

**Statement from  
the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County**

Dear Greater Jewish community,

We wish you to be aware that the local Jewish Federation of Dutchess County's stance on the two actions taken recently by the Government of Israel.

While It is critically important that we continue to voice our unwavering commitment to the Jewish State, we feel that it's also important that we continue to communicate our concerns about decisions taken (or about to be taken) by the Israeli Legislation that have a negative impact of Jews in the diaspora and/or stand in conflict with issues of concern to Jews in the diaspora.

As you may have heard, the Government of Israel voted several weeks ago to suspend the long-fought-for resolution that would create an egalitarian prayer space at the Kotel.

We strongly affirm the action taken by the Jewish agency and the JFNA to protest this resolution and to continue to try to elicit a change in this action. We strongly believe that the Kotel should have a space for egalitarian worship.

In addition, the Government of Israel's Ministerial Committee for Legislation approved a draft of a bill that would change the status quo on conversions in Israel by providing total control to the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and blocking access to the courts.

Although this draft has not yet been voted upon (there is a six-month suspension), we strongly oppose that proposed bill and urge the government of Israel and the Parliament to vote this legislation down and leave in place the current Status Quo which enables the court in Israel to recognize all conversions abroad and in Israel.

We hope that the Israeli government and legislator will take our concerns into consideration, as they continue to review the above issues.

Sincerely,

Betsy Kopstein-Stuts, President

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**LOOK BEYOND THE LABEL**

Religious freedom. It's an important issue to Jews everywhere. Today, it's especially relevant here and in Israel. Which on reflection, gives Rosh Hashanah an even deeper significance.

Because no matter how we may label ourselves — we are all Jews. That's what matters. Recognizing that our diversity strengthens us.

So this Rosh Hashanah, let's make it a sweeter new year by standing together. Let's look past the labels and work together as one people.

We wish you a happy and healthy new year.

Shanah tovah to you and your family from the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.



**Statement from the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County on Charlottesville**

The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County joins with Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and many other communities around the country in condemning the horrific display of hatred by white supremacists last month. We are appalled and saddened by the violence witnessed in Charlottesville, VA. This display of hate, bigotry, racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism has no place in America. We are horrified and sickened by the messages spewed at the rally and by the deaths and injuries sustained. We send our condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives and wish a speedy recovery to others who have been injured.



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Temple Beth-El's annual *Shofar Over the Hudson* event will be held on Sunday, September 17, at 11:30am outside the Children's Museum pavilion at the north end of Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie. Enjoy singing and dancing, and if you play shofar, bring yours along.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Kosher dairy lunch to enjoy following the conclusion of the program. Temple Beth-El will provide honey cake muffins baked by Blanche Bergman. Don't forget a picnic blanket or lawn chair.

Shofar over the Hudson has become a highlight of the High Holiday season. It is a unique way to hear the shofar blasts and join in community

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September 6 **Film Festival Paper Clips**  
 A film about students studying the Holocaust as a way to learn about intolerance and diversity, and the powerful lessons they learned.  
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea & dessert

September 13 **Hidden Treasures**  
 with Tony Musso  
 Tony will be talking all about his book: *Hidden Treasures*  
 Menu: Assorted wraps, salad, coffee/tea & dessert

September 20 Closed for the Holidays

September 27 Closed for the Holidays

**INFORMATION**

For details, weather updates, last minute schedule or menu changes, call the office (845) 471-9811. Open to the public.

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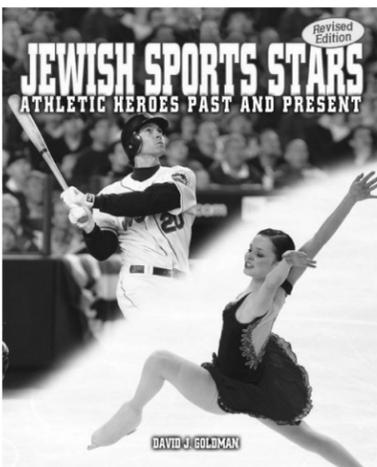
### Book & Gift Shops

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

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

The Bookshop is featuring *Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride* by Deborah Bodin Cohen, illustrated by Shahar Kober for ages 5-9. Engineer Ari's train is going to Jerusalem to collect goodies along the way to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. "A sweet and creative story! A Sydney Taylor Honor Award winner. Back in stock are *Sammy Spider's First Day of School*, *Sammy's Spider First Rosh Hashanah*, and *Sammy Spider's First Yom Kippur*, all by Sylvia A. Rouss, all illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn, and all ages 5-9. Another book is *What a Way to Start A New Year: A Rosh Hashanah Story* by Jacqueline Jules, illustrated by Judy Stead for ages 4-8.

Adult selections are *Rosh Hashanah Readings: Inspirations, Information and Contemplations* and *Yom Kippur Readings: Inspirations, Information and Contemplations*, both edited by Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins. Both are now available in paperback. Selections for older children, pre-teens and young adults are *Jewish Comedy Stars: Classic to Cutting Edge* by Norman H. Finkelstein for ages 11 and up, and *Jewish Sports Stars: Athletic Heroes Past and Present*, revised edition by David J. Goldman for ages 11 and up.



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

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All welcome. Details at the Temple Beth-El website [www.tbeny.org](http://www.tbeny.org) or (845) 454-0570 or email [info@tbeny.org](mailto:info@tbeny.org).

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For more information call (845) 232-1029, email [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org) or [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org).

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(Retired Older Men Eating Out)

Best wishes for a peaceful and healthy New Year

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And in memory of all departed members

# Debbie's VOICE



I am going to share with you a remarkable story. A humbling story. A life-changing story.

Not to mention, a true story...

Twenty-five years ago, I took a class in college called, The Culture of Paris. At the end of the semester, we spent several weeks in Paris "studying" Parisian culture, at least that's how I managed to convince my parents that they should pay for me to go.

Like any 20-year old visiting Europe before the modern-age of terrorism, I had a wonderful time. I saw all the sights; wonderful shops, restaurants, historic buildings and gardens. I went to every art

museum with an art professor who instilled a love and appreciation of Art that is still a huge part of my life. The French professor in charge of the trip attempted (and failed miserably) to teach me conversational French. There was a third professor whose job was to keep us students from causing any international incidents, and happily only had to deal with a few minor episodes, I mean alleged episodes!

"We forgive but we never forget."

One beautiful afternoon, I had toured the Notre Dame Cathedral and was waiting for one of my classmates (an architecture major) to finish sketching the building. As this was (gasp!) part of the pre-cell phone era, I simply plopped down on a park bench and people-watched.

An elderly man was sitting on the bench next to me, so I smiled at him and said, "Hello." I didn't bother saying hello in French because with my Jersey accent, I thought it sounded worse than just saying hello in English.

Now, this is where my story gets really interesting...

The elderly man looked over at me and said in heavily-accented English, "You are a Jew and I have a story for you."

I smiled sweetly and gave him my standard reply of "Well, I was born Jewish but I am not really Jewish. You know, light on the Jew and heavy on the ish."

He smiled and stared into my eyes and said, "No. You ARE a Jew and I have a story for you."

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## Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

### This month meet: Ian Green

Reporter's Note: Every month, I will be interviewing a youngish Jewish professional in our area. Please feel free to email us with any suggestions! --- Debbie Silbergleit

Ian grew up in Fishkill where his family regularly attended Beacon Hebrew Alliance. In fact, his grandfather was one of the founding members of that synagogue. He became a Bar Mitzvah there.

Growing up, Ian's favorite holiday was Passover. He fondly remembers going down to his grandmother's basement to help carry up all the special Passover dishes. He loved having extended family all celebrating the Seder together. Today, he still loves Passover and hosts his own Seder in his New York City home.



Ian graduated from Ketchum High School and stayed local, attending Marist College, where he majored in accounting and economics while minoring in art history. He got his MBA from Columbia University and became a CPA. Ian then spent several years in Manhattan working as a trader with a large financial firm.

Ian did not enjoy the corporate world and decided after several years of giving family and friends free investment advice, it was time to "hang up his shingle" and start his own firm.

In 1996, Ian founded Pendragon Capital Management. The company is named after King Arthur (Pendragon was King Arthur's middle name). His first clients were essentially all Jewish since they were his family and friends. Over the years, Ian has successfully grown his firm into a world-wide company, and he now has clients all over the country. Ian has twice been awarded the Five Star Wealth Manager Award and been featured in *Hudson Valley Magazine*.

Ian's favorite part of his job is working with people. He feels it is very rewarding to help them achieve their goals and objectives. Ian's least favorite part of the job is the stress involved as people are trusting him to guide them with good investments. But there are some things that are beyond his control, which can negatively affect investments, for example North Korea.

Ian continues to have a large Jewish-based clientele. He noted that the interest in Israeli bonds has diminished but that a majority of his clients are interested in investing in socially responsible companies. Environmentally-friendly companies, non-military companies and companies with a solid employee record are all qualities his clients are looking to invest with.

He splits his time between Manhattan and Fishkill. Ian genuinely loves living in both areas, enjoying the cultural aspects of the city along with the serenity of the country. His love of art has not faded since his college days, and he relishes spending time in Manhattan's art museums. One item on his bucket list is to visit every gallery in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which he's slowly working toward.

On a local level, Ian's very pleased to note the resurgence in shops and restaurants in Beacon and especially happy to see young Jewish families in our area.

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December	November 1

### Letter to the Editor:

Received August 2, 2017

Hi Debbie,

In your column a few months ago you mentioned that you had never become Bat Mitzvah but might consider it "when you are 80." To me, this seemed to be code for 'no, I will not be doing that.' So I thought I would let you know that it is quite possible.

In the current issue [August 2017] of *The Voice* there is a photo of our group B'not Mitzvah at Shir Chadash on May 20 of this year. There are seven of us and, at 80 I am the oldest. So it is quite possible.

It was a very satisfying and rewarding experience, and although the others are around the age of my daughters, we all interacted well in learning and planning.

We continue. We will be reading Genesis on Simchat Torah.

Thanks to all of you at *The Voice* who cover our events and keep us up on Jewish Life in our area.

With appreciation,

Roberta Schiff, Coordinator,  
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## Rabbi's Blog

### Rabbi's New Years Message

By Rabbi Daniel Polish

Every year on Rosh Hashanah we read about our father Abraham and the binding of Isaac. To us it sounds like a shocking and singular event. To our rabbis it was only the last of a whole series of "tests" and trials that Abraham has to endure. The sacrifice of Isaac or the binding of Isaac was the last of his trials. But if you want to understand our father Abraham. The trial that must have left its most profound imprint on his character was the very first one.

In the narrative we read on Rosh Hashanah, this episode this binding of Isaac, G-d abruptly calls on Abraham to change his life, to give up something precious to him. So it is at the very beginning of his career. What is the very first time we encounter Abraham? Out of the blue G-d says get up and go, leave your native land, the place of your birth, your father's house. I know we've heard the story so many times that we scarcely recognize the full implications of that list.



Rabbi Daniel Polish

*Ger v'toshav anochi imchem, I am a stranger and sojourner with you – or better "I am a resident alien".*

What is Abraham giving up? He sacrifices everything. And what lies in store for him? When he leaves he has no idea of where he is going or what the future looks like for him. Because we know how his story will turn out, we are not so disturbed by the arrangement. But think of it from his perspective. Look at it though the eyes of the one who is giving up everything. It is a terrifying arrangement, as terrible in its way as the binding of Isaac would be all those years later. Giving up everything that he has. For what?

We can hear the lasting impact of that first trial even toward the end of his life. It is interesting that as we look at the story of Abraham in Genesis it is striking that he rarely talks about himself. There is not a lot of autobiographical reflection there; however, in the episode where he must purchase a burial plot for Sarah he introduced himself to his neighbors in Hebron and his words are painful. Here is Abraham, a powerful man, a man who left his imprint on thousands of years of history and a man who has accomplished so much. And yet as he introduces himself all he can say to describe himself is *Ger v'toshav anochi imchem, I am a stranger and sojourner with you -- or better "I am a resident alien."* All those years later and he still bears the brand of his first trial -- I am a resident alien.

Our father Abraham was...an immigrant. He had to leave his home, leave behind everything he had known to set out to a new place, a place that would never be fully home for him. He lived more years in Canaan than he ever had in the land of his birth. Yet towards the end of his life he still considered himself a resident alien

And his migration--his immigrant character left its mark on his descendants. Abraham prefigures the whole history of our people. Forced by a scarcity of food, his family had to emigrate to Egypt where they were oppressed. And then they fled from there--they became refugees. Doesn't that description work for the event we aggrandize as the exodus: a mass immigration. And they, like their father Abraham, journeyed to Canaan where they became again resident aliens in a land new to them. They were never people of the land as the natives were. They seemed always to have a sense that they were in that land but not of it.

But we know the whole sweep of the story. The descendants of those descendants, after generations of being settled, became a nation of wanderers again, in time driven from that land, moving from country to country sometimes voluntarily, sometimes at someone else's whim. But traveling--always traveling: refugees, migrants and immigrants. The same cycle over and over again until their distant descendants moved from the shtetles, the pale of settlement and the ghettos of Europe, to make their way to this new land.

Was it your grandparents or your great grandparents who settled here? Of course, I have not met them. But I am sure their arrival was not celebrated. They were not embraced. They did not speak the language of this new land very well. They did not really understand the ways of this new society either. And if they had to characterize their lives they would have quoted their great grandfather Abraham, *Ger v'toshav anochi imchem--I am a stranger and sojourner among you --a resident alien.*

All those thousands of years later and the story of this family is the same. So many changes. One constant: always moving; always immigrants. Every year we meet our Father Abraham at the entrance of the new year as we are about to enter it. This year, his life story has a special resonance for us. In our world today there are over 65 million refugees, asylum seekers, or internally displaced people. And so many more resident aliens. Does hearing the story of our father Abraham, and remembering our own history give us reason to identify with them?

May the year be a blessed one for you, and for all those millions of displaced persons, migrants, refugees and resident aliens on the planet. And may we have a special sympathy for their plight.

Shanna Tova

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The hair on the back of my neck stood up and I nodded for him to proceed. He explained to me that he had been a young boy during World War II and his family had been fleeing the Nazis. He stood on shaky legs, and with the aid of his cane, walked very slowly and pointed down into a sewer.

"This," he said, "was our home while we hid."

I completely lost track of time as he shared details of his amazing story of survival. His tale ended with these words, "We forgive but we never forget."

I have never forgotten his story. Even twenty-five years later, I still remember that odd sensation of him staring so knowingly into my eyes and reminding me that I am a Jew.

As we embark on the Jewish New Year, I hope all of us can take a moment and remind ourselves what it means to be a Jew...

Happy New Year

## Inside the Jewish Studio

By Debbie Silbergleit

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

Each month, I ask a MOT\* these questions and feature their answers.

This month, a big thank you to Aaron Pincus, former vice president and current treasurer for Beacon Hebrew Alliance, for being a good sport...

1. What is your favorite word?  
*Who's got a favorite word?!? Next question!*
2. What is your least favorite word?  
*Brouhaha*
3. What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?  
*Presence of other intellectual people.*
4. What turns you off?  
*Questions that should be rhetorical but people really want an answer to.*
5. What is your favorite curse word?  
*Something in German...they sound so much better in German. (Reporter's note: Sadly, I don't know any German...)*
6. What sound or noise do you love?  
*Race engines in the morning.*
7. What sound or noise do you hate?  
*Elevator music.*
8. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?  
*Professional sailor.*
9. What profession would you not like to do?  
*The nurse who has to take all the blood.*
10. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?  
*Look of utter confusion eventually followed with "So, how am I doing? Take this survey."*

\* Member of the Tribe



Aaron Pincus

### Easing Out of Elul & Dipping Our Toes into Tishrei

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

The Elul moon is high in the sky and summer is now a lazy memory. As we gear up for the start of school and the High Holidays, we are looking forward to our school kick off on Tuesday, September 5 from 4:30-6:30pm at **Peachwave** in Lagrangeville. Our wonderful teaching staff will be available to meet and chat with the families of our combined Temple Beth-El/Congregation Shir Chadash Ivrit and Religious School Programs.

Our annual **Shofar Over The Hudson** program, which celebrates the traditional morning call of the shofar in Elul in a creative, non-traditional way, will take place on the Sunday morning after Selichot – September 17 at 9:30am. Beginning with Religious School and family activities for toddlers through teens, we will explore our ancient and modern connections to the great rivers in the Pavilion at Waryas Park.

As we prepare to welcome Tishrei 5778, Rabbi Daniel Victor and Rabbi Miriam Hyman are pleased to welcome Rabbi Malkah Binah Klein as a member of the High Holiday clergy team. In collaboration with the TBE Choir, community members and teaching staff, the clergy team will lead a wide range of services and programs for all ages throughout the Fall Holidays.

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah – Thursday, September 21 at 10:00am, there will be services for young children (ages 0-6), as well as for families of children \*(ages 7-12). In addition, our teens (7<sup>th</sup> graders and up) will begin rehearsing for our annual Yom Kippur play. Everyone will come together for the Shofar Service and then head to a very special "Kid-dish" – A Birthday Party for the World, complete with cake decorating, round challahs, apples, honey and more.

During the Musaf Service, youth (ages 9-12) are invited to our new Kadima activities, and there will be a discussion group for teens. Following services, everyone is invited to strap on their roller skates, rollerblades or wheelies, and hop on their trikes, bikes, scooters or unicycles, to wheel on over to the Park Street Stream for Tashlich. All varieties of crumbs are welcome.

The celebration continues on the second day of Rosh Hashanah – Friday, September 22. Beginning at 10:00am, there will be Holiday games and activities available for both elementary age students and early childhood age children. Everyone will join together for the Shofar Service and a reprise of the Birthday Party for the World. Older students and teens are encouraged to join the main service or to participate in alternative activities.

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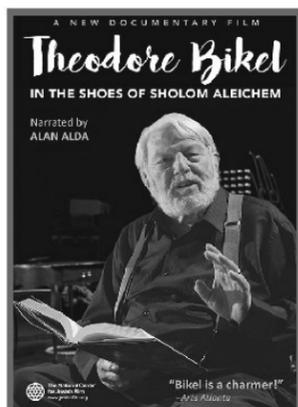
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# 2017 JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Schedule effective 8/28/2017

## Jewish Storytelling & the American Experience

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



### THEODORE BIKEL, IN THE SHOES OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM

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

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

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

The film's highlights include interviews with Alan Alda, Fyvush Finkel, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, and Sholem Aleichem's granddaughter, Bel Kaufman, who died in 2014. Aleichem, the great Jewish storyteller, and Theodore Bikel, troubadour, actor and one of the most popular stage interpreters of Aleichem's work—are two sides of the same Yiddish coin—sharing wit, wisdom and talent—and a healthy dose of Yiddishkeit.

**Guest presenter: Motl Didner, Associate Artistic Director, the National Yiddish Theatre**

Admission is free. But a Jewish education is not.  
Donations in advance or on the night of a screening benefit:

The Howard Lynne Scholarship Fund  
PO Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

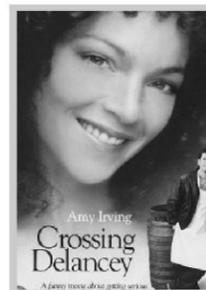
All programs begin at 7:00pm with light refreshments at 6:30.  
Screenings are presented at Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center, 4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY  
All events are open to the public



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### CROSSING DELANCEY

Thursday, Sept 14, 7:00-9:30pm



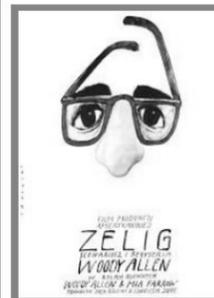
This classic tale of old world meets new finds 30-something Izzy (Amy Irving) resisting the matchmaking of her lovable bubbe (Reizl Bozyk.) Izzy, more interested in worldly author, Anton (Jeroen Krabbe), isn't prepared for what

happens when she meets local boy Sam (Peter Riegert), "the pickle man." Charmingly contemporary, even today.

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

### ZELIG

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



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

One of Allen's lesser known films, it's also one you won't soon forget.

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

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

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

Reserve your seat today. Register online at [www.JewishDutchess.org](http://www.JewishDutchess.org)

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On Yom Kippur – Saturday, September 30 at 10:00am, families are once again invited to services for young children (ages 0-6), and youth (ages 7-12). In addition, teens will be invited to an interactive discussion. During the Musaf Service, there will be a pre-teen (ages 9-12) Kadima program and a play rehearsal for teens.

During the Yom Kippur afternoon service, the teens will present the play "What Is Up Is Down: The Trial of Rabbi Gamliel (head of the Rabbinic Court)". Following the Neilah Service, all children are invited to carry light sticks for Havdalah and shofar blowers of all ages are encouraged to bring their shofars to join in the final shofar blasts.

As Religious School and the Ivrit Program reconvene, we look forward to decorating our beautiful TBE sukkah for the first festive meal. Students from Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple and Congregation Shir Chadash – the combined Geshar Hebrew High School – will join together on Wednesday, October 4 for "Shakes in the Shack" and "Pizza in the Hut" before going to Vassar Temple to attend a joint Erev Sukkot service. Although it seems miles away on this quiet evening in Elul, can Simchat Torah be far behind?

May you be inscribed for a good year.  
L'shanah tovah tikateyvu!

# High Holiday Schedules

## Congregation Shir Chadash

High Holy Days: Days of Awe  
Schedule of Services 2017/5778

Led by: Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang  
Musical accompaniment: Piano, Choir, Cello

### Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20 8:00pm *Rosh Hashanah* Evening Service  
Thursday, September 21 10:00am *Rosh Hashanah* Morning Service  
3:00pm Family Celebration Service \*

### Yom Kippur

Friday, September 29 8:00pm *Kol Nidre* Service with cello  
Saturday, September 30 10:00am *Yom Kippur* Morning Service  
12:30pm Panel Discussion  
2:00pm Family Service \*  
3:00pm Afternoon / Memorial / Concluding Services\*

\*No tickets are required for our afternoon Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Family Services & Yom Kippur Afternoon/memorial/Concluding Services

Community Break Fast Following Yom Kippur Concluding Services  
Ample Parking & Child Care available on Yom Kippur afternoon

At our interim location: Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church  
1168 Route 55 (corner of Stringham Road), Lagrangeville, New York  
For information and tickets: (845) 232-1029 or info@shir-chadash.org

## Vassar Temple HHD Service Schedule (845) 454-2570

### Selichot

Saturday, September 16 7:30pm Arnold Award dessert reception & presentation in the Social Hall  
8:00pm Music and Poetry of the High Holy Days with Rabbi Berkowitz and Cantorial Student Laura Stein in the Social Hall  
9:30pm Selichot Service in the Sanctuary

### Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20 7:30pm Evening Service

### Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 21 10:00am Morning Service  
2:00pm Family Service  
3:30pm Tashlich @ Sunset Lake on Vassar College campus (BYO bread crumbs)  
Friday, September 22 10:00am Morning Service  
7:30pm Shabbat Shuvah Service

### Memorial Service

Sunday, September 24 1:00pm at Lagrange Avenue Cemetery

### Kol Nidre

Friday, September 29 7:30pm Evening Service

### Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 30 10:00am Morning Service  
1:00pm High Holy Day Study  
2:00pm Family Service  
3:00pm Afternoon Service  
5:00pm Yizkor Service  
5:30pm Ne'ilah service  
6:45pm Break the Fast (Meal in the Social Hall for those who have RSVP'd)

## TEMPLE BETH-EL HIGH HOLIDAYS 2017 / 5778 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Temple Beth-El is located at 118 S. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie  
(845) 454-0570 www.tbenny.org info@tbenny.org

### SELICHOT

Saturday, September 16 8:00pm *The Gates are Closing*

### ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20 7:30pm Ma'ariv evening service  
Thursday, September 21 8:45am Shacharit morning service  
9:45am Torah Service  
10:00am Family Service & Alternative Offerings for all  
1:30pm Tashlich  
7:30pm Ma'ariv evening service

Friday, September 22 8:45am Shacharit morning service

### YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 29 6:00pm Kol Nidre service  
Saturday, September 30 8:30am Shacharit morning service  
10:00am Family Service & Alternative offerings  
7:20pm Havdalah/Shofar

### SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 4 7:30 pm Ma'ariv evening service  
Thursday, October 5 9:30am Shacharit morning service  
7:30pm Ma'ariv evening service  
Friday, October 6 9:30am Shacharit morning service

### SHEMINI ATZERET

Wednesday, October 11 7:30pm Ma'ariv/Yizkor service  
Thursday, October 12 9:30am Shacharit/Yizkor service

### SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday, October 12 6:30 pm Ma'ariv evening service & festivities  
Friday, October 13 9:30am Shacharit morning service & festivities

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### ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES:

Wednesday, September 20 6:30pm Evening Service

### ROSH HASHANAH COMMUNITY DINNER

Wednesday, September 20 7:30pm  
Kindly RSVP:. Suggested donation \$18  
children \$10

Thursday, September 21 10:00am Morning Service  
11:00am Interactive Children's Program  
12:00pm Shofar Blowing  
5:30pm Tashlich Service  
Friday, September 22 10:00am Morning Service  
11:00am Interactive Children's Program  
12:00pm Shofar Blowing  
Large Kiddush buffet following Services

### YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Friday, September 29 6:20pm Sharp Kol Nidrei  
Saturday, September 30 10:00am Morning Service  
11:30am Interactive Children's Service  
12:00pm Yizkor Memorial Service  
5:00pm Mincha and Neilah (Closing Prayer)  
7:20pm Final Shofar Blast  
Followed by a delicious break-fast buffet

## Beacon Hebrew Alliance (845) 831-2012

### Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Wednesday, September 20 7:00PM

### Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Services

Thursday, September 21 9:00AM

### Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Family Services

Thursday, September 21 10:00AM

### Tashlich Services

Thursday, September 21 4:00PM

### Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Services

Friday, September 22 9:00AM

### Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Family Services

Friday, September 22 10:00AM

### Kol Nidre Services

Friday, September 29 6:00PM

### Yom Kippur Services

Saturday, September 30 9:00AM

### Yom Kippur Family Services

Saturday, September 30 10:00AM

### Jewish Meditation

Saturday, September 30 3:30PM

### Yom Kippur Mincha, Ne'ilah, Ma'ariv & Break Fast Services

Saturday September 30 4:30PM

## Schomre Israel (845) 454-2890

Saturday September 16 10:30pm Selichot Program, introducing the high holiday season, with the screening of "Strike on Heaven" refreshments,  
12:00am Selihot

Sunday, September 17, 8:30am Morning Service  
Monday, September 18 & Wednesday, September 20 7:00am Morning Service with Selichot

### High Holiday Services:

Rosh Hashanah Eve Wednesday, September 20 6:37 pm Candle lighting, 6:40pm Mincha/Maariv  
Rosh Hashanah, First Day Thursday, September 21

8:30am Shacharit  
10:45am Torah Reading  
11:30am Sermon, 11:45am Shofar  
6:00pm Tashlich, 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv  
After 7:36pm Candle lighting

Rosh Hashanah, Second Day Friday, September 22

8:30am Shacharit  
10:30am Torah Reading  
11:15am Sermon, 11:30am Shofar  
6:30pm Mincha, 6:34pm Candle lighting

Shabbat Teshuva Saturday, September 24

9:00am Shacharit  
6:30pm Mincha, 7:32pm Shabbat Ends

Fast of Gedaliah Sunday, September 24

5:23am Fast Starts  
8:30am Shacharit  
6:15pm Mincha/Maariv, 7:36pm Fast Ends

Week of Aseret Y'mei Teshuva

Monday-Friday September 25-29 7:00am Shacharit

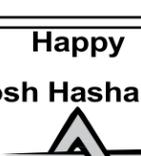
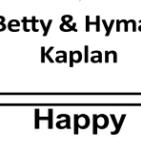
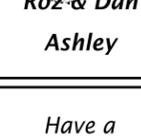
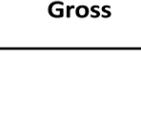
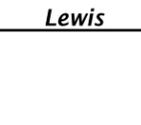
Erev Yom Kippur

Friday, September 29 6:20pm Mincha, 6:22pm Candles  
6:30pm Kol Nidrei

Shabbat Yom Kippur Day

Saturday, September 30 9:00am Shacharit  
9:00am Shacharit, 10:45am Torah Reading  
11:30am Sermon, 11:50am Yizkor  
6:00pm Neilah, 7:21pm Fast ends

# Personal Holiday Greetings

<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> Nancy &amp; Sandy Bernstein</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p>  <p>Linda &amp; Eric Perfecto</p>	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p>  <p>Beth &amp; Lee Richardson</p>	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p>  <p>Anita &amp; Ed Lester and Family</p>	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p>  <p>Lillian &amp; Michael Silberstein and Family</p>
<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> Elaine &amp; Aaron Blum and Family</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p>  <p>Ellen, Barry &amp; Matt Rosenberg</p>	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p>  <p>Jane, Jonathan, &amp; Steven Dworkin</p>	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p>  <p>Roni, Charles &amp; Joe Stein</p>	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p>  <p>Rose, Brion, and Joshua Shapiro</p>
<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> Barbara &amp; Bernie Cohen</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p>  <p>Marcy &amp; George Marlow</p>	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p>  <p>Sandy &amp; Lee Corwin</p>	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p>  <p>Adrienne London</p>	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p>  <p>Rita &amp; Mort Alterman</p>
<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> Mariam, Eric, Callie &amp; Liza Goldstone</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p>  <p>Debbie &amp; Arnold Most</p>	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p>  <p>Betsy Kopstein-Stuts &amp; George Stuts</p>	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p>  <p>Elyse &amp; Neil Mansfield</p>	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p>  <p>Grete &amp; Marty Finkelstein</p>
<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> Sharon, Hal &amp; Cynthia Warren</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p>  <p>Elaine Lipschutz</p>	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p>  <p>Claire &amp; Marvin Klenosky and Family</p>	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p>  <p>Pam &amp; Sol Resnikoff</p>	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p>  <p>Sheryl &amp; Joel Miller and Family</p>
<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> Gail &amp; Samuel Simon</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p>  <p>Judy &amp; Herb Dym</p>	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p>  <p>Betty &amp; Hyman Kaplan</p>	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p>  <p>Röz &amp; Dan Ashley</p>	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p>  <p>Roberta &amp; Len Grosman and Family</p>
<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> Team Silbergleit</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p>  <p>Muriel &amp; Matt Lampell</p>	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p>  <p>Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Rabbi Michael Fessler and Family</p>	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p>  <p>Geri &amp; Maurice Bromberg</p>	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p>  <p>Sharon &amp; Howard Lynne</p>
<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> Miriam &amp; Frank Rubin</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p>  <p>Ann &amp; Jeffrey Gross</p>	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p>  <p>Ann &amp; Jeffrey Gross</p>	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p>  <p>Candy &amp; Lou Lewis</p>	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p>  <p>Phyllis &amp; David Miller</p>
<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> The Elias Family including Marina &amp; Tye</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p> 	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p> 	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p> 	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p> 
<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> Estelle Eisner and Family</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p> 	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p> 	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p> 	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p> 
<p><i>L' Shanah Touah</i> Dana &amp; Ira Effron</p> 	<p>Have a Sweet New Year!</p> 	<p>Happy Rosh Hashanah</p> 	<p>Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!</p> 	<p>May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness</p> 

# Happy New Year!

Happy New Year!  
Marianne & Bob Abrams  
and Family



Happy New Year!  
Ellen, Victor, Edward &  
Benjamin Stern



Have a  
Happy and Peaceful  
New Year!



Rita & Stephen  
Kaplan

*L'Shanah  
Tovah*  
*The Poughkeepsie  
Hadassah*



Happy New Year!  
Irene & Eric Brocks  
and Family



Happy New Year!  
Judge & Mrs. Jonah Triebwasser  
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Have a  
Sweet  
New  
Year!



Judy Elkin &  
Gene Fleishman  
and Family

May the sounds of the Shofar  
welcome in a new year of health  
and happiness



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Happy New Year!  
Amy, Steve, Lindsay & Hannah  
Effron



Happy New Year!  
Evelyn & Oscar  
Weiss



May the sounds of the Shofar  
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and happiness



The Bressman  
Family

Happy New Year!  
Karen & Jack  
Fein



*L'Shanah  
Tovah*  
*Barbara & Harvey  
Katz*



Happy  
Rosh Hashanah



Phyllis Rosenfield  
and Family



Best Wishes  
for a Happy & Healthy  
New Year!  
Brenda & Ted Baker  
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Happy New Year!  
Miriam & Burt Gold  
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Patti, Peter, Austin,  
Samantha and Dylan  
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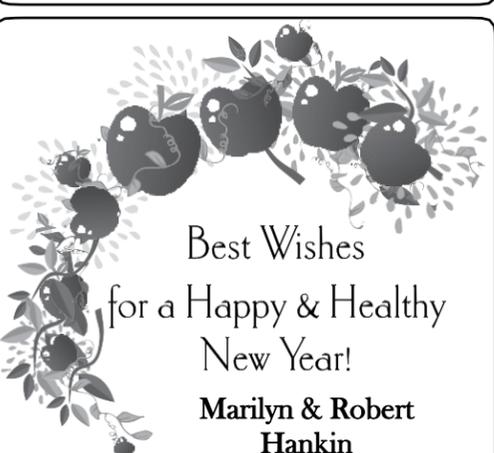


Lauren & Michael  
Muffs

Happy  
Rosh Hashanah



Linda  
Skolnick



Best Wishes  
for a Happy & Healthy  
New Year!  
Marilyn & Robert  
Hankin

Happy New Year!  
Jane & Steven  
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Happy  
Rosh Hashanah



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Happy New Year!  
Drs. Miriam & Maury  
Lacher



Have a  
Happy and Peaceful  
New Year!



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Family

Have a  
Happy and Peaceful  
New Year!



Ruth & Donald  
Klein and Family

Have a  
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New Year!



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Happy and Peaceful  
New Year!



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New Year!



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New Year!



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Happy New Year!  
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## School's Out but Your Educators are still Working

By Julie Makowsky

School was out, but instead of whiling away the hazy days of summer in a hammock, I (Julie Makowsky), Religious School Director of Vassar Temple, was one of 75 Jewish educators from the United States, Canada and Mexico, who rushed to Atlanta to attend an exceptional workshop on teaching children about Israel. Presented by the Center for Israel Education and the Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel, the objective of this engaging interactive 5-day summer learning experience was to empower educators, and through them to empower their students. "Understanding Israel's past and present helps to provide a glimpse into who we are as a Jewish people. A common history connects us all, regardless of geography, politics or flavor of Judaism practiced. We need to know Israel's story and that of its people because Israel is integral to Jewish identity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," explains CIE President and Emory University Professor Kenneth W. Stein, who founded the annual program sixteen years ago.



Julie Makowsky at workshop with Rich Walter, Associate Director for Israel Education, CIE/ISMI

I embraced this opportunity to learn with leaders in the field, focusing on Israel's history, politics and culture, studying primary sources collected from Arabic, Hebrew, German and English archives as well as books and materials from Dr. Stein's own extensive collection. Specialized learning tracks enabled me and each of the other participants, to leave the workshop laden with notes, strategies, and curriculum ideas they can apply in the specific learning settings where they each teach at home. I can't wait to bring all this exciting learning to the children of Vassar Temple. For more information about the Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School at Vassar Temple, of which I am the Education Director, visit [www.vassar temple.org/learning/religious-school](http://www.vassar temple.org/learning/religious-school) and feel free to contact me at [vassar-templers@gmail.com](mailto:vassar-templers@gmail.com) or (845) 454-2570. Temple membership is not required to enroll children in Vassar Temple's Sunday school or Hebrew school programs, and new students are always welcome throughout the year.

The workshop for educators that I attended is funded by The AVI CHAI Foundation of North America. For more information about the Center for Israel Education or the annual workshop, contact [Rich.walter@israeled.org](mailto:Rich.walter@israeled.org) or visit [www.israeled.org](http://www.israeled.org).

### Congregation Shir Chadash Open Religious School Registration

Congregation Shir Chadash will continue open Religious School registration on Saturday, September 9, 9:00am-10:30am. Children of non-members and newcomers of all ages can try classes for a month for FREE with no obligation. Tots classes, for children pre-kindergarten, are open to non-members at no charge for one year. Classes begin at 9:00am, but come early (8:45am) and enjoy breakfast on us! Tots classes through b'nai mitzvah classes are offered. Learn through texts, crafts, music, special programs, field trips, and more, all while having fun and making new friends.

This year the focus of our program will be:

- (1) immigration of Jews to the USA: Who were our ancestors? Why did they come here? How did life change for them?
- (2) Bible stories: What are some of the great stories that we find in our Tanach and what messages can we find in these stories?
- (3) G-d and Prayer: How does an understanding of G-d, as seen in our Torah and in prayer, help us learn to be kind to others and to ourselves. Intertwined throughout the year will be threads of Tzedakah, G'milut Chasadim, and Tikun Olum. Our goal is to enrich the children's learning of Jewish values, history, holidays and traditions. For more information, please call (845) 232-1029 or email: [info@shir-chadash.org](mailto:info@shir-chadash.org).

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

Sunday, Judaic Studies  
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**SALTED POMEGRANATE CHOCOLATE FUDGE**

Author: *Honest and Tasty*  
Recipe type: Dessert  
Serves: 15

**INGREDIENTS**

- 23 ounces (4 cups) Milk Chocolate Chips (I prefer the texture and taste of Ghirardelli milk chocolate chips)
- 14 ounces (1 ¼ cups) Sweetened Condensed Milk
- ¼ cup Pomegranate Molasses (find it at any Middle Eastern grocery store or the Middle Eastern aisle of your local grocery store)
- 1 teaspoon Fleur de Sel or regular sea salt
- The Arils (Seeds) of 1 Pomegranate

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Prepare a parchment paper-lined (or foil-lined) dish that is approximately 7 inches in diameter and at least 2 inches high.
2. In a med-large microwave-safe mixing bowl, add the milk chocolate chips and sweetened condensed milk.
3. Microwave for 1 minute. Stir. Microwave for another 30 seconds. Stir.
4. Mix in pomegranate molasses (syrup).
5. Mix in ½ teaspoon fleur de sel.
6. Pour fudge into parchment-lined dish, and smooth it out with a spatula.
7. Add pomegranate arils to the top of the fudge and use your hand to very gently pat them into the fudge so that they stick to the fudge as it cools.
8. Add another ½ teaspoon of fleur de sel or sea salt right over the top of the fudge.
9. Place in fridge to set, or in the freezer if you are impatient when it comes to fudge (like me!). Just don't forget about it in there because the inside of fudge should be room temperature.



Enjoy!



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



Melinda

Kim

Jessa

**THE HIGH HOLIDAYS are upon us.**

Whether your family attends synagogue for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur or observes the holiday in your own way, it's a time for sweetness, creation, waking up and casting away. Below are some of the ways you can honor the High Holidays together.

One of the themes of Rosh Hashanah is, of course, sweetness. (A traditional greeting is "May you have a good and sweet new year.") Apples dipped in honey symbolize that sweetness.

Before Rosh Hashanah, make a trip to a local apple orchard to collect several varieties of local apples. On the holiday, sample the apples using sweet recipes. If you are hosting a potluck holiday meal, ask your guests to bring a dish featuring apples or another traditional food.

According to the rabbis, Rosh Hashanah is the anniversary of the sixth day of creation. To celebrate the completion of our beautiful world, spend some holiday time surrounded by nature. Whether it's a hike or a picnic at a local park, point out and enjoy the many beautiful things God created. Take a shofar with you on a hike and allow your children to use it.

Traditionally, Tashlich is a ceremony performed on the afternoon of the first day of the holiday. Most synagogues lead this ritual, which involves tossing bread crumbs into a body of water to represent the casting off of one's sins. The Tashlich ceremony is also fun and meaningful to do as a family or in a small group at a favorite watering hole.

For even more ideas for celebrating the holidays, visit PJ Library's Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur page. [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org). Please follow our community on Facebook at PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley, <https://www.facebook.com/PJLibraryMidHudsonValley/> or contact us at [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org).

Wishing you a SWEET New Year!

If you need help or have questions let us know at [pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org). Contact us, your PJ Library Mid-Hudson Team,

Melinda Pendleton Margulies, Kimberly Ritz, and Jessa Kwon  
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## The President's Voice



**Betsy Kopstein-Stuts**

Dear Friends,

September: a New Year, a new beginning, another opportunity for a fresh start. I sometimes think about September as a chance to slip out from under the slow, lazy days of summer so that I can recommit myself to my goals. Rosh Hashanah allows me to reflect on the past year and to reenergize myself with projects, both new and old: a renewed purpose. This year, as President of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, I hope to reach out to more people in our Jewish Community, to listen and learn how we at Federation can become an even more important part of Jewish life here in Dutchess County.

So let me ask you, friends: what do you see as the role of Federation today? How do you view us as an organization that is here to help you and our community? Do you partake of our Lunch and Learn program, our film festivals, our celebrations of Israel, our 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y programs, PJ Library? Would you like to see us offer something else, something different?

Rabbi Kushner quoted Dennis Overbye, a reporter from *The New York Times*, in one of his Rosh Hashanah sermons: "We all need each other in order to overlap our knowledge. We don't have to stay in our prisons. Working together and sharing, we can know everything. Or as Bob Dylan once put it: 'I'll let you be in my dreams, if I can be in yours.'"

Federation can only be truly effective with your ongoing support, both as financial contributors and as volunteers. Please share your vision with me for the future of Federation and our community.

I wish you are your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and peaceful new year.

L'Shanah Tovah.

Fondly,

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

### 92nd Street Y

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

#### Thursday, October 19, 7pm, Boardman Road Branch Library Remembering Yitzhak Rabin: Itamar Rabinovich and Dalia Rabin with Rabbi Peter Rubinstein

More than two decades after the tragic death of Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, one of his most trusted aides, former Israeli ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich, who has now written *Yitzhak Rabin: Soldier, Leader, Statesman*, provided new insights into Rabin's relationships with world leaders, his peace policy toward Syria and the Palestinians, and the repercussions of his murder for Israeli politics today. He was joined by Rabin's daughter, Dalia, for a look back at this extraordinary leader's legacy and a look forward at the future of Israel and prospects for peace.



#### Thursday, November 16, 7pm, Boardman Road Branch Library A Conversation with Tony Blair and Rabbi Peter J. Rubenstein

One of the most respected and admired world leaders in the last 50 years, Tony Blair offers unparalleled analysis of the world's most difficult and complex issues. The Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 1997-2007, he now works to secure peace and prosperity in the Middle East, improve governance in Africa, find solutions to climate change, and encourage understanding of world faiths. He talks with Rabbi Peter Rubenstein about his take on the current world situation, especially regarding the Middle East in crisis, extremism, governments and education.



#### LOCATION: Boardman Library, 141 Boardman Rd, Poughkeepsie

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

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

### Morse School Library Project

The Jewish Social Action Coalition has expanded its reach at Morse Elementary School and is collaborating with administration and staff to revitalize the school's library. While planning to strongly advocate for the return of elementary school libraries in all the Poughkeepsie Schools, the Coalition is working with partners at Morse School to give students limited exposure to their library and provide some literacy programs there. A group of volunteers from the Coalition and the Morse staff have worked hard this summer cleaning shelves, organizing books and working with the existing inventory.

What's needed now?

1. People who would like to help students find and check out books.
2. Readers/storytellers/artists who would like to come one time or more to share with the children.
3. Several folks who would join a steering committee for this enterprise.

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## Elaine Lipschutz Receives Founders Award

Based on an interview conducted by David Lampell

The Founder's Service Award is given annually to a person who has provided "consistent, extensive, exemplary service to Vassar Temple over an extended period of time." The recipient of this award is nominated by a special committee and chosen by the Temple Board.

This year's Founders Award recipient is Elaine Lipschutz.

Elaine and her husband, Bob (z'l) came to Poughkeepsie 63 years ago, joining Vassar Temple in 1957. Elaine was a teacher by profession and contributed her expertise in the field of education to the temple over the years as a religious school teacher and as a Religious School Committee member and Chairman. She has taken that education role beyond where most would by also producing a Jewish Educator, her daughter, Karen Goodis, and a touring Jewish musician, her grandson, Alan Goodis. And she herself has never stopped learning as a consistent attendee at Temple adult education courses.

Elaine stated to me that her most important contribution has been "being there."

Most Shabbats and holidays she is to be found at the temple. She has been there during the terms of seven temple rabbis and has contributed her wealth of experience and wisdom to several Rabbinic Search Committees. Her definition of "being there" includes (but is not at all limited to) being Temple President (as well as being spouse of a

Temple President), serving in several Board positions and on numerous committees, chairing the temple's 145th Anniversary Celebration at Rocking Horse Ranch, and playing a variety of leadership roles in the Sisterhood including Sisterhood Membership Chairman and Vassar Sisterhood Vice President.

As Elaine has been there for us, Vassar Temple has been the social center of her life.

Thank You, Elaine, for being there.



Elaine Lipschutz and Rabbi Berkowitz



## Jewish War Veterans Install Officers

Ronny Ymbras, Vietnam veteran, author, reenactor and businessman was the keynote speaker at the annual installation luncheon of Pvt. Herman T. Siegel Post 625 Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. Mr. Ymbras spoke of his experiences as a young paratrooper in Vietnam and of the sacrifices made by Vietnam veterans. His book, *The Fallen*, depicts the Vietnam veterans' memorials from each of the 50 states along with a list of veterans from each state who made the Ultimate Sacrifice.

Serving as Installing Officers were two Past Post Commanders, Robert L. Morrison and Ralph C. Schwartz. Morrison spoke of the activities of the Post, including raising money to benefit veterans at Castle Point and the placing of flags on the graves of veterans in local Jewish cemeteries every Memorial Day. The following took the oath of office for the coming year: Commander Ron Markowitz, Sr Vice Commander Robert L. Morrison, Jr Vice Commander Ralph Schwartz, Chief of Staff Martin Hochhauser, Presiding Officer Rob Rubin, Adjutant Peter Albenda, Quartermaster Gary Mayer, Officer of the Day Franklin Herber, Chaplain Michael Silberstein, Judge Advocate Ed Lester, Historian Eli Gorin.

The Post meets monthly in Poughkeepsie and welcomes new members—those who have served in war or in peacetime, in the regular military, National Guard or Reserves, as well as nonveterans who'd like to support the organization. For details contact Commander Markowitz ronmarko@prodigy.net, (845) 473-0178.

## How to Talk to Children About Anti-Semitism

This article is a PJ Library® resource for parents and Jewish professionals. To learn more about PJ Library or to register your child or grandchild, go to [www.PJLibrary.org](http://www.PJLibrary.org).

Let's face it, no one wants to have to tell their child that there are nasty people in the world who will try to hurt them just for being themselves. We raise our kids to be good people, mensches, to help and accept others, and to do the best they can to treat those around them fairly and with respect.

Research shows that one of the best ways that we can help prepare our children to cope with discrimination and intolerance is by being open about it. When we show our children that these topics, though tough, are not taboo, we let them know that they can always come to us with questions or thoughts about life's scary situations.

Part of growing up and getting older means that our kids come face to face with some of the ugliness of the world. Given recent events, like a rise in anti-Semitic acts and bias crimes, as well as waves of bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers, we may have to have these talks sooner than we'd like.

We've pulled together a short list of links and resources that parents may find helpful in discussions with their children. This can be used as a starting point along with our post, *How to Talk to Your Kids About Scary Situations*.

### Talking to Your Kids

Many sources recommend being direct with kids about difficult topics. The American Psychological Association stresses that for children in groups that are likely to be targets of discrimination, it's vital for parents to have ongoing, honest, discussions with their children rather than shying away from the subject. The APA also recommends:

- ◆ Let the discussion be ongoing.
- ◆ Keep talking. Even and especially when it's hard.
- ◆ It's also ok to say "I don't know."
- ◆ Be age appropriate.
- ◆ Keep things basic. Young children especially need simple information balanced with reassurance.
- ◆ Encourage your children to ask questions.
- ◆ Help kids learn how to deal with being the potential target of discrimination.
- ◆ Develop healthy comebacks or responses to hurtful statements. For example: "What an unkind thing to say." "Excuse me? Could you repeat that?" "I disagree with you, and here's why..."
- ◆ If you catch your child using insensitive language, use the moment as a teaching example.
- ◆ Model good behavior for your child.

### Books And Stories Can Help

The Bible features many stories about Jewish people facing oppression and persecution, especially as a minority group.

The important theme in stories like Exodus, the Purim story, and the Hanukkah story, though are that small groups of brave individuals band together to triumph over adversity. If you are looking for age-appropriate versions of these stories, here are some options.

The Hanukkah Story for Kids Ages 5 and under

The Hanukkah Story for Kids Ages 6+

The Passover Story for Kids Ages 5 and under

The Passover Story for Kids Ages 6+

### Books About Overcoming Adversity

The characters in these stories face intolerance and discrimination but triumph nonetheless.

*Across the Alley* by Richard Michelson

*Baxter, The Pig Who Wanted to Be Kosher* by Laurel Snyder

*Jumping Jenny* by Ellen Bari

*The Legend of Freedom Hill* by Linda Jacobs Altman

*The Littlest Pair* by Sylvia Rouss

*The Mysterious Guests* by Eric A. Kimmel

*The Wise Shoemaker of Studena* by Syd Lieberman

The following PJ Our Way titles deal with anti-Semitism and discrimination head-on:

*The Time Tunnel 2: The Dreyfus Affair* by Galia Ron-Feder-Amit

*Penina Levine is a Hard Boiled Egg* by Rebecca O'Connell

*Quake!: Disaster in San Francisco, 1906* by Gail Langer Karwoski

*OyMG* by Amy Fellner Dominy

### Books About Standing Up For What Is Right

*A Time to Be Brave* by Joan Betty Stuchner

*Brave Girl* by Michelle Markel

*I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark* by Debbie Levy

*Jean Laffite: The Pirate Who Saved America* by Susan Goldman Rubin

*Like a Maccabee* by Barbara Bietz

*Queen Esther Saves Her People* by Rita Goldman Gelman

### Books About The Holocaust

While PJ Library does not send books about the Holocaust, we have compiled a list of high-quality children's books that address the subject in an age-appropriate fashion. View the list here. [Editor's Note: the books referenced here can be viewed online at the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County website]

As PJ Our Way is geared towards older children, ages 9-11, some of the selections do involve storylines and themes associated with the Holocaust.

For older children, ready for the material, we recommend the title, *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* by Judith Kerr.

You can learn more about individual titles on the PJ Our Parent's Blog.



This article and links described can be found on the Federation website. [www.JewishDutchess.org](http://www.JewishDutchess.org).

Read about PJ Library on pages 10 and 11. Or for more information, contact PJ Library Program Director, Melinda Margulies. (845) 471-9811.



# שנה טובה

## Shanah Tovah

Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday night, September 20

Yom Kippur begins, Friday night, September 29

### SHOFAR OVER THE HUDSON BICYCLE RIDE

The *Shofar Over the Hudson* bicycle ride will depart from the Dutchess Rail Trail entrance behind Gold's Gym on Titusville Rd at 10:00am on Sunday, September 17. The ride to Waryas Park is approximately eight miles and is expected to take approximately 45–60 minutes. If you would like to join the ride at any other entry point to the Dutchess Rail Trail, along the way, please feel free to do so.

Bicycle rental is available from Leisure Bike Rental, 266 Titusville Road, (845) 486-8125. They are located near the Gold's Gym entrance to the Dutchess Rail Trail.

For more information on the bike ride or to sign up, please call Steven Koch (845) 463-2330 or (845) 489-6500 or e-mail to saksteve@optonline.net.

## GIVING NEW MEANING TO HIGH HOLIDAYS

### Kosher Kush: The Orthodox approved pot brownies

By Amy Spiro 7/19/17 taken <http://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/Kosher-kush-The-Orthodox-approved-pot-brownie-500164>

California couple offers medical cannabis edibles, but Orthodox Union makes it clear that it draws the line at recreational use

It has been nearly two years since Shifra and Alex Klein began exploring medical cannabis to treat two of their children.

When they realized how much the drug had changed their lives for the better, they felt the need to share their knowledge and expertise with the wider community. So a few months ago they opened Mitzva Herbal in Los Angeles, which offers marijuana edibles, including brownies, cookies and candies, to those with a valid prescription. All of their products are certified kosher by the Orthodox Union, making them only the second-ever medical marijuana producers in the OU's ranks.

But unlike the first company, Vireo Health NY, which sells pills, vapors and oils, Mitzva Herbal offers appealing, low-dosage treats. It is also based in California, where, on January 1, 2018, recreational marijuana will become legal in the state.

But both the Kleins and the OU say their focus is entirely on medical usage of the plant.

"When we started doing research and saw how much it is helping [our kids] and others, we really wanted to explore that for other people that were not well in our community," Shifra told The Jerusalem Post in a recent interview.

After seeing what she called a "huge improvement" with her two children – a son with autism and a daughter with severe ADHD – she and her husband explored moving things to a bigger scale.

We're not shy with our kids and we're not ashamed of what we do," she said. "We're really proud to be able to give this service to the rest of the community. Hashem made this plant for us, and if we use it properly, we can take care of ourselves with it."

So in March they opened their collective, "which is different than a dispensary," said Shifra. "We can kind of pick and choose who's allowed in the collective."

*In Israel medical marijuana is legal, and recreational use was decriminalized—but not legalized—in March.*

This, she said, allows them to be sure that they only serve those who need the product for true medicinal needs.

"We're focusing on the medical side of it and we're not looking to get the community high," she said.

"If we see someone who just wants to make trouble, we're not into that. We just really want to be here as a service to the community."

And it is those intentions – in addition to the standard kosher inspections – that garnered them a stamp of approval from the OU.

"We have made it clear to all of our associates who are involved, all of our clients that are involved in cannabis, that [whatever] the laws in various states... our position hasn't changed," said Rabbi Moshe Elefant, chief operating officer of the OU's kosher division, in an interview on Tuesday.

That position was one the organization established when it bestowed certification on its first company, Vireo Health NY, in January 2016 – that it would certify medicinal cannabis products, but never recreational. That decision, said Elefant last year, came after months of deliberation and discussion within the OU if to certify anything at all.

"Any company that's involved in recreational marijuana is going to be a company that we're going to avoid working with," he said in October. Even when state laws allow recreational use, he said, the organization's position will not change, in the same way that cigarettes are legal, but would never have the OU stamp of approval.



A selection of kosher medical cannabis edibles by Shifra and Alex Klein

Elefant said this week that numerous companies operating legal recreational cannabis businesses have approached the OU and have all been turned down.

In just the past few years, the legality of cannabis in the United States has undergone a sea change. While it remains completely illegal in some states, the majority have allowed it for medicinal use, while eight states have legalized it entirely. It remains a federal crime, however, which leaves all of its usage in a somewhat gray area.

In Israel, medical marijuana is legal, and recreational use was decriminalized—but not legalized—in March. The Chief Rabbinate has never weighed in on the matter.

There is no rabbinic question that cannabis, in its pure leafy form, is kosher. Just like any plant, if its leaves are clean from bugs, consumption is allowed without any certification.

And smoking marijuana, as opposed to ingesting it, needs no halachic oversight.

The questions arise when the plant is instead ingested, whether in the form of pills or oils (which are in a rabbinic gray zone) or baked goods and candies (which many, though not all, would say need certification).

Many patients, especially children, simply can't or don't like inhaling smoke, and observant Jews don't smoke on Shabbat. And while many companies offer "kosher-friendly" edible cannabis products, there are very few with official certification.

Elefant said the OU has a number of other companies who have applied for certification and are currently undergoing the process, but have yet to complete it.

Shifra knew from the very beginning that she wanted to seek out the OU to provide Mitzva Herbal's certification.

"We know that the OU is the most recognized kashrus agency... and we wanted to make sure that our product was something that everyone felt comfortable with," she said.

Even with the backing of the prominent rabbinical

organization, she said they have faced some backlash within the community.

"It's people that are not educated on the subject, which is typical... especially in the Orthodox community," she said. "There are snide comments in shul or laughing about it – like these 'high jokes.' But we take it with a grain of salt."

Elefant said the OU gets its share of comments as well – some positive, but others questioning the decision.

"There were people anxious to understand why we did it, there were people anxious to tell us we did the right thing and there were people that they didn't agree with what we did," he said.

But as far as the organization is concerned, their position hasn't changed in close to two years: Medicinal cannabis is okay, recreational is not.

And when January 1 rolls around, what does Mitzva Herbal plan to do? First, they'll be getting all their paperwork and licensing in order for when things do change. Right now, Shifra said, they're operating "kind of in a gray area," as the laws are still being written.

"Since we're a medical-based company, right now you'll still need to have your prescription," she said. "We're not creating any products that are for recreational use right now."

Pressed about 2018 and onward, she said, "I don't know where it's going to go from there."

The Orthodox Union, of course, will keep watching, as it does with any company it certifies.

"We're not going to go to everybody's home to see whoever bought an OU cannabis product," said Elefant. "If one of our clients who are manufacturing cannabis products under OU certification were to change the direction of their business to include recreational cannabis, we would probably withdraw supervision."

And come January 1, "we certainly will be checking up, but I have to tell you, we won't need to check up," Elefant said. "We live in a world where everybody is doing the job of checking up for us... You can be sure if there's going to be any deviation in the production or in the intent of any product, especially something like cannabis, we won't even need to wait."

## Congregation Schomre Israel to Dedicate Eruv

On Sunday, September 10, at 2:00pm Congregation Schomre Israel will officially dedicate Poughkeepsie's Eruv.

The Eruv project has been in process for a few years. It has been fully functional since before Passover but will now have a formal dedication. The public is welcome to help us celebrate the erection of the Eruv. Local officials and members of the Davis Foundation who provided grants that enabled the Eruv to be constructed have been invited. Light refreshments will be served.

A few words of explanation about an Eruv. An Eruv alleviates restrictions on carrying objects outside of one's home on the Sabbath for those who are Shomer Shabbat or traditionally Sabbath observant. The laws of Sabbath observance contain both positive commandments (such as lighting Shabbat candles, making kiddush on wine) and negative commandments about things that are not done on the Sabbath. The negative commandments encompass the type of work called *melacha* in the Torah. *Melacha* is often understood to mean creative work, something through which you make a creative difference in your life or to the object which you are trying to affect. The Talmud states that any type of *melacha* which was utilized to construct the Tabernacle in the desert is a type of creative work that is forbidden on the Sabbath.

One of the least intuitive forms of "work" numerated in a Talmud is the *melacha* of carrying from a private domain to a public domain or vice-versa. This is derived from the fact that the Jews had to bring the items used in construction of the Tabernacle from their homes (a private domain) to the Levite camp in the desert where Moses lived.

The rabbis of the Talmud also discuss ways to alleviate this restriction on carrying on the Sabbath. They state that if an enclosure is created around a public area, and then all the inhabitants of the area share some item of food—such as a loaf of bread—with one another, then this is enough to convert the "public" domain to a "private" one, and thus, carrying from one's home to this surrogate private domain now becomes permitted. This is the essence of the principle of an Eruv. Using existent lines around a neighborhood

and then having all those in that community who will use the Eruv partners in a box of matzahs (it could be any food, but matzahs stay fresh the longest!), the area now becomes a *halachic* (Jewish legal) private domain for the sake of carrying on Shabbat.

For those people who are strictly Shomer Shabbat, the Eruv is a great benefit. Without it, it is not permitted to carry house keys and tallit or to push strollers and wheelchairs to the synagogue. The Eruv also gives families with small children and/or disabled persons the ability to get around more freely on Shabbat.

The Eruv in Poughkeepsie encloses a specific area by utilizing plastic attachments placed on utility poles that support existing wires. The utility companies and the city and town government have given their permission for this project.

The boundaries of the Eruv may be seen by going to [www.schomreIsrael.org](http://www.schomreIsrael.org) and clicking on "see Eruv map." If you select full screen, you can see the entire Eruv boundary at once.



Hal Warren, member of Schomre Israel, pointing out one of the attachments for the Eruv.

## Hanoch Teller to Speak at Schomre Israel

**Come for a Sunday morning breakfast at Congregation Schomre Israel and be treated to a speaker described by Dr. Oz as "the greatest and certainly, the most entertaining, storyteller."**

**Hanoch Teller** is a globe-trotting modern-day *maggid* (storyteller of yore) renowned as the King of the Storytellers and will be speaking on *Heroic Children*, his latest work. The book, which is being called the next *Anne Frank*, represents every stripe of young Jewish victim, from every corner of Europe and from every religious, national and socioeconomic background. What they all shared in common was an iron will to live – but not at all costs. Their determination to hold onto their dignity and principles makes these unforgettable stories a zenith of human achievement.

*Heroic Children* is a work of prodigious scholarship and spellbinding narrative and will be presented on Sunday, September 3 at 10:30am at Congregation Schomre Israel.

Rabbi Teller has lectured before audiences on five continents, in 40 American States and 24 countries, delivering a precious and inspiring message that is cherished for a lifetime.

His presentations – imbued with joy and drama, laughter and pathos — provide a one-of-a-kind experience for listeners young and old from all across the spectrum. The aptly-named, award winning storyteller and master teacher is also a prolific author, whose critically-acclaimed books (28, at last count) have sold over a quarter-of-a-million copies world-wide and are translated into five languages. He has also written and produced two popular documentaries: *Do You Believe in Miracles?* and *Reb Elimelech and the Chassidic Legacy of Brotherhood* that have been screened and televised the world-over. His wide array of audio lectures on spiritual giants, the lessons of the Holocaust and the birth of the modern city of Bene Brak and various other subjects, have been hailed as "audio and pedagogic classics."

For decades, Hanoch Teller has been a senior docent at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. His sweeping knowledge and sensitivity help to transform the infinite banality of horror into an intensely personal encounter that participants declare life-changing and unforgettable.

Born in Vienna and raised and educated in America, Hanoch Teller displayed his passion for scholarship early on, when he was the only high-school student in New England selected to serve on the Governors' Council of Education. He lives in Jerusalem with his wife, Aidel, and their children and grandchildren.

Come as a guest of the Congregation, enjoy the breakfast, and have an intellectual treat of this fascinating topic.

For reservations, email: [schomre1@aol.com](mailto:schomre1@aol.com) or call (845) 454-2890.



Hanoch Teller

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### Rosh Hashanah Dinner

12 Mini Stuffed Cabbage ~ Matzo Ball Soup

Choice of

Whole Roast Turkey (18 lb. avg.)  
Sliced Brisket of Beef/Brown Gravy

Choose Two

String Bean Almandine  
Broccoli Almandine  
Candied Sweet Potato  
Garlic Roasted Potato

Accompaniments

1 qt. Fresh Cut Cole Slaw ~ 1 qt. Carrot Tsimmes

Round Challah

Fresh Baked Rugalach

Price: 19.95 per person

(10 Person Minimum)

Fruit Salad Tray - Add 19.95

**Roasted Chicken Dinner Special**

With String Beans, Stuffing,

Mash Potato & Gravy

\$9.00 per person (6 Person Minimum)

### Yom Kippur Break the Fast Menu

Hand sliced Nova Scotia Salmon  
Large smoked Whitefish  
Smoked Sable Plate  
Herring in Cream Sauce  
White Fish Salad

### Smoked Fish Platters

Made with the finest Smoked  
Nova Scotia salmon and Whitefish Salad  
all thinly sliced and beautifully arranged  
12.00/per person

All of the above plus  
Whole Smoked Whitefish stuffed  
surrounded with Herring in cream sauce  
(includes bagels and cream cheese)  
18.00/per person  
(10 Person Minimum)

### Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Specialty Desserts

Fresh Baked Rugalach / Chocolate Chip Cookies / Apple Strudel

Tuna \* Egg Salad Platters \* Crudités (vegetable) Platter  
Tea Sandwich Platter \* Fresh Fruit Platter

Marinated Eggplant Salad  
Tabouille Salad \* Israeli Cucumber Salad  
Grilled Veggies \* Lentil Salad \* Cinnamon Apple Nut Salad

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**Bonnie Scheer to Be Honored at Selichot Program**

On September 16, the Saturday before Rosh Hashana, Vassar Temple will hold a Selichot program to help us all spiritually prepare for the coming High Holy Days. The evening's events will begin in the social hall at 7:30pm with a scrumptious dessert reception to honor long-time member Bonnie Scheer as she is presented the Rabbi Stephen A. Arnold Award in recognition of her contributions to the religious life of the temple. Bonnie's belief that people connect spiritually through music moved her to join the temple choir, and eventually to become Chairman of the Music Committee.

When you visit Vassar Temple you will immediately feel Bonnie's influence, as the services are inevitably filled with joyful song. Bonnie also worked for over two years to help develop Nachamu ("Comfort"), a key temple project that prepared materials to spiritually support the dying and their families, and to assist those who must difficult decisions in the context of those situations. Much of this material is available to all on the Temple website. Bonnie truly embodies the spirit of the Arnold Award, so please come out and honor her that evening.

Fittingly, the Arnold Award presentation will be followed by a program on the music and poetry of the High Holy Days, presented by Rabbi Berkowitz and cantorial student Laura Stein. Then the lovely ritual of havdalah will usher out the Sabbath, and at approximately 9:30pm the moving Selichot service (penitential prayers) will begin in the main sanctuary. We will be using the new prayer book for Selichot *Mishkan HaLev* (Sanctuary of the Heart). The unique approach of this prayer book does not focus on sin, judgement and despair, but upon compassion and forgiveness. Featured are a variety of meditations, songs, prayers and poetry, to help us move along the path of return. The lateness of the hour adds to the mood of quiet and introspection that is central to this observance. Please join us to honor Bonnie, and for the powerful and moving Selichot program and service to follow.



Best Wishes  
for a Happy & Healthy  
New Year!  
**Lorraine Patten, DDS,  
Louise Dewhirst, DDS,  
Michael S. Schwartz, DDS**

**Vassar Temple High Holy Day Services Open to Community**

Vassar Temple, a welcoming inclusive Reform congregation, opens all its High Holy Day services to the community at no charge.

However, since seating is limited, reservations will be taken on a "first come-first served" basis. Reservations for free babysitting during Rosh Hashana first day morning services, and Yom Kippur morning services, may also be made at that time. Let us know in advance if you need a large print prayer book or other special accommodations.

Donations from non-members who attend services are suggested, and they will be greatly appreciated in order to help defray expenses and support the work of the temple.

All services will be led by the Temple's Rabbi Leah R. Berkowitz, with cantorial selections by Laura Stein. The High Holy Day service schedule and further information about Vassar Temple is available at [www.vassar temple.org](http://www.vassar temple.org). Following light refreshments after the conclusion of Yom Kippur services September 30, a traditional homemade dairy break-the-fast meal, for which there is a nominal fee, will be held. Paid reservations from those wishing to attend the meal would be appreciated by September 23.

Come share our holy space for the purpose of prayer and community. Please consider making a donation in order to maintain our house of worship which is open to all.

**DETAILS**

Please call the temple office at (845) 454-2570 or email [office@vassar temple.org](mailto:office@vassar temple.org) to reserve your seats.



**Call for Entries: The Jewish Experience**

A Juried Exhibit of To-Dimensional Artwork inspired by Jewish Themes

**Contact:** Charlotte Tusch [wjc.arts@gmail.com](mailto:wjc.arts@gmail.com) (845) 679-4937

**Intake THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017, 11:00AM—3:00PM**  
**Gallery Lev Shalem,**  
**Woodstock Jewish Congregation**  
**1682 Glasco Turnpike, Woodstock, NY**

Each artist may submit up to *four* ready-to-hang original two-dimensional artworks in any medium, sized up to 40" on the longest side.

Works that interpret the show's theme, from figurative to abstract and anywhere in-between, are welcomed.

**Note that work must be properly wired for hanging and will be judged for both the quality of the work and its presentation.**

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Artists will be notified via email if your work has been accepted.

There will be a \$5 submission fee per image entered.

**Flowers for the Holidays**

Sisterhood of Congregation Schomre Israel will sell flower centerpieces from Hudson Valley Gardens and Florist for Rosh Hashanah for all who wish to beautify their holiday table or home for the New Year.

**DETAILS**  
Cost is \$25.

All orders must be placed before September 12. Pick up will be Wednesday, September 20 from 10:00-11:00am.

To order, call (845) 454-2890 or email schomre1@aol.com or fill out the form in the August edition of the synagogue bulletin, page 7 and mail or bring the form to the synagogue (www.schomreisrael.org).

**Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour**

Join with friends old and new for Happy Hour at Vassar Temple!

Everyone welcome – bring the kids!

We meet on the patio in front of the synagogue (weather permitting) or downstairs in the social hall and enjoy wine, beverages, delicious appetizers and small plates before services. Menus are themed and feature a variety of local restaurants and cuisines.

Mark your calendars and join the fun!

Invite friends and family to enjoy this relaxing social time and then participate in a beautiful Shabbat service filled with prayer and song.

**DETAILS**  
Upcoming Happy Hours for the fall will be held from 6:00-7:30pm on September 8, October 20, and November 17.

For further information please contact Andi Ciminello andi@ecopkny.com.



**JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625**

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

Come and relax with your comrades. Persons of the Jewish faith who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America and others of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate.

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

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, September 10, 9:30am. Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie.

Any questions about participation in our organization may be directed to Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer at oldsmobile9@hotmail.com.

**School Supplies for the Samuel F.B. Morse Elementary School**

Congregation Shir Chadash along with the Jewish Social Action Coalition has been providing substantial amounts of food, clothing and supplies to the neediest kids at the Samuel F.B. Morse Elementary School in Poughkeepsie.

As the school year begins, we are asking the community to donate school supplies for these children. Starting the new school term with the required items for class can set the tone for a successful year!

**DETAILS**  
If you can help, or would like more info, contact Sandy Lash or Robbie Schiff (845) 232-1029, info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org.

**BRING THE FAMILY TO SUNSET LAKE**

B.Y.O. breadcrumbs and join members of Vassar Temple in symbolically casting your sins upon the waters at a brief family-friendly taschlich ceremony. Held at the beautiful Sunset Lake on the grounds of Vassar College. There will be shelter in case of inclement weather and refreshments will be served.

**DETAILS**  
Thursday, September 21, 3:30pm, Sunset Lake on the grounds of Vassar College. For info call Vassar Temple at (845) 454-2570

**Summer Services are Special!**

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

**September 1:**  
David & Susan Hecht

**New Paths Morning Worship**

Join us at the New Paths Sabbath morning service 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. Participants may bring supplemental materials to share.

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

**DETAILS**  
Saturday, September 9, 10:00am. For info, contact Rabbi Leah Berkowitz: rabbi@vassar temple.org, email Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or call the temple office (845) 454-2570.

**Save the Date—Vassar Temple Gala**

As Vassar Temple enters its 18th decade, a gala event will be held on Veterans Day weekend to highlight the Temple's remarkable history of heroes among us who serve, or who have served, the temple, the community and the nation. The gala will feature hors d'oeuvres and dinner catered by Simply Gourmet, wine pairings, a silent auction, vocal performances by Laura Stein, a DJ and dancing.

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, November 12, 4:00-8:00pm, Poughkeepsie Tennis Club. More information and ticket sales will be in future editions of *The Voice*



**Tiny Temple Fun**

All children age infant to 5 and those raising them: Embark on a sweet New Year by exploring the High Holidays Days through crafts, song, and other fun activities at the free Tiny Temple program to be held at Vassar Temple.

The setting is inclusive, relaxed and friendly, and healthy holiday themed snacks will be served. Tiny Temple also provides adults an opportunity to meet others raising young Jewish children, is open to all regardless of Temple affiliation and is always free of charge.

To assist in our planning, please RSVP Laura Brundage tinytemple@vassar temple.org.

Laura will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about this wonderful free program centering around Jewish holidays, and to put you on the Tiny Temple e-mail list. The Tiny Temple program is sponsored by the Sisterhood. Vassar Temple is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism

**DETAILS**  
Sunday, September 17, 11:00am-12:00pm.  
RSVP to tinytemple@vassar temple.org or for more information is available at www.vassar temple.org.



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

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

*\* Free Admission to our afternoon services, including Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Family Services and Yom Kippur Memorial / Concluding Service*

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# 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  
**Congregation Schomre Israel K4 Meeting** (Koffee, Kibitz, kvetch klub) 9:30am, conversation and discussion about the High Holidays

## Monday

**Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga** with Toni Farkas, 11:30am. \$5 per session, all welcome.  
**Temple Beth-El Board Meeting** September 11, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

## Tuesday

**Yiddish is back!** 11:00am—12:00pm, at the JCC. Check us out. Groove on the sweet sounds of bubba and zaida, alefsholem! Become one of our small group of alter cockers who, although we really can hardly still speak our zisse mameloschen, rejoice in trying to recreate wonderful olden times of blessed memory. And it's free! For info call Don Poretz (845) 471-9529 or June Seidan (845) 471-5492, Zei gezunt.

## Wednesday

**Learn & Lunch Bunch** every Wednesday, 11:00am-1:30pm. 118 So Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie. Info, menu and program schedule see page 2 of *The Voice* or contact (845) 471-9811.

## Thursday

## Friday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service** September 8, 15, 22, 7:30pm. Service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Followed by community Oneg, all welcome.

**Vassar Temple Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour** September 8, 6:00pm. September 1—Lay led service

**Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service** September 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:30pm. September 1—Lay led service.

**Temple Beth-El Evening Service** every week at 7:30pm, evening conservative, egalitarian Shabbat Service all welcome.

**Temple Beth El Shabbat Family Program** October 6, 5:00pm. We invite families with children ages 0-7 along with grandparents and siblings to join Rabbi Daniel Victor and Rabbi Miriam Hyman for a Shabbat dinner, a musical program, story and special treat. Dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 2-12, maximum \$36 per family. Please RSVP in advance so we can prepare food, (845) 454-0570.

## Saturday

**Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat Program Religious School** September 9, 23, 9:00am-10:30am, Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays, and history. New parents are encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation

Contact (845) 232-1029, email info2shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Torah Study** September 9, 23, 9:15am-10:30am. While enjoying a light breakfast engage in an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish, everyone has a chance to participate. No expertise or knowledge of Hebrew is needed. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program** September 9, 23, 9:00am-10:30am. Children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult learn through doing crafts, food and games. Free and open to all families.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service** September 9, 23, 10:45am-11:30am. Led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. Bagels, coffee, etc. prior to service. All welcome to attend.

**Congregation Shir Chadash & Temple Beth El** September 16, 8:00pm. Congregation Shir Chadash and Temple Beth-EL will be holding a joint service where members of both congregations will preform a play titled, "The Gates are Closing" by Merle Feld. This will be followed with a Selichot service. All welcome.

**Congregation Shir Chadash Religious Registration** September 9, 9:00am-10:30am. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to register for religious school. Staff will be available to help fill out forms & answer questions. New parent are encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation. Children learn about Jewish culture, holidays and history while having fun and making friends. Come early, 8:45am, and have breakfast on us! All welcome.

**Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Worship** September 9, 10:00am.

**Temple Beth-Shabbat Morning Service** every week, 9:30am, Lively, inclusive,

**Temple Beth-El Kid-dish** September 9, 11:30am, KID-dish starts with a story or game, followed by a delicious snack for our children. Children up to age 12 welcome with parents or grandparents. This program takes place every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month

# Out of Area

## Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley Events

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

**Kabbalat Shabbat evening service** every Friday, 6:30pm, with a light Oneg before at 6:00pm

**Musical Kabbalat Shabbat** is the third Friday of the month. Musical Shabbat is the way Shabbat "ought to feel." Be prepared to be lifted out of your seat as our fabulous community of musicians brings extraordinary talent, passion and soul to accompany our Sabbath prayers.

**Shabbat Service with Zemer** is the fourth Friday of the month.

**Tot Shabbat** resumes in September, 9:00am, A wonderful way to introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Romer and her guitar.

**Saturday Morning Service** 10:00am, September – June. Join our community for uplifting and inspiring Saturday morning communal prayer, meditation and Torah study.

**Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi** Call (845) 338-4271(x101) for class dates/time: Hebrew Trope, Torah Study, Introduction to Judaism, Beginner and Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew, Meditation and Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah and Private Conversion Tutorials.

**Lunch with Rabbi Romer & Guests** Tuesday, September 5, 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for a lunch with discussion. This month's topic: Can Thorium Reactors Save the World? Presented by David Rolfe.

**Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study** resumes in September Tuesday morning through June, Meditation, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, September-June Led by Rabbi Yael Romer. Welcome your day with a morning ritual that prepares you to receive the day's blessings.

**Rosh Chodesh** Third Tuesday, 7:00-9:00pm, October-June, a women's gathering exploring our female voices in Jewish traditions. Please reserve your space (845) 338-4271.

**Religious School** September through May, Saturday's 9:30am-12:30pm, Enrollment is ongoing. The school day includes a youth led service with prayer, song & dance. Religious education at Temple Emanuel works in partnership with the home to foster a commitment to Judaism and Israel. Contact our Religious School Director Samara Green (845) 338-4271 ext. 110 for more information. Also offering a Pre-K class from 9:30am-11:00am.

# Calendar

## September

### Regular Schedule of Services

#### Beacon Hebrew Alliance

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

#### Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

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

#### Congregation Beth David

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

#### Congregation Schomre Israel

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

#### Congregation Shir Chadash

Interim: Freedom Plains Pres. Church • Lagrange • (845) 232-1029  
 Email: info@shir-chadash.org  
 Website: www.shir-chadash.org  
 Reform: Rabbi Daniel Polish  
 Cantor Gail Hirschenfang  
 Fridays—Shabbat Services at 7:30 pm, Bi-monthly on Saturdays; Children's Religious School at 9:00am; Torah Study at 9:15am.

#### The Rhinebeck Jewish Center

102 Montgomery St • Rhinebeck • (845) 876-7666  
 Email: RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com  
 Website: RhinebeckJewishCenter.com  
 Rabbi Hanoch Hecht & Rebbitzin Tzivie Hecht  
 Friday Services—Please call for time; Saturday Services—9:30

#### Temple Beth El

118 So. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie • (845) 454-0570  
 Email: info@tbeny.org  
 Website: www.tbeny.org  
 Conservative: Rabbi Daniel Victor  
 Rosh Tefilah: Rabbi Miriam Hyman  
 Friday evening—7:30pm,  
 Saturday Shabbat service at 9:30 am,  
 Weekdays—7:30am daily.

#### Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 451-3920  
 Rabbi  
 Email:  
 Friday-6:00 pm service, 7:00 pm dinner, when school is in session

#### Vassar Temple (Reform)

140 Hooker Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 454-2570  
 Website: www.vassartemple.org  
 Reform: Rabbi Leah Berkowitz  
 Education Director Julie Makowski  
 Email: office@vassartemple.org or rabbi@vassartemple.org  
 Friday night service at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Torah study Saturday at 9:00am. New Paths Services on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00am. Unless otherwise noted.

## September Candle Lighting

- September 1 ..... 7:10pm
- September 8 ..... 6:59pm
- September 15 ..... 6:46pm
- Rosh Hashanah
- September 20 ..... 6:38pm
- September 21 ..... 7:35pm
- September 22 ..... 6:34pm
- Yom Kippur
- September 29 ..... 6:22pm

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Ritual and Education Director:  
Rabbi Miriam Hyman

Highlights Include:

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Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am  
Waryas Park, Children’s Museum Pavilion

Join Reb Victor, Rabbi Miriam, and  
our Education team at this community event



Guest High Holiday Clergy:  
Rabbi Malkah Binah Klein  
Dynamic educator and  
innovative spiritual director.



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- Community Selichot program: “The Gates Are Closing”, Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm
- Traditional & innovative High Holiday offerings with Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Guest High Holiday Clergy: Rabbi Malkah Binah Klein, and many community volunteers.