



Mitzvah Day 2019

Sunday, May 5th

Join the Jewish Community of the Hudson Valley's effort to make the world a better place! www.jewishdutchess.org

Kickoff breakfast: 9:00 AM @ Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Ave, Pok.

Help your community by bringing the following to breakfast:

- Boxed cereal for hungry neighbors in need.... Cereal Counts!!
- Cake mix, frosting & candles for the Birthday Bags drive.
- Jewish War Vets: New underwear & socks (male & female).



Attend the project sponsored by Shir Chadash:

New Horizons Resources – yard / garden / minor repair

Serving those with developmental disabilities for over 40 years. We'll be working at a new residential home built on the site of **Briggs Farm, 201 Cream St., Poughkeepsie.** **12 - 15 people needed. Begin @ 9:40 AM.**

Bring yard & garden hand tools, painting/work clothes, sunscreen

- Clean out, plant & mulch beds and gardens
- Koi pond restoration
- Indoor work in the event of rain

**PLEASE
PRE-REGISTER!
@ JewishDutchess.org**

Or attend any of 21 different projects that suit your interest, including:

- The Pines elder home visit**
- Pershing Ave Cemetery cleanup**
- Appalachian Trail improvement / cleanup**
- Gomez Mill House cleanup**
- PJ Library activities**
- Baking/Crafts for various agencies**
(Harding Club, Birthday Bags, etc.)
- Dutchess Outreach Lunch Box**
- Hudson River Housing Liberty Station garden planting / cleanup**



See additional project details & register online at:
www.jewishdutchess.org



The Jewish Federation
OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

Sponsored by Jewish Family Services of Dutchess County, a division of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, and donations from various individuals, agencies & community organizations.

Questions? contact Steve Herschbein at steve.herschbein@gmail.com

Rabbi Daniel Polish

Cantor Gail Hirschenfang

President Lindsey Turner

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

MAY CALENDAR Online at www.shir-chadash.org	
3	Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm
4	Sharing Shabbat 9:00am Bat Mitzvah Lia Malley
5	Mitzvah Day 9:00am
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13	Board Meeting 7:00pm
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24	Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm
31	Kabbalat Shabbat Honoring Our Teachers 7:30pm
Looking Ahead	
6/2	Annual Meeting 10:30pm-12:30pm
6/2	Painting Party 3:30pm-5:30pm
6/7	Board Installation
6/8	Tikkun Leyl Shavuot
6/14	Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner 6:30pm

From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish

Next Year in Jerusalem



Dear Friends,

Every year we end our Sedarim with the words, “Next Year in Jerusalem”. For our ancestors this was an expression of the pious hope that they would be freed from their oppressive realities. For us the words carry very different possibilities. We are the fortunate generation that can, in truth, find ourselves in Jerusalem at any time we want. Leaving the politics of any given moment aside, Jerusalem continues to be the magnetic north of Jewish the Jewish soul. A visit to Jerusalem and the rest of Eretz Yisrael can be a life changing experience for any Jew

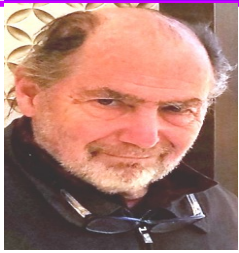
Recently a number of members of the Shir Chadash family have asked if we could organize a congregational trip to Israel. And so, I am happy to announce that a group of us will be travelling together a year from now, May 2020. The itinerary is still being developed, but it will include visits to remarkable places in Jerusalem, archeological, historical, political and spiritual; visits throughout the country to sites of ancient history and more contemporary history. We will meet with people involved in Israel as a “start-up” nation as well as people from the cultural and political worlds of contemporary Israel. We will share Shabbat together in Jerusalem and also have the opportunity to eat in the homes of Israeli families.

If you are interested in travelling with us, please be in touch with me. Our group of travelers will be meeting very soon to plan together the details of our visit. If you have ever wanted to visit Israel, and travel with a group of people who are already your friends, let me urge you to consider joining us. I cannot say strongly enough, how meaningful you will find the experience.

And, of course, this year, May is the month we are immersed in the realities of recent Jewish history. We join with the family of Israel in grieving our immeasurable loss on Yom HaShoah. We identify ourselves anew with the promise and hopes of what Israel might yet become. As Israel mourns those who gave their lives for the creation of the state on Yom HaZikaron, we stand with them. As the State of Israel rejoices in its independence, we celebrate with her. May is a month rich with meaning. I hope you let that meaning resonate for you

B'Shalom,
D.P.P.

A Message from President Lindsey Turner



“All week long we exploit nature with reckless greed.....”

My dear friends,

Nicky and I have been members of Shir-Chadash for more than a dozen years now, and I have come to have a warm relationship with our old grey Siddur - maybe someday, a newer, shinier, more artistic edition would be found, but for now I am happy with what we have.

Except ... except, on around about page 80, in celebration of the joys and differences Shabbat brings, it says something that every time I read it I feel really upset. It says, “All week long we exploit nature with reckless greed, but on Shabbat, we seek to restore and give back”.

Now folks, with the environment in such terrible shape, the poor Pacific Ocean with a floating island of plastic debris the size of Texas, stuff so dense that besides filling the bellies of sea creatures and killing them in catastrophic numbers, it's blocking out the sunlight and causing the plankton underneath to die, plankton that is food for everything from the great whales on down to the smallest sea creature.

And that's just the Pacific. What kind of Tikkun Olam do we practice when we donate one day of the week to maybe think about the needs of our home planet and the other 6 we pillage and destroy. In this very frightening new context, Tikkun Olam must mean the world needs to get to work now!

I know we have to start someplace, and Mitzvah Day is a great opportunity to help some folks out and do something in our own backyard.

I am looking forward to May 5th, hoping that we do as well as last year and have as much fun.

*B'Shalom,
Lindsey Turner*

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A Message from Sue Marcoe Education Enrichment Coordinator

EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

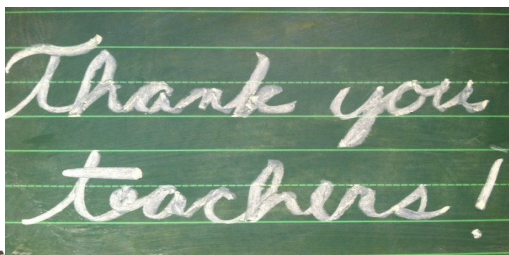
Our school year has gone by so fast! With only two more classes to go (May 4th & May 18th), the excitement is revving up as our students work on their culminating projects, summarizing what they have learned these past few months. These hands-on projects will be displayed at our Friday night Shabbat service on May 31st, the night that we celebrate our Religious School Teachers, Andrew Scheck, Rochelle Bellach, and Grace Bass. We also extend our thanks to the people who stepped in to substitute teach and/or help with a special project (Ian Freedman, Robbie Schiff, and Jeremy Bill).

So Parents, do plan to have your children present for these classes, and bring your whole family, grandparents included, for our Friday night, May 31st service at 7:30pm.

Also, do plan on being at our Sharing Shabbat services on Saturday, May 4th, when Lea Malley is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah, and then again on Saturday, May 18th, when Samantha Rubenstein is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. These will be beautiful services that celebrate two of our wonderful children and give them a chance to use their years of study to lead our service. Come and support them and their families—and enjoy a very moving Shir Chadash experience.

B'Shalom, Sue Marcoe
Religious School Coordinator
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**Kabbalat
Shabbat
Friday, May 31st
7:30pm
Honoring our Teachers**



**Kabbalat Shabbat
Friday, June 7th
7:30pm
Honoring Our Leaders**



May Bat Mitzvah



The Spiritual Life Committee invites
members and friends of Shir Chadash
to join with us on
Saturday, the 4th of May
at 10:30am when

Lia Malley

daughter of
Tammy Malley,
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.

May Bat Mitzvah



The Spiritual Life Committee invites members and friends of Shir Chadash to join with us on Saturday, the 18th of May at 10:30am when

Samantha 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.

FUTURE OF OUR REAL ESTATE
Meeting Sunday May 19, 2019
12:00pm-2:00pm
At FPUPC

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. We need to make a decision as to what the congregation will do. We understand that this is a sensitive subject, with many points of view.

At the beginning of 2017 a fund-raising campaign was held to pay off the mortgage. Not all of the pledges have been met. We believe there are outstanding pledges for about \$7000. 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.

We have identified several options for the land. Please bear in mind, our bylaws require 2/3 of the congregation to approve any sale, lease, purchase or disposal of real property. **Your input is vital!!**

A committee, led by Jim Thrasher, Treasurer will present options for the land at the meeting. If you would like to express your view prior to the meeting, please contact Jim at jdt845@yahoo.com.

Your Board of Trustees

You're Invited to the Shir Chadash Family Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner!



To celebrate the end of our formal year
together, we're having a

Family Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner

in place of our usual Kabbalat service.

WHEN: Friday evening, June 14th at
6:30pm

WHERE: FPUPC

POT LUCK: Bring a main or side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share.
The dinner will be dairy: fish is OK but no meat please.

And for kids of all
ages, there will be
Shabbat pizza!



Let's break Challah together!

CONTACT: Questions? Please let us know what you'd like to bring so we can balance
the dinner out. Jinny Goff ishoponsale@gmail.com or
Sandy Lash sjlash@optonline.net



Member's Corner

Kim Buchanan and Jerry Scheck have extended an invitation to the members of Congregation Shir Chadash to celebrate the graduation of Andrew from Roy C. Ketcham High School and Riva from the University of Hartford.

SAVE THE DATE

June 15, 2019

To attend the

SHECK Graduation party

Celebrate Riva and Andrew's accomplishments!

Poughkeepsie, NY

Spend a day in the park with us!!

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts

- Friday, May 3** Stacie and David Wogalter
- Saturday, May 4** Suzanne Neil
- Friday, May 10** Nancy Barr
- Friday, May 17** Stacie and David Wogalter
- Saturday, May 18** Karen Marder and Adam Rubinstein
- Friday, May 24** Bill and Eleanor Marr
- Friday, May 31** John Wallach



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The Caravan is Coming!

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Temple Beth-El in Poughkeepsie

**Save the Date for this Community Celebration
of Israel Music, Culture & Food!**

6:00pm

Israeli Style Dinner (Small Fee)

6:30pm

Free Concert—All are welcome

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR THE CARAVAN:

www.israelscouts.org/friendship-caravan

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Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple, Congregation Shir Chadash,
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Join us at Vassar Temple of Poughkeepsie on
Sunday, May 19, at 7:30 PM for an evening of cabaret

Broadway Bible

with Rabbi Deborah Zecher



The Cabaret Rabbi

Rabbi Deborah Zecher always sang in Temple, and created “Broadway Bible,” a program linking familiar Bible stories with beloved Broadway show tunes.

She became a member of the Cabaret Workshop at the Berkshire Music School in 2002, was accepted to the National Cabaret Conference at Yale University in 2006, and as a Cabaret Fellow at the Eugene O’Neill Cabaret Conference in 2017.

Rabbi Zecher has performed for synagogues and community organizations throughout the country, several times at Don’t Tell Mama’s in NYC, and as an invitee at a concert of Jewish women composers in Berlin, Germany.

She was recently nominated for the Best Female Debut Award by both the Manhattan Association of Cabarets and by BroadwayWorld.com.

Tickets for Rabbi Zecher’s cabaret performance, which include a dessert and glass of wine, are on sale for \$36 at the Vassar Temple office.

(845) 454-2570

May Torah Readings

May 3 and 4 Acharei Mot
Leviticus 16:1-18:30
Bat Mitzvah Lia Malley

May 24 and 25 Behar
Leviticus 25:1-26:2

May 10 and 11 Kedoshim
Leviticus 19:1-20:27

May 31 and June 1

May 17 and 18 Emor
Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Bat Mitzvah Samantha Rubinstein



May Yahrzeits*

Friday, May 3, 2019	Robert Watsky	Father	Mana Watsky
Friday, May 3, 2019	Irving Lang	Father	Lois Lang
Friday, May 10, 2019	Alice Lisa Greenberg	Mother	Jackie Levine
Friday, May 10, 2019	Sophie Francomano	Aunt	Wendy Bill
Friday, May 17, 2019	Manuel Meltzer	Father	Suzanne Neil
Friday, May 17, 2019	Lillian Roth	Mother	Sara Rothman
Friday, May 17, 2019	Brendan Halligan	Ex-Husband	Lois Lang
Friday, May 17, 2019	Saralyn Schiff Blatt	Mother	Roberta Schiff
Friday, May 24, 2019	Jamie Marder	Sister	Karen Marder
Friday, May 24, 2019	Sarena Rothman	Cousin	Michael Rothman
Friday, May 24, 2019	Sarah Weber	Mother	Harold Weber
Friday, May 31, 2019	Lawrence Krell	Father	Lisa Kerchman
Friday, May 31, 2019	Donald Putnam	Father	Beth Brofman

*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; www.shir-chadash.org. The donation tab is on the home page and please remember to complete the message box.

Sue Marcoe **in memory** of Lorraine Jacobs, friend of Nicky and Lindsey Turner

Sue Marcoe **in memory** of Benjamin Spiro, father of Ilene Kaswer, Grandfather of Ashley, Rebecca and JoJo

Sue Marcoe **in honor** of Ryan Storie becoming Bar Mitzvah, her grandson

Sue Marcoe **in honor** of the naming of James Rubinstein, son of Karen Marder and Adam Rubinstein

Sue Marcoe **in honor** of Ryan Freedman becoming Bar Mitzvah, son of Wendy and Ian Freedman

Wendy and Stuart Bill **in celebration** of the Bat Mitzvah of Lia Malley, daughter of Tammy Malley

Wendy and Stuart Bill **in celebration** of the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Rubinstein, daughter of Karen Marder and Adam Rubinstein

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Sandy and Jeff Lash **in celebration** of the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Rubinstein, daughter of Karen Marder and Adam Rubinstein



Congregation Shir Chadash

brings you "a new song"
Calendar 5779 (2018-2019)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services start Friday evening September 7th at 7:30pm
Sharing Shabbat starts Saturday morning, September 8th at 9:00am

All are welcome!

SATURDAY MORNING SHARING SHABBAT 9:00 AM

September 8 and 22
October 6 and 20
November 3 and 17
December 1 and 15

January 5 and 19
February 2 and 9
March 2 and 23
April 6 and 27
May 4 and 18

Saturday, September 1st Selichot Joint Celebration at Shir Chadash 8:00pm

Sunday, September 9th Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm

Monday, September 10th Rosh Hashanah 10:00am

Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00pm

Tuesday, September 18th Kol Nidre 8:00pm

Wednesday, September 19th Yom Kippur 10:00am

What Brings us Together: A Discussion with Rev. Paul Lent; Moderated by Rabbi Polish 12:30pm

Yom Kippur Family Service 2:00pm

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

Sunday, September 23rd A Booth-Day Party for Sukkot- PJ Library Event 2:00pm

Sunday, September 23rd Sukkah Building and Family BBQ and Service, 3:00pm

Friday, September 28th Family Simchat Torah Shabbat 6:30pm

Saturday, October 6th Bat Mitzvah Sadie Krueger 10:30am

Saturday, October 20th Bar Mitzvah Zachary Wogalter 10:30am

Sunday, November 18th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 5:30pm

Friday, December 7th "Light Up the Night" Family Chanukah Service 6:30pm

Saturday, January 19th Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:30am

Friday, March 15th Purim Celebration 6:30pm

Saturday, March 23rd Bar Mitzvah Ryan Freedman 10:30am

Friday, April 5 Joint with Temple Beth-El at Shir Chadash Irvit Grades 5-7 leading service

Friday, April 19th No Services – First Passover Seder

Friday, April 26 Joint with Temple Beth El at Temple Beth-El

Irvit Grades 3- 4 leading service

Friday, May 3rd Yom HaShoah Shabbat 7:30pm

Saturday, May 4th Bat Mitzvah Lia Malley 10:30am

Friday, May 10th Yom Haastmaut Shabbat 7:30pm

Saturday, May 18th Bat Mitzvah Samantha Rubinstein 10:30am

Friday, May 31st Honoring Our Teachers at 7:30pm

Saturday, June 8th Tikkun Leyl Shavuot – Time TBD

Friday, June 7th Board Installation at 7:30pm

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



May 2019

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