



Maltz Sefer Haftarah Scroll dedicated at Temple Beth-El

by Michael Witman, Vice President Board of Directors

Celebration of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is one of the major religious events in the life of a Jewish individual. Being called to the Torah for an Aliyah, to stand next to the words of God as a portion of the Torah scroll is read, is an unforgettable moment. Very often in conservative synagogues, the young adult will chant a portion of the Haftarah to accompany the Torah reading. The Haftarah consists of writings of our Prophets and is usually contained in a mechanically printed book.

Temple Beth-El recently held a *Siyyum*, a dedication, to complete and dedicate a hand-scribed Sefer Haftarah scroll.

In the fall of 2013, Temple Beth-El led by president, Linda Perfecto, formed a committee to guide the process of obtaining a museum-quality work of art which would contain the text of the Haftarah. Funding would come from a fund which had been bequeathed by a former congregant, Dr. Manus Maltz—a fund that was established for the purpose of purchasing or creating museum-quality Judaica to be displayed in the synagogue.

Rabbi Neal Loevinger suggested contacting the Federation of Jewish Men's

Clubs (FJMC), which had experience creating Haftarah scrolls. The FJMC contracted with Oter Israel, a consortium of *soferim* in Jerusalem, to produce Temple Beth-El's scroll. Working out the details took many months, and the final scroll was not received at the synagogue until October 2016.

From the very beginning, the goal was to include members of the congregation and community in this sacred project. Areas of the scroll were set aside to allow dedications of Haftarah portions by members of the synagogue community. It was also decided to leave certain letters out of the scroll to be completed by a local *sofer*, scribe, at Temple Beth-El as part of the completion and dedication ceremony, *Siyyum*.

On May 21, Rabbi Kevin Hale, a trained Torah scribe, came to Temple Beth-El to complete the scroll. Attendees were able to observe and participate in Haftarah letter writing. Additionally, the program featured an interactive learning experience, a completion ritual, a formal dedication of the scroll, music, and dancing.

Temple Beth-El plans to display the

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From Yiddish Theatre: Past, Present, and Future Comes A Field Trip to the National Yiddish Theater

It's not often that one event begets another, but that's what happened after a very successful April 30 event about the National Yiddish Theater.

The more than 100 who people packed into Boardman Road Branch Library to hear Motl Didner, Associate Artistic Director of the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene, speak about *Yiddish Theatre: Past, Present and Future* spawned a second event: a field trip to the theater later this summer.

On April 30, Julie Makowsky, Vassar Temple Religious and Hebrew School Director, began the afternoon with a prayer for Israel and then led the crowd in singing *Hatikva*.

Motl Didner, Associate Artistic Director of the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene, gave an "instant Yiddish lesson" to the assembled audience then spoke about the origins and history of the Yiddish language, the rise of Yiddish theater, and how the theater has survived and flourished around the world.



Motl Didner speaking in Poughkeepsie on April 30

Experience the National Yiddish Theater first hand! The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County is sponsoring a trip to the theater and Jewish Museum in NYC on August 6. Details can be found on page 4.



National Yiddish Theater audience at the Boardman Branch Library in Poughkeepsie

2016-17 SERIES ISRAEL: Her Many Faces



The Six-Day War, June 1967 Fifty Years . Now what?

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Social and political commentator and columnist



As well as being a syndicated columnist and well-known commentator, Michal Halpern is an educator, historian, and lecturer—both in the United States and Israel—on topics that relate to Israel, the Middle East, terrorism, and foreign affairs. His essays published in book form heralded the millennium and are entitled "On-Line with Israel at the Millennium: Insights into Life and Religion." Halpern also conducted the weekly radio program, "This Week in History" for Jerusalem Radio.

Michal taught at Yale University and was a long-standing educator with Young Judea. He has taught at Brandeis University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His schedule allows him to lecture to student groups on political and world terrorism, the Holocaust, Middle East dynamics, Zionism and Israeli society, Jewish history, and politics.

What lies ahead for Israel? How do the past 50 years inform the future years? And what can we Jews do to support a strong, democratic Jewish state?

DETAILS

Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 7:00-8:30pm
LOCATION: Boardman Library
141 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie

This event is open to the public and free of charge.

It is brought to the community by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and through a generous grant from the Ann and Abe Effron Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

This program continues the educational series on Israel offered by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.

Mark the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War and reunification of Jerusalem

Join us for this special evening of recalling the past, understanding the present, and imagining the future.



Light refreshments will be served in advance of the presentation.

For more information or to reserve your seat, contact the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County at (845) 471-9811 or email admin@jewishdutchess.org

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

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS and MENUS

- June 7 **The Crown Maple Story with Tyge Rugenstein**
 The story behind Crown Maple—how it uses cutting edge technology to treat and process “the purest maple syrup on earth!”
 Menu: Breakfast for Lunch, Shashukah (Moroccan omelet, hash browns, syrup (of course) & pancake dessert
- June 14 **City of Poughkeepsie Police Department with Officer Rene Knapp**
 Safety for seniors: how to be protected from scams and home safety.
 Menu: Picnic Fun: veggie hamburgers, veggie hot dogs, fries, potato salad, coleslaw & picnic dessert.
- June 21 **Dudu Fisher DVD: in Concert from Jerusalem**
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea & dessert
- June 28 **Streaming TV for Seniors with Heather Koob**
 Learn how to save money on our cable bills.
 Menu: Asian Fun: sushi, spring rolls, sesame “chicken,” rice & dessert
- July 5 **Hudson Valley Honor Flight with Ivan Kornreich**
 Learn about Mr. Kornreich’s memorable experience with the Honor Flight.
 Menu: assorted wraps, coffee/tea & red, white and blue desserts
- July 12 **Bridges to Community with Frank Pepe**
 Doing humanitarian work in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.
 Menu: Chili con carne, rice, pico de gallo, coffee/tea & dessert
- July 19 **Film Festival Part III:**
 Ed Sullivan show, Feb. 1964: featuring the Beatles and Cab Calloway.
 Menu: bagels, schmear, coffee/tea & dessert
- July 26 **Citizens Preparedness with Joe Ryan**
 Providing Dutchess residents with resources to prepare for any disaster.
 Menu: pizza, salad, coffee/tea & ice cream

WHERE

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11:00 –11:30am
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 11:30 –12:30pm
 Program
 12:30pm —Lunch

\$5.00—Lunch and program
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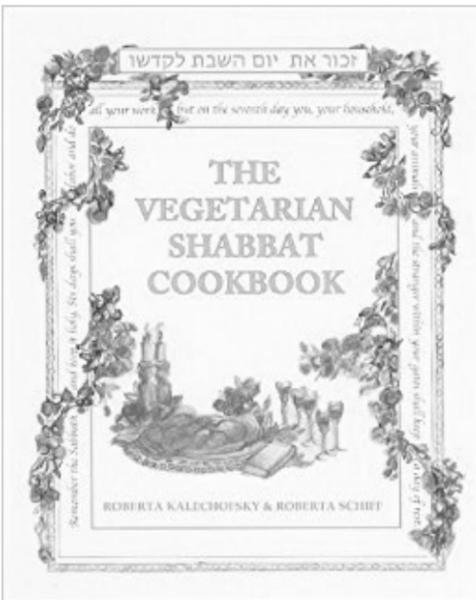
Book & Gift Shops

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 Sunday hours resume in the fall.

Plan for upcoming B'nai Mitzvot, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and retirements.

The Judaica Bookshop is featuring *Kosher by Design* Cookbook Series by Susie Fishbein. Her cookbooks include *Kosher by Design...Lightens Up*, which highlights fabulous food for a healthier lifestyle, and *Kosher by Design...Kids in the Kitchen*, where recipes include photos, step-by-step instructions, equipment and ingredient lists.



Another popular Jewish cookbook is *The Vegetarian Shabbat Cookbook* by Roberta Kalechofsky and Roberta Schiff. This cookbook combines the great tradition of the Sabbath with vegan cooking. Most of these recipes require little cooking and keep very well at room temperature. The authors, sometime known as the two Robertas, have a combined 50 years of experience as vegetarians, vegans and cooks.

Back in stock is *Classic Bible Stories for Jewish Children* by Rabbi Alfred J. Kolatch with illustrations by Harry Araten. Twenty-four of the most memorable Old Testament stories have been rewritten in easy-to-read language that will be appreciated by children seven years of age and older. Another favorite children's book is *The Mitzvah Magician* by Linda Elovitz Marshall.



shall with illustrations by Christiane Engel for grades PreK-3.

DETAILS

For additional information, contact the temple office and leave a message for Geri Bromberg for books and recordings and/or Sheri Raften for year-round ceremonials, host and hostess gifts.

Adult Education

Educational Opportunities Abound at Schomre Israel

Know Your Book with Rabbi Langer Tuesday mornings, 10:30am. Study and discussion of Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs).

Classes with Rabbi Langer Thursday, evenings, 7:00pm. June 8—Two women, one baby and analysis of Solomon's famous case; June 15—an international registry of Jews?; June 22—Rabbis, babysitters and doctors-working on Shabbat; June 29—The ethics of driverless cars; July 6—Jewish approaches to humor; July 27—May I shoot down a drone in my backyard?

Classes are free. All are welcome. You are invited to visit our website, www.schomreisrael.org, for a full complement of recordings of previous classes of the following topics: books of the Bible, controversial issues in Israel, new perspectives on the holidays, Jewish biographies, crash course on Jewish history and more. 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, Every Saturday, at 9:00am, led by Rabbi Leah Berkowitz. Examine passages from the weekly Torah portion or Haftarah.

Entering Mishkan HaNefesh: New High Holy Day Experience: This coming fall, Vassar Temple will introduce Mishkan HaNefesh (Sanctuary of the Soul), a new High Holy Day prayer book. Anyone interested is invited to join Rabbi Berkowitz now to explore this beautiful new liturgy, learn how and why this prayer book is different from all other prayer books and discuss how to make the High Holy Days more personally meaningful for you. Classes will be held five Shabbat mornings at 10:30am (after Torah Study Class). The first three sessions are a repeat of the March classes for those who missed them. You can attend any or all sessions:

June 24, Exploring Mishkan HaNefesh: An Overview of the New Prayer Book; July 8, The Shofar Service: A New Approach; July 22, Avinu Malkeinu: Machzor and Metaphor; August 5, Sin and Forgiveness in the 21st Century; August 12, Wrestling with Unetaneh Tokef.

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from Ancient Texts, Every Tuesday, at 12:00pm, with Senior Scholar, Rabbi Paul Golomb.

All welcome. No previous training required. No charge to attend. Questions vassartemplerabbi@gmail.com (845) 454-2570.

Higher and Higher: Come Grow with Temple Beth-El

Sunday Hebrew for Adults Class, No classes in June and July

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Classes, Wednesdays, 7:00pm. Learn the skills to have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Contact Rabbi Victor at rebvictor@tbeny.org with any questions.

Sacred Texts Speaking to Issues of the Day with Rabbi Daniel Victor, Tuesdays, 12:30pm through June 20, The Crafted Kup, Raymond Ave. Meet Rabbi Victor for an interesting conversation on issues of the day in relation to our Jewish texts.

On Eagles Wings; Adult Discovery Course, 9 months of exposure to Jewish History, Spiritually and Practice, classes begin Spring 2017/5777. Temple Beth-El is pleased to present this year's adult discovery course of study for both non-Jews journeying towards conversion and Jews looking to strengthen their basic Jewish foundations. Class meetings will be determined at that time based on participating student's availability. The cost for attending the class is determined individually based on one's journey and can be determined through conversations with Rabbi Daniel Victor. For more info (845) 454-0570.

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

New Talmud class: Upcoming classes in Talmud and Hebrew and other fascinating classes and events.

Please visit our website www.chabadmidhudsonvalley.com

Congregation Shir Chadash

Saturday Torah Study, Saturday, 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.

Vassar Temple Sisterhood Book Club to Discuss: *The Japanese Lover*

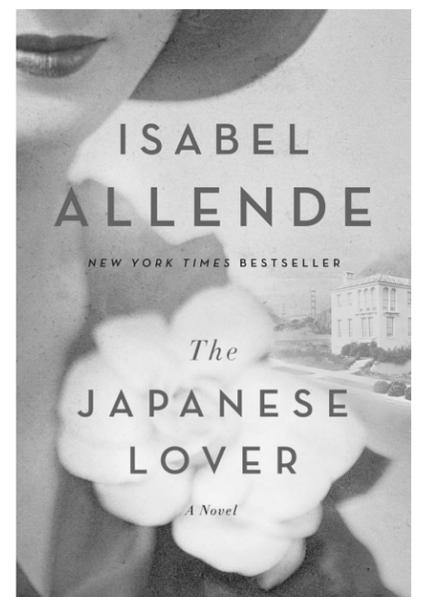
We will discuss *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende, a book described by critics as a "magical and sweeping" love story that stretches from present day San Francisco back to Poland and the United States during World War II.

In 1939, young Alma Belasco is sent by her parents to live with her aunt and uncle in San Francisco. There, as the rest of the world goes to war, Alma meets Ichimel Fukuda, the quiet and gentle son of her family's Japanese gardener. Unnoticed by those around them, a tender love affair develops. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, however, the two are cruelly pulled apart as Ichimel and his family are declared enemies and relocated to internment camps. Throughout their lifetimes, Alma and Ichimel reunite again and again, but theirs is a love that they are forever forced to hide from the world.

The Japanese Lover is a moving tribute to the constancy of the human heart in a world of unceasing change. The book is available in paperback and through the local library system. Connie Lahey will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome.

DETAILS

Wednesday, June 21, 2:00pm, Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Ave, Poughkeepsie. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at 473-7931 or linda.babas.41@gmail.com.



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! Date and location to be decided. For more information, please contact Sandy Lash at (845) 232-1029, via email: info@shir-chadash.org or website: www.shir-chadash.org.

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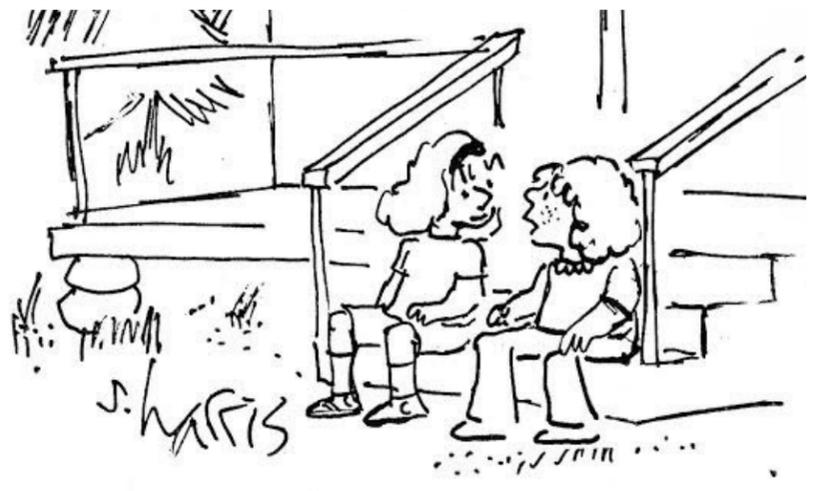
Debbie's VOICE



As a SFHM, there is one time of year that is truly magical. I should back up a bit, as I am sure you are wondering what SFHM stands for? SFHM or Schlep From Home Mom. Like all “stay at home moms,” there is very little time actually spent in my home, hence the term, SFHM, as I am always schlepping someone or something somewhere! Anyway, as I was saying, there is one truly magical time of the year...the beginning of summer vacation. What is so wonderfully glorious about summer vacation? Let me count the ways...

1. School ends and my boys have less than a week before camp begins. Over the years, I have discovered this is the optimum window of time to transition from school to camp. My boys have enough days off to squeeze in the various doctor appointments I delayed until school ended and not enough time to squabble incessantly.
2. Camp. Oh the joy and wonder of summer camp! My kids have the times of their lives and I have just over seven entire hours to myself. I am hoping that next summer my youngest will go to Jewish sleepaway camp for a few weeks, which would be magical for both of us!
3. Those wonderful summer evenings that Team Silbergleit spends eating s'mores around the fire pit.
4. My birthday. What's not to love about a day celebrating you?!? I love my birthday. My dad, who's 78 always taught me to love my birthday because “it beats the alternative!”
5. Nights when there's a sky full of stars and a meadow full of fireflies.
6. The sound of my boys' laughter as they soak my husband with their water guns as he naively climbs out of his car after work, which is all fun and games until they target me.
7. All that wonderful, fresh Hudson Valley produce-especially strawberries and tomatoes.
8. Those peaceful morning walks around the neighborhood before it gets too hot.
9. Air condition. Hey, I'm a Jersey Girl – what else do I need to say?!?
10. Those last few weeks of summer vacation, when camp has just ended and school hasn't started. There's about nine days where my boys aren't sick of each other, I haven't had to brave the crowds at Staples to purchase all their back-to-school supplies (why do I have to buy 36 #2 pencils every year?) and my husband can disconnect from work and take some time off for a road trip.

This year, all the wonders of summer vacation will be enhanced by the addition of our puppy, Turtle. I hope you can take some time to enjoy your favorite part of summer too.



"I JUST HOPE THERE'LL BE TIME FOR A SHORT VACATION BETWEEN CAMP AND SCHOOL."

Young Jewish Professionals in Dutchess

This month meet: Dr. Daniel Brocks

Editor's Note: Every month, I will be interviewing a youngish (50 years old or younger) Jewish professional in our area. Please feel free to email us with any suggestions! --- Debbie Silbergleit

I sat down with Dr. Daniel Brocks in his office at Hudson Valley Eye Surgeons. I noticed that his office didn't have the typical framed diplomas from impressive medical schools on the wall. (Don't get me wrong, Daniel did go to an impressive medical school!) Instead there was a bookcase displaying lots of family pictures and some knickknacks, which reflects the importance of family to Daniel. When chatting about his young family, he is clearly in awe of his wife's deft handling of their 2.5-year-old daughter and 10-week old son and is enjoying parenthood immensely.



Daniel grew up in Dutchess County. His father, Dr. Eric Brocks, now retired, founded Hudson Valley Eye Surgeons more than 40 years ago. Growing up, Daniel constantly saw how much his father enjoyed his job and that inspired him to also pursue a career in medicine. After finishing up his residencies, Daniel returned to Dutchess County and joined his father's practice in 2009. His favorite part of his job is the daily interaction with his patients.

Daniel's family is a long-standing member of Temple Beth-El, where he attended Sunday school and eventually became a Bar Mitzvah. Growing up, Daniel's favorite holiday was (and still is) Passover. He's always enjoyed the gathering of family, immediate and more extended. Now as a parent, he appreciates family holidays where there are no presents, just quality time with loved ones. Daniel loves the rituals and traditions of the various holidays and can't wait to pass these on to his children. He happily noted the growth he's seen with young Jewish families in our area and looks forward to becoming more involved in various temple activities with his family.

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September	August 1
October	September 1

2017 YIDDISH THEATER TRIP

The Jewish Federation OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

National Yiddish Theater presents
Amerike, The Golden Land
By Moïshe Rosenfeld and Zalmen Mlotek
Directed by Drama Desk Nominee Bryna Wasserman
In Yiddish with English and Russian supertitles

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The musical journey of an immigrant people as told through the songs and stories that inspired and sustained generations who built new lives in America.
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Itinerary — Sunday, August 6

- 8:30am Tailgate coffee and bagels in the Temple Beth-El parking lot
- 9:00am Board bus
- 11:30am Arrival and guided museum tour
- 1:00pm Box lunch* and speed Yiddish class
- 2:00pm Matinee performance
- 4:30pm Depart NYC
- 7:30pm Arrive back in Poughkeepsie

Sign-up for the trip before Thursday, July 20

To reserve a space or for more information about this special event, contact the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County (845) 471-9811 or email admin@JewishDutchess.org

Details
Sunday, August 6, 2017
9:00am Depart Poughkeepsie
8:00pm Return Poughkeepsie
Price: \$90 includes ticket to the show (\$50 value), museum tour (\$15 value), speed Yiddish class, and transportation. Box lunch* (price TBD) not included in \$90 price.

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A minimum number of attendees are necessary for the trip to happen. If you're interested, please sign-up early!

Rabbi's Blog

Six Days. Fifty Years by Rabbi Paul Golomb, Senior Scholar, Vassar Temple

The story of Joseph and his brothers is the culmination of the family saga that is the biblical book of Genesis. It is a tale of suspense and intrigue in which at least three of the brothers – Joseph, Benjamin and Judah – come close to death. In the climax of the story, Joseph reveals himself and all the brothers are reconciled to each other. At that fateful point in the biblical narrative, after many instances of alienation and division – among others, Abraham from his family, Isaac from Ishmael, Jacob from Esau, Rachel from Leah – a family is joined in reconciliation and the people of Israel are born.

As we follow forward through the narrative (imagine reading it for the first time), this conclusion in which a family becomes a people is not readily clear. Joseph recognizes the arc of history only at its conclusion, as he says to his brothers: *And now, don't be troubled...for it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you* (Gen. 44:5). What is clear to Joseph now, was only murky and fraught with danger before.

This lesson can be brought to bear on the events that occurred fifty years ago. By June 10, 1967, the State of Israel completed a stunning victory over the military forces of Egypt, Syria and Jordan. The nation had control of a unified Jerusalem, as well as all the land west of the Jordan River, the entire Sinai Peninsula, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights. For those of us who were old enough to follow news events in the weeks leading up to this six-day war, it was hard to be sanguine about the outcome. Armies were gathering in Egypt, the Straits of Tiran through which Israeli shipping on its way to Africa and Asia had been cut off, and Arab radio broadcasts, supported by the Soviet block, were promising to throw the Jews into the sea.

Israel's lightning victory looked stunning and miraculous then. In the intervening decades, scholarly analysis of the events and actions that led to war have presented a more complex understanding of what happened. The research has revealed that Egypt's President Nasser recognized that neither his own army nor any combination of Arab forces had the military wherewithal to defeat Israel's air force and tank corps. He was goaded, however, by Syria and other Middle Eastern nations, to assume leadership of the Arab League in an effort to stymie Israel's economic development, especially the building of a national water carrier from the headwaters of the Jordan. Nasser attempted a cautious escalation of belligerence. With the blocking of the Straits and the removal of UN troops stationed along the Sinai-Negev border, he went too far. On June 5, Israel concluded that Egypt had indeed declared war, and it had to attack. The result was just what Nasser feared all along.

So, the Six-Day War was not a great miracle, and the initial euphoria of victory has settled into the eternal problem of administration of the territories gained and their large Palestinian population. The last fifty years have been broadly characterized outside of Israel (and among a number of Israelis themselves) as the 'occupation.' Regardless of its controversial legal status, Israeli control of land acquired in 1967 has been the source of international tension, internal political upheaval, and near continuous violence. One can fairly ask whether June 10 (or 2 Sivan according to the Hebrew Calendar, May 27 this year) should be marked as a celebration or a time for introspection and regret.

I would argue that, while the Six-Day War cannot be treated as an unalloyed victory, more has been gained in the past fifty years than lost. Let us take note of the successes:

Jewish access to the Old City of Jerusalem, whose Jewish quarter had to be abandoned in the first weeks of the 1948 War of Independence, was restored. The walls and barbed-wire fences that had divided the city were torn down. Any political realist would note that Jerusalem is reunited only in the most technical sense. The cultural and emotional divisions between Jewish Israelis and local Arabs remain wide. The 'no-man lands' are nevertheless gone.

Fifty years ago, Israel had no diplomatic relationship with any of its neighbors. For many nations in the world, it was not even identified as a nation, but rather as the "Zionist entity." In the intervening period, Egypt and Jordan have extended formal recognition, and while many countries continue to denounce the occupation of the West Bank, and the treatment of the Palestinians, virtually all the world has come to accept Israel's nationhood.

Finally, I admit this is a personal observation, Israel has a much better opportunity to determine what it means to be "the Jewish State" than it did prior to 1967. The totality of Jewish identity – reaching back to the biblical monarchies – has more to do with Samaria and Hebron, than with Tel Aviv. Although it is fifty years since that lightning acquisition of the ancient lands of David's kingdom, Israelis and world Jewry have just begun to have the conversation of what it means to be a Jewish State where 20% of the population is not Jewish. Indeed, what does it mean to express the "2000-year hope to be a free people in our Land, the Land of Zion and Jerusalem."

Joseph's reconciliation with his brothers is a heart-warming climax to the family saga that is the Book of Genesis. It is also the introduction to the sojourn in Egypt; to oppression and enslavement. We know, however, that the biblical tale hardly stops there. There is liberation from Egypt, the conquest and settlement of the Land, the subsequent loss of the Land, and the final return. Even as the biblical narrative drew to a close, the saga continued. Loss of the Land once more, and once more return. The Six-Day War is an important moment in that saga, but it remains a story that has yet to end.

Notes from the Dutchess County Interfaith Council by Muriel Horowitz

100 Cups of Coffee - Federation should be there?

We should be at the table! 100 Cups of Coffee is a joint venture started this year as a collaborative effort of DCIC, the DC Human Rights Commission, and the local NAACP. It strives to encourage all members of the Poughkeepsie community to break down divides by talking together and getting to know one another. It has met several times at the Partnership Center in Poughkeepsie to talk and share ideas about making Poughkeepsie a safer, more welcoming city for all its citizens. Participants have included faith leaders, public officials, police officers and members of the community at large.

As part of each meeting, we look around to see who is missing? Whose voice should we be hearing? Two small meetings were recently held at Taconic Resources to encourage people with disabilities and those who work with them to participate in the conversation. Looking around, I noticed another group that has been missing—Southside places of worship, including three of our local congregations located in the city of Poughkeepsie and the Federation.

If you agree that we should be part of the conversation, let me know.

Watch emails for next meetings of 100 Cups of Coffee! socialaction@tbeny.org



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*. I too have adopted these questions for this new column.

Every month, I'll be asking a MOT [Member of the Tribe] these questions and featuring their answers, along with a photo.

This month a big thank you to Susan Canning, Director of Operations and Programs at Temple Beth-El, for finally giving into being questioned...

1. What is your favorite word? *This week, my favorite word is tweet.*
2. What is your least favorite word? *Can I use two? A phrase? (Editor: Yes!)... ok, then fake news*
3. What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally? *Beauty...I'm was an art major.*
4. What turns you off? *Gossip*
5. What is your favorite curse word? [Editor's note: As a Jersey girl, this is typically my favorite question! Susan, also a Jersey girl, clearly grew up in a different part of Jersey.] *Shoot! You know, like Mater from the Cars movie*
6. What sound or noise do you love? *The ocean*
7. What sound or noise do you hate? *Power tools. Specifically the kind you hear when you're relaxing on your back porch and the neighbor is weed wacking or cutting trees down with a chainsaw*
8. What profession other than your own would you like to attempt? *Coordinator of exhibitions at a museum; the one who plans the whole schedule and makes it all work*
9. What profession would you not like to do? *Mortician*
10. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates? *Heaven? Really?!? Not sure I'd get to heaven...*



Susan Canning

(Continued from page 1)

Scroll in the Sanctuary next to the Holy Ark, and to read from it whenever practical.

Many people contributed to turning this idea into reality. Those people include: Susan Bergman, Elissa Davidson (who took the pictures which accompany this article), Amy Effron, Rabbi Neal Loevinger, Rabbi Kevin Hale, Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Lisa Schlissel, Elaine Miles, Donna Gallagher and Michael Witman.

Haftarah portions are still available for inscription. Donors can dedicate a specific portion of the scroll, with a written dedication appearing in the scroll directly under the portion title.

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June Blooms

by Rabbi Miriam Hyman Education Director /Rosh Tefillah & Cantor Devorah Gartner B'nai Mitzvah/Youth Director

The 5777 school year will culminate in an all-school program and teacher appreciation luncheon on Sunday, June 4. We look back at this outstanding spring, and we marvel at all our students have accomplished.

From Nisan on, the pace never slowed. We had barely tidied up the matzah crumbs before Kitot Hay, Vav (5th & 6th grades) and their families were off to Ellis and Liberty Islands to explore their roots.

We found ourselves at Dutchess Community College, seeing our Geshur Hebrew High School students bring the voices of the lost children of the Shoah back to life. The program conceived and designed by the students, with the guidance of the Geshur Holocaust/Genocide teacher, Craig Gittelman, and the Temple Beth-El Youth Director, Cantor Devorah Gartner, was both innovative and deeply moving. Taking the words of keynote speaker, Evan Bernstein of the ADL to heart, many of the TBE Youth Group and Geshur students joined students from local Muslim and Christian youth groups to work in a community garden and then have dinner together.

The TBE Sunday School wished Israel a "Happy Birthday" for Yom Ha'atzmaut. With Israeli food, dancing, music, geography study and learning about the cutting-edge Israeli water-conservation programs, it was a celebration of all things Israel. The combined Ivrit programs of Temple Beth-El and Congregation Shir Chadash

had two reasons to rejoice: First, Kitot Gimmel and Dalet (3rd & 4th grades) came together with their families at Congregation Shir Chadash for a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service. Second, it was then Temple Beth-El's chance to host Friday evening services, led by the students of Kitot Hay, Vav and B'nai Mitzvah (5th, 6th and 7th grades). Both services were co-led by the CSC/TBE clergy. It is a joy to see our students learning more each year and taking ownership of the bimah with such confidence.

The Jewish community joined together for Mitzvah Day. Among many other worthy endeavors, the youngest students of the TBE Sunday School helped to create **Birthdays Bags** for children just like themselves, except not fortunate enough to be able to have parties for their special day. The Youth Group ran their annual **Car Wash & Candy Sale** with everyone getting wet for their ongoing cause of helping homeless families in Dutchess County.

We watched as three Spring B'not Mitzvah students were called to the Torah. Mazal tov to Hannah Effron, Dylan Zackow, Natalie Sabrsula and their families.

As we fondly bid "L'hitraot" to our students, we are deeply into planning the 5778 school year of learning, laughter, adventure, celebration, exploration, friendship and fun. Have a great summer!



Temple Beth-El student placing a note in the Kotel built by our Pre-k— 2 students



Temple Bethel Club Katan celebrates Yom Hashoah



Students of TBE and the Al Noor Mosque at the Dutchess Outreach garden. Our students worked together to prepare seed trays, clear brush and turn over soil for planting. After working, our youth met at TBE for an icebreaker activity, a tour of the Temple for our guests and dinner. On the tour, Jewish objects and customs were explained, and our guests noted the similarities between our traditions. A good time was had by all.

PJ LIBRARY STORY TIME PLAY DATE at Temple Beth-El

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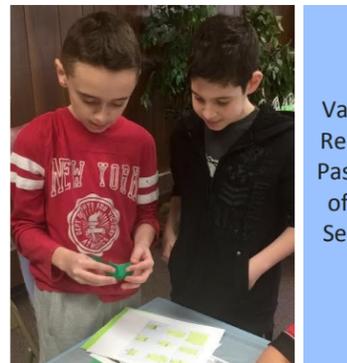
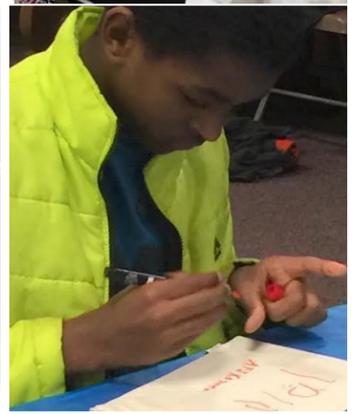
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Temple Beth-El Stories, Songs, Torah & Fun! Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Neal

Join the community for Shabbat kiddush afterwards. Parents & children ages 0-6 (& siblings) are welcome! (Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times). All are welcome, and bring friends!

Saturday, June 17 (and all 3rd Sat) at 11:15am.

Vassar Temple Interactive Passover



Vassar Temple's Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School held an interactive Passover program filled with the joy of learning about each step of the Seder through engaging in creative activities, song and dance!



Geshur Religious School Students participating in the Yom Hashoah Commemoration



PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley

Two Great Events in June



Grandparents' Celebration

Sunday, June 11, 11:00am -1:00pm
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This event is free but limited to only 35 people. Save your spot now: RSVP to pjlibrary@JewishDutchess.org.

New Parents' Tea

Thursday, June 15 10:00am

A special celebration of babies and toddlers born in 2016 and 2017 with tea and treats and door prizes at the home of Jessa Kwon, our 0-3 PJ Library Family Liaison.



MORE SUMMER FUN

Popsicles in the Park with PJ Library, Fridays, 10:30am, July—August in Bowdoin Park

PJ Library Summer Science Club, located at Vassar Temple, Wednesdays, July 12—August 23, ages 3-8 and an adult. Come for family science fun!

PJ Library Playdates in Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, and Kingston all summer!

Email pjlibrary@JewishDutchess.org for more information.

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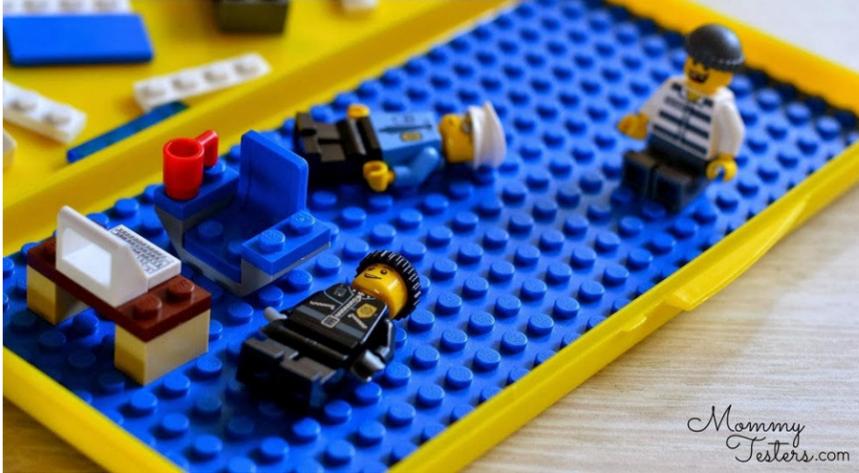


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You can appeal to the tastes of any child by using a theme they love. These are easy and inexpensive to make, easy to stash away in your bag or car glove box, self contained and provide hours of fun!

One example is this Lego case for the builder in your life from hello splendid. <http://hellosplendid.com/2013/10/diy-travel-lego-case-from-a-baby-wipes-case-wipebox.html>



Glue some felt to the insides of the case and cut out some felt potatoes and accessories for a do-it-yourself Potato Head activity case.



Make a Math case with tiny objects to count and math problems on pre-set cards or create a set of sight word flashcards for some reading practice. A coloring case with crayons and paper is easily assembled. Stack five pieces of printer paper, fold them in half, staple the fold, add some colored pencils and you have a travel journal. Use your imagination and items you have on hand!

June and July bring us opportunities to travel, take day-trips or design mini staycations. Children may be off to camp, a week with their grandparents or a camping trip with friends. It is time to put together travel activity kits for the kids, stock up on easy-to-take-along snacks and learn a few new games to play while you wait in line or drive across the state. PJ Library and PJ OurWay offer many resources to help us with this challenge on the blog, Travel Tips, <https://www.pjlibrary.org/Beyond-Books/PJBlog/April-2017/tefilathaderech>.

In June, every book envelope will also contain a special gift, summer Travel Tags! Inspired by a traditional Jewish prayer Tefilat Haderekh (The Traveler's Prayer), family members can express their own wishes for the family trip and attach them to a backpack, a suitcase or even a bicycle or tricycle handle, if your trip is around the neighborhood. If you need help learning or teaching the prayer, check My Jewish Learning <http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/tefilat-haderekh-the-travelers-prayer/>.

The travel tags are designed around the Hamsa symbol. "The open image of the right hand is a symbol of protection, blessings and strength for the three major religions of the Middle East. The light blue eye wards of evil spirits, and the silver metal it is frequently made of is believed to have magical powers. If you travel in the Middle East, or visit someone who is originally from the area, you are bound to see this symbol." For a short history of this ancient symbol and its significance for three major religions go to <http://kidworldcitizen.org/2012/01/17/good-luck-hamsa-craft/>.

Whatever your plans, a stack of good books is a must for the long days of summer. The PJ blog has assembled lists of books for you that cover certain topics such as "Books that take place in New York City," "Books about going on a journey" and "Multicultural books." You already have many of these titles on your book shelf. PJ Library parents had an opportunity to choose between five adult titles last month that will be arriving in mailboxes in July. We will be adding an adult book club to our Parent's Night Out offerings sometime this summer, so take advantage of those lazy afternoons and read!

We have several PJ Library programs scheduled for June and July: we will take part in the Multi Cultural Festival in Kingston on June 4, we have a Grandparents Picnic and New Parents' Tea in the works later in the month. Please check PJ Library Mid-Hudson Valley on Facebook and read our emails for details.

Have questions? Need help finding resources? Contact us, your PJ Library Mid-Hudson Team,

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

Thursday, June 15, 7pm (call to confirm showing)
Benard Henri-Levy with Charlie Rose: Why Judaism Matters

The rock-star French philosopher sits down with Charlie Rose to explain how his ideas are shaped by the wisdom and beauty of Judaism, why Judaism and Jewish peoplehood is important to the world — and why the global resurgence of anti-Semitism poses an existential threat to us all. Bernard-Henri Lévy is a philosopher, journalist, activist and filmmaker. Among his dozens of books are *American Vertigo*, *Barbarism with a Human Face* and *Who Killed Daniel Pearl?*, and most recently *The Genius of Judaism*. His writing has appeared in a wide range of publications throughout Europe and the United States. His films include the documentaries *Bosna! And A Day in the Death of Sarajevo*. Lévy is co-founder of the anti-racist group SOS Racism and has served on diplomatic missions for the French government.



92nd Street Y program is taking a break during the summer. Check the August Voice for the fall schedule

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 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.

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The President's Voice



Dear Friends,

By the time you are reading this column, many of you will be approached to once again make your annual campaign contribution to the Federation. I hope you will take the time to read the entire letter. It is important that the community understands that the demands for our services have increased dramatically along with Federation's desire to find the means to realize them. We would love to expand our successful Lunch and Learn program to an additional location. We would also like to expand our Community Outreach to include some exciting field trips. We are actually working on one for August, hopefully to go to New York City and see a Yiddish theatre production.

Unfortunately, we were unable to assist with all the requests we received for scholarship assistance, as we simply did not have enough funds available.

Please consider increasing your pledge by up to 10% if that is feasible for you. I thank you in advance for all of your untiring support.

Fondly,

Betsy Kopstein-Stuts
 President, Jewish Federation of Dutchess County

Betsy Kopstein-Stuts

2017 Holiday Greetings

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

This year we will once again be offering a three 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 three pack, please choose the same style for all three greetings.

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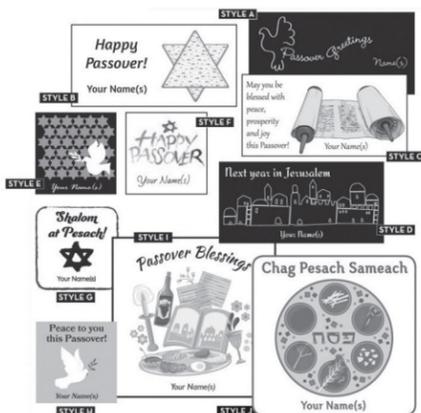
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Passover Greetings



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 STYLE B: Happy Passover!
 STYLE C: May you be blessed with peace, prosperity and joy this Passover!
 STYLE D: Next year in Jerusalem
 STYLE E: No text, just your name
 STYLE F: Happy Passover!
 STYLE G: Shalom at Pesach!
 STYLE H: Peace to you this Passover!
 STYLE I: Passover Blessings!
 STYLE J: Chag Pesach Sameach!

Rosh Hashanah Greetings



STYLE A: Happy New Year
 STYLE B: Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year!
 STYLE C: May the sounds of the Shofar welcome in a new year of health and happiness
 STYLE D: L'Shanah Tovah
 STYLE E: Happy Rosh Hashanah
 STYLE F: Have a sweet new year!
 STYLE G: Best wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Chanukah Greetings



STYLE A: May the lights of Hanukkah shine in your hearts forever.
 STYLE B: Wishing you peace in this season of miracles
 STYLE C: Happy Hanukkah!
 STYLE D: Have a warm & peaceful Hanukkah!
 STYLE E: Peace to all!
 STYLE F: Hanukkah Blessings!
 STYLE G: Warm Hanukkah Blessings to You!
 STYLE H: No text, just your name
 STYLE I: From our Family to Yours, Happy Hanukkah!
 STYLE J: May your Hanukkah shine bright with happiness!

Generational Shabbat – a Vassar Temple Sisterhood Tradition

By Jonah Ritter

Vassar Temple Sisterhood has many wonderful traditions, and this is certainly one of them. Some years ago, Sisterhood took over a temple practice – to organize and conduct a Friday night service called a “Generational Shabbat.” During this lay-led service, which Sisterhood members conduct, the Temple honors people who have been members of Vassar Temple for 40 or more years.

Part of the tradition includes having the Men’s Club host the Oneg. Special thanks to our organizers including but not limited to: Sisterhood President, Judy Rosenfeld; Past President, Melissa Erlebacher; Bonnie Scheer and the many others involved.

Each year, the bulk of the names and faces are the same. We are proud to have some join the ranks, and deeply saddened when we lose anyone. And of course, not everyone can make it to the service.

Here is a picture of the “class” of 2017 (5777). To Vassar Temple, these people need no introduction. I love the way Lila Matlin and Sue Barbash are holding hands in the front row! Classy and strong, Muriel Lampel is just behind them. Look at Gloria up top, with her big smile—her vigor and thirst for adventure is really special. That’s Linda Cantor on the left in front of Richard. I am in awe of Linda’s sensitivities. Of course, there is Elaine L in the front row, who faces the camera and life head on with great spirit. Each and everyone is special in their own way!

The lifelong bonds that can be made at a temple make one’s life richer – increasing the joy during happy moments, *simchas* and comforting one during life’s inevitable trials and tribulations.

We know there are many people in the community who were members of Vassar Temple years ago, but are now unaffiliated with any temple. Please know that it is never too late to come back and be with old friends, as we all make new ones.



Members of Vassar Temple for 40 years or more were honored at the annual Generations Shabbat Dinner and Service.

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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, June 3, 17, 10:00am. For info, contact Rabbi Leah Berkowitz: rabi@vassar temple.org, email Marian Schwartz: mschwa9882@aol.com or call the temple office (845) 454-2570.

Congregation Shir Chadash Honors its Religious School Teacher

Shir Chadash will honor their volunteer religious school teachers. The religious school teachers, along with their high-school-age assistant teachers, have been volunteering their time for several years and enjoying the rewards of passing on the knowledge of Jewish learning. The low-pressure, open environment of the school allows for an enriching, fun time-while encouraging learning for all. A Kabbalat Shabbat service dedicated to the teachers & their assistants, with an introduction by school coordinator, Sue Marcoe, will be followed by a special Oneg. All are welcome!

DETAILS

Friday, June 2, 7:30pm. For more info, call (845) 232-1029, email info@shirchadash.org or website www.shirchadash.org



Last year's Shir Chadash's teachers and assistants being honored at a special service.

Picnic & Outdoor Service

Vassar Temple's annual picnic and outdoor service will be held on the front lawn of the temple. The picnic dinner will begin at 6:30pm. Dress is casual; please bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket. The informal kabbalat shabbat service will begin at 7:30pm, following dinner. Religious school faculty and staff will be honored as part of the evening's events. All are welcome, and a special invitation is extended to returning college students to join us

DETAILS

Friday, June 16, 6:30pm (Picnic), 7:30pm (Kabbalat Shabbat). There is no charge for the meal but a donation would be appreciated to help defray dinner expenses. Everyone, including teaching staff, who are planning to attend the picnic meal, is asked to RSVP no later than June 9, picnic@vassar temple.org. In case of inclement weather, the festivities will take place inside the temple.

SAVE THE DATE: Take Me Out to the Ballgame

August 13 will be Jewish Heritage Night at the Renegades Stadium. More info will be forthcoming from Congregation Schomre Israel.

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, June 11, July 9, August 13 and September 10.

The July 9 meeting is our annual installation of officers. The meeting will be at Coppola's in Hyde Park, starting at 1:00pm and is \$25 per person.

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. Please no food or drink inside the shul.

DETAILS

Sunday, June 11, July 9, August 13, and September 10, 9:30am. There is an informal coffee and cake period of schoomzing. Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie. For info contact the Presiding Officer, Rob Rubin at qb5@optonline.net.

Confirmation Vassar Temple

A Confirmation Shabbat Service will be held at Vassar Temple Friday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation is held at Vassar Temple for teens about three years beyond bar/bat mitzvah age, when youths are able to do additional study at a more mature level.

This year's confirmands will be Justin Moore, son of Danah and Jeremy Moore, and Mariah Jade Robishaw, daughter of Robert Rosen and Susan Robishaw, granddaughter of Ronald and Marilyn Rosen.

Please join us for the service and for a celebratory oneg which will follow in the Social Hall.

Shir Chadash Holds Joint Services with Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church

Congregation Shir Chadash will join with their Presbyterian friends for two joint services led by Rabbi Daniel Polish and Rev. Paul Lent. Both choirs will participate to add a special musical touch to these services. Please join us for this unique opportunity!

DETAILS

Friday, June 9, 7:30pm & Sunday, June 11, 9:00am. For more information, call (845) 232-1029, email info@shirchadash.org or the website www.shirchadash.org

Shalom Tots Shabbat Family Dinners

We invite families with children ages 0-5, along with grandparents and siblings to join Rabbi Daniel Victor and Rabbi Miriam Hyman for a Shabbat dinner, a musical program and story and cupcake dessert.

This program is open to any family with young children, so tell your friends.

DETAILS

Friday, June 2 & July 7, 5:45pm, Temple Beth-El. Dinner is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children 2-12, maximum per family is \$36. Please rsvp in advance so we can prepare enough food. Contact the TBE office at (845) 454.0570 or info@tbeny.org. Credit cards, checks or cash are accepted. Financial assistance is available through Rabbi Victor.

Schomre Israel Raffle Buffet

Schomre Israel's annual raffle to be held at the synagogue. Only 200 raffle tickets will be sold at the price of \$100 each. The prizes to be given away are 8 prizes of \$250, one prize of \$1,000 and the grand prize of \$5,000. All ticket holders are invited to attend a delicious buffet with an open wine bar. The winning tickets will be selected at this event. It is possible to purchase a ticket jointly with others.

Join us for an afternoon of good food, good company and the possibility of coming away with some extra money.

DETAIL

Sunday, June 25, 2:00pm, Schomre Israel. For more info or to purchase a ticket, call Irwin Lifshay, at (845) 452-2051, or synagogue (845) 454-2890.

Shir Chadash-Shabbat Without Walls

Congregation Shir Chadash is planning an unusual Shabbat service - a hiking service!

This promises to be a unique experience where one can commune with God and nature. Join us for this opportunity. Bring a picnic lunch. All welcome.

DETAILS

Location & date TBD. For more info, call (845) 232-1029, email info@shirchadash.org, website www.shirchadash.org.

Join the DCIC Interfaith Story Circle

The final gathering of the 2016-17 year will be the annual pot luck and story sharing event. It has become a highlight of DCIC programming. Meeting interesting people from many countries, backgrounds and stories is always a delightful experience.

All are welcome to join in and share a story or be a delighted listener.

DETAILS

Thursday, June 8, 6:30pm food sharing, 7:30pm stories begin at Mariapolis Luminosa, 200 Cardinal Rd, Hyde Park NY.

DCIC Crop Walk

Its not too soon to start planning for this fall's annual CROP walk. Let Miriam Zimet Aaron know if you'd like to be part of this year's planning group.

TBE School Ends June 4th with Teacher Appreciation Lunch

The final day of the Temple Beth-El Religious school will be on Sunday, June 4. Students will celebrate a great year of learning, and there will be a luncheon to honor our dedicated teaching staff.

Todah rabbah to our teachers Shelly White, Lucia Swartz, Karen Jacobs, Beth Richardson, Lucy Langer, Suzanne Turrisi, Cantor Devorah Gartner, Tikva Rose, Karen Hochhauser, Amira Keren, Rabbi Victor and Rabbi Hyman. Thanks to Rachel Etkin, our education assistant, for all of the support you provide. We also thank Kathy Lorenz, Joël Logan, Susan Petendree, Susan Canning, Ron Reed and Claudette Owen for all they do to help make Temple Beth-El run smoothly. In addition, many thanks to our teen teaching assistants, Max Canning, Isabel Canning, Julia Cooper, Molly Doherty, Lindsay Efron, Bethanie Gartner, Halley Gerber, Ariella Hyman-Fessler, Raphael Hyman-Fessler, Amanda Jacobs, Jenna Levine, Iris Raz and Andrew Scheck. Mazel Tov to Leah Mozeshtam, TBE's grade 1-2 teaching assistant, who is graduating from Spackenkill High School this spring.

Many thanks also to Geshet teachers Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rabbi Daniel Polish, Myra French, Frana Baruch, Suzanne Turrisi, Howard Lynn and Craig Gittelman. Special thanks to Cantor Devorah Gartner for all the work she did to make Geshet run smoothly. Thank you to Howard Lynne. Howard is retiring after 36 years of teaching at Temple Beth-El. We wish Howard and Sharon Lynne good luck and lots of enjoyment as they relocate to Florida.

We would also like to thank all of the many volunteers who have shopped, cooked, schlepped, planned, advised, written grants, created art, fixed computers, told stories, led dancing and helped out in so many ways this past year. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for all you have done for our children and for our community. School is on Summer break! Register now for the Temple Beth-El 2017-2018 school year.

Temple Beth-El 5th & 6th Grade Biennial Ellis-Island & Liberty-Island Trip by Tikva Rose

As I watched the distinguished green lady and her golden torch appear in the horizon, the Temple Beth-El students on the bus screamed with excitement and craned their neck to snap a photo of the famous landmark. I was struck by how much hope that very sight brought for so many. Lady Liberty symbolized hope for a new life free of fear, persecution, poverty and prejudice. She symbolized hope for a more comfortable life, a life of opportunity and self fulfillment. Though many of these dreams were not initially realized, it was hope that brought millions across the ocean, to the outstretched arm of this silent woman.

I was riding a bus filled with Temple-Beth-El 5th and 6th-graders and their families on our biennial trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. We had been playing "Broken Telephone" for almost an hour but the sight of Lady Liberty sparked a more serious conversation about accepting new-comers.

The ferry ride to Ellis Island was windy and enjoyable from the second story. As we walked through the exhibits we learned about the hardships faced by immigrants as they tried to keep old identities alive while assimilating into life in the "Golden Land." The kids were impressed by photos of working children, covered in dirt and sweat, many of whose families de-

ended on their salaries for survival.

After a quick picnic lunch, we headed back to the ferry and on to Liberty Island. I had never visited the Statue of Liberty before, and did not expect that the sight of it would make me feel so emotional. As an immigrant myself, the excitement and anticipation of those approaching this country for the first time felt very real. When we walked into the pedestal entrance, we were greeted by the original glass torch held up by Lady Liberty. I wondered out loud why it was ever replaced and was surprised to hear Aaron Tsukroff, a 5th-grader standing beside me, explain that the rain falling on the warm glass of the lit torch kept shattering it. How did he know? He had been avidly listening to the audio guide.

We climbed 215 steps to the top of the pedestal and were greeted by a well-worth-it view of the Manhattan skyline. We were able to view the impressive cork-

screw staircase (the "skeleton" of the statue as my daughter Aurora put it) designed by Alexandre Eiffel (yes, the same one from the Eiffel Tower in Paris).

The day ended with a bus full of sleeping adults and over-tired kids—too worked up to sleep. I felt lucky to have experienced such an interesting, moving and memorable trip with young and curious companions.



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 Raffle and Cocktail Party, June 25, 2:00pm. See page 10 for more info.
Temple Beth-El Lunchbox June 11 & July 9, 10:00am—2:00pm. Help Temple Beth-El serve at Lunchbox on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Contact Marlene Straus (845) 462-4704 to sign-up.

Monday

Congregation Schomre Israel Chair Yoga with Toni Farkas, 11:30am. \$5 per session, all welcome.
Temple Beth-El Board Meeting June 12, 7:30pm. Temple Beth-El Board of Trustees monthly meeting.
Temple Beth-El Tisha B'Avat July 31, 8:15pm, Temple Beth-El Chapel.

Tuesday

Yiddish is back! 11:00am—12:00pm, at the JCC. Check us out. Groove on the sweet sounds of bubba and zaida, alefasholem! 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.
Temple Beth-El Tisha B'Avat August 1, 7:30am and 7:00pm we will join together for learning Mincha Ma'ariv and breaking the fast.

Wednesday

Learn & Lunch Bunch every Wednesday, 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

Congregation Schomre Israel Second Day of Shavuot June 1, 9:00am.
Temple Beth-El Shavuot Service June 1, 9:30am.

Friday

Kabbalat Shabbat Service Honoring Shir Chadash's Religious School Teachers June 2, 7:30pm. Join us as we honor our volunteer religious school teachers.
Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Board Installation June 16, 7:30pm. Service with Rabbi Daniel F. Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang. The 2017-2018 Board of Trustees will be installed. Followed by community Oneg, all welcome.
Congregation Shir Chadash Kabbalat Shabbat Service June, 24, 7:30pm. Lay led evening service, followed by community Oneg. All welcome.
Special Summer Kabbalat Shabbat Service TBD, 6:30pm, Come pray with Shir Chadash under the stars with a lay led service. Bring your own picnic supper with a dessert to share. All welcome. For more info call (845) 232-1029
Vassar Temple Shabbat Evening Service June 2, 9, 23, 30 7:30pm. June 2 Confirmation service.
Vassar Temple Shabbat Picnic Dinner June 16, 6:30pm picnic followed teacher recognition and outdoor kabbalat Shabbat service. For information is on page 10.
Temple Beth-El Service 7:30pm. Conservative egalitarian Shabbat, all welcome.
Temple Beth-El Shalom Tots Shabbat Family Dinners June 2 & July 7, 5:45pm, more info on page 10.

Saturday

Congregation Shir Chadash Sharing Shabbat Program Religious School Recessed for the summer and will resume in the fall. Contact (845) 232-1029, email info2shir-chadash.org or www.shir-chadash.org.
Congregation Shir Chadash Torah Study Recessed for the summer and will resume in the fall.
Congregation Shir Chadash Tot Program Recessed for the summer and will resume in the fall.
Congregation Shir Chadash Morning Torah Service Recessed for the summer and resuming in the fall.
Vassar Temple New Paths Shabbat Morning Service June 3, 17, 10:00am.
Vassar Temple Sabbath Morning Toray Service June 10, 10:00am.
Temple Beth-El Shabbat Service 9:30am, Conservative, egalitarian service
Temple Beth-El Tot Shabbat June 17, 11:15am.

Out of Area

Please Note:

There are no religious school classes in June and July. Please check the August Voice for more information.

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 Saturday, June 17, 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, June 6, 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 Thursday, 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.
Pirke Avot with Rabbi Romer, Thursday, June 8 & 22, 5:30pm.
Confirmation Saturday, June 3, 10:00am.
L'dor Vador & New Member Shabbat Friday, June 23, 6:30pm.
Sisterhood Yard & Bag Sale Sunday, June 25, 9:00am—3:00pm, Yard Sale; Monday, June 26, 10:00am—2:00pm, Bag Sale. Donated items will be collected at a congregants home, contact the main office for information

Calendar

June/July

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 Tz'vive 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.

June/July Candle Lighting

June 2 8:07pm
 June 9 8:11pm
 June 16 8:14pm
 June 23 8:16pm
 June 30 8:16pm
 July 7 8:14pm
 July 14 8:11pm
 July 21 8:06pm
 July 28 8:00pm

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Mitzvah Day 2017



Serving Lunch



The Birthday Bag Project

Cleaning the Appalachian Trail



Car Wash Project

Gardening Project

Cereal Box Collection



At the Pines

PJ Library Tables

Cleaning at Grace Smith House



Mailing Project