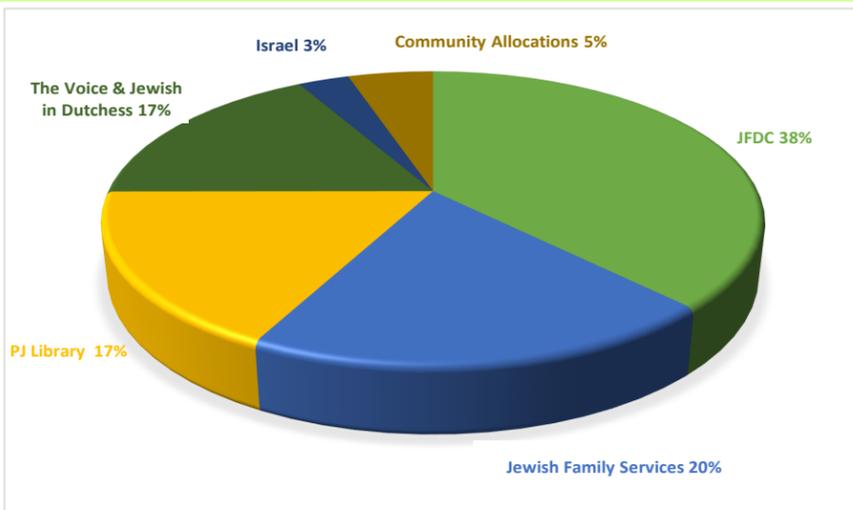


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Bright Nights Winter Coat Drive Fills a Need

According to the latest data, the poverty rate in Poughkeepsie is 33.8% and, for children who attend the Morse Elementary School, the rate is over 80%. (Poverty is defined as a family of four with an annual income below \$24,250.)

These staggering statistics led Liza Goldstone, a member of Temple Beth-El and a senior at Rhinebeck High School, to spearhead Temple Beth-El's Bright Nights winter coat drive for the fourth consecutive year. The coat drive culminated in a weekend of deliveries to homeless shelters and to the Morse school. From December 9-11, a team of more than 50 volunteers distributed coats, winter clothing, toiletries and bag lunches to those in need. Volunteers from Temple Beth-El, Shir Chadash, USY, Geshet, Vassar College, Rhinebeck High School and Spackenkill High School all pulled together to ensure that residents of Poughkeepsie would have the winter clothing needed this year.

On December 11, just in time to beat the impending snow, dozens of volunteers piled winter clothes into the backs of their cars and drove to the Family Partnership Center in Poughkeepsie. Homeless Poughkeepsie residents gathered around as the cars sat with their trunks open and displayed coats, hats, scarves, gloves, boots, sweaters and pants. The clothing, bags

of toiletries and lunches were enthusiastically received by the men, women and children who needed them. Volunteers made a second stop at the family shelter run by Hudson River Lodging, where residents came to find winter coats for themselves and their children.

Two days earlier, Bright Nights volunteers distributed coats and winter items to children at the Morse School. Before catching the bus home, children filed into a classroom and eagerly searched through tables piled high with coats and winter clothes. Beautiful hand-knit scarves and hats disappeared quickly as the children matched the color of their newly acquired coats to these accessories. The following week, Bright Nights donated blankets, coats and sweaters to people served by the Salvation Army's adult rehabilitation center in Poughkeepsie.

In a message to all the volunteers who helped with Bright Nights this year, Goldstone says, "I'm so grateful to have such amazing people right here in my Dutchess County community. Whether you helped on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or all of the above, please know that your dedication to Bright Nights means the world to me, and to the families you helped. The children at the Morse Elementary School had huge smiles on their faces when they walked

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Tiny Temple Hamantaschen Bake

Calling all tots! Let's make yummy hamantaschen in anticipation of the joyous holiday of Purim, at this month's Tiny Temple program. Children ages infant to 5 and those raising them are warmly invited to join in the fun.

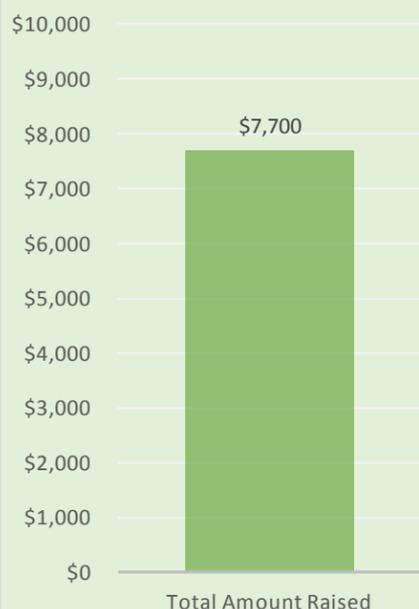
Tiny Temple is open to all regardless of temple affiliation, is always free of charge, and is sponsored by the Vassar Temple Sisterhood.

RSVP to Laura Brundage at tinytemple@vassartemple.org Sunday, February 12. 11am-noon (Snow date February 26.)
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- February 8** Balance and fall prevention, with Jean Campbell. We will learn about how to prevent falls from a member of the Mid Hudson Regional Hospital.
 Menu: bagels, schmear, dessert, coffee, tea
- February 15** Valentines Are with Frana Baruch. Fun Valentines magnet art project
 Menu: pasta fiesta, baked ziti, mac & cheese, dessert, coffee/tea
- February 22** *The Dressmaker's Secret* with Sarah Levine, Simon and Mihai Grunfeld. Sarah and Mihai will be discussing their collaboration on *The Dressmaker's Secret*, a play, opening February 7, at 59 E 59th St Theatre.
 Menu: veggie burgers, fries, dessert, coffee/tea

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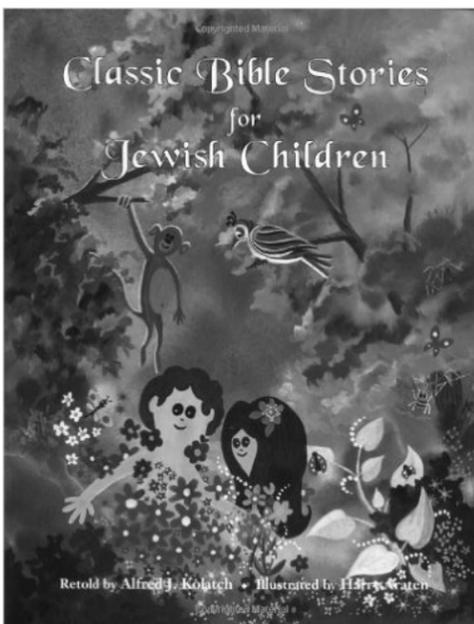
Book & Gift Shops

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

The Temple Beth-El Judaica Book and Gift Shops have all that you need for Shabbat, Tu B'Shevat and Purim: stories, recordings, a variety of Jewish cookbooks, Judaica jewelry, Safed Shabbat candles, Havdalah candles and host/hostess gifts. Plan now for birthdays, anniversaries, B'nai Mitzvot, and other special occasions.

The Shops will be closed each Sunday in February. Hours will be by appointment until Sunday hours resume in March.

The Bookshop is featuring *Sammy Spider's first Tu B'Shevat* by Sylvia A. Rouss illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn for ages 3-8. "...a charming celebration of the seasons, and a warm introduction to the holiday celebrating the birthday of the trees. Young readers will delight." American Association Booklist.



Also featured is *Classic Bible Stories for Jewish Children* by Rabbi Alfred J. Kolatch with illustrations by Harry Araten. Here are twenty-four of the most memorable Old Testament stories which have been rewritten in easy-to-read language that will be appreciated by children seven years of age and older.

To order the following Jewish bookbooks, please contact Geri Bromberg. *The Vegetarian Shabbat Cookbook: Over 150 Delicious Vegan Recipes for Shabbat* by Roberta Kalechofsky and Roberta Schiff, local cookbook author and Dutchess County resident. This book combines the great holiday of Shabbat with recipes that have no animal products and are adapted to the tradition of cooking early on Friday---or the day before---with food that can be used for lunch the next day. There are suggestions for summer/spring outdoor Shabbat dinners, or outdoor Saturday lunch spreads, recipes for a large crowd Shabbat dinner--or dinner for two or four. Roberta Schiff recently presented a program at the "Learn and Lunch" Jewish Federation of Dutchess County event that was held at Temple Beth-El. Jeff Cohan of Jewish Veg also spoke. Some favorite recipes for this cookbook are Stuffed Cabbage with Squash, Dijon Onion Soup and Polenta Tart. Roberta Kalechofsky also co-authored *The Jewish Vegetarian Year Cookbook* which is joyous, practical, highly acclaimed. It combines Jewish tradition with 170 delicious recipes for the Jewish holidays. Recipes are animal free. Includes menus for the holidays, life cycle events and notes on the holidays and Tu B'Shevat Haggadah.



DETAILS

For more information call the temple office (845) 454-0570 and leave a message for Geri Bromberg for books and recordings or for Sheri Rafften for year-round ceremonies. Temple Beth-El is located at 118 South Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie.

Adult Education

Educational Opportunities Abound at Schomre Israel

Know Your Book Tues, 10:30am. With Rabbi Langer, we will study the Book of Esther.

Classes with Rabbi Langer Thur, 7:00pm. Presentation and discussion on aspects of the weekly Torah. Feb 2: Exodus-The Moral Problem; Feb 9: Tu B'Shevat; Feb 16: Idolatry; Feb 23: Of Men and Money; March 2: Arch of Titus

Classes are free. All are welcome. For info on weather cancellations and class schedules visit www.schomreisrael.org or call (845) 454-2890.

Weekly Adult Study Groups at Vassar Temple

Torah Study, Sat, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, at 9:00am, led by Rabbi Leah Berkowitz. Examine passages from the weekly Torah portion or Haftarah.

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from Ancient Texts, Tues, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, at 12:00pm, Senior Scholar, Rabbi Paul Golomb

All welcome. No previous training required. No charge to attend. Questions Rabbi@vassartemple.org (845) 454-2570.

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

Sunday Hebrew for Adults Class, Ongoing Sat in Feb, at 9:30am. Learn to read and speak Hebrew with Naomi Kamlot. RSVP to educationassist@tbeny.org or call (845) 454-0570.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Classes, Wed, 7:00pm. Learn the skills to have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Call (845) 454-0570 for more information.

Sacred Texts Speaking to Issues of the Day with Rabbi Daniel Victor, Tues, 12:30pm, The Crafted Kup, Raymond Ave. Join Rabbi Daniel Victor for study. Email rebvictor@tbeny.org for more information.

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

Chabad Center Classes

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

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Congregation Shir-Chadash

Saturday Torah Study, Feb, 4, 11, at 9:15am. While enjoying a light breakfast engage in an informal discussion about the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Polish, everyone has a chance to participate. No expertise or knowledge of Hebrew is needed. Just an inquisitive mind, a curiosity about our tradition and a willingness to share your thoughts. All welcome to attend.

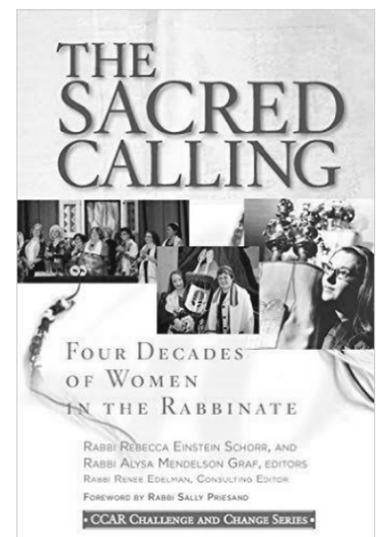
For more information call (845) 232-1029, email info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org.

Local Women of the Rabbinate Featured in Discussion February 5

After 40 years of women in the rabbinate, women rabbis have become part of the fabric of Jewish life in America. The reality of women in the rabbinate has impacted on all aspects of Jewish life, including congregational culture, liturgical development, life cycle ritual, the Jewish healing movement, spirituality, theology and more. In the recent publication *The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate*, rabbis and scholars from across the spectrum of the Jewish world reflect on the historic significance of women in the rabbinate and explore issues related to both the professional and personal lives of women rabbis. Adriance Library is hosting a conversation on these topics featuring three local women rabbis, each from a different faith community and a different denomination: Rabbi Leah Berkowitz of Vassar Temple, who also contributed to the publication (Reform), Rabbi Miriam Hyman of Temple Beth El (Conservative), and Rabbi Rena Blumenthal (Reconstructionist), a free lance rabbi residing in New Paltz. The discussion will be led by Rabbi Alysa Mendelson, co-editor of this anthology.

DETAILS

Sun, Feb 5, 2:30-4pm, Adriance Library, Poughkeepsie, C harwat Meeting Room (Ground Floor)



Book Club to Discuss *The Boston Girl* on February 15

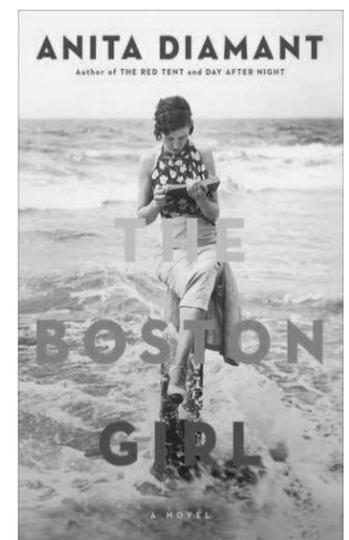
Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant, author of *The Red Tent* and *Day After Night*. The story, told through the eyes of a young Jewish woman growing up in Boston in the early twentieth century, tells of family ties and values, friendship, and feminism.

Addie Baum is the Boston Girl born in 1900 to immigrant parents who are unprepared for and suspicious of America and its effect on their three daughters. An eighty-five year old Addie is asked by her granddaughter what her life was like growing up and how she became the woman she is. Addie begins her story in 1915, the year she found her voice, and made friends who would help to shape the course of her life. From the one room tenement apartment she shared with her parents and sisters, to the library group for girls she joins at a neighborhood settlement house, to her first disastrous love affair, Addie recalls her experiences.

The Boston Girl is available in paperback and through the local library system. Sondra Chertok will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at 473-7931 or linda.babas.41@gmail.com. As always, your book suggestions are always welcome.

DETAILS

Wed, Feb 15, 2:00pm, Community Room, Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie.



Rosh Chodesh Reading Group Presented By Congregation Shir Chadash

Those interested in reading have been invited to a potluck brunch and discussion held every month. Participants meet to discuss memoirs, fiction, poetry and drama in a variety of works that offer Jewish themes and a variety of perspectives of interest. Have a topic suggestion, please let us know! For more info, please contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, email: info@shir-chadash.org or at our website: www.shir-chadash.org.

Debbie's VOICE



In addition to celebrating Ground Hogs Day (which, sorry Punxsutawney Phil, I just don't get it) and President's Day, the month of February hosts one of my favorite holidays, Valentine's Day. I know it's corny. I know it's not a 'real' holiday. I know that heart-shaped chocolate is the same chocolate that was square shaped last week. I know florists inflate their prices by a gazillion percent but I can't help it - I love Valentine's day. Growing up, Valentine's Day was always a big deal in my house because my parents (who will celebrate their 49th anniversary this summer) got engaged on Valentine's Day. They still exchange Valentines every year, occasionally giving each other the same card. Nineteen years ago, my husband continued the tradition when he proposed.

Oprah's got a list of favorite things, Letterman had a top 10, so I'm going to share some of the things I love. **FULL DISCLAIMER:** This list is not in any numerical order or ranking! I am also not going to say how much I love my family, because I do, but that's not exactly interesting reading (although given some of the headlines recently, maybe it is!?!).

Here it goes...

- I love that first mug of tea in the morning before my kids go to school. I really love chocolate peppermint tea and it just makes those early, why does the bus have to come so early mornings, just so much better.
- I love those few minutes of utter calm after my oldest has left for school but my youngest is still sleeping, and my husband has yet to come downstairs searching for his keys.
- I love snow days. Actually, I should clarify...I love snow day - the first one is always fantastic but by the third one, I start to seriously question why happy hour starts so late.
- I love Starbucks. Seriously, you know you've got a problem when Colby, at 2, could order my latte from his stroller.
- I love flowers. Ironically, I am not a fan of being outside in nature. In fact, my idea of nature is walking through the health food store.
- I love flipflops. That thwacking sound they make when you take a step, makes me think of summer, which I also love.
- I love yoga pants. Best Invention Ever. Well maybe a tie with a decaf soy peppermint mocha latte.
- I love to laugh. Whether it's something funny I've read, heard, or witnessed, laughter makes everything better. Over the years, I've learned it's impossible to be anxious when you're laughing.

These are just a few of the things I love. I hope you've enjoyed reading through them and maybe you'll be inspired to create a list of your own. I was having a difficult day when I started writing this article, but there's nothing to raise the spirits more than to start realizing how many things there are to love. In a world filled with so much hate, it's nice to fill it with a little love.



Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

This month we offer a Jewish millennial's views on becoming a Jewish professional. Although the article was written a few years ago, Ms. Cort's observations are still relevant today.

A Millennial Speaks, by Rachel Cort

February 2015, reprinted from eJewish Philanthropy

I'm not your typical Jewish professional. I didn't go to Jewish day school, or Jewish summer camp or youth group. While I have two Jewish parents, I celebrated Christmas every year with my extended, non-Jewish family until I was twelve. My Jewish education stopped after my Bat Mitzvah. In college, I didn't seek out Jewish life on campus, dropping in for High Holiday services but largely avoiding the Hillel building. I didn't visit - or ever even really think about - Israel until I was 25 years old. I didn't start working full-time as a Jewish professional until I was 27, and this field certainly wasn't part of my imagined career path as I left college.

What I am is your typical Jewish Millennial. While this makes me an outlier among my professional peers in Jewish communal service, I have been very careful to preserve what I consider my "outsider" Millennial perspective. I believe the key to serving young adults lies in deeply understanding their experiences, habits and needs - and not just by reading the Pew study, which only confirmed what many people working closely with young adults have known for years: the American Jewish community of today is undergoing profound change. Jewish institutions are in decline. Millennials have multiple, overlapping identities and a different approach to Jewish identity than their parents or grandparents.

I've been very fortunate to have participated in many programs and initiatives for young Jewish professionals. So it is with great respect, and not a little trepidation, that I write to point out what I view as the biggest unspoken challenge facing Jewish organizations today: the people who are most likely to go into Jewish communal service are those who are the recipients of a rich Jewish education or a series of meaningful Jewish experiences (such as camp, youth group or Hillel - frequently all three). They are outliers, and unrepresentative of the vast majority of American Jews. Such individuals are often unable to mount a meaningful critique of institutional Judaism, or to grasp the substantial gap between their Jewish experiences and others', or even to realize the extent to which they are outliers. They often start from the assumption that participation in Jewish life or Israel is inherently meaningful; an assumption that many of the Millennials they are attempting to engage with do not share. For many Jewish professionals, meaningful involvement in Jewish life and facility with Jewish ritual is a norm they have grown up with, which is certainly not the case for many who are the target of engagement efforts.

Let me be clear - plenty of people who went to day school or camp don't become Jewish professionals. Some even drop out of Jewish life, despite the consensus in our field that camp and day school "work." The people who ultimately become Jewish professionals are the ones that loved their formative experiences in Jewish life so much that they decided to make a career of it. And therein lies the problem: I often feel as if many of my professional peers, especially those charged with engagement work, are trying to replicate their own meaningful Jewish experiences for an audience that does not share their assumptions and norms. Day school, camp and Hillel-type experiences, while working well for a slender segment, will not work (and have not worked) for the vast majority of young Jewish adults.

I believe that many Jewish professionals are simply unable to reform a system of which they are a successful result, a system that personally worked for them to deliver value, meaning and community. And in a time where reform is desperately needed, this is a significant roadblock. Our professional field is more insular, more homogenous and more conservative than the population it purports to serve. The continued and widespread exclusion of women from positions of leadership in institutional Jewish life is a major indicator of this. Anecdotally, I cannot tell you how many times I have felt alienated by or at odds with a room full of my professional peers, who often seem like an extension of the Hillel clubhouse that I so assiduously avoided in college. How can such a professional field be charged with creating new Jewish experiences to meet the profoundly shifting needs of a generation on the brink of maturity and leadership? It may seem that Jewish life in America is in crisis, but such crisis represents an imperative to rethink the systems and institutions that have served (some of) us so well up to this point. I fear that those most likely to go into this field are not yet up to the task.

The Pew Study told us that Millennials feel generally positive about their Jewish identities, which is a good start. Millennials also seek to derive meaning from their personal choices. Thus, Jewish life needs to be able to compete in the marketplace of ideas, which is ever more saturated with different ways of making meaning. Jewish life must continue evolving in order to allow for Millennials to both engage with and express their Jewish identities. And this all means that sometimes, Jewish professionals have to check their institutional baggage at the door to actually adapt a Millennial mindset, not just read about it.

As a formerly unengaged Millennial who was inspired to build Jewish experiences for people like me, I'm writing not simply to offer criticism but also to share insights. I'm writing to turn a series of formative-though-accidental experiences that happened along my "Jewish journey" (as we say in the field) into a program intended to revitalize the

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Rabbi's Blog

Some Thoughts about Abraham Lincoln

By Rabbi Daniel F. Polish

We have just finished with the inauguration of our 49th president. As we move forward into the month of February, it is a good time to celebrate the legacy of an earlier Republican president, the 16th: Abraham Lincoln.

First, as Jews we can note some significant Jewish connections in his life. Did you know that his family came from Lincoln England, where the particular form of Christianity practiced was particularly well-disposed toward Jews? Apparently from the time he moved to Springfield, Illinois, he knew quite a few Jews which is certainly very different from the preconceptions we carry around -- including the campaign manager for his nomination to the presidency in 1860.



Rabbi Daniel Polish

He was the first president to appoint a Jew to the military chaplaincy. Until 1862, the law allowed only ordained Christian clergy to serve as chaplains. And in that same year, when General Grant issued his infamous Order #11, expelling all Jews from the territories controlled by his armies, Lincoln signed an order repealing it. Lincoln loved the Bible, quoted it often, and spoke in a Biblical idiom -folks in 1863 actually did not say four score and seven. Soon before his death he confided to his wife that his great dream for himself after he was done with the presidency was to visit Jerusalem.

When I was growing up in Chicago, all politics were controlled by what was called "the machine," and every ethnic group had its designated representative in it. The Jewish power broker in the machine was a man named Abraham Lincoln Marovitz. Marovitz claimed that his mother gave him that name because she thought that Lincoln was actually a Jew. She said well, first of all his name was Abraham; and he freed the slaves; and he was shot.... in the temple. So we could take our cue from Mrs. Marovitz.

The rabbis used to say *k'shmo ken hu* -- a person is what their name says they are. So we might ask what does Abraham Lincoln share with Avraham Avinu/our father Abraham? Both had an unexpected toughness.

Did you know that Avraham Avinu actually led his retainers in battle against five marauding kings? And Lincoln turned out to be a remarkably adept military strategist and leader. Both had a certain innate shrewdness.

Look at Lincoln's construction of his cabinet and Avraham Avinu's handling of the local powers that be when he wanted to purchase a cave to bury his wife. Both were men of resolute courage willing to do the unpalatable thing that was thrust on them. We remember how Avraham Avinu just said yes when he was commanded to sacrifice his son. Lincoln also offered up thousands of sons and grieved. He prosecuted a war that was thrust on him that he had hoped to avoid. And, perhaps most importantly, both had a core of empathy and compassion. We read about Avraham Avinu sitting in the door of his tent looking out for wanderers in the desert to invite in and shower with hospitality. And we learn of Abraham Lincoln sending thousands of Confederate prisoners home, pardoning countless Union deserters.

But the great question for all of us is not how do we assess Lincoln but what can we learn from him? He embodies some profound values we could do well to reflect on as we see a new president move into the house that Lincoln called home. Lincoln embodied a broad love of humanity. He actually said, "God must love the common people; he made so many of them." Most movingly he displayed a remarkable magnanimity. We all remember the words of his second inaugural address. Speaking of the just defeated enemy he began, "With malice toward none, with charity for all..."

He was guided by a hatred of oppression of any kind. He said, "Even as I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master." You can hear the almost Biblical balance in those words -- or as he put it in a more humorous vein, "Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally." There is much we can still learn from his definition of slavery which sounds to me an awful lot like a description of any form of economic inequality: "It is the same spirit that says, 'You work and toil and earn bread, and I'll eat it.'"

To his hatred of oppression of any kind we can add the quality of a refusal to be defined by hatreds. We have already noted his freeing of captured Confederate soldiers. Did you know that his grandfather had been killed by Indians? And yet in 1862 when over 300 Sioux were sentenced to death as a result of the great Sioux uprising in Minnesota, Lincoln commuted the sentences of many of them. Or on the evening when the war was finally over a crowd descended on Lincoln's office asking him to speak. He told them he had nothing to say and then said, "Let the band play Dixie." Let us reflect on how profoundly great he was. Here he had just endured this awful, bloody, war and at the end of it he says, "Let the band play Dixie."

But above all... Lincoln grew -- as we can pray all presidents grow. He did not start his political life as an abolitionist. In fact, he had the same attitudes on race as most people of his time. He did not believe that blacks were equal to whites. He said he could not imagine them living at peace with each other. His first idea was to repatriate any freed slaves to Africa. In the beginning of the Civil War, his goal was to hold the Union together at all costs. And then he fought to re-unite it. But slowly he came to see that the fight was about freeing the slaves. He grew to see black people as human beings. He even formed a true friendship with Frederick Douglas who became the first black man to be welcomed as a guest in the White House. Lincoln even invited him to the reception after his second inauguration. He grew. He started out big. He became bigger Maybe for all of the qualities we could emulate in him that ability to grow, to become more than we are, is one that each of us might aspire to. So on this day the 208th anniversary of his birth, let us all "highly resolve" to find the best parts of Lincoln.... in ourselves.

Tu B'Shevat Schedule

Shir-Chadash Celebrates, February 10 and 11



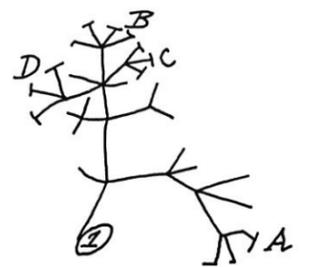
Congregation Shir Chadash will celebrate Tu B'Shevat with two special events. On Friday, February 10 at 7:30pm, Ed Ginsberg will give an informative presentation about our fragile planet based on what he learned on his trip to Greenland last summer. This will be followed on Saturday, February 11 at 10:45am, with a Tu B'Shevat special service and seder featuring the crops of Israel. The seder will be led by Rabbi Daniel Polish along with a beautifully illustrated companion booklet. A vegan lunch will also be served, provided by Robbie Schiff in honor of her late father. For more information or to RSVP, please call (845) 232-1029, email info@shir-chadash.org or check out our website at www.shir-chadash.org.

Shabbat Shira at Schomre Israel, February 11

On Saturday, February 11, there will be a special kiddush featuring a variety of fruit following Sabbath services in honor of the holiday of Tu B'Shevat. Rabbi Langer will also give a *drasha* on living 'green' in Jewish law. All are invited to join us for our regularly scheduled Sabbath service.

Vassar Temple Speaker, Service and Seder, February 11

The holiday Tu B'Shevat has become not only a time to plant trees in Israel, but also a time for us all to celebrate nature and the environment. And Vassar Temple has some special activities designed for you to do just that on Sat, Feb 11. After a 9:00am torah study with Rabbi Berkowitz, a complete shabbat morning torah service will begin at 10:00am. Special guest speaker, Mark Schlessman, professor of biology at Vassar College and chairman of the board of directors of the Poughkeepsie Farm Project. As an evolutionary biologist, one of the first things he noticed about Tu B'Shevat is that this year it falls very close to Charles Darwin's birthday (February 9, 1809). Ever since Darwin's earliest writings on the subject, biologists have used tree-like diagrams and "tree thinking" to explain evolution. Dr. Schlessman will introduce us to Tree Thinking by offering some reflections on the evolution of trees, and by offering some reflections on trees as metaphors for evolution. After the service, enjoy a TuB'Shevat seder featuring fruits and beverages symbolic of the holiday, and a free light kiddush lunch. To request further information or RSVP for the seder lunch, please contact David Hecht at vtritchair@gmail.com or (845)-518-8523



Temple Beth-El Celebrates, February 11

On Saturday, February 11, at 9:30am, we celebrate Tu B'Shevat during Shabbat services and during the Kiddush lunch. Special holiday programs for children will also take place.

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field of Jewish communal service. I would also like to note that the future of Jewish life doesn't belong to professionals alone, but also to inspired and dedicated volunteer leadership. This program has potential applications for volunteer leaders as well.

Over the past two years I have been earning my Master's in Jewish Professional Studies from the Spertus Institute while also working for an entrepreneurial campus Jewish organization that combines the tenets of design and disruptive innovation with Jewish text, thought, philosophy and ritual. These experiences, along with others, have shaped the thesis I wrote for my Master's program, which seeks to recommend new competencies for Jewish professionals working with Millennials. Over the next few weeks, I hope to share these competencies (disruptive innovation, design thinking, improvisation and collaborative group work, relationship-based engagement and network theory, traditionally radical Talmud study) with the readers of *eJewish Philanthropy*. Right now, I have the good fortune to serve the demographic to which I belong and which I greatly resemble. I realize that those I serve won't always be Millennials (someday there will be a new generation of Jews to fret over), and that even now there are significant differences between the older members of my generation (now in their late 20's) and the college students with whom I work. These new competencies are intended to allow Jewish professionals to design meaningful experiences for people who look significantly different from them, whatever generation they may be.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts, reactions and (inevitable) criticisms.

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Temple Beth-El/Congregation Shir Chadash Students Create Giant Menorah



During November and December, the Temple Beth-El/Congregation Shir Chadash Hebrew program took some time for students to choose Hanukkah related electives. Students chose between cooking, drama and art. Our cooking class, led by Amira Keren, made and decorated dreidel, menorah and Star of David cookies. Students also made potato latkes from scratch. These Hanukkah goodies were eaten by students and parents during our various Hanukkah celebrations.

The drama class, under the direction of Sue Turrisi and Rabbi Victor, preformed a play with a "spin" on the Hanukkah story; Judah the Maccabee bested King Antiochus in a dreidel spinning contest.

Our art class, under the direction of volunteer Janette Ritter, created something truly amazing. Each student became a model for a life-sized, wooden, outdoor hanukkiyah with each branch consisting of a child holding up a candle. The project was revealed to the community on the Sunday before Hanukkah.

We are grateful to Janette and all the volunteers who helped the students draw and paint, purchased and transported materials and worked tirelessly on the construction and electrification of the hanukkiyah. All our volunteers set aside other commitments to allow the project to be completed in time for our school Hanukkah celebrations. Without them, this beautiful hanukkiyah would not have been made. This year, the hanukkiyah graced the stage of the Temple Beth-El social hall bringing light and joy to all of our Hanukkah services and events. Our hope is to have it mounted outdoors next Hanukkah to bring light and hope to the entire community.



Club Katan for tots created edible dreidels for Hanukkah made of marshmallows, pretzels and chocolate.

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SHIR CHADASH

Congregation Shir-Chadash's religious school will be starting the next phase of their new curriculum, *The Jewish Life Cycle*, which includes learning about Jewish rituals for baby boys and girls, bar/bat mitzvah practices, traditional marriage ceremonies and, for the older students, shiva rules and burial rites.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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VASSAR TEMPLE

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

Sunday Religious School Feb 5, 12, 26, (No class Feb 19) 9:00am-12:00pm, grades K-7

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How to Play DON'T EAT GRANDPA PETE
 Shared from www.makinglifeblissful.com

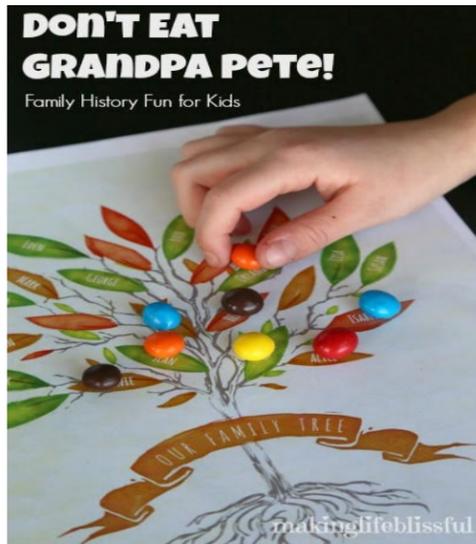
You will need:

- 1 family tree with visible family names on it (print one out at www.familysearch.com or draw your own!)
- 1 bag of small candies to cover each of the names (M&Ms, Skittles, Reese's Pieces, marshmallows, raisins, etc.). You will need enough for several rounds.

Put a piece of candy on each family name.

Send one person out of the room.

While the player is out, decide as a group which family tree name will be "Grandpa Pete" for this round. Make sure everyone agrees and knows which name is "it." Have the person come back in to the room. Keep the chosen name a secret. The player then proceeds to pick one candy at a time and eat it, continuing to eat until they come to the name that was chosen to be "Grandpa Pete." When they touch the candy on the secretly chosen name, everyone in the room exclaims, "DON'T EAT GRANDPA PETE!" And that player's turn is over. Share a short fact or story about the "Grandpa Pete" for that round. Replace all the names with candy and send a new player out of the room while the group picks a new name to be "Grandpa Pete." Repeat until everyone has had a turn.



For ABC's & 123's – TBE Is The Place To Be!

by Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Education Director & Cantor Devorah Gartner, Asst. Ed. Director

Temple Beth-El welcomes families with young children to our wide array of Early Childhood Programming.

PJ Library has recently joined our line-up of awesome activities. Join us for a fun Friday morning Story & Play time, including holiday and Shabbat celebrations. 10:00am-noon.

Shabbat B'Yachad services take place on the 1st Friday evening of each month. Presented by Rabbi Daniel Victor and Rabbi Miriam Hyman, these early evening Shabbat services use music and interactive activities to appeal to both the young and the young at heart.

Get ready for **Tot Shabbat** with Rabbi Neal Loevinger. Presented on the third Saturday of each month from 11:15am-12:00pm. Rabbi Neal leads a rollicking service with singing, dancing and stories.

Club Katan for 2-4 years (w/or w/o parents) is a regular part of our Sunday School and Shabbat School classes. Meeting in January and February on Saturday mornings from 9:30am-12:15pm. Toddlers experience holidays and Shabbat through stories, movement, food, music w/Rabbi Miriam, and free play.



Melinda

Kim

As we enter the month of February and prepare for the holiday TuB'Shevat, we begin a focus on trees: trees that give us shade, provide wood to build homes, produce food, replenish our atmosphere with oxygen and provide beauty for the eye and spirit. We also turn to the imagery of the tree that represents each family. A tree has roots and a trunk and branches and leaves, and each part of that tree has a unique responsibility to the whole. Our families are like trees with each generation and each individual supporting the family with unique contributions.

Last month, as children opened the packages containing their books from PJ Library, **they also pulled out a beautiful family tree kit.** Our challenge to you is to think hard as you create this tree as a family, taking the time to not only note the people that make up each part of your family, but to also note what they have handed down. The Jewish tradition of *l'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation, can be beautifully illustrated in a personal way on your family tree.

Your grandmother's sister, Evelyn, may be the source of the family's chicken soup recipe. The story of a great grandfather who survived the Holocaust by traveling alone to a new country, or a family member that came from another culture and added a new spice to your cooking, or the origin of the family lullaby or bedtime ritual is each a valuable part of your family's history. Maybe you have a piece of furniture created by a family member or a quilt that spans generations. As you write on each leaf, take the second step of noting a contribution made by that person.

To build on this experience, you could make a scrap book that chronicles your family tree, adding photographs, stories, recipes and notes with questions you have that are unanswered. Try creating a family cookbook that contains a story to go with each recipe or maybe a photo collage of the generations.

l'dor v'dor, from generation to generation, is carried out each time a family recipe is passed down, a tradition is celebrated or a chat occurs between a grandparent and grandchild. These things happen as a matter of course, but taking a moment to focus on them—to foster an awareness of each generation's contributions—is enriching.

PJ Library provides many resources to help you make connections between the generations. Many PJ Library and PJ Our Way books are centered on this theme. Several posts on the PJ Library Blog also explore ways to easily focus on *l'dor v'dor*. Go to www.pjlibrary.com to explore these resources. Please share pictures of your family tree or *l'dor v'dor* project on our Facebook page, PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley.

Our PJ Library Rovers event in February is a tour of Crown Maple Syrup at Madava Farms in Dover Plains. Join us on **February 20 at 1:00 pm** as we explore a different kind of tree farm! **RSVP at pjlibrary@jewishdutchess.org**.

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

Not a part of PJ Library yet? Register online at www.PJLibrary.org
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Part-time, contract position for six months, five hours a week. This is a grant-funded position with good possibility for extension.

Email pjlibrary@JewishDutchess.org if this is you.

Youth Group News

VaTY, the Vassar Temple Youth Group, had a memorable time at the Music Shabbat event hosted at Temple Emanuel in Kingston as evidenced in this photo!

VaTY is looking forward to the following upcoming events: February Ski/snow tubing day with TEmTY, March 5 Lunchbox, March 11 Purim Hopping: Purim carnival at TEmTY & Purim Schpiel at VaTY, March 19-20 Albany Advocacy Day, and April 21-23 NFTY NAR Spring Kallah.

All Jewish teens are invited to come and join us! For more information contact youth group advisor Shira Teich at teichs11@gmail.com.



92nd Street Y

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

Thursday, February 16, 7pm (Pre-recorded) A Conversation with Garry Kasparov

The ascension of Vladimir Putin — a former lieutenant colonel of the KGB — to the presidency of Russia in 1999 was a strong signal that the country was headed away from democracy. Yet in the intervening years — as America and the world's other leading powers have continued to appease him — Putin has grown not only into a dictator but an international threat. With his vast resources and nuclear arsenal, Putin is at the center of a worldwide assault on political liberty and the modern world order.



For Garry Kasparov, none of this is news. He has been a vocal critic of Putin for over a decade, even leading the pro-democracy opposition to him in the farcical 2008 presidential election. Yet years of seeing his Cassandra-like prophecies about Putin's intentions fulfilled have left Kasparov with a darker truth: Putin's Russia, like ISIS or Al Qaeda, defines itself in opposition to the free countries of the world. As Putin has grown ever more powerful, the threat he poses has grown from local to regional and finally to global.

In this urgent book, Kasparov shows that the collapse of the Soviet Union was not an endpoint — only a change of seasons, as the Cold War melted into a new spring. But now, after years of complacency and poor judgment, winter is once again upon us. Argued with the force of Kasparov's world-class intelligence, conviction and hopes for his home country, *Winter Is Coming* reveals Putin for what he is: an existential danger hiding in plain sight.

Thursday, March 16, 7pm (Pre-recorded) Garrison Keillor's Ode to New York

As Garrison Keillor prepares to say goodbye to *A Prairie Home Companion*, he returns to 92Y to share poems, songs and stories of his long love affair with New York City — from his first trip to Manhattan as a boy, to his first publication in *The New Yorker* as a young writer, to his decision to move here in the late 1980s. "The show and I are identified with a small town in Minnesota," Keillor has said, "but in real life, New York is the place I feel at home."



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.

In addition to the weekly programs hosted above, the 92nd St Y lecture series is available online. If you have a computer, you can watch recorded talks in the comfort of your own home. Or you can go to a branch of the library to view these presentations on a library computer.

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

The President's Voice



Dear Friends:

This past December, at the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County's annual meeting, I was elected to be your next President.

Now, many of you will be smiling and saying to yourselves, she must have left the meeting and in her absence they nominated her as President.

To the contrary. I enthusiastically accepted this position as I believe our Jewish Federation can become the center for promoting of our Jewish heritage and values.

Let me introduce myself to you. I am a native born Poughkeepsian and so was my father.

Hence, I have a very rich background in the history of the Jewish organizations of Dutchess County, including our synagogues and the Jewish Community Center. Over the years, I have been president of several of our Jewish organizations. In this capacity, I have learned that there are many diverse ways to practice our faith and to promote our Jewish values.

In my mind, the key is to be open to listening, evaluating and being willing to solicit help when help is needed. My aim this year is to get to know more of you personally. I value your input as to the direction you would like to see Federation take, and I sincerely hope that you will communicate to me your hopes as well. We can grow as a community if we all agree to work together for the benefit of the greater community.

Please feel free to e-mail me at bkopstein@hotmail.com with your suggestions, thoughts and ideas. I welcome them.

Betsy Kopstein-Stuts
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Sorting the donations

into the classroom filled with clothing. On Sunday, the homeless residents were overjoyed to receive the bags of food and toiletries that our Saturday volunteers put together. And of course, on Sunday, I could not have transported all that clothing to the shelters by myself! Your willingness to get up early on a Sunday to assist me in my effort is much appreciated!"

Goldstone began publicizing the need for donations in October. Posting flyers

donated a large box of knitted hats and fleece gloves, items that are in great demand each year. Two area dentists, Dr. Michael Schwartz and Dr. Fred Maron, donated boxes of toothpaste and toothbrushes.

As the President of her school's National Honor Society, Goldstone was able to coordinate a schedule for donation collection, enlisting the help of more than a dozen Rhinebeck High School students as well as her high school principal and teachers. Kimba Baker and



Rhinebeck High School students helping set up at Morse School

Christian Fekete provided the storage space needed to hold the large volume of winter clothing from Northern Dutchess County. Geshar and USY students worked on Wednesday evenings at Temple Beth-El to sort the weekly additions to the collection boxes. Jerry Scheck oversaw and delivered donations from Congregation Shir Chadash. Temple Beth-El custodian Ron Reed helped keep all the donations neatly organized.

In early September, several weeks before the coat drive had gotten under-



Packing toiletrie bags to give away

at Temple Beth-El, soliciting donations from schools in Rhinebeck and Red Hook, and placing collection boxes at local libraries all helped her amass a record number of donations.

New this year, three organizations, Congregation Shir Chadash, Clinton Corners Library and Red Hook Elementary School, joined the list of collection sites. Community members responded by bringing warm coats, a carton of new sweaters, dozens of blankets, toiletries, boots, and monetary donations to the collection sites.



The Sunday volunteers

way, two community members came to Temple Beth-El with boxes of coats to donate. They had saved these items from last winter in anticipation of this year's Bright Nights drive. Please hold onto your donations for next year's drive.

The Bright Nights winter coat drive continues to grow, and its reach continues to impact greater numbers people. Goldstone will be away at college next year; she hopes that another motivated teenager will take the opportunity to lead this annual effort. Her experiences over the past four years have underscored how important it is to continue the growth and success of the Bright Nights program. All those who participated would doubtless agree.



Packing lunches to give away

Local businesses pitched in too. Williams Lumber in Rhinebeck generously

Got Skills?

Help Wanted: Technology Guru

Jewish Federation of Dutchess County is looking for an imaginative tech-savvy wizard to work with us to keep our website up-to-date (which it isn't right now) and looking sharp (ditto.) Take a look at the site www.JewishDutchess.org and if you think you can help, CONTACT US!

The website is hosted on a proprietary platform, so you'll have a chance to work with non-standard technology (always good on a resume) while supporting the good works of the Dutchess Federation.

You should be creative and reliable. Know some HTML. Adobe products a-plus (for other projects that might arise). The office is on Collegeview Avenue across from Vassar College. Probably a combination of onsite (2-3 hours a week) and offsite (varies) but open to a creative work schedule that accommodates all parties. \$15/hour

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of standard website practices and protocol
- Ability to learn the ins and outs of Jewish Federation of North America proprietary website (this is not a WordPress site)
- Creative eye
- Must know a little HTML
- Possesses strong work ethic (i.e., reliable and responsible)
- Ability to follow directions
- Good communication skills; willing to ask questions when in doubt; keen on keeping in touch through texting, etc.
- Creative self-starter with a sense of humor helpful
- Have access to reliable transportation

Send resume and cover letter to director@jewishdutchess.org. The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County is an equal opportunity employer.

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Bakers Needed

Make friends while making hamantaschen! Vassar Temple Sisterhood invites you to join in baking these tasty treats. The hamantaschen will be used for outreach to homebound congregants, our out-of-town college students, and will be enjoyed at our Purim service. Please bring one batch of dough and a rolling pin. Remaining ingredients will be provided.

Everyone is asked to use the specific dough recipe that is available from Judy, the Temple office, website and the Sisterhood Facebook page. Not able to come and help? Please make a batch of dough and leave it in the Temple freezer in a Ziploc bag - just let Judy know.

DETAILS
Sun, Feb 12 (snow date Feb 26), 9:00-1:00pm in the Vassar Temple kitchen. RSVP: Judy Rosenfeld (845) 635-2414 or hamantaschen@vassartemple.org.

A Weekend of Musical and Mystical Voices

Come Celebrate the Shabbat of Song (Shabbat Shirah) and Tu'Bishvat with "A Weekend of Musical and Mystical Voices," brought to you by Temple Beth-El. We will be welcoming guests Rabbi Julia Andelman and Professor Eitan Fishbane from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Rabbi Andelman is gifted with an enchanting voice, has experience running prayer communities large and small and is an expert in leading prayer and incorporating niggunim (tunes without words) into one's spiritual practice. Professor Fishbane is a student of Rabbi Arthur Green and is now a scholar in his own right of Hasidism and Mysticism. Programming over Friday night and Shabbat day will include a musical Tu Bishvat Seder, Niggunim workshops and lectures on the mystical dimensions of Shabbat and other Jewish traditions.

DETAILS
Fri-Sat, Feb 10-11, please visit Temple Beth-El at www.tbny.org for specific times and offerings.

Temple Beth-El Tot Shabbat

Join Rabbi Neal J Loevinger for a fun and creative Shabbat for Tots and their caregivers. Stories, songs, and Shabbat appropriate activities take place in a warm and welcoming environment. Program is free and open to all, and all are welcome to stay for our Kiddush following the service.

DETAILS
Sat, Feb 18 (and all 3rd Saturdays) at 11:15am.

Multi-traditional Concert

On Saturday evening, Feb 11, at 8pm, singer and cantorial student, Laura Stein, presents a concert to benefit Vassar Temple. The concert, *To Vassar Temple With Love*, explores themes of love in Jewish text and liturgy, and in American folk and theater tradition. Join us as we listen to the beautiful expressions of love that come from both our Hebrew and English traditions!

Laura is a fourth year cantorial student at Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She grew up in Westchester and has lived in many countries around the world. In her cantorial work, Laura is passionate about pastoral care and the role music can play in healing and in prayer, and she would love to travel to different parts of the world, learning about their musical cultures.

DETAILS
Sat, Feb 11, 8:00pm, \$18 at the door, Vassar Temple. RSVP to music@vassartemple.org

Saturday Night at the Movies Congregation Schomre Israel

The Princess Bride is a delightful postmodern fairy tale directed by Rob Reiner and based on the book by William Goldman. It is an intelligent mix of swash-buckling romance and comedy that takes an age-old damsel in distress story and makes it fresh. This film is perfect for young and old.



Join us for film, popcorn and a beverage and a chance to chat about the film after. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

DETAILS
Sat, Feb 18, 7:00pm

"Table Shabbat" at Vassar Temple

Accomplished student cantor Laura Stein, will help to lead a Tisch Shabbat in the social hall at Vassar Temple. A "tisch" or Table Shabbat is held around the Shabbat table, features melodies and stories and highlights community. The service will include Shabbat prayer and liturgy as well as a spirit of learning and singing. The Sisterhood will provide a festive meal of homemade soups, vegetarian chili, cornbread and salad during the service.

DETAILS
Fri Feb 10, 6:00pm at Vassar Temple. RSVP to Cathy Bokor: (845) 462-5862 catherinebokor@gmail.com to facilitate planning. There is no charge for the meal but donations are appreciated.

Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Refugee Families

Come enjoy a yummy pancake breakfast at Vassar Temple. Proceeds will benefit the refugee resettlement project. The extensive menu features these three complete meals: the Pancake meal, the Banana Allergen-Free Pancake meal (no dairy, egg, soy, gluten, or nuts), and the Rabbi B Special (challah French toast meal). Each breakfast includes syrup, one side (turkey sausage, turkey bacon, or seasonal fruit) and choice of beverage (orange juice, apple juice, coffee, decaf, or tea).

Cost for the pancake breakfasts are \$5 adult, \$3 child, maximum \$20 family. The RabbiB Special is \$10. Go over the top with add-ins available @ \$1 each: hot toppings (blueberry, apple, strawberry), chocolate chips, and blueberries. So for a great meal and to help a great cause, come to the Pancake breakfast on Feb 5.

DETAILS
Sun, Feb 5, 9:00-10:00am, Questions? Call Vassar Temple (845) 454-2570

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 625 February Meeting

Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its regular monthly meeting on Feb 12.

All persons of Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the United States armed forces (Active, Reserve or National Guard) are invited to attend and participate in the activities of this JWV Post. All persons of the Jewish faith who have family members who have served in the armed forces of the United States are also invited.

Schomre Israel is strictly kosher. No food or drink may be brought into the shul.

DETAILS
Sun, Feb 12, 9:30am. Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie. For information contact the Presiding Officer, Rob Rubin at qbee5@optonline.net.

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, and 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
Sat, Feb 4, 25, 10:00am. For more information, contact Marian Schwartz mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Berkowitz rabbi@vassartemple.org or the temple office (845) 454-2570.

Purim Pocket Production—Purim is March 12

The fragrance of freshly baked hamantaschen has been filling the air for the past few Sundays at Schomre Israel. The literal translation of the Yiddish word *hamentash* (plural-hamentashen) is Haman's pocket. In Hebrew, these pastries are referred to as *aznei*, Haman-Haman's ears. This year marks the 34th hamentashen sale of the Sisterhood of Schomre Israel. Although this is a Sisterhood project, everyone lends a hand and becomes part of the crew. There are rollers, fillers, pinchers and oven checkers who help produce this tasty Purim delight. As the pickup date (Feb 26) approaches, we will also have counters and packers. Here is the information you need if you would like to order hamentashen or Shaloch Monot baskets:

Prepaid order deadline, 2/20. Fillings: prune, poppy seed, raspberry, apricot, chocolate. \$14/dozen; \$10/half dozen

Pickup Sunday, 2/26, 2:00-2:00 pm at Congregation Schomre Israel

Shaloch Monot baskets consisting of hamentashen, candy, nuts, fruit and a beverage are \$22 per basket. Shipping charges for either hamentashen or baskets is \$13. All items are kosher, pareve and delicious! Contact rgrosman@aol.com

2017 Holiday Greetings

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

This year we will once again be offering a 3 pack of Holiday Greetings which includes Passover, Rosh Hashanah, and Chanukah. If you like, you can still purchase the individual holiday greetings.

Please look at the designs and choose one, two, or three greetings. If you choose the 3 pack, please choose the same style for all three greetings.

The cost:

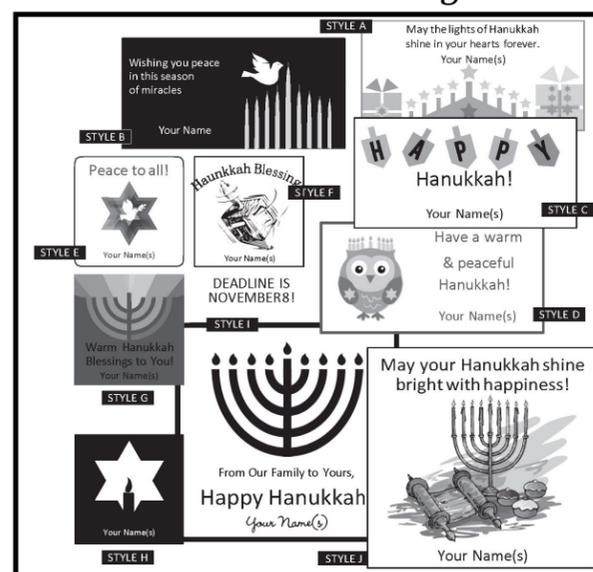
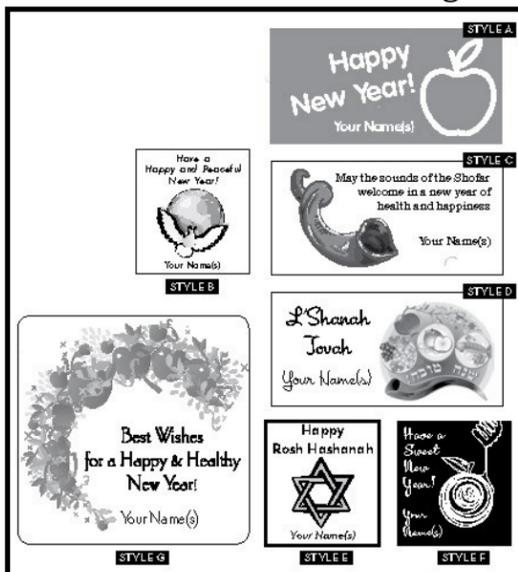
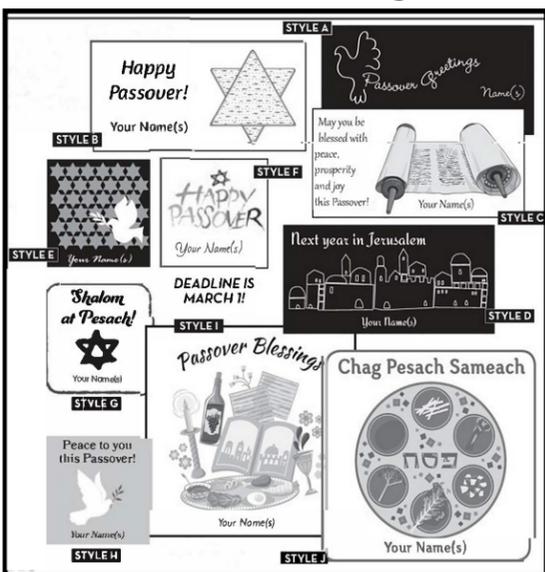
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- Medium ads: \$36 each or 3 for \$90,
- Large ads: \$64 each or 3 for \$170.

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THE PASSOVER DEADLINE IS MARCH 8.

Passover Greetings

Rosh Hashanah Greetings

Chanukah Greetings



Local

Sunday

Bagels, Lox and Torah (Tefellin too!) 9:00am led by Rabbi Yacov Borenstein. Morning minyan will follow a Torah discussion on the coming week's Torah portion, upcoming holiday or any topic of Jewish interest

Temple Beth-El serves at the Lunchbox Feb 12, 10:00am-2:00pm. Help serve at Lunchbox on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Contact Marlene Straus to sign up (845) 462-4704.

Congregation Schomre Israel K4 (Kibbitz, Kvetch, Koffee Klub Men's Group) Feb 26, 9:30am open Kvetch session.

Congregation Schomre Israel Feb 26, 12:00-2:00pm, pickup of prepaid hamentashen orders.

Monday

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas, 11:30am, \$5 per session, all welcome.

Congregation Schomre Israel Feb 20, deadline for ordering hamentashen and/or Shaloch Monot baskets.

Temple Beth-El Board Meeting Feb 13, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Friday

Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, 7:30pm. Service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, followed by community oneg, all welcome.

Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service Feb 10, 17, 24, 6:00pm.

Vassar Temple Family Friendly Shabbat Evening Service Feb 3, 6:00pm.

Temple Beth-El Shabbat B'yachad Evening Service Feb 3, 6:30pm. Spirited and intergenerational Shabbat service. Interactive Torah study, lively Shabbat melodies, candle lighting and more. Mourners' Kaddish is said. For information call (845) 454-0570.

Temple Beth-El Evening Service Feb 10, 17, 24, 7:30pm. Conservative egalitarian Shabbat, all welcome.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat Program Religious School Feb 4, 11, 9:00-10:30am. Children learn Jewish culture, holidays & history. New parents encouraged to have their children try a class for a month with no obligation. For information contact (845) 232-1029, email info2shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org.

Congregation Shir Chadash Torah Study Feb 4, 11, 9:15-10:30am, 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 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 Feb 4, 11, 9:00-10:30am, children ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult learn through doing, crafts, food and games. Class is open to all and free of charge.

Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service Feb 4, 11, 10:45-11:30am, led by Rabbi Daniel F. Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, bagels and coffee prior to service, all welcome.

Congregation Shir Chadash Tu B'Shevat Special Service & Seder Feb 11, 10:45-11:30am. A Tu B'Shevat special service and seder featuring the crops of Israel will be led by Rabbi Daniel Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang along with a beautifully illustrated companion booklet. A vegan lunch will also be served provided by Robbie Schiff, in honor of her late father. For more info or to RSVP, call (845) 232-1029, email: info@shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org.

Vassar Temple Shabbat Morning Torah Service Feb 11, 18, 10:00am guest speaker and light Kiddush lunch.

Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Service Feb 4, 25, 10:00am.

Chabad Center Shabbat Services 10:00am followed by a delicious Kiddush including the famous *cholent* at the Chabad Center, 63 Vassar Rd.

Temple Beth-El Shabbat Morning Service Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, 9:30am, morning Conservative, egalitarian service.

Congregation Schomre Israel Feb 11, special Kiddush and *drasha* in honor of Tu B'Shevat during the regular Sabbath morning service.

Congregation Schomre Israel Movie Night Feb 18, 7:00pm, *The Princess Bride*. For information see page 10. \$5 suggested donation.

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 Fri, 7:30pm, except the first Fri of the month, which begins at 6pm.

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat is the third Fri 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 Fri of the month.

Saturday Morning Service 10:00am, Sept - June. Join our community for uplifting and inspiring Sat 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 Tues, Feb 7, 12:00pm. Join Rabbi Romer for a hot lunch with discussion.

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study Thurs, Meditation, 8:45am; 9:15am weekly Torah study, Sept-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 Tues, 7:00-9:00pm, Oct-June, a women's exploration of our female voices in Jewish traditions. Jan and Feb we will be creating our own tallitot (prayer shawl). Please reserve your space (845) 338-4271.

Religious School Sat, 9:30am-12:30pm, Sept-May. Pre-K class from 9:30-11:00am. Enrollment is ongoing. For information, contact Religious School Director Samara Genne (845) 338-4271 (x 110).

Pirke Avot with Rabbi Romer Thurs. Feb 9, 5:30pm Pirke Avot: *The Sayings of our Fathers* integrating our mother's voices.

Tu B'Shevat Sat. Feb 11, 5:30pm at a congregant's home in Rhinebeck.

Calendar

February

Regular Schedule of Services

Beacon Hebrew Alliance

331 Veplanck Avenue • Beacon • (845) 831-2012

Conservative: Rabbi Brent Spodek

Cantor Ellen Gersh/Education Dir. Rabbi Shoshana Hantman

Website: www.beaconhebrewalliance.org

Email: 411@beaconhebrewalliance.org

Service held weekly on Fridays at 7:30 pm and alternating

Saturdays at 9:30am. Visit our website for information about

services, religious school, and community events

Chabad of Mid-Hudson Valley

63 Vassar Road • Poughkeepsie • (845) 463-5801

Email: chabadmidhudsonvly@prodigy.net

Website: www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Rabbi Yacov Borenstein

Friday—Call for time • Saturday—10 am

Congregation Beth David

E. Main Street • Amenia • (845) 373-8264

Email: JonRab33@gmail.com

Website: CongBethDavid.org

Reformed: Rabbi Jon Haddon

Services held usually on Saturdays at 10:00 am twice monthly

except January & February. Please call for schedules.

Congregation Schomre Israel

18 Park Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 454-2890

Email: Schomre1@aol.com

Website: www.schomreIsrael.org

Orthodox: Rabbi Eliezer Langer

Monday-Thursday—7 am, Sundays—8 am, Saturday—9 am

Sunday-Thursday 7:00pm • Shabbat Services vary depending

on sundown.

Congregation Shir Chadash

Interim: Freedom Plains Pres. Church • Lagrange • (845) 232-1029

Email: info@shir-chadash.org

Website: www.shir-chadash.org

Reform: Rabbi Daniel Polish

Cantor Gail Hirschenfang

Fridays—Shabbat Services at 7:30pm, 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

Shabbat B'yachad family service—1st Friday of the month at 6:30

pm, Friday evening—7:30 pm, Saturday Shabbat service at 9:30

am, Weekdays—7:30am daily.

Vassar College Bayit

51 Collegeview Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 451-3920

Rabbi

Email:

Friday-6:00pm service, 7:00pm dinner, when school is in session

Vassar Temple (Reform)

140 Hooker Avenue • Poughkeepsie • (845) 454-2570

Website: www.vassartemple.org

Reform: Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

Email: office@vassartemple.org or rabbi@vassartemple.org

Friday night service at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Torah

study Saturday at 9:00am. New Paths Services on the 1st and 3rd

Saturday of each month at 10:00am. Unless otherwise noted.

February Candle Lighting

February 3 4:56pm

February 10 5:05pm

February 17 5:14pm

February 24 5:22pm

MITZVAH DAY 2017

SUNDAY, MAY 7

DUTCHESS DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Got ideas? Agencies? Volunteer groups?

Next planning meeting, Wed, Feb 1

Contact the Federation office for details.

(845) 471-9811 or

email director@JewishDutchess.org

Vassar Temple Celebrates Chanukah

Events included story time, a sing along, a Judaica Sale and lighting the menorah



Schomre Israel's Chanukah dinner took place on the second night of Chanukah. In addition to latkes, other good food, dreidels and menorahs, guest entertainer, Israel Wulliger, aka Srully Wulliger, international recording artist and administrator at the Grand Healthcare System-River Valley, played guitar and sang.

Don't forget to order your 2017 Passover Greetings (see page 10)

Congregation Shir Chadash Celebrates Chanukah



Vassar Temple Men's Club gets it done at the Lunch Box -- serving our hungry Poughkeepsie neighbors a delicious and nutritious meal.



PJ Library
(See page 6 for details)

Save the Date for a very special PJ Library Family Event

Yours Anne ~ Sunday, April 2

Mid-Hudson Valley Chabad Menorah Lightings



Poughkeepsie Galleria Chanukah Balloonarama Celebration Dec 26

New Hamburg Fire Chief w Rabbi

Wappinger Falls menorah lighting



Rabbi Borenstein lighting menorah on the walkway

Menorah lighting at Hyde Park Town Hall

Jonah Ritter with Rabbi Borenstein and Mayor Robert Rolison lighting the first Chanukah light

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