



# מסורת הנרות העצומים המאיר בחדר ההוא







# ANNUAL DECEMBER 24TH DINNER





# Congregation Shir Chadash

*Rabbi Daniel Polish*

*Cantor Gail Hirschenfang*

*President Lindsey Turner*

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**January 2018**

Services held at the *Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church Route 55 and Stringham Road, LaGrange*

## JANUARY CALENDAR

Online at [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

- 5 Kabbalat Shabbat**
- 6 Sharing Shabbat Torah Study 9:15am**
- 8 Board Meeting 7:00pm**
- 12 Kabbalat Shabbat**
- 19 Kabbalat Shabbat**
- 20 Sharing Shabbat Torah Study 9:15am**
- 26 Kabbalat Shabbat Shabbat Shira**

### Looking Ahead—

**2/3 Sharing Shabbat Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:30am**

**2/10 Sharing Shabbat**



## From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish

### Hail to the Chiefs

“To everything there is a season” says the book of Koheleth/Ecclesiastes. But the season does not always come when you expect it. The end of the old year (on the Gregorian calendar) brings changes to Shir Chadash somewhat out of season. And as a congregation we begin the new year with expressions of thanks.

Thanks to Bill Anshen for his time as president of the congregation. We thank Bill for his dedication, devotion and deep-seated commitment to the congregation. He came to the presidency of the congregation after fulfilling numbers of important roles in the life of the congregation. In his presidency—as in his earlier roles—he brought a depth of insight and understanding to his work and a profound loyalty to Jewish tradition. We are very much in Bill’s debt for all he has done for such a long time. May Shir Chadash continue to be enriched by Bill’s talents and devotion in other capacities in the years ahead.

And thanks to Lindsey Turner for his enthusiastic acceptance of his elevation from vice-president of the congregation to president. Lindsey has been a tireless and devoted worker on behalf of the congregation in many capacities over the years. He can always be counted on to follow through with any task he accepts—and do it well. He brings a wisdom and insightfulness to his new role, a sagacity and reasoned calm. And he brings Nicky whose many gifts have enhanced the life of the congregation in her own right. We look forward to the course that Lindsey will chart, and to the pleasure of working alongside him.

Bill and Lindsey both have been reliable and committed leaders. We thank both of them for what they have done, for their willingness to accept the mantle of leadership, and for what we know they will do to help Shir Chadash go from strength to strength. May they both find satisfaction and fulfillment in what they have done and what they will do. And may all of us be inspired by their examples to share our own gifts and accept our own roles in carrying the life of Shir Chadash forward.

*B’Shalom,  
Rabbi Daniel Polish*



# Notes from Cantor Gail Hirschenfang

## ***Kol Isha: The Voice of the Woman Celebrated*** **at January 26 MUSIC SABBATH**

*Kol Isha*—"The Voice of the Woman" is something we will 'celebrate' at our music Sabbath on Friday night, January 26<sup>th</sup>. As liberal, Reform Jews we have embraced egalitarianism and, in doing so, have been enriched by extending equality to men and women engaged in Jewish ritual. In the Reform movement this has been the norm for the last 45 years, since the Hebrew Union College ordained its first woman Rabbi (Sally Priesand) in 1972 and, three years later, its first woman Cantor (Barbara Ostfeld). As I am one of the first dozen or so women cantors, I can remember vividly the questions I would often receive such as: "what's it like to be a woman cantor"; "do we call you cantorette"; or, my favorite, "what will we call your husband?" (I was single at the time!). At the time I graduated the School of Sacred Music at the Hebrew Union College, being a woman on the pulpit was still quite a novelty. This is far from the case today where the current Reform cantorate is about 65% female.

So, when I say that we indeed 'celebrate' the voice of the woman throughout our modern, liberal Jewish community, this is not so for all denominations of Judaism. The irony of calling this music Sabbath "*Kol Isha*" is that this is the Rabbinic term for the forbidding of men hearing the singing voice of a woman. For the Rabbis, the woman's voice is erotic and could lead to arousal. Why, then, you might ask, is it considered acceptable practice for a woman to hear the singing voice of a male? The Rabbis respond here by stating that the male is much more susceptible to arousal and, therefore, must be prevented from experiencing any temptation.

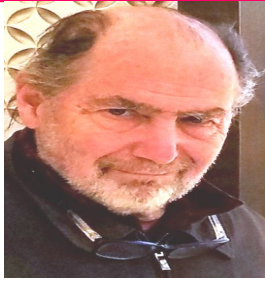
The current movement in Israel of the Women of the Wall, is also (ironically) called *Kol Isha*. For the last 20 years, groups of women have organized at the Western Wall in Jerusalem and have engaged in prayer and song in the general courtyard of the *kotel*, the Wall, outside of the designated women's section. This has caused an uproar among the Orthodox community and has resulted in the issue going to Israeli courts and even the *Keneset*. There is still much work to be done here.

As for us, on January 26<sup>th</sup>, Shir Chadash will indeed celebrate the woman's voice, not only the singing voice but with the many creative voices of women composers. You will hear, first-hand, the contributions of women—women cantors, women song-leaders and women composers will all be featured. And, how appropriate that this will all take place on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, on *Shabbat Shira*, the Sabbath of Song! We hope to see you there.

*L'Shalom,*  
Cantor Gail P. Hirschenfang

# A Message from President Lindsey Turner

## From Strength to Strength



My Dear Friends:

Some of you Nicky and I have known and shared many treasured times with for almost a half a generation now. For me, being a member of Shir Chadash has been one of the signal experiences of my life and certainly the most important religious experience.

Today I am very happy to start my tenure as your president, but at the same moment I am very sad that I have come to this job because our two immediate past presidents have not been able to continue. Both are people of much deeper vision and greater abilities than I have.

In order to carry forth their visions and, of course, those of our wonderful Rabbi and Cantor, I will need an enormous amount of help and involvement from everyone of you, the Congregation.

The lights of Chanukah have burned, extending their light into the dark of winter. Now the days lengthen and our thoughts begin the slow, at first, voyage towards spring with Purim to make us laugh and then Passover to consecrate freedom.

As we move towards that great cycle, as a congregation we have a lot to do and truly to really enjoy and make ourselves a part of this we have to all work together.

I cannot promise to make each and every one of you happy, but I promise to listen to each and every one of you. I will make myself available any way I can.

*B' Shalom,  
Lindsey Turner  
845-462-2858*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MUCH THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY RESPONDED TO OUR YEAR END APPEAL.

THIS YEAR WE'LL HAVE MUCH TO PLAN AND MUCH TO STRIVE FOR, YOUR GIFTS AND YOUR IDEAS WILL HELP US MOVE AHEAD.

ADDING YOUR NAME TO THE LIST OF DONORS BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST BY CLICKING ON THE LINK BELOW, WILL ASSURE OUR SUCCESS.

THANK YOU  
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## **A Message from Sue Marcoe Education Enrichment Coordinator**

### **EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

I hope that everyone had a good Chanukah and wishing everyone a happy secular new year!

January finds us still in the second trimester of our curriculum, Students in our Aleph and Bet classes will continue studying and having fun with Bible Stories, using role playing, crafts, storytelling, and other creative ideas to find meaning in each of these stories.

We are also very excited to announce that we now have a Tots class (k-1st grade) under the tutelage of Leah Polish! These students are learning about the symbols and meanings of the Jewish holidays, using crafts and stories. If you know of any children who could benefit from the program, please let their parents know that whether or not members of Shir Chadash, for this year only, there is no charge for this program, although a donation would be appreciated to cover the cost of materials.

And our fourth graders are excited that they will now be able to join Jr. Choir. Come to services to hear them sing.

Also, watch for a special Tzedakah program coming soon. As our youngsters go through their daily activities, learning from books, reading and writing, sharing family meals, and playing outside with athletic equipment or inside with crafts, we hope that they will stop and think about others who don't have the same opportunities. There are families with children here in the Poughkeepsie area who do not have food, school supplies, nor even warm clothes for the winter. Our Social Action committee has been working on helping these families, and we will be doing so soon in our Religious School.

Please do remember that on Sharing Shabbats, teaching time is very limited. Please, please bring your children early for *Bagel Time* (8:45 before class in the new building). School needs to begin promptly at 9 a.m. upstairs in the old building and no food is allowed in the classrooms. Students can finish their breakfast or get a nosh at Kiddush at 10:30am before services. Also, please do join us after class for Sharing Shabbat services. What is important to you becomes important to your children.

*B'Shalom*  
*Sue Marcoe*  
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## Chanukah at the Vatican



**Rabbi Polish lit the first candle of Chanukah 2017 at the Vatican. Here is a bit about the event, taken from a blog by Rabbi David Sandmel of the ADL. He calls it a Chanukah Miracle - we'll hear more about it at the next clergy-led service.**

On the first night of Chanukah, Mr. Oren David, Ambassador of Israel to the Holy See hosted a festive reception in the library of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the

Jews. The reception was not only in honor of Chanukah, but also to acknowledge the visit to the Vatican by a delegation from the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC). Ambassador David welcomed all the guests. Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Commission, said a few words and lit the shamash (the "servant" candle used to light other candles). Rabbi Daniel Polish, chair of IJCIC, briefly explained the holiday and lit the first candle, and Rabbi David Rosen of Israel, a past chair of IJCIC, a veteran of interreligious relations and a well-known figure in Rome, led the blessings. Among the guests were other Vatican officials from the Congregation for Promoting Christian Unity and the Secretariat of State, as well as scholars from the Cardinal Bea Center for Jewish Studies and the Biblicum. Also in attendance were the president of the Jewish community of Rome and the charge d'affaires of the American Embassy to the Holy See.



*Happy  
Thanksgiving  
from Italy!!*

# Let Us Celebrate Tu B'Shvat

the new year of the trees

The sap is rising in the trees in Israel,  
the renewal of spring is coming.

Join us

**Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 11:30am**

at Congregation Shir Chadash for a  
Tu B'Shvat Seder featuring Israel's ancient crops.  
The Seder will begin immediately after services.  
Please RSVP.

almonds  
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barley

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November 16, 2017

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Dear Friends:

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Your contribution will enable the Food Bank to continue its efforts to alleviate the pain of hunger and prevent food waste in the six counties served in the lower Hudson Valley. Each dollar donated will provide 4 meals to a hungry neighbor.

On behalf of the Food Bank and its member agencies, I would like to offer our thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Stermer  
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November 16, 2017

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Dear Ms. Rollman,

**Robert Caso**  
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We are writing to express our gratitude to you for the donation of 22 bags (176 items) of food on October 2, 2017.

Dutchess Outreach exists to widen food access, increase advocacy and provide emergency relief by offering a range of vital services. Last year alone we provided more than 180,000 free meals and sold more than 12,000 pounds of affordable, fresh Hudson Valley produce via our Lunch Box meal programs, the Beverly Cross Food Pantry and, our mobile farmers' market. Overall, more than 10,000 Dutchess County residents, 3,000 of whom were children, benefited from these efforts. This year, in collaboration with our Poughkeepsie food security partners, we successfully revived The Backpack Program for children in the elementary schools. Through this program, backpacks are filled with food for children considered food insecure to take home and share with their families in order to ensure they are fed through the weekend.

Dutchess Outreach is a charity recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3). The Employer Identification Number is 22-2339537. Pursuant to federal tax law Dutchess Outreach is not permitted to determine the value of your donation for the purpose of a charitable contribution deduction. However, you may wish to utilize the space below to document your estimated value if you donated a gift item.

Estimated value of item(s) donated \_\_\_\_\_

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Sincerely yours,

Brian Riddell  
Executive Director

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Donations to Shir Chadash are a wonderful way to honor the memory of a loved one, honor a friend or celebrate a simcha while supporting the Congregation. We have the "General Fund", the "Building Fund", the "Clergy's Discretionary Fund", the Adult B'nai Mitzvah Scholarship Fund, the Morse and Social Action Projects and the Sy Hirschenfang Scholar-in-Residence Fund. We will accept donations to any of our funds. The General Fund always needs your help to fund all our wonderful programs. Please send your donations to our Treasurer: Stacie Wogalter, 37 Patricia Drive, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569 or on our website; [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org). The donation tab is on the home page and please remember to complete the message box.

Jane Moore **in appreciation** of my friends at Shir Chadash  
Susan and Allen Fink **in honor** of Sara and Michael Rothman  
Jinny and Robert Goff **in memory** of her father, Benjamin Yaver  
Lisa and Marc Kerchman **in support** of the Morse School Food Pantry  
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## January Torah Readings



**January 5 and 6 Shemot**  
Exodus 1:1—6:1  
D'var Torah Robert Goff

**January 19 and 20 Bo**  
Exodus 10:1—13:16  
D'var Torah Lindsey Turner

**January 12 and 13 Ve'eyra**  
Exodus 6:2-9:35

**January 26 and 27 Beshallah**  
Exodus 13:17-17:16

## January Yahrzeits\*

Friday, January 5, 2018	Benjamin Gottesman	Grandfather	Lois Lang
Friday, January 5, 2018	Benjamin Yaver	Father	Jinny Goff
Friday, January 5, 2018	Martin Roth	Father	Rochelle Bellach
Friday, January 5, 2018	Gertrude Sonnenstein	Mother	Diane Light-Spiro
Friday, January 5, 2018	Marcia Been	Sister	Edward Ginsberg
Friday, January 12, 2018	Ruby Sonnenstien	Step dad	Diane Light-Spiro
Friday, January 12, 2018	Lorraine Postal	Mother	Roberta Weiner
Friday, January 12, 2018	Seymour Postal	Father	Roberta Weiner
Friday, January 12, 2018	Clara Jaitin	Grandmother	Gail Jaitin
Friday, January 12, 2018	James Thrasher	Father	Jim Thrasher
Friday, January 12, 2018	Elaine Mae Rosenberg	Mother	Wendy Bill
Friday, January 12, 2018	Betty Gottesman	Aunt	Lois Lang
Friday, January 12, 2018	Myron Wassell	Father	Emily Kuriloff
Friday, January 19, 2018	Bernard Hoffman	Uncle	Sue Marcoe
Friday, January 19, 2018	Jean Weiss Jaitin	Mother	Gail Jaitin
Friday, January 19, 2018	Selma Feit	Mother	Victor Feit
Friday, January 19, 2018	Wendy Rada	Sister	Susan Feit
Friday, January 26, 2018	Richard M. Freeman	Father	Jane Moore Freeman

\*To update your Yahrzeit list, please complete the on-line form on our website [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

## Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts

Friday, January 5	Katherine and David Karten
Saturday, January 6	Bill Anshen
Friday, January 12	Sandy and Jeff Lash
Friday, January 19	TBA
Saturday, January 20	Waste not; want not; the freezer is full
Friday, January 26	TBA



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Calendar 5778 (2017-2018)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services start Friday evening September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Family Services begin at 6:30pm

Sharing Shabbat starts Saturday morning, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

All are welcome!

SATURDAY MORNING SHARING SHABBAT 9:00 AM

September 9 and 23

October 7 and 21

November 4 and 18

December 2 and 9

January 6 and 20

February 3 and 10

March 3 and 17

April 7 and 21

May 5 and 19

Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> Selichot Joint Celebration at Temple Beth-El 8:00pm

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Rosh Hashanah 10:00am

Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00pm

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Kol Nidre 8:00pm

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> Yom Kippur 10:00am

Torah Study and Discussion 12:30pm

Yom Kippur Family Service 2:00pm

Yom Kippur Afternoon/Yizkor/Concluding Services from 3:00pm to BreakFast

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> Sukkah Building and Family Pot Luck Dinner 3:00pm

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Sukkot Family Shabbat 6:30pm

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> Simchat Torah Family Shabbat 6:30pm

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 5:00pm

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> “Light Up the Night” Family Chanukah Service 6:30pm

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:30am**

Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Purim Celebration **6:30pm**

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> No Services – First Seder

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Yom HaShoah Shabbat 7:30pm

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Yom Haastmaut Shabbat 7:30pm

Saturday, May 19 Tikkun Leyl Shavuot—Time TBA

Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Honoring Our Teachers at 7:30pm

Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Board Installation at 7:30pm

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# January 2018

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28	29	30	31	1	2 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm	3 Sharing Shabbat 9:00am Tu B'Shevat Seder Lunch 11:30am