



Congregation Shir Chadash

Rabbi Daniel Polish

President Jane Freeman Moore

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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Online at www.shir-chadash.org

- 1** Adult B'not Mitzvah
6:30pm
- 4** Kabbalat Shabbat
- 5** **Sharing Shabbat**
9:00am
Bat Mitzvah Julia
Rubinstein 10:30am
- 7** **Social Acton Meeting**
PLUS SOUP SUPPER
6:30pm FPUPC
- 8** Adult B'not Mitzvah
6:30pm
- 11** Kabbalat Shabbat
- 13** **Dinner at Dutchess**
Diner 4:00pm
- 14** **Board Meeting**
7:00pm
- 15** Adult B'not Mitzvah
6:30pm
- 18** Kabbalat Shabbat
7:30pm
- 19** **Sharing Shabbat**
9:00am
- 20** **Interfaith**
Thanksgiving
Service and Pot
Luck Dinner 5:00pm
- 22** Adult B'not Mitzvah
6:30pm
- 25** Kabbalat Shabbat
7:30pm
- 29** Adult B'not Mitzvah

Looking Ahead

- 12/3** **Sharing Shabbat**
- 12/17** **Sharing Shabbat**
Chanukah Party
- 12/23** **Kabbalat Shabbat**
6:00PM
- 12/24** **First Night of**
Chanukah
- 12/30** **Light Up the Night**
Family Service
6:00PM

From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish



November

A Month to Count Our Blessings

As Americans, our Jewish lenses make this coming month especially precious. By the time you read these words the election will be just days away. Jews who understand our historical experience know what an important role government can play in our lives. The story of the exodus from Egypt begins with the words, "now a new king arose over Egypt who knew not Joseph" The power of government for good or ill has been deeply impressed upon us. The pattern of Egypt reenacted itself throughout our history. Governments that chose to invite Jews in or expel them. Governments that offered sanctuary or turned murderous. We know the story well. So we should be especially appreciative of the opportunity we are given here to play a role in government. We are virtually unique in the long history of our people. Each of us has a privilege: the right to vote. Every time I enter the voting booth I am overwhelmed by the sense of how very blessed I am to have the chance that hundreds of generations of my ancestors never shared. Every one of us should take advantage of this wonderful gift. In fact perhaps as we enter the voting booth we ought to offer a special prayer. At the very least, the Shehechianu is in order. After all we recite it the first time we do something after a long interval. So I urge you to give serious thought to the choices before us—and their implications—and exercise the wonderful privilege you have been given.

Then as the month draws to a close, we join with all our fellow citizens in a shared re-enactment of Succot. The Pilgrims knew their Bible well and decided that their first year's harvest required the same kind of expression of thanks as our ancestors offered at the Temple in Jerusalem. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the many ways we are fortunate. Voting is one of these. There are so many more. We whose ancestors found refuge in this remarkable land can count that as a special blessing too. This year I will be thinking of the Wampanaug Indians who welcomed the boatload of refugees from English tyranny. And I will be hoping that their example will inspire our nation to be as open and welcoming as they were to the boatloads of displaced people from around the world who are seeking new homes, new beginnings, new lives for themselves, some of whom will, I hope, be arriving on these shores. For me, this year, that is very much a part of what Thanksgiving symbolizes. As has become our custom, we will share a service of Thanksgiving and a post-service dinner with our friends from Freedom Plains United Presbyterian church, on the Sunday afternoon before the holiday itself. This year we have extended an invitation to all the members of the Dutchess Interfaith Council to join us. Our afternoon of sharing should be all the more special for that. I hope you will be part of it.

B'Shalom

Rabbi Daniel Polish





A Message from President Jane Freeman Moore

Together

Every Jewish person knows that our holidays are either early or late each year, never “on time.” This year was no exception. Here it is, the beginning of November, and Simchat Torah is barely past.

Our holidays together were wonderful. Together is the operative word.

Our clergy always bring wisdom and spiritual beauty to our services and we are grateful to them. While they spent months preparing our services, sermons and moving music, our members were also busy organizing the aliyot, the readings, the welcome booklet and the break fast. Our members studied blessings, Torah and Haftarah readings, pressed the white Torah cover and set up the sanctuary. We sang in the choir, blew the shofar, built and decorated the sukkah and held up the Torah around the sanctuary. We reached out to old friends and newcomers and made everyone feel welcome.

Many of our members, more than half of them, made special High Holy Days donations to Shir Chadash, all greatly appreciated. At the end of Yom Kippur, our members loaded food donations into cars for delivery to food banks, and packaged our break fast leftovers for a local firehouse.

Our holidays were special because we prayed together, learned together, broke the fast together and celebrated together. Thank you one and all for being a part of it. Did you see old friends at holiday services? Now is a good time to tell them that you enjoyed spending the holidays together. Was someone missing who you haven't seen in a while? Let them know that you missed them.

Did you meet new people? Five new families have joined us over the last month or two. We welcome the Goff, Varble, Berman, Krueger and Altschuler families and look forward to getting to know them better.

The High Holy Days are the beginning of our year, and there's plenty more to come. On November 5th, we celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Rubinstein, daughter of Karen Marder and Adam Rubinstein, sister of Samantha Rubinstein. Then on November 13th, we are getting together for an early dinner at Dutchess Diner, a good chance to enjoy our extended Shir Chadash family. Our joint Thanksgiving service and pot luck dinner with the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church will be on Sunday, November 20th, and this year it will be in the church's brand new social hall, and open to members of the Dutchess Interfaith Council. Our school is starting a whole new project in November, a simulated trip through Israel, a creative project of our volunteer school director and teachers for our kids. And that's just what we are doing in November!

I look forward to seeing you and being together.

L'Shalom

Jane

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November Bat Mitzvah



The Spiritual Life Committee invites
members and friends of Shir Chadash
to join with us on

Saturday, the 5th of November
at 10:30am when

Julia Rubinstein

daughter of
Karen Marder and Adam Rubinstein,
is called to the Torah
as a Bat Mitzvah.

Join us as we celebrate this joyous milestone in the lives of
our Bat Mitzvah, her family and our Shir Chadash family.

A NIGHT OFF FROM COOKING

**Dutchess Diner
1950 South Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**

**Sunday, November 13, 2016
4:00pm**

**Matzo Ball Soup
Pot Roast
Chicken
Fish
Potatoes
Vegetables
Vegan Option
Soft Drinks
Coffee, Tea
And
Dessert**

**All served Family style
\$28pp
\$10 for children**

**RSVP to Vic Feit
845-463-2654
rebef2@cs.com**





A Message from Sue Marcove, Education Enrichment Coordinator

OUR STUDENTS PREPARE TO GO TO ISRAEL



On November 5th, in addition to Julia Rubinstein's Bat Mitzvah, our Religious School students will be preparing for their tour of Israel. Students will put together their passports, design their itinerary, determine what they want to learn about Israel, and may even make their own luggage!

Then on November 19th, students will begin their trip to Israel, starting in Jerusalem. There will be activities in each city they visit, and by the end of their trip in January, students should be able to give a "tour of Israel" to their parents.

NOTE TO PARENTS: We may need your help with our "flight" on November 19th. Please let me know if you would be available.



Thanks!

B'Shalom and Happy Thanksgiving,

Sue Marcove

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NOTE: On November 5th and 19th we will start each session promptly at 9am in the classrooms. With limited time for all that is scheduled for our students this year, please do come at 8:45 for breakfast and time to socialize. Thank you!

Tzedakah in Action at Shir Chadash

The next meeting of the Social Action Committee will be on
Monday, November 7th 6:30pm in the FPUPC Library.

Please come and add your ideas and energy to our efforts
and **enjoy a light supper with us:**

home-made soup and biscuits and something sweet of course.

November brings thoughts and memories of that Thanksgiving
table arrayed with family favorites.

Let's help the staff at The Morse Elementary School fill the
Thanksgiving Baskets that they distribute to their families in need.

Bring something non-perishable to enhance Thanksgiving dinner with
you to the meeting on **November 7** and contribute to a **Thanksgiving Basket.**

**A few ideas: canned pumpkin, yams, cranberry sauce, gravy;
packaged stuffing mix, cornbread mix;**

seasonal cake, pie, muffin mixes; shelled pecans, walnuts; etc.

Please let us know if you're planning to come so we will have plenty of supper to share!

Contact: Robbie Schiff veggierob@yahoo.com 845-876-2626 or
Sandy Lash splash@optonline.net 845-227-4650

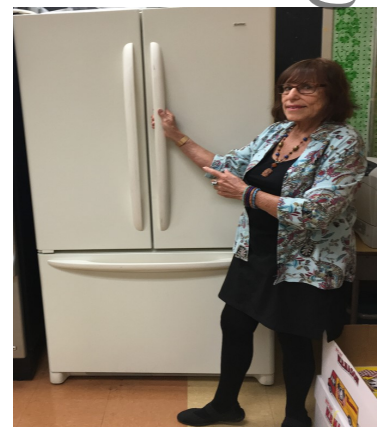
Morse School Tzedakah Project



158 LBS. of Food from the
HV Food Bank Thanks to
Shir Chadash Donations



A New Flag Thanks to the
Jewish War Veterans



A Beautiful Refrigerator
Thanks to Roberta Tracy

Save the Date!!!

Seventh Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Pot Luck Dinner

Sunday, November 20th starting at 5:00PM in the Sanctuary followed by
Pot Luck Dinner in the Brand New Fellowship Hall.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this
special event shared by our Congregation and the
members of Freedom Plains United
Presbyterian Church.

All members of the Dutchess County Interfaith
Council have been invited



Bring a side dish or dessert to share!

IN SUPPORT OF SHIR CHADASH

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" 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 .

Sandy and Jeff Lash **in honor** of the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Rubinstein, daughter of Karen Marder and Adam Rubinstein
Sandy and Jeff Lash **in honor** of the Bat Mitzvah of Noa Ruth Polish, granddaughter of Cantor Hirschenfang and Rabbi Polish
Wendy and Stuart Bill **in honor** of the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Rubinstein, daughter of Karen Marder and Adam Rubinstein
Wendy and Stuart Bill **in honor** of the Bat Mitzvah of Noa Ruth Polish, granddaughter of Cantor Hirschenfang and Rabbi Polish
Ginny and Robert Goff **in appreciation** of the High Holy Day services

In appreciation of the Shir Chadash angels who supported the professional break fast clean-up

Lois & Harold Weber **in gratitude** for assistance with their Oneg Shabbat

Barbara & Mark Salz **in honor** of the Freedman Family.

Jay and Martha Hershey **in appreciation** of the High Holy Day services

We wish to thank all who generously donated, and to recognize those whose financial commitments enabled us to enjoy the High Holy Day:

Steve & Lisa Aronson, Nancy & Adam Belok, Wendy & Stuart Bill, Richard Bordowitz & Lisa Roth, Susan & Victor Feit, Ed Ginsberg, Robert & Ginny Goff, Liz & Harold Glassberg, Kezia Gleckman Hayman, Miriam & Burton Gold, Gloria Gorman, Steve Herschbein, Emily & Daniel Kuriloff, Bill & Eleanor Marr, Jane Freeman Moore, Suzanne Neil, Andrea Ostwald, Rabbi Daniel Polish & Cantor Gail Hirschenfang, Ken Pollock & Cheryl O'Herron, Don Puretz & Ann Botsford, Michael & Sara Rothman, Jerry Scheck & Kim Buchanan, Roberta Schiff, Barbara Stapholz, Lindsey & Nicky Turner, Kathy & Tom Walker, Mana Watsky & Paul Levine, David & Stacie Wogalter Roberta Wiener .



**Winter is coming – help our friends and neighbors
STAY WARM!**



in November and December



please help us collect

SWEATERS—JACKETS—COATS
SWEATSHIRTS

**for Dutchess Outreach Clothes Closet
and Kids in Need at Morse School!**



*new & lightly used welcome –
ages 5-11 kids & adult sizes needed*



Living Tzedakah



Congregation Shir Chadash



(at FPUPC)

Rt. 55 & Stringham Road, Lagrange

→ please bring items to services by 12/17 or call for pick-up ←

**questions? Sandy Lash splash@optonline.net 227-4650
or Robbie Schiff veggierob@yahoo.com 876-2626**





Member's Corner



Dear Congregation Shir Chadash,

I am currently taking an Adolescent Psychology class at Dutchess Community College. A class requirement of all the students is a service learning project. It is a learning strategy that involves meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience. My classmates and I decided to tie-dye shirts with a group of adolescents at the Poughkeepsie Children's Home. Since this project involves so many teens, I was hoping members of the congregation could donate large men's white shirts and or sets of tie-dye.

Thank you all for your time and support. I will keep everyone posted on how the project works out.

Thank You
Jeremy Bill
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845-702-0477



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SERVICES WOULD BE CANCELLED BY
5:00pm Sharing Shabbat WOULD
BE CANCELLED BY 7:00am



Save the Date



Adult
B'not Mitzvah
May 20, 2017

November Torah Readings



November 4 and 5 Noach

Genesis 6:9-11:32

Bat Mitzvah Julia Rubinstein

November 18 and 19 Vayeira

Genesis 18:1-22:24

D'var Torah John Wallach

November 11 and 12 Lech Lecha

Genesis 12:1-17:27

November 25 and 26 Chayei Sara

Genesis 23:1-25:18

November Yahrzeits*

Friday, November 04, 2016	Morris Kurtzman	Grandfather	Victor Feit
Friday, November 04, 2016	Denise Helen Roth	Sister	Lisa Roth
Friday, November 11, 2016	Matthew Press	Cousin	Michael Rothman
Friday, November 11, 2016	Marilyn Turner	Aunt	Lindsey Turner
Friday, November 11, 2016	Harold Altman	Father	Roberta Tracy
Friday, November 11, 2016	Ann Levy	Aunt	Sue Marcoe
Friday, November 11, 2016	Gizell Marr	Mother	Bill Marr
Friday, November 18, 2016	Saul Feit	Father	Victor Feit
Friday, November 18, 2016	Shirley Spiegel	Mother	Lois Weber
Friday, November 25, 2016	Jacob Belok	Father	Adam Belok
Friday, November 25, 2016	Phyllis Strumpf	Mother	Lori Dritz
Friday, November 25, 2016	Raymond Hoffman	Father	Sue Marcoe
Friday, November 25, 2016	Rose Lang	Mother	Lois Lang
Friday, November 25, 2016	Cyril Aronson	Father	Stephen Aronson

*To update your Yahrzeit list, please contact Wendy Bill 227-7236 or bills1989@msn.com

Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts

Friday, November 4 Andrea Ostwald

Saturday, November 5 Karen Marder and Adam Rubinstein

Bat Mitzvah Julia Rubinstein

Friday, November 11 Alyssa Barnes

Friday, November 18 Mara and Richard Goldstone

Saturday, November 19 Adam and Nancy Belok

Friday, November 25 BYOO—Bring (Leftover?)

Dessert to Share



Oneg Coordinator: Suzanne Neil
suzanneneil@mac.com

845-559-3123

Sharing Shabbat Bagel Organizers :
Sara Rothman 223-5925
Stacie Wogalter 635-5101



Congregation Shir Chadash

brings you "a new song"

Calendar 5777 (2016-2017)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services start Friday evening September 9th at 7:30pm
Sharing Shabbat starts Saturday morning, September 10th at 9:00am

All are welcome!

SATURDAY MORNING SHARING SHABBAT 9:00 AM

September 10 and 17
October 1 and 15
November 5 and 19
December 3 and 17

January 7 and 21
February 4 and 11
March 4 and 18
April 1 and 22
May 6 and 20

Saturday, September 24th Selichot with Temple Beth-El at FPUPC 8:00pm

Saturday, October 1st Bat Mitzvah of Jayci Longin 10:30am

Sunday October 2nd Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm

Monday October 3rd Rosh Hashanah 10:00am

Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00pm

Tuesday October 11th Kol Nidre 8:00pm

Wednesday October 12th 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 16th Sukkah building and Family Sukkot Service time TBD

Friday October 21st lay led Sukkot Shabbat 7:30pm

Friday October 28th Family Simchat Torah Shabbat 7:30pm

Saturday November 5th Bat Mitzvah of Julia Rubinstein at 10:30am

Friday December 30th "Light Up the Night" Family Chanukah Service 6:00pm

Saturday February 11th Tu B'Shevat Seder

Friday March 10th Purim Celebration 7:30pm

Friday March 31st Joint Service at Temple Beth-El led by 5-7th grade Hebrew class

Friday April 21st Yom HaShoah Shabbat 7:30pm

**Friday April 28th Joint Service with Temple Beth-El led
by 3- 4th grade Hebrew class**

Saturday May 20th Adult B'not Mitzvah at 10:30am

Friday June 9th Honoring Our Teachers at 7:30pm

Friday June 16th Board Installation at 7:30pm



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Turn around time depends on you...the quicker I have complete orders, the quicker the cards come in. And you do not have to be a member of Shir Chadash to participate. Call or email me with any questions. Please order your cards now.....

Wendy Bill:

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November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm FPUPC	2	3	4 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm	5 Sharing Shabbat 9:00am Bat Mitzvah Julia Rubinstein 10:30am
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27	28	29 B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm FPUPC	30	 Chanukah Party on Saturday, December 17th immediately following Sharing Shabbat. There will be games for the children to play, crafts, food, music and, of course, lots of latkes! Something for the young & old alike. Goody bags and chocolate gelt! Join us for a fun filled afternoon for the whole family.		