth-El continues this class which for many will conclude with a formal commitment by the student to embrace Jewish life. Classes are on specific Wednesdays and run approximately every two weeks through September. For more info, contact Rabbi Daniel Victor at rbvictor@tbeny.org or (845) 454-0571.

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

Chabad Center Classes

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

Please visit our website www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com.

Congregation Shir Chadash

Torah Study: Saturday, March 7, 21 9:15am. An informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish while enjoying a light breakfast. Everyone has a chance to participate. No Hebrew expertise or knowledge is needed - just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition, and a willingness to share your thoughts. All are welcomed to attend.

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

Deepening Your Passover Experience - Schomre to Host Breakfast with Rabbi Aaron Goldscheider

On Sunday morning, March 22 at 9:30am. Congregation Schomre Israel invites you to a presentation by Rabbi Aaron Goldscheider, author and Aish Jerusalem lecturer. Join us for a morning of inspiration and an in-depth lecture on three views of the Passover Hagaddah. He will draw from his recent book *The Night That Unites*.

Offering a fresh and original look at the Seder night, this Passover Haggadah is a unique compilation of the teachings of Rav Kook, Rabbi Soloveitchik, and Reb Carlebach. Rabbi Goldscheider will present insights and discussion questions to enhance your celebration of Passover. His book will be available for purchase following his presentation.



Rosh Chodesh Reading Group

Those interested in reading are invited to the Rosh Chodesh Reading Group - a potluck brunch and discussion. 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 suggestion, please let us know!



Time TBD. For info contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, info@shir-chadash.org, or www.shir-chadash.org

Are your investments tax managed and "ESG"?

- Management is Environmentally Conscious
- Socially Responsible
- Moral Corporate Governance

Securities offered through National Securities Corp. Member FINRA/SIPC

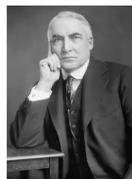
Adam Belok
Sr. Financial Consultant

11 Raymond Avenue Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 adam.belok@tax.com 845-485-3300 (Upstate) 914-474-6300 (Cell)

www.gtax.com

Harding Club News

There's a sale on!!! Become a new member of the Harding Club this spring, and you will pay no dues until the club's new year begins in the fall. Keep reading in order to learn more about our club.



The Harding Club was formed in Poughkeepsie in 1923 by a group of young Jewish lads who wanted to participate in a sports league that was not open to Jews. They formed the club, named the club after the current U.S. president, and, in so doing, launched a nearly century-old tradition that has withstood the test of time. Today the Harding Club is a social outlet for its members as well as an organization that performs charitable activities throughout our community. As an example, check out the attached photo. In it you will see Harding Club members Eliot Hudes, Victor Stern, Russell Rothman, and me presenting two needed hand trucks to the staff at the Morse School in Poughkeepsie. Many of our members additionally help with the distribution of food to the kids at the school, and plans are underway to help out further by donating clothing items and sports equipment for the kids.

The Harding Club meets usually two times per month, most times at Joe Willys Restaurant in Wappingers Falls. We socialize, eat a great dinner, and enjoy an interesting speaker. In February the club was treated to a presentation titled, "Wolves and Wildlife in Israel," by our member, Russell Rothman. Upcoming March activities include a visit to the Scratch Lounge for a night of billiards on the 11th. Also, on March 25, we will hear from Steve Domber who will update us on the Real Estate market in our county. In April we will visit the Sloop Brewery in Fishkill. The June highlight will be our festive annual Kosher Deli Night at Locust Grove.

The club is always ready to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining the club, send us an email at hardingclub1923@gmail.com and check out our web page, harding.jigsy.com.

Act soon! There's a sale on!!

Alan Fox, president



Harding Club members donate hand trucks to the Morse School. L-R: Custodian Roy, Alan Fox, Eliot Hudes, Vic Stern, Russell Rothman, Principal Nadine Dargan

BARDAVON 35 MARKET ST - POUGHKEEPSIE NY • 845.473.2072

HUDSON VALLEY PHILHARMONIC
REQUIEM FOR A NEW MORNING
 SATURDAY, MARCH 28 - 8PM AT THE BARDAVON

A musical and visual celebration of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, plus Mozart's stirring requiem performed with 100 singers and instrumentalists. The evening's visuals created by Peabody Award winning Broadcaster, Producer & Director Elliott Forrest.

WWW.BARDAVON.ORG • TICKETMASTER.COM

Made possible through the generous support of Rhinebeck Bank, the Dr. Edwin Ulrich Charitable Trust, the Vassar Brothers Institute, the Norman & Jeannie Greene Fund of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, the Bruderhof, Ulster Savings Bank Charitable Foundation and WMHT.

Articles and Letters to the Editor Policy

The Voice welcomes articles and letters to the editor. Letters must not exceed 300 words and must be dated and signed with current address and daytime telephone number. The Voice reserves the right to edit letters. Email submissions to theVoice@JewishDutchess.org

Disclaimer:

Please note that the articles submitted are the viewpoints of the authors and do not necessarily represent the position of JFedDC.

VOICE DEADLINES

Note deadlines listed. Email TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org if you have questions.

ISSUE	DEADLINE
April	March 1
May	April 1
June/July	May 1

NextGen Professional

Leah Raftis is living proof you can indeed go home again. In fact, Leah never left home. The 36 year old Jewish mother of two is raising her young family in the exact same house she has lived in since moving to Dutchess County during her middle school years. The Assistant Director Of Special Education at Wappingers Central School District has an interesting history surrounding her own Jewish education and lifestyle.



Leah Raftis

Leah attended a Hebrew preschool in Ulster County where she grew up. Like most kids, Leah did not embrace the school age Hebrew School experience. Her twin brother excelled scholastically at the Beacon Hebrew Alliance while Leah took more to the social aspect of her religious side enjoying youth group. The family had moved from the Kingston area to Wappinger Falls while Leah was in middle school and had tried other local synagogues where they didn't feel quite "at home". The family liked the warmth of the Beacon Hebrew Alliance and with a little side tutoring, both twins received their bar/bat mitzvahs.

Two trips to Israel also influenced the educator's life path. Although she barely remembers a trip to The Promised Land at age seven, her Birthright experience at age 26 made a big impression on her. She especially enjoyed socializing with other accomplished young Jewish professionals, something she had rarely had the opportunity to do before. Community Service rounded out the trip, and Leah now hopes to be able to visit Israel with her own children one day.

Although Leah didn't love Hebrew school, she did enjoy pursuing a higher educational path. An undergraduate degree at SUNY Oswego led to a Masters Degree at SUNY New Paltz. A Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Manhattanville College finished out the years of training that she utilizes daily helping many special needs students at the Wappingers Central School District.

While going to college, Leah was employed at The Anderson Center for Autism. She truly loved working both in the residences and as a classroom assistant, and it help her pick her future vocation. "What I like best about my job is that it is in the field of hope. Looking to help our students to reach their highest abilities is the goal. We focus on what a student personally needs to become a collaborative member of society."

While Leah's husband is Catholic, she is determined that both four year old Addie and 3 month old Max both know about their Jewish roots. Right now the couple bring a little bit of both religions into the home. Leah considers herself more culturally Jewish and is thankful for the PJ Library Program. Although it is a little out of her usual comfort zone, she appreciates the warm and welcoming environment. She wants to be able to provide the resources so that her children can understand who they are and appreciate the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County for helping her do that.

Don't Forget to Purchase Your Holiday Greetings by March 8



Dear Celebrating

Isn't everyone Irish on St. Patrick's Day and everyone Mexican on Cinco de Mayo? Jews should feel free to "share the revelry" with friends on all types of celebrations. Jewish children should enjoy trick or treating on Halloween and someone better buy me a present for Valentine's Day! Most of these holidays are now "Hallmark Holidays" with no religious association and are celebrated across the globe. What could be more Jewish than eating, drinking and celebrating the loves of our lives!

Rabbi's Blog *by Rabbi Daniel Victor*

Apples to Oranges; Behind the Mask of Difference

A mentor of mine once gave a great talk about the importance of Purim preceding Passover. Purim falls during the Hebrew month of Adar, usually toward the end of winter, and Passover falls in Nisan, which coincides with Spring. The Pesach season is about cleansing the many sanctuaries in our lives - self and home - and limiting our grain consumption to unleavened bread. One can't, however, engage in this process effectively, spiritual speaking, without having had a chance to escape the daily grind and indulge in the frivolities and pleasures of a good life. The book of Kohelet tells us, "IS IT NOT good for one to eat and drink and show oneself enjoyment in one's toil? This too have I seen that it is from the hand of God." Purim is that holiday (masks, merrymaking, strong drink, and gift-giving) where we are reminded of our humanity. Our tradition teaches that we walk through life with a piece of paper in each pocket. One piece of paper reads, "To save a life is to save a whole world." The other piece of paper reads, "From dust we are created and to dust we return." If we do not take ourselves seriously enough, we are instructed to reach into the pocket with the first statement (this is Passover). If we take ourselves too seriously, then we are to reach into the second pocket (this is Purim). Because we are not constantly on par with angels, it is sometimes ok to indulge our animal instincts (within safe limits of course). After the Purim experience, we are ready to buckle down and enter the sacred task of soul cleaning and self-cleaning alongside closet cleaning and shelf cleaning as we prepare for the journey from slavery to freedom.



Rabbi Daniel Victor

The fact that both Judaism and Christianity have Spring festivals is well documented and often discussed. It turns out, and I was just reminded about this the other day, there is more to this seasonal connection. Prior to Passover we have Purim, and for many Christians, prior to Easter (including Lent) we have.....Fat Tuesday, or as the French call it, Mardi Gras. A simple google search can educate those, like me, less in tune with the Christian holiday calendar. According to *Learnreligions.com*, Fat Tuesday is the traditional name for the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. What I found interesting is that *one*, and this is different than Purim, Fat Tuesday was initially a solemn day but it became a day associated with Purim-like feasts when the upcoming Lent would force one to try and use up all the meat, milk, cheese, butter, and eggs. *Two*, the second piece which is a similar element to what we get during the weeks between Purim and Passover, is that the voluntary giving up of good foods during Lent to focus on spiritual growth was intentionally book-ended by the recognition of the good things with which we have been blessed.

When I teach classes on the religions of the world, I use an intro-exercise involving an apple and an orange. The teacher is instructed to stand before the class and ask the students, "What is that famous expression we use when two things appear to be vastly different? "It's apples to oranges." Well, look closely at this apple and this orange. While there are differences, they are both fruit, both round, both contain juice, and each has a type of seed inside and a skin on the outside.....Purim Sameach!

Passover Judaica Sale at Vassar Temple

We carry all your needs for your festive Passover table: seder plates, matzah plates, kiddush, Elijah and Miriam cups, table cloths, fun items for the children, and much more. Come and browse--our prices will amaze you & no shipping charges for special orders!! Come for "Passover 101" on March 22 for recipes and samples.

DETAILS

Special hours Sundays March 22 & March 29 from 9:30-11:30am, also open during regular temple hours. Info: Perla Kaufman brandaliz5@optonline.net (914) 456-7309

National Refugee Shabbat Program

With more than 70 million people worldwide who have fled their homes due to persecution and violence, we are now witnesses to one of the largest humanitarian crises in human history. During National Refugee Shabbat, the American Jewish community will dedicate sacred time and space to raise awareness in our community, to recognize the work that has been done, and to reaffirm our commitment to welcoming refugees and asylum seekers. In observance of this special Shabbat, Rabbi Altman will lead a Sabbath morning service featuring a Jewish text study on refugees.

After refreshments in the social hall, we will view a 30-minute film documenting the first trip to the Texas-Mexican border by a small group of local activists. Val Carlisle, who has made this and a more recent trip in January to bear witness and to deliver humanitarian aid, along with colleague Muriel Horowitz of "Reunite Migrant Families," will describe their experiences, bring us up to date on the situation, and take questions. We will also be collecting items to assist refugee families living in Dutchess County: baby diapers (smaller sizes), baby wipes, shaving cream, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, liquid dishwashing detergent, Maseca flour, dry black beans. Bring an item to donate. All are warmly invited to attend the film and discussion.

DETAILS: Saturday, March 21, 9:00am Film/Discussion 10:30am, Vassar Temple. Questions? socialaction@vassartemple.org.

Inside the Jewish Studio By Karen Hochhauser

This questionnaire originated in the French series, *Bouillon de Culture*, better known as the closing questions asked by James Lipton on the celebrity interview TV show, *Inside the Actor's Studio*. The questions are re-adapted for this column.

Each month, we ask a MOT* these questions and feature the answers.

This month, our special guest is Grete Finkelstein who found time from working on Hadassah and JWJ to take a break to join us in answering our questions...

- What is your favorite word?**
"Just in case"
- What is your least favorite word?**
Hate
- What turns you on creatively, spiritually, or emotionally?**
Family
- What sound or noise do you love?**
Babies laughing
- What sound or noise do you hate?**
VERY NOISY restaurants
- What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**
Writing
- What profession other than your own would you not like to attempt?**
Physician
- What do you most like and dislike about yourself?**
Like: I prefer to see things through rose color glasses.
Dislike: I am sometimes 'a little late'.
- What is one interesting thing that people don't know about you?**
I was born in Paraguay.
- If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?**
Healing
- Do you have a "bucket list" and, if so, what is on it?**
To finish writing my family stories
- What is your earliest Jewish memory?**
Sneaking to the other side of the machitzah to be with my father
- What is your most favorite Jewish Memory?**
Having Passover at my Aunt's house
- If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?**
You done good kid.
**member of the Tribe*



Grete Finkelstein

Help Needed! Jewish Night at the Shelter *submitted by Marian Schwartz*

Judy Harkavy organizes dinners at the overnight homeless shelter in Hillcrest House for the 4th Thursday of the month ("Jewish Night") year round. While members of the local Jewish Community have taken on this monthly mitzvah, we cannot accomplish the task alone.

Adult volunteers of all faiths - family, friends, neighbors, co-workers - are gratefully welcome to help on that night! The shelter, which is located in the vicinity of Dutchess Community College, was expanded to accommodate sixty overnight guests, yet during the past few winters the shelter has been as much as 50% over capacity, so the need for assistance has become greater than ever. The volunteers prepare and provide items on that evening's menu (which might be sandwiches, soup, chili casseroles, etc.), which someone can often transport there for you if necessary. Each month a few volunteers are urgently needed on site to serve the meal between 6:30-9:00pm. Sometimes items for the following morning's breakfast—cereal, juice, fruit—are also requested. Judy is currently booking helpers for future dates.

Please contact Judy (845) 471-4973 of harkavyjudy@gmail.com to discuss when and how you can help.




**BERKSHIRE
HATHAWAY**
HomeServices

Hudson Valley
Properties

Hello, neighbor.

- Residential Homes
- Luxury Collection & Estates
- Farms & Equestrian Properties
- New Construction & Land Sales
- Commercial & Investment Properties
- Relocation & Referral Services
- Condominiums & Townhomes
- Foreclosures & Short Sales
- Short- & Long-Term Rentals

Steven Domber, President
**Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
Hudson Valley Properties**
1100 Route 55, Suite 301
LaGrangeville, NY 12540
sdomber@bhshudsonvalley.com
845.905.8748

Good to know.™
bhshudsonvalley.com

Do You Want to Build A Snowman?

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

Well, if you do, winter in the Hudson Valley is definitely the place for you. (Although this winter has been rather short on actual snow.) However, if instead, you are more inclined toward toastier, indoor activities, you may want to drop by and see what all the fun is about.

From January through Purim in mid-March, the **Temple Beth-El Religious School** meets on Saturdays. Each class is honored on its own special Shabbat, and we have several family holiday programs with interactive stations. The **Boker Tov Café** is also back. Come in, have a cup of coffee, a little nosh, and chat a bit with Rabbi Victor.

The **Gesher Hebrew High School** third trimester classes are Art, Beyond Anne Frank, and Fabulous Jewish Women. **The Temple Beth-El Youth Group** is busy packing Mishloach Manot and is hard at work exploring Holocaust diaries written by teens like themselves and partnering with members of the *Second Generation Group* to bring these stories and voices alive for the **Community Holocaust Commemoration** on April 20th.

There is so much to do and learn. We are excited about our new partnership with **PJLibrary/PJ Our Way**. We celebrated Tu b'Shevat and are looking forward to Purim's arrival.

There will be a megillah reading for families with young children which includes many photo ops at the **Disney Character Snack & Meet**. The adult megillah reading follows. The theme this year is Broadway, as we re-imagine Esther, Ahashuerus, Haman, Mordecai, and the other characters as they might appear in the world of **Guys & Dolls**. Spring will no doubt be here before that snowman starts to melt. Can Pesach be far around the corner?

Shabbat Y'ladim (Children's Shabbat)

All young children, from birth to 1st grade, are invited to bring their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and/or friends to Vassar Temple. Join Rabbi Altman and music teacher, Olivia DiLorio, for this new Shabbat celebration.

Rabbi Altman's stuffed bear friend Kachol v'lavan will be there to take part in the singing, stories, and marching with the Torah. After this brief, child friendly, Shabbat service, we will celebrate with yummy challah and juice!



DETAILS

Saturday, TBD 10:30-11:00am. For questions about this program, contact: rabbi@vassartemple.org or website www.vassartemple.org or on Facebook

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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

chabadmidhudsonvly@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

The programs focus on G-d & Prayer, Jewish History, and the concepts of Tzedakah, G'milut Chasadim and Tikun Olum. No charge for pre-school children. Open registration. Tots classes through b'nai mitzvah classes are offered. Classes meet two Saturdays a month, at 9:00am.

For information, contact (845) 723-4045,

info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org

TEMPLE BETH-EL

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

Tuesday,

Ivrit (Hebrew) School

4:30-6:30pm, grades 3-7

Wednesday,

Gesher Youth Program

6:30-8:30pm, grades 8-12

Saturday, B'Nai Mitzvah Class

9:30am-12:30pm, grade 7

Sunday, Judaic Studies

9:30am-12:30pm, grades PreK-6

For information, contact (845) 454-0570

or education@tbeny.org

VASSAR TEMPLE

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

Sunday Religious School

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

Hebrew Language School

Wednesdays, 4:30pm-6:30pm, grades 4-7

Gesher Program

Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm,
grades 8-12

Innovative individualized Hebrew language instruction and bar/bat mitzvah preparation.

For info contact Rabbi Renni Altman, Director (845)

454-2570 or rsdirector@vassartemple.org



**Sunday
March 15
10am-12pm**

Community Purim Carnival

**Temple Beth-El
118 S. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY**

- Carnival Games
- Crafts
- Face Painting
- Balloon Artist
- Costume Contest
- Prizes
- Raffles
- Bounce House
- Hamentaschen Sale
- Entertainers
- Refreshments for Sale
- Gourmet Coffee & Hot Chocolate Bar

Admission:
\$5 for Children 2 and Older
\$20 per family (Includes gift bag!)
Come In Costume and Receive Three Prize Tickets
Special Early Childhood Games For Kids 0-5










מתנות לאביונים
Matanot l'evyonim
gifts to the poor

7 Gifts in a Jar To Make With Your Kids *taken from*
<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/february-2017/7-gifts-in-a-jar-your-kids-can-make>

Making gifts in a jar with your kids is a great way to exercise fine motor and close reading skills. For older kids the precise measurements reinforce addition, subtraction, and basic math skills. Plus, cooking with kids encourages them to try new foods—research shows that kids are more likely to eat something that they helped prepare.



Purim, the holiday that celebrates the rescue of the Jews of Persia from annihilation, is just around the corner. One commandment, or mitzvah, associated with Purim is giving out mishloach manot, or Purim gift baskets. If you've never made mishloach manot, or if you're looking to change up your gift-giving routine, here are seven really fun gifts in a jar that you can make with your kids. Each of these stands up well as its own mishloach manot or can fill in as a component in a bigger gift.

For all 7 ideas visit:
<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/february-2017/7-gifts-in-a-jar-your-kids-can-make>

PJ Library Event in Conjunction with Schomre Israel

PJ Library in conjunction with Rabbi Krasner of Congregation Schomre Israel will host a pre-Pesach Seder. Calling all children to come and to bring their parents and grandparents. Come for a fun and educational late afternoon where we have a mock seder, discuss freedom, tradition and gratitude. You will leave with a deeper appreciation, understanding, and love for Passover and all of its significance. PJ Library and Story Time and activity too with Kim Ritz!

DETAILS
Monday, March 23, 4:00-5:30pm.
Please RSVP to pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org by March 20.

Jewish Early Childhood Programs at Temple Beth-El

Experience Joyful Judaism with: Age appropriate classes ● Arts ● Cooking ● Crafts ● Dance ● Drama ● Hebrew Readiness ● Holidays ● Music ● Shabbat ● Stories ● Yoga

Family Programming: Community Friday Evening Dinners ● Monthly Tot Shabbat ● Holidays ● Celebrations

Register Today!
Contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman at:
education@tbeny.org or (845) 454-0570



Not a part of PJ Library yet?
Receive a FREE children's book each month and become part of the PJ Library family.
Register online at www.PJLibrary.org
Monthly e-newsletters. Special program invitations!
Contact: (845) 471-9811 or PJLibrary@JewishDutchess.org



Kim



Lucia



Matanot l'evyonim — Pronounced mah-tah-NOTE leh-ehv-yon-EEM. Hebrew for "gifts to the poor." It is a commandment to give to the poor on Purim. (www.myjewishlearning.com)

One of my favorite Jewish Holidays is approaching (this year on March 9-10), and I feel that it is our "diamond in the rough" Yom Tov. Purim is known at large among many Jews as the holiday of hamantaschen and somewhat appears as the "Jewish Halloween". However, when you dig deeper you will find that Purim is a hidden treasure chest which carries a rich history of Jewish values and traditions that have kept our Jewish People until today.

One of Purim's primary themes is Jewish unity. "Haman tried to kill us all, we were all in danger together, so we celebrate together too. Hence, on Purim day we place special emphasis on caring for the less fortunate" (www.chabad.org). The mitzvah of **Matanot L'evyonim** is to give money or food to at least two needy people during the daylight hours of Purim (this year March 10). In case you can't find any needy people, synagogues will likely be collecting money for this purpose. At least, place two coins in a charity box earmarked for the poor.

I recently learned an additional insight this year about **Matanot l'evyonim**. It is a tradition that we give three half dollar coins to charity to commemorate the half-shekel each Jew contributed as his/her share in time of the holy temple. Also called the "Half Coins" or Machatzit HaShekel in Hebrew (chabad.org). This mitzvah also creates a feeling of community and togetherness because each Jewish is able to give an equal portion to build their community.

Please make sure to bring your tzedakah and save the date for our **Community Purim Carnival on March 15 at Temple Beth El from 10am-12pm**. We will be donating to our local "Jewish Emergency Fund" that services Jewish families in need in our community at the registration booth at the Carnival. Come and also join us for Costume Contest, Balloon Artist, and Carnival games for kids of all ages!!! Enjoy the Coffee and Hot Chocolate Bar for nosh and schmooze. To **RSVP** for the event or if you are able to volunteer with set up or break down, please contact Kim Ritz, PJ Library Director at pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org

Community Happenings: "Newish and Jewish"

Shhh...a PJ Library Purim surprise will be arriving in your mailbox this month!!! This month, each kid will receive a special in-the-envelope gift - a DIY mishloach manot kit! Purim baskets are a nice way to show others you care, and these tips will share ideas of how to fill them up.

PJ Library also has you covered for everything Purim! Check out various ways you can celebrate Purim with your family:

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/february-2017/kid-friendly-purim>

Your PJ Library Team
Kim Ritz and Lucia Swartz

PJ Library Get-Together's Last month before the program ends in April

- PJ Library and PJ OurWay enrolled families get together with two or more families who are raising Jewish children
- Send us three pictures
- Get up to \$100 back in a no-fee debit card
- For details and to apply go to: <https://pjlibrary.org/gettogether>

Make Jewish Moments Into Memories

PJ Library is a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and made possible through gifts from the Jewish Federations of Dutchess and Ulster Counties, The Harding Club, and the generous support of PJ Library donors. To make a donation online, go to www.JewishDutchess.org.

Thank you!

The Federation Board's Voice



Sandra Mamis

Death and taxes: the two are inescapable, it is said. We don't mind talking endlessly about taxes. But conversations about death and dying are relatively taboo. Dwelling on it is discouraged. Though it is an inevitability, clearly discussion of this topic can be emotionally laden and, considered by many, best avoided.

However in Judaism, inherent in our liturgy and our rituals, speaking or thinking about and planning for the end of life can be both spiritual and comforting. For instance, one of the "Rabbinic Ten Commandments" found in the *mishna* is to "visit the sick". And though not specifically commanded, supporting the bereaved during the periods of mourning- of shiva, sheloshim, and beyond- is considered a valued tradition. We are actually commanded to "seeing to the needs of the deceased". This is another of the rabbinic mitzvot spoken during our daily recitation of the *eilu devarim*, as Rabbi Berkowitz, formerly of Vassar Temple, reminds us.

How are those needs met? And why would we be commanded to do so? Rituals surrounding death have two purposes: to show respect for the dead and to provide comfort for the living. Embedded in Jewish belief is the notion that the physical body is the vessel with which the soul partners or is housed until separating at death. As a result, treating the physical remains respectfully shows honor to the individual who has died. As Rabbi Langer, formerly of Schomre Israel notes, references in Torah to burial rituals, "can be found in Genesis 47:29, when Jacob summons his son Joseph to his bedside and requests: 'You shall perform with me kindness and truth (Chesed V'Emes), please do not bury me in Egypt.'"

The sanctity of caring for the deceased, which is manifested by the holiness and importance to which we ascribe it, perhaps finds no greater support than in our knowledge that God himself assumed responsibility for the burial of Moses [Deuteronomy 34:1-6]. In the words of Rabbi Victor, Temple Beth El, "Judaism understands the ceremony of *Tahara* to be an expression of God's ultimate compassion for every human being, each of which having been created in the Divine image.

While the physical tasks of *tahara* involve caring for the actual body, the ceremony is directed to preserving the enduring essence of the Jewish soul." Rabbi Polish of Shir Chadash offers, "It tends the body with greatest respect and helps the family prepare itself for that final leave taking." And Rabbi Altman of Vassar Temple says, "The ritual of *Tahara* is a loving, spiritual and most touching element of the Jewish traditions surrounding burial." *Tahara* involves respectfully and solemnly tending to the physical remains, which includes washing the body, dressing it in a shroud, and laying it in a coffin while offering prayers.

In ancient times this process typically fell to the community at large. However the 16th century saw societal changes, including the loss by many Jews of a close knit group of relatives and friends to assist with burial needs, leading to the emergence of the first Chevrah Kadisha, an established burial society with committed members, dedicated to carrying on this holy work. The Men's Chevrah sees to this mitzvah for men: the Women's Chevra, for women. In some communities individuals are summoned by the Chevra Kadisha to sit with the body as shomrim or guardians. Locally, this is typically arranged by the family itself or the synagogue rather than by the either of the Chevra.

Today, the Chevra Kadisha requires only that its members be Jewish, without regard to any specific denomination, and be able to perform the required tasks. Once a family requests a tahara, funeral directors who are familiar with the work of the *Chevra*, are responsible for contacting the chevra to perform the tahara. One serves out of a personal commitment to carrying forth our Jewish traditions: a belief in the value of the end of life ritual to the deceased and their family. Again, Rabbi Victor, "Those who serve on the Chevra Kadisha act as agents of God and Am Yisrael in helping the soul find its place within the eternal nation of Israel."

All of our clergy are resources for those who would like to learn more about this. Questions may be directed to the Chevras directly. Also, if you think you might be interested in serving on the Men's or Women's Chevra, you may express your interests in an email to ChevraKadishapok@gmail.com.

Mitzvah Day Moments

A Cloudy Day with a Silver Lining

Mitzvah Day 2019 was held on a dreary, rainy day leaving some outdoor projects to be cancelled, but that did not stop volunteers from participating. This year Rabbi Renni Altman led Vassar Temple's determined team to its annual Cemetery Clean-up Beautification Project on LaGrange Avenue in Poughkeepsie. Not only did her team persevere in order to fulfill its goals, but volunteers from other rained-out projects stepped up to help at the Vassar Cemetery as well. Team members from Steve Herschbein's New Horizon's Project at Brigg's Farms and from Ron Rosen's ten year Appalachian Trail - Invasive Species Removal Project were among the volunteers who joined Vassar Temple's project last May. Even though all three team leaders are planning for their individual projects to resume in May 2020 and are hoping for more pleasant weather, it is comforting to know that our community comes together no matter what the weather - always able to create a silver lining on a cloudy day.

Captains whose 2019 Mitzvah Day projects have not yet been recognized in "Mitzvah Day Moments" in *The Voice* and who wish to have an article included in April's edition should leave a message for Stacey at (845) 471-0475.

Our Executive Director



When my mother passed away, we had 30-50 people at our house every night for shiva. It was overwhelming and touching. Listening to people share their stories and how she impacted so many people was quite moving. A year or so later, when my Aunt Marilyn passed away, my children joined me each night to attend shiva at their home.

Sometime later, two of my boys, independently and at separate times, said that they missed those shivas. I found this an interesting comment and asked why, assuming it was because they missed those who passed. They each responded that it was because they missed the people gathering together... to which I responded, "And THAT is what being Jewish is all about - being part of a community." I am not certain whether they heard my message and/or whether it resonated, but one can only hope.

Shiva to me is something special. As sadly I have been attending an increasing number of funerals and thus shiva calls, there is one constant. For me, a shiva is like a warm blanket, encompassing the family and mourners, trying to provide comfort and some reprieve from the heartache and loss. In some cases, I may not know the deceased personally, but I do feel a personal responsibility to be there for those in the community, as the community was there for me when my mother passed.

I encourage each of you to try and take time out of your schedule to support our community. Attending a shiva and helping make a minyan is one part of that. As hate around the world, particularly anti-semitism, is growing at an alarming rate, let us all increase the love and support of community. Attending a shiva is one small way to do so.

May Their Memories Be A Blessing.
Karen Hochhauser

Be a Golden Gelt Winner!

The Vassar Temple Golden Gelt Fundraiser is underway. Only 200 tickets will be sold for \$100 each to increase your chances of being a big winner.

There will be a drawing for 7 cash prizes:

- 1st Prize \$5000.00
- 2nd Prize \$1000.00
- 3rd Prize \$500.00
- 3 prizes@ \$250.00 each



This is a major fundraiser for Vassar Temple and all proceeds go directly to the temple. Tickets may be purchased by credit card, cash or check. Purchases can be made via phone at the Vassar Temple (845) 454-2570, or through any temple member.

Local businesses are also encouraged to purchase tickets and we offer free advertising in the temple bulletin in return as our thank you. The drawing will be held on April 26 at 1:00pm in the Community Room at Vassar Temple and refreshments will be served.

For more info email project co-chairperson Gail D'Alessio at gaildalessio@yahoo.com.

Hyde Park 229-5833	Red Oaks Mill 462-6669
RED CAP CLEANERS	
A HUDSON VALLEY TRADITION FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY <i>Because Quality and Service Always Matters</i>	
722 Main Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 471-1360	College Center 485-6443
www.redcapcleaners.com	

	<p>Mike Pesacov Financial Advisor Sr. Financial Representative 3 Neptune Rd Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 462-1123</p>	
<p>©2017 Insurance products issued by Principal National Life Insurance Co. (except in NY), Principal Life Insurance Co. 800/247-1737, member SIPC. Principal National, Principal Life, and Principal Securities, Inc. are members of Principal Financial Group®, Des Moines, IA 50392. AD3294</p>		

Avalon
Assisted Living
*A place you can call home.
For as long as you need it.*

**ADULT SOCIAL
DAY CARE
PROGRAM**

Live Music • Sing Alongs
Happy Hour • Ice Cream Social
Pet Therapy • Bingo
Wine • Cheese
and so much more!

Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm
Extended Hours Available

1629 Route 376
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
Telephone: 845-463-0500
Fax: 845-463-2159
WWW.AVALONALPCOM

The Passover Center **MARKET** **Price Chopper**

Find everything you need for a Zissen Pesach, all strictly Kosher for Passover.

2/\$5 Mitscha Chocolate Chips 10 oz.	3.99 Jays Chocolate Covered Marshmallow Twists or Ring Bells Select Varieties 8 OZ.	2/\$4 Santitas Fruit Slices 6 oz.	279 lb. Empire Kosher Frozen Whole Turkey
4.49 Manischewitz Cakes Mix 1.1 lb. or Matzo Meal or Matzo Meal & Raisins	2/\$4 Santitas Marshmallows 1 lb. or Matzo Meal or Raisins	3.99 Empire Kosher Chicken Consommé 24.3 oz.	2.99 Kedem Grape Juice 64 oz. *Select Varieties
2.99 Mrs. Adler's Seltzer Fish 5 oz.	2/\$4 Pilsner Beer 12 oz. or 16 oz.	2/\$7 Santitas Green Peas or Vegetable Chips 5 oz. or Raisins	2/\$4 Streit's Macarons 10 oz. *All Varieties
2/\$6 Branikoff's Whipped Butter 4 oz. or Raisins	4.99 Vita Whipped Ice Cream 12 oz. or Raisins	5.99 Manischewitz Calfish Fish 10 oz.	5/\$5 Streit's Matzo Ball & Soup Mix 4.5 oz. *Select Varieties
2/\$6 Yehuda Farfel Matzo Meal or Cake Meal 9-15 oz. Canister	2/\$5 Yehuda Farfel Matzo Meal or Cake Meal 9-15 oz. Canister	2/\$5 Manischewitz Matzos 16 oz. or Egg 12 oz.	2/\$4 Manischewitz Matzos 16 oz. or Egg 12 oz.
2/\$6 Yehuda Farfel Matzo Meal or Cake Meal 9-15 oz. Canister	2/\$5 Yehuda Farfel Matzo Meal or Cake Meal 9-15 oz. Canister	9.99 Manischewitz Frozen Pizza 14.3 oz. *Gluten Free	9.99 Manischewitz Frozen Pizza 14.3 oz. *Gluten Free

Save \$1 On Any 2 Yehuda Farfel, Matzo Meal or Cake Meal
Get \$2 off On Any 1 Manischewitz 10 oz. Matzo
Free Manischewitz Matzos 5 Lb. With AdvantEdge Card & \$75 Purchase

Offers effective Sunday, March 8 thru Saturday, April 18, 2020 in all Market 32, Price Chopper and Market Bistro stores located in CT, MA, NH, NY, PA & VT. Not all items are available in all stores.



Make Merry on Purim at Vassar Temple

Celebrate the joyous holiday of Purim with a lively megillah reading interspersed with hilarious songs based on a Disney theme. Adults, children, everyone - come in your favorite costume or in one representing your favorite Disney character! Join in the Great Costume Parade! And don't forget to bring unopened boxes of pasta to shake as noisemakers to drown out the name of Haman during the megillah reading. After Purim, the boxes of pasta will be delivered to a local food pantry by the Social Action Committee. Prior to the megillah reading, at 5:30pm, Men's Club will be serving a delicious homemade pasta dinner in the social hall.

DETAILS
Monday, March 9, 7:00pm, Vassar Temple. A donation of \$5 per adult to help cover the cost of the meal would be appreciated; children under 16 eat for free. Please RSVP for the dinner to gtr714@yahoo.com .

Celebrate Purim on Broadway at Temple Beth-El
Monday, March 9, 6:00pm Family Fun Purim celebration including grogger making craft, Hamantaschen with Broadway Stars, Costume Party and fun family-style megillah reading.

7:00pm Evening service with fun megillah reading, Broadway show tunes, Purim antics and surprises. Hamantaschen and ice cream always follow.

Both are open to the entire community, join us!

Purim Celebration & Spiel at Congregation Shir Chadash

Celebrate Purim by enjoying a special Purim service and an original Purim Spiel. If you love Purim and appreciate an unique take on things, this spiel is for you! Come and listen to the story you know, but with a different twist. Enjoy the fun, the music, and, of course, delicious homemade Hamantaschen! (Costumes & hats optional). All welcome!

DETAILS
Friday, March 13, 7:30pm For more information, please contact (845) 232-1029 via email: info@shir-chadash.org. or at our website: www.shir-chadash.org.

Purim Time Table Schomre Israel

Ta'anit Esther - (Fast of Esther) - Monday, March 9
Fast begins: 6:04am
Fast ends: 7:38pm

Purim - Commences on Monday night, March 9
Mincha 6:25pm/Maariv and Megillah Reading 7:20pm
Refreshments will be served after the Megillah Reading.

Purim Day - Tuesday, March 10
Morning Service and Megillah Reading 7:00am
Second Megillah Reading 5:30pm
Purim Dinner (RSVP by 2/26/20 and payment required) follows Services

Getting involved is important.

At M&T Bank, we know how important it is to support those organizations that make life better in our communities. That's why we offer our time and resources, and encourage others to do the same. Learn more at mtb.com.

Jefferson Plaza Branch
4 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 101
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
(845) 485-4074

M&T Bank
Understanding what's important*

Equal Housing Lender. ©2018 M&T Bank. Member FDIC.

New Paths Morning Worship

Join us in the informal, intimate setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. The moving liturgy of the *New Paths* prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English. You may bring supplemental materials to share. We take the time to let the service get through to us, rather than us get through the service.

Each service, whether lay-led or rabbi-led, provides a unique and thoughtful experience. A brief mini Kiddush follows.

DETAILS
Saturday, March 7, 10:15am. For info, contact: Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Altman: rabbi@vassartemple.org, or call the Temple office at (845) 454-2570.

Annual Goods & Services Auction

Please join us for an evening of fun and great deals. Find that special something to refresh your home, in time for Spring or just something to spoil yourself with, while supporting Shir Chadash. There will be unusual and unique items & gifts to bid on. A variety of assorted services will also be available for bid as well as a silent auction. If you can not attend the auction, bids may be called in. There's something for everyone—bring your relatives and friends! Refreshments will be served.

DETAILS
Saturday, March 21, Congregation Shir Chadash. Preview-6:00pm, Auction-7:00pm. Contact (845) 232-1029 for more info or email: info@shir-chadash.org.

Learners' Service

If you would like to learn more about our prayers - what they mean, why we stand up and sit down or bow, how they are organized - then please join Rabbi Altman for a Learners' Service, a special worship experience held on select Saturday mornings.

Integrating teachings and discussions within an actual Reform Shabbat morning service, including a Torah reading. Everyone is welcome to come and learn.

DETAILS
Saturday, March 14, 10:15am-11:45am. Vassar Temple's East Chapel. For info contact Rabbi Altman rabbi@vassartemple.org or (845) 454-2570

A Dinner of Appreciation for the Chevra Kadisha

Members of the Chevra Kadisha as well as all who are interested in finding out more about the Chevra Kadisha are invited to a dinner on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30pm held at Congregation Schomre Israel. This will be a way to say thank you to the Chevra Kadisha for their essential and important service as well as a way for those who are interested to find out more about this group. The dinner is free but you must RSVP at (443) 388-0033 or at RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com.

The work of the Chevra Kadisha is involved with the proper preparation for burial. In ancient times, the task of *tahara*, engaging in the preparation of the deceased's body, typically fell to the community at large. However the 16th century saw the emergence of the first Chevra Kadisha, burial society, dedicated to carrying on this holy work. The *tahara* itself involves respectfully and solemnly tending to the physical body. The Men's Chevra sees to this mitzvah for men: the Women's Chevra, for women.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will be holding monthly Post meetings at Congregation Schomre Israel. All persons of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate. At each meeting we host an informal coffee and cake schmooze at 9:00am. Because the congregation is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the facility. Follow our Post on Facebook. We have your six.

DETAILS Sunday: March 8, 9:30am. 18 Park Ave. Questions? Contact Rob Rubin: qbee5@optonline.net

A Bisele Yiddish

Are you interested in Yiddish language and culture? There's an effort to reestablish a Yiddish club. In the past there was such a club at the JCC. We are looking to stir up interest in people who want to speak *a bisele*, to *chap a nosh*, to *shmooze*. The Yiddish club will be a nostalgic trip to times and culture of our bubbies and zeydies, mixed with Yiddish music, Yiddish comedy, Yiddish *lernin*, Yiddish *hanae* as well as a look at how Yiddish is faring in contemporary times. Spearheaded by Schomre Israel but intended to be a group open to the community, you don't need to be fluent in the language to join. Let us know if you are interested: (845) 454-2890 or schomre1@aol.com.

First Night Community Seder

Vassar Temple is sponsoring its 9th annual lay-led Seder the first night of Passover, Wed April 8, 6:00pm. The community is warmly invited to attend. A short and meaningful Seder service, appealing to both adults and children, will be followed by a delicious kosher-style dinner.

Passover is best when experienced with others. Vassar Temple wants to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to take part in a Seder. And community members who have not attended a Seder in years, or even ever, are expressly welcome! Space is limited, RSVP early.

This is not a fundraiser and the fees are set to cover expenses. Cost is Adult: \$40; Age 5 to 13 \$12; Under 5 free. Financial assistance available.

Due to necessary preparation and planning, **RSVP by Tuesday March 31**. Your payment is considered your reservation. Checks payable to "Vassar Temple"; note "Seder" in memo and the number of adults and children. Please include your e-mail address on the check. Mail or bring checks to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, 12601 so they are received by March 31. Questions, special dietary needs, or request for financial assistance, contact seder@vassartemple.org, Polly Lewis (845) 476-9778, or Sandra Mamis (914) 456-3524.

Please Note: The price of the Holiday Greetings have increased in 2020 due to the increase in the postage and printing costs.

2020 Holiday Greetings

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

This year we will once again be offering a 3-pack of Holiday Greetings which includes: Passover, Rosh Hashanah, and Chanukah.

Please look at the designs and choose an individual greeting or the 3-pack. If you choose the 3-pack, please choose the same size ad for all holidays.

The cost: Small ad: \$30 each or 3 for \$80
Medium ad: \$40 each or 3 for \$110
Large ad: \$70 each or 3 for \$190

Sm Ads—2" by 1.4"
Md Ads—1.5" by 2.9"
Lg Ads—3.2" by 2.7"
Approximate sizes

Please fill out the form and mail it back to us with your payments to:
THE VOICE, PO Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Or complete online: www.jewishdutchess.org
DEADLINE for Passover Greeting is March 8

2020 Holiday Greetings

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Holiday	Small	Medium	Large
Passover (circle one)	A B	C D	E F
Rosh Hashanah (circle one)	A B	C D	E F
Chanukah (circle one)	A B	C D	E F

Your name(s) on the Greeting: _____

Checks should be made out to:
Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

Passover Greetings

Small—A

Peace to you this Passover!

Your Name

Medium—C

Happy Passover

Your Name

Small—B

HAPPY PASSOVER

Your Name

Medium—D

May you be blessed with peace, prosperity, and joy this Passover

Your Name

Large—E

Passover Blessings

Your Name

Large—F

Chag Pesach Sameach

Your Name

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

Small—A

Happy Rosh Hashanah

Your Name

Medium—C

May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a New Year of health and happiness

Your Name

Small—B

Have a Sweet New Year!

Your Name

Medium—D

L'Shanah Tovah

Your Name

Large—E

Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year

Your Name

Large—F

Happy New Year!

Your Name

Chanukah Greetings

Small—A

Peace to all!

Your Name

Medium—C

Wishing you peace in this season of miracles!

Your Name

Small—B

Hanukkah Blessings

Your Name

Medium—D

HAPPY Hanukkah!

Your Name

Large—E

From Our Family to Yours, Happy Hanukkah!

Your Name

Large—F

May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

Your Name

Local

Sunday

Bagels, Lox, Torah (Tefillin too!) 9:00am led by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein. Morning minyan will follow Torah discussion on the coming week's Torah portion, upcoming holiday, or topic of Jewish interest.
Temple Beth-El Serves at Lunchbox Call Nancy Judson (845) 216-7563 to help in this mitzvah.
Schomre Israel Sisterhood Hamentashen Pickup March, 1, 11:00am - 1:00pm at the synagogue for prepaid orders.
Congregation Schomre Israel 4K (Koffe, Kvetch, Kibbutz Klub) Meeting March 29, after morning services. We will talk about Israeli archaeology.

Monday

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas 11:30am. \$5 per session. All welcome.
Congregation Schomre Israel March 23, 7:00pm with guest speaker Aaron Goldscheider , see page 3 for more information.
Congregation Schomre Israel with PJ Library Pre Pesach Seder March 23, 4:00-5:30pm.
Temple Beth-El Board Meeting 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees meeting.
Vassar Temple Purim Pasta Dinner March 9, 7:00pm, Megillah Reading and Purim Speil.

Tuesday

Chevra Kadisha Appreciation Dinner March 3, 6:30pm, Schomre Israel Synagogue
Congregation Schomre Israel Purim Seudah/Dinner March 10, following 5:30pm megillah reading. RSVP and prepayment required.

Wednesday

Learn & Lunch Bunch Wednesdays, 11:00am-1:30pm. 118 So. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. Please RSVP each week by Monday so that we can prepare appropriate amounts of food. For information, menu, and program schedule; see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.

Thursday

Congregation Schomre Israel Rosh Chodesh Nisan Services and Breakfast March 26, following morning services.

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service March 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:30pm. Service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang followed by community oneg. All are welcome.
Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service March 6, 13, 20, 7:30pm.
Vassar Temple Shabbat Happy Hour March 13, 6:00pm.
Vassar Temple Community Shabbaton March 27, 7:30pm. Evening Service with author Ariel Burger.
Temple Beth-El Evening Service each week, 8:00pm, Conservative, egalitarian service. All welcome.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat and Religious School Programs March 1, 21, 9:00am. A Religious School that is fun? Yes! We kicked off the year with a scavenger hunt. This re-imagined, intergenerational school is totally new & different. We would like you and your family to experience it. Every session will involve something special and different. Come check it out. For more info visit www.shir-chadash.org. The 1st month is free with no obligation. Questions call Sue Marcoe (845) 723-4045
Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program March 1, 21, 9:00-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult, learn through crafts, food, and games. The class is open to all families and free of charge.
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Study March 1, 21, 9:15-10:30am. While enjoying a light breakfast, engage in an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish.
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service March 1, 21, 10:45-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome!
Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night March 21, 7:00pm, Saturday night at the movies, a film, popcorn, and a beverage. Suggested donation: \$5.
Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship March 7, 10:15am.
Vassar Temple Learners Service March 14, 10:15-11:45am
Vassar Temple National Refugee Shabbat March 21, 9:00am-12:00pm, morning service & film/discussion.
Temple Beth-El Shabbat Morning Service Every week, 9:30am. Lively, inclusive, Conservative, egalitarian Shabbat.

Out of Area

Don't forget your Holiday Greetings!

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

243 Albany Ave, Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 338-4271 www.templemanuelkingston.org. All services held in our chapel are available to live stream. Visit our website: www.cehv.org and click on the live stream link on the homepage. You can also view archived services and classes.

Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service Friday, March 6, (Family Kabbalat) 6:00pm, March 13, 20, (Kabbaat Shabbat) 7:30pm with a symbolic oneg following.
Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir Participation Friday, March 27, 7:30pm.
Tot Shabbat March 21, 9:00am. Introduce your tot to Shabbat through music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.
Religious School Saturdays 9:30am -12:30pm. (No Classes March 7) Call Samara Genee (845) 338-4271 x110 for more information.
Saturday Morning Service 10:00am, Communal prayer, meditation, and Torah study.
Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi Hebrew Trope (Wednesdays 12:30pm No Class March 4); Torah Study, Intro to Judaism (2nd & 3rd Wednesdays 6:00pm); Beginner-Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew (Wednesdays 4pm, No Class March 4); Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah, Private Conversation Tutorials, Adult B'nai Mitzvah (1st & 2nd Thursday, 7:00pm, No Class March 5). Check online for updates www.cehv.org
Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Tuesday, 8:45am. Led by Rabbi Yael Romer. Designed to prepare participants to receive the day's blessings and explore Jewish traditions with a progressive, egalitarian approach. For directions call (845) 338-4271 x101 or email cehvoffice2@gmail.com
Women's Seder Sunday, March 29, 5:00pm.
Confirmation Class with Rabbi Romer Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Yael, 6:30pm, March 20. Community Service, 1:00pm, March 21. Religious School registration.
Rosh Chodesh 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:45pm - 9:00pm. Rosh Chodesh group is a women's (anyone who identifies as a women is welcome) gathering exploring our female voices in Jewish Traditions.
Brotherhood monthly meeting March 10, 7:00pm
Purim Megillah, Sphiel & Carnival March 8, 1:30pm.

Calendar

March

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Beacon Hebrew Alliance (Conservative)
 331 Verplanck Avenue, Beacon (845) 831-2012
 Rabbi Brent Spodek; Cantor Ellen Gersh; Education Director, Ashley Baker
 Website: www.beaconhebrewalliance.org
 Email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org
 Services: Fridays, 7:30pm and alternating Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit website for information about services, religious school, and community events

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley
 63 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie (845) 463-5801
 Rabbi Yacov Borenstein
 Website: www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com
 Email: ChabadMidHudsonVlv@prodigy.net
 Services: Fridays, call for time and Saturdays at 10:00am

Congregation Beth David (Reform)
 East Main Street, Amenia (845) 373-8264
 Rabbi Jon Haddon
 Website: www.CongBethDavid.org
 Email: JonRab33@gmail.com
 Services: usually Saturdays, 10:00am twice monthly except January and February; call for schedules

Congregation Schomre Israel (Orthodox)
 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2890
 Rabbi Shlomo Krasner
 Website: www.schomreisrael.org
 Email: rabbishlomok@gmail.com
 Services: Monday-Thursday, 7:00am, Sunday, 8:00am, Saturday, 9:00am Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm
 Shabbat Services vary depending on sundown

Congregation Shir Chadash (Reform)
 Interim: Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, Lagrange (845) 232-1029
 Rabbi Daniel Polish, Cantor Gail Hirschenfang Website: www.shir-chadash.org
 Email: info@shir-chadash.org
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm; bimonthly Saturday children's religious school, 9:00am, Torah study, 9:15

Pardess Center for Jewish Life
 (845) 440-7592
 Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus
 Website: www.MyPardess.org
 Email: info@MyPardess.org

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center
 102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck (845) 876-7666
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht and Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht Website: www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
 Email: RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com
 Friday services call for time; Saturday services, 9:30am

Temple Beth El (Conservative)
 118 So Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-0570
 Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rosh Tefilah Rabbi Miriam Hyman
 Email: info@tbeny.org
 Website: www.tbeny.org
 Services: Friday, 8:00pm, Saturday Shabbat service at 9:30am, weekdays, 7:30am daily

Vassar College Bayit
 51 Collegeview Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 451-3920
 Liz Aeschlimann, Rose and Irving Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College
 Email: eaeschlimann@vassar.edu
 Services: Friday, 6:00pm service, 7:00pm dinner when school is in session

Vassar Temple (Reform)
 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie (845) 454-2570
 Rabbi Renni Altman Website: www.vassartemple.org
 Email: Office@VassarTemple.org or rabi@vassartemple.org
 Services: Friday, 7:30pm unless otherwise noted, Torah study Saturday, 9:00am. New Paths 1st and 3rd Saturday every month, 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

March Candle Lighting

March 6 5:35pm
 March 136:43pm
 March 20 6:50pm
 March 27 6:58pm

Want to share your thoughts about *The Voice*? Have an idea you'd like to see in print?

We're listening.

Email us at TheVoice@JewishDutchess.org



Vassar Temple bought and delivered 60 cases of hearty canned soup to food pantries at Dutchess Outreach, Community Action Partnership, Interfaith Senior Housing, and Morse Elementary School



Alyssa Barnes & Wendy Freedman and family enjoying Shir Chadash's Tu B'Shevat Seder



Rabbi Dan Polish explaining a section in the Tu B'Shevat Seder



Cantor Gail Hirschenfang leading Shir Chadash's Jr. Choir accompanied by Joe Bertolozzi at their Tu B'Shevat Seder



Shir Chadash Religious School children showing off the projects that they made for Tu B'Shevat



JVW Commemorate the 138th birthday of FDR



Vassar Temple's Tu B'Shevat Seder



Shir Chadash Religious School children performing an environmental play for their Tu B'Shevat



Jewish Welcome Baby Expo and Supporting Vendors

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Bricks4kidz | Mindful Yoga by Liz |
| Chabad Mid-Hudson Valley | Mid-Hudson Music Together |
| Congregation Schomre Israel | National Tax & Financial Planning |
| EID Photography | North River Roasters |
| Elise Derevjanik, Mental Health Counselor | Sugar and Spice |
| Greeting Cards by Stacey | Temple Beth El |
| The Harding Club | The Pastry Garden |
| Jewish Community Preschool of the Hudson Valley | The Sensory Space |
| | Vassar Temple |

International Holocaust Remembrance and The Hevreh Ensemble Concert hosted by FDR Museum and Library, sponsored with Steven and Stephanie Wasser



Learn & Lunch North - "The Rise of Hate" Session 4 with Dr. Bruce Chilton from Bard and Rhinebeck Reformed Church (6368 Mill St, Rhinebeck, NY). **SPRING SESSION: Sunday March 15 "Women in the Bible" 12:30pm**

Hudson Valley Hospice
is...
comfort

Hudson Valley Hospice offers ...
care, hope, dignity, joy, and comfort.

TOP 5 REASONS Visit our website to learn why people choose Hudson Valley Hospice

Contact Hudson Valley Hospice
845-485-2273 • hvhospice.org