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

#### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR Online at www.shir-chadash.org 6 **Kabbalat Shabbat** 7:30pm **Sharing Shabbat School Registration** Congregation-Wide **Welcome Back** 8 **Dinner at the Diner Board Meeting** 10 7:00pm **Kabbalat Shabbat** 13 7:30pm **Shabbat Picnic** 20 6:30pm 21 **Sharing Shabbat School Registration** 9:00am **Joint Selicot Service** 21 at Temple Beth-El 8:00pm **27 Kabbalat Shabbat** 7:30pm Havdalah in PJs 28 4:00pm at FPUPC **Rosh Hashanah** 29 **Evening Service** 8:00pm 30 Rosh Hashanah10:00am Family Service 3:00pm **Looking Ahead** 10/8 Kol Nidre 8:00pm Yom Kippur Day 10/9 10:00am Discussion Family Service 2:00pm

**Concluding Service** 

10/13

10/18

10/25

3:00pm Community BreakFast Sukkah Building and

Family BBQ & Sukkot Blessings 3:00pm

**Sukkot Family Service** 

Family Simchat Torah

Service 7:30pm

7:30pm

## From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish



# September is Coming So Early This Year

"The High Holy Days are coming so late this year." We will be hearing a lot of that the next few weeks. Actually, it is just that September has come so early. So we have plenty of time to get ourselves prepared. The fact is that this year the

beginning of September corresponds with the beginning of the Hebrew month of Elul. In our tradition, Elul is devoted to preparing ourselves for the Holy Days ahead. It is called the penitential month. And more than just penitence is involved. Really it is a time for reflection and introspection. The best thing we can do is use this month to look at ourselves.

Who have we been in the past year? What have we done that we are proud of? And what have we done that we wish we hadn't? If we had that proverbial magic wand, what moments of the tapes of the last year would we erase? What promises did we make to ourselves that have gone unfulfilled? And what commitments to others?

And it is a time to look ahead to the year we will be entering. What can we do in the new year to move ourselves closer to the us we aspire to be? What can we do to fulfill our values and our aspirations? What important commitments are waiting to be fulfilled? What can we do to make our lives, and the lives of those around us better? And what can we do for the world?

The High Holy Days should not find us just starting to grapple with the most important issues. Instead we need to warm up for them like runners warm up for marathons. This month offers us the opportunity to become athletes of the spirit: warmed up and prepared when we get to the starting blocks.

I hope you use your Elul well. And, of course, the Cantor and I wish each of you and your dear ones a year of health, fulfillment and joy. May this year find our nation, our people, and our world moving closer to wholeness, wellbeing and true Shalom.

L'Shana Tova, Rabbi Daniel Polish

# A Message from President Wendy Bill

# "It Doesn't Just Happen"



Dear Shir Chadash Family:

This is our year of revitalization.

As Jews we are commanded to repair the whole world: now it is our time to repair our own tiny corner of the world. We pride ourselves on being 'the Little Temple that does big things'. This is a big mitzvah that we do and we want to share it.

Do you know an unaffiliated Jew? Invite them to a service, dinner, any program we are offering ---- just invite them. More members would certainly strengthen our congregation and surely serve us and you well.

When I was elected president, I promised you that Shir Chadash will continue to be the extended family we all love so much. This is your synagogue. This is your community. There is no better way to integrate yourself into your community than by getting involved—you will be embraced! Our congregation is run completely by volunteers, some who give many. many hours, some who give a few. Don't hesitate to join us in aiding the needy, teaching our children, coming to services and programs, participating in hospitality. Pitch in and help. Do your part and, I promise, you will find your niche.

This year make a commitment to help out. I understand, we all lead busy lives, and sometimes (many times...) carving out a little bit of time to serve the community in some capacity isn't simple. But, it's no less essential. Our small community, and the larger one as well, need you.

"It Doesn't Just Happen"—nothing much magically happens by itself—You are the Magic!

B'Shalom, Wendy Bill 845-227-7236 bills1989@msn.com

# Congregation Shir Chadash

High Holy Days: Days of Awe

Schedule of Services 2019/5780

Led by: Rabbi Daniel F. Polish

Musical accompaniment: Piano, Choir, Cello

#### Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 29th	8:00 pm	Rosh Hashanah Evening Service
Monday, September 30th	10:00 am	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> Morning Service
	3:00 pm	Family Celebration Service *
<u>Yom Kippur</u>		
Tuesday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm	Kol Nidre Service with cello
Wednesday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Yom Kippur Morning Service
	12:30 pm	Panel Discussion Hate in the Bible Stories We Love: What If?
	2:00 pm	Family Service *
	3:00 pm	Afternoon / Memorial / Concluding Services *

# Join for a Song! First year membership \$36/month

or ask us about High Holy Days tickets for non-members

⇒ No tickets are required for our afternoon services, including Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Family Services and Yom Kippur Afternoon / Memorial / Concluding Services

Community Break Fast Following Yom Kippur Concluding Services
Ample Parking!

Child Care available on Yom Kippur afternoon

Congregation Shir Chadash 1168 Route 55 (corner of Stringham Road), LaGrangeville, New York

# Congregation Shir Chadash's Book of Remembrance-2019

It is traditional in many congregations to publish a memorial book, with the names of our loved ones who have passed away. This year we will be publishing our fourth Book of Remembrance. It will be a simple booklet, with words of comfort from Rabbi Polish, and the appropriate memorial prayers. The book will contain the names of the people we memorialize.

Each line will follow this form: **Sidney Rothman**, father of Michael Rothman.

Name of loved one (1)
Relationship (1)
Name of relation (1)
Name of loved one (2)
Relationship (2)
Name of relation (2)
Name of loved one (3)
Relationship (3)
Name of relation (3)
Name of loved one (4)
Relationship (4)
Name of relation (4)

Please send this form (or an e-mail with the same information) to Michael Rothman at: 6 Tower Road, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 or email mjrothman@earthlink.net. For each entry we request a donation of \$25. Checks should be made out to "Congregation Shir Chadash". The names of those who passed away since last Yom Kippur are listed and there is no charge. The booklets will be available at the Memorial Service on Yom Kippur.



# A Message from Sue Marcoe Education Enrichment Coordinator

# What School Begins with an Interactive Scavenger Hunt? Congregation Shir Chadash's Religious School 2019-2020 Does!

Welcome to the new 2019-2020 Religious School year. Our re-imagined, inter-generational school is totally different this year and we'd like you to experience it on Sept.7th along with your children. We will all kick off the year with fun—a scavenger hunt, visiting various stations to complete tasks and earn prizes while learning something old and something new. This is not your parents religious school!

Come join us on September 7th, at 9:00am sharp in the sanctuary and, bring friends. Worried about missing breakfast? Food will be a part of our activities. If you have any questions, please call me.

L'Shanah Tovah! X
Sue Marcoe X
sfmarcoe@gmail.com

## Dear Shir Chadash,

Thank you so much for the gifts for our graduation! We appreciate them so much and are sure that they will be put to good use by the both of us.

We also wanted to thank each and every one of you for everything we have learned throughout the years here. This is our second family, and we have learned so much about not only Judaism, but life itself.

Thank you again so much for the gifts that we received over the years. They mean a lot to us and we thank you as we move towards this next step in our lives.

Love From, Riva and Andrew Scheck

# BE A MORTGAGE MENSCH-Help Shir Chadash Seaure Our Land And Our Future

**Background:** Many years ago, the congregation purchased property along Freedom Road in Lagrangeville with the intention of building a synagogue. After much money, time, and sweat equity it has been determined that for the foreseeable future we will be unable to utilize this land. We have some money to continue to pay the mortgage, however that money will be depleted soon.

The net liability is \$21,000. Possibly we could actually pay off the mortgage and in doing so, gain some added flexibility as to the disposition of the land.

If each member family pays \$18 (Chai) until November 2021, we could easily pay off the mortgage.

# So be a mortgage mensch.....

I/We hear by authorize Congregation Shir Chadash to withdraw monthly :
\$18 per month until November 2021
\$36 per month until November 2021. I/We would like to help those who can not.
\$432 one-time withdrawal
Routing Number Account # (Please attached a voided a check)
Enclosed is a one-time payment of \$432
I/We will make monthly payments from my/our financial intuition
Signature  Date For more information, please contact Jim Thrasher, Treasurer at 845-380-7221 or <a href="mailto:jdt845@yahoo.com">jdt845@yahoo.com</a> or send your completed form to Jim Thrasher, Treasurer, 31 Timberline
Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. <b>Thank you!!</b>

# Havdalah in PJs

at Congregation Shir Chadash Saturday, September 28

**♦ 4:00 - 5:30pm** 

🕱 1168 Route 55, LaGrangeville, NY For more information, contact: Wendy Bill at 845-232-1029 or bills1989@msn.com





Songs, blessings, crafts, schmooze and nosh in pajamas!! Let's welcome the new week together



# Hang on to Summer!

Join the Shir Chadash community for a Bring-Your-Own Shabbat Picnic Friday evening, September 20th at 6:30pm.

Join us on the lawn at 1168 Route 55, LaGrange (across from Arlington High School). Picnic—greet friends old and new—and welcome Shabbat!

If you're new to Congregation Shir Chadash come meet us—everyone is welcome!

\*The picnic will be followed by Kabbalat Shabbat, 7:30pm. Enjoy dessert at our Oneq following the service.

## **TIKKUM OLAM 5780**

The year 5780 is a great time to contribute to repairing the world—together we can make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors in need!

#### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SPECIAL NEEDS KINDERGARTEN KIDS At MORSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tissue boxes—paper towels—Lysol wipes—baby wipes—individual hand sanitizer—pencil boxes—pencils—crayons—children's scissors—glue sticks—construction paper—pocket folders—wide-rule marble composition notebooks.

#### YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE COMING UP!

Last year you donated a magnificent amount of food for our neighbors in need! The day after Yom Kippur, Shir Chadash gave nearly 100 bags of much needed food to the Dutchess Outreach and Morse School Pantries. Well done! This year we know we can do it again! A more specific list of items needed will be coming out but if you're roaming the supermarket aisles, think about picking up some kid and family-friendly non-perishable foods in non-breakable containers. From pancake mix and syrup, to mac and cheese, to graham crackers and granola bars, it's all good!

#### BRIGHT NIGHTS COATS AND SWEATERS DRIVE COMING UP

The annual Bright Nights Coat and Sweater Drive will start later in the fall. Soon is a great time to look through closets and drawers and find those jackets, hoodies, coats, sweaters that don't fit anymore or, you know in your heart, no one in your family will wear. Set them aside for Bright Nights and let them keep someone warm this winter! All Adult and Children's sizes needed.

If you would like to arrange a pick-up or want us to shop for you, please just let us know.

With much thanks from Robbie and Sandy
Contact: Sandy Lash <u>silash@optonline.net</u> 845.227.4650 or
Robbie Schiff <u>veqqierob@yahoo.com</u> 845-876-2626

Watch for more opportunities to help repair the world!

Tzedakah in Action at Shir Chadash

# BAGELS & BOOKS BRUNCH WITH AUTHOR RABBI RENA BLUMENTHAL

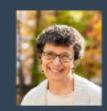


Jerusalem, 2002: the height of the second intifada. Kobi Benami is a middle-aged psychologist whose new patient, Israela, has a life story full of uncanny biblical references. Her powerful and enigmatic husband, Y, may or may not exist, but she is being stalked and threatened by his emissaries, who bear an eerie resemblance to the Hebrew prophets. Through this surreal encounter with the anthropomorphized story of ancient Israel, Kobi is forced to confront his own dysfunctional life patterns, his family's tragic past, and the endless war that rages around him.

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 10:30AM-12:30PM

# AT TEMPLE BETH-EL, 118 S. GRAND AVE, POUGHKEEPSIE 845.454.0570

Author Rabbi Rena Blumenthal will talk about her first novel, *Israela*, and lead us in a discussion about Biblical literalism, the Biblical characterization of God, sexism in religious metaphors; inherited traumas of the Holocaust, effects of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, etc.



Rena Blumenthal is a freelance rabbi based in New Paltz, New York. She worked at Vassar College for eleven years as the Assistant Director of Religious & Spiritual Life and Adviser to Jewish Students. Prior to rabbinical school, she worked as a psychologist for fifteen years in New York City and Jerusalem.

RABBI BLUMENTHAL WILL BE SIGNING COPIES OF HER BOOK, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

THIS BAGELS & BRUNCH PROGRAM IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY, SO BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

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# Shop with Shir Chadash at no extra cost to you

Did you know that every dollar you spend at Adams Fairacre Farms, Hannfaord, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop or Tops could be helping Shir Chadash ... and it won't cost you anything extra?

It's true.



Through programs at each store, Shir Chadash is able to purchase gift cards and gets a percentage back while you get the full face value! It's a true Win-Win!

Think about it, you probably shop every week and therefore would need cards every week, right?

In an effort to help stabilize some of the congregation's finances and make it easier for members to get cards as -needed, the board would like to be able to place regular monthly orders and have cards available for everyone as they need them.

So, here's how you can help. Several people have committed to contributing money to fund an initial order of cards so we'll have them for September.

If you can commit each week to purchasing gift cards totaling the amount you spend each week and paying treasurer Jim Thrasher either with cash or check (PayPal takes too much out to make it cost effective) two week's prior, you'll be able to pick up the cards at or before services in two weeks. So, for example, if you give \$50 Aug. 31, you'll be able to get a \$50 card Sept. 14.



Of course, if you'd like to pay ahead for two, three or more weeks at once, that's OK too!

Either way, you'll be able to get your groceries that week and Shir Chadash will get a little bit of revenue on an ongoing basis, and we'll all be happy.

If you have any questions about the program, contact Wendy Bill at 227-7236 or bills1989@msn.com



**ALSO:** If you use Amazon, you can help generate ongoing revenue for Shir Chadash simply by shopping through Amazon Smile and selecting Shir Chadash. With every purchase you make, Amazon donations a small percentage to the congregation! All these small things add up, so if you haven't signed up yet, please do so today.

# **Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts**

Friday, September 6

Saturday, September 7

Friday, September 13

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

Friday, September 27

Sandy and Jeff Lash

**Wendy and Stuart Bill** 

**Lois Lang** 

**Sue Marcoe and Grace Bass** 

**Gail Jaitin** 

**Katharine and David Karten** 



Oneg Coordinators: Suzanne Neil suzanneneil@mac.com 845-559-3123 Wendy Bill bills1989@msn.com 845-227-7236 Sharing Shabbat Bagel Organizer: Sara Rothman 845-223-5925

# **September Torah Readings**

September 6 and 7 Shoftim Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 D'var Torah Mana Watsky

September 13 and 14 Ki Tetze Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19 September 20 and 21 Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8 D'var Torah Ed Ginsberg

September 27 and 28 Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20



## September Yahrzeits\*

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	Friday, September 6, 2019	Lillian Altman	Grandmother	Roberta Tracy
	Friday, September 6, 2019	Susan Sachs Krell	Stepmother	Lisa Kerchman
	Friday, September 6, 2019	Naomi Goldstone	Mother	Richard Goldstone
	Friday, September 6, 2019	Betty Schiff	Aunt	Roberta Schiff
	Friday, September 13, 2019	Irving Press	Uncle	Michael Rothman
	Friday, September 13, 2019	Erica McCoy	Wife	Tom McCoy
	Friday, September 13, 2019	Harriet Goldberg	Mother	Irwin Goldberg
	Friday, September 13, 2019	Frances Altman	Mother	Roberta Tracy
	Friday, September 20, 2019	Basil Schneeweis	Uncle	Jane Freeman Moore
	Friday, September 20, 2019	Larry Blankenbaker	Brother-in-law	Suzanne Neil
	Friday, September 27, 2019	David Geller	Father	Iris Turkenkopf

<sup>\*</sup>To update your Yahrzeit list, please complete the on-line form on our website www.shir-chadash.org

#### 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", 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: Jim Thrasher, 31 Timberline Drive Poughkeepsie, New York 12603 or on our website; <a href="https://www.shir-chadash.org">www.shir-chadash.org</a>. The donation tab is on the home page and please remember to complete the message box.

Chevra Kadisha **in appreciation** of Shir Chadash

Jane Freeman Moore, in honor of: Wendy Bill, Sara and Michael Rothman, and the Rabbi and Cantor

Roberta Schiff, **in honor** of Andrew and Riva Scheck Sadie Herschbein, **in honor** of Sara and Michael Rothman

Priscilla Smith, **in memory** of Burt Gold

Wendy and Stuart Bill in honor of Lori Dritz' Birthday Celebration

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### Thanks for the generous donations to the Mortgage Fund:

Norm Mackay Roberta Schiff Rabbi Polish and Cantor Hirschenfang Rochelle and David Bellach





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Calendar 5780 (2019-2020)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services start Friday evening September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Sharing Shabbat starts Saturday morning, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

#### All are welcome!

SATURDAY MORNING SHARING SHABBAT 9:00 AM

September 7 and 21
October 5 and 19
November 2 and 16
December 7 and 14

January 4 and 18
February 1 and 22
March 7 and 21
April 4 and 18
May 2 and 16

Saturday, September 21st Selichot Joint Celebration at Temple Beth-El 8:00pm Sunday, September 29th Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm Monday, September 30th Rosh Hashanah 10:00am Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00pm

Tuesday, October 8th Kol Nidre 8:00pm

Wednesday, October 9th Yom Kippur 10:00am

Panel Discussion: Hate in the Bible Stories We Love: What If? 12:30pm

Yom Kippur Family Service 2:00pm

Yom Kippur Afternoon/Yizkor/Concluding Services from 3:00pm to BreakFast Sunday, October 13th Sukkah Building and Family BBQ and Service, 3:00pm Friday, October 18th Sukkot Family Service 7:30pm

Friday, October 25th Family Simchat Torah Shabbat 7:30pm Sunday, November 24th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 5:00pm

Friday, December 27th "Light Up the Night" Family Chanukah Service 7:30pm Saturday, February 1st Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:30am

Saturday, February 29 Siddur Presentation to Ivrit Student at Temple Beth-El 9:00am Friday, March 13th Purim Celebration 7:30pm

Friday, April 10th No Services – Second Passover Seder

Friday, April 17 Joint Service with Temple Beth-El—Location TBA 7:30pm

Friday, April 24th Yom HaShoah Shabbat 7:30pm Friday, May 1st Yom Haastmaut Shabbat 7:30pm

Thursday, May 28th Tikkun Leyl Shavuot - Time TBD

Friday, June 5th Honoring Our Teachers at 7:30pm Friday, June 12th Board Installation at 7:30pm

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

# September 20



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Grandparents Day	9	BOARD MEETING 7:00PM	II	12	KABBALAT SHABBAT 7:30PM	14			
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