



# Congregation Shir Chadash

*Rabbi Daniel Polish*

*Cantor Gail Hirschenfang*

*President Wendy Bill*

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**November 2019**

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

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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

- 1** Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:30pm
- 2** Sharing Shabbat  
9:00am
- 8** Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:30pm
- 15** Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:30pm
- 16** Sharing Shabbat  
9:00am

**16 Yes!! Line Dancing  
is coming to  
Shir Chadash!  
7:00pm**

- 17** Board Meeting  
9:00am
- 22** Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:30pm

**24 Interfaith  
Thanksgiving  
Service and Pot  
Luck Dinner  
5:00pm**

- 29** Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:30pm

### Looking Ahead

**12/7 Tuscan Pastalicious  
Dinner by Nicky  
6:30pm**

**12/27 Light Up the Night  
Chanukah  
Celebration  
7:30pm**

## From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish



### I am grateful

Gratitude is one of the fundamental qualities of the religious personality. Frankly it is a hallmark of the civilized human being. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, it is worth noting that it is fundamentally the same holiday as the one we just celebrated not too long ago. The Pilgrims of Massachusetts intentionally patterned their autumn celebration on the Biblical holiday of Succot. Both celebrate the harvest and express gratitude for the abundance of food it represents. They wanted to thank G-d for their bounty the same way that our ancestors did at the Biblically mandated Succot.

Which reminds me of one of the things I give thanks for. I am grateful that I am not my great grandparents. My great grandparents, most likely yours too, of course knew nothing of the holiday of Thanksgiving. They probably knew very little about America. My great grandparents, most likely yours too, were peasant farmers. They did know about harvests. But unlike me, and hopefully unlike you, their lives were very precarious. The harvest meant something to them that it does not to us. The harvest was a serious business, really a life and death thing. From the end of the harvest until the next Spring they had to depend on the food they had already gathered. We go to the grocery store. They had no place to go except to what they had stored up. So the harvest festival was a time of joy if the harvest was bountiful—but also a time of concern and even apprehension.

Which is why among the things I give thanks for is the fact that I do not live my great grandparents' lives. I am grateful that the subject of harvest is essentially of little consequence to me. I am not oppressed by the same terror of scarcity that must have been a part of their lives. I am grateful that I live in the welcoming environment that is part of the real (and hopefully enduring) character of America. I am grateful that my Jewish identity is not the source of legitimate fear and terror, and grateful that I can practice my Jewish faith with an openness and acceptance that my great grandparents could only have dreamed of.

Of course there are many other things for which I give thanks too. I hope you do as well. And I hope you take some time during your celebration of Thanksgiving to call those things to mind, and to give expression to them. For with all the things that trouble, even afflict us, we are a very fortunate generation. May your Thanksgiving be a time of celebration and sincere thanks.

*B'Shalom, Rabbi Daniel Polish*

## A Message from President Wendy Bill

### I am grateful for.....



The Month of November always makes me think of the things I am grateful for. On Rosh Hashanah I said I wanted you to get to know me better. I think this is the perfect opportunity.

Of course, my family comes first—Stuart, Erica and Jeremy are the most important people I am thankful to have in my life. Our family is very small so I am grateful for the extended family we have created. When we left the Bronx in 1995 we did not know one person in Dutchess County. My in-laws were in Monticello for the summer and my father was still in the Bronx. We had one friend in Yorktown Heights. And yet, the move felt right.

We were living in Hopewell Junction for about two weeks when Stu left for work on a Sunday morning in January with snow in the forecast. It was the blizzard of 1996; 36 plus inches of snow fell! I was home alone with a two-year-old and Stu was stranded at work. Then I just happened to look out the window: there were my new neighbors shoveling out my car and creating a path to get out of the house. This made me grateful for the decision we had made. From that day, I knew we would never go back to the city. Stu actually couldn't get out of the city until Tuesday evening, but I felt very safe in our new home. Our neighbors became friends. We helped with each other's children and watched them grow up together.

But yet, something was missing—fast forward a few years. It was time to add religious education to my children's lives. At that time, it was more important to Stu than me. Waiting on line in the Hopewell Junction Post Office was about to become a life changing moment. The yellow poster; the information to contact Shir Chadash. I made the call.....we were invited to a summer service. That call fulfilled what was missing. I needed a Jewish connection more than I knew. I am also grateful that phone call was returned.

Of course, I am grateful for things I have been able to provide for my family. Many things most people take for granted but please don't. There are so many people unable to provide basic necessities for their families.

Take some time this month to think of all the things you are grateful for and feel free to share a few with me.

Happy Thanksgiving.

*B'Shalom  
Wendy Bill*

845-227-7236; [bills1989@msn.com](mailto:bills1989@msn.com)

### LINE DANCING COMING -- CAN YOU HELP?



**We are in need of baskets or items to put in baskets for the raffle. If you can provide anything please call**

**Sue Marcoe, 845-723-4045**





## A Message from Sue Marcove Education Enrichment Coordinator

# Fun at Religious School? Yes!

October was full of fun: Kezia Gleckman Hayman taught our students movements that occur during the service and movements that show feelings of teshuvah, forgiving, and forgiveness. Mana Watsky taught our students about the mezuzah as each student made his/her own mezuzah out of clay. And then on Simchat Torah, students danced with the Torahs they had completed during our September 7th program.

In November, our students will explore Jewish Identity. Ian Freedman will lead our older students in discussion on November 2nd, and Karen Marder will teach them on November 16th. Rochelle Bellach will work with our youngest students, looking at Jewish symbols, Jewish holidays, and making the world a better place.

We are looking for parents and/or Shir Chadash members who can offer one or two Sharing Shabbats to work with our 5th-7th graders, from 9:00-10:10am, as they learn more about their Judaism. If you enjoy working with children/teenagers, I can provide a lesson plan. If you have some talent or knowledge that you would like to share with these youngsters, your help would be greatly appreciated. Grace Bass will be working with these students on December 7th, but we need teachers for December 14th, January 4th and 18th, as well as in the months that follow. Please let me know if you are available and willing. Thank you!

As always school begins promptly at 9 a.m. with bagels & juice in the classroom. So please have your child(ren) go directly upstairs so class can start on time. Plan to stay for Shabbat services and enhance your child's Shabbat experience. What is important to you becomes important to your children.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

*B'Shalom*

*Sue Marcove*

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## Thanks Giving Opportunity!

Many tables are filled with the harvest bounty on Thanksgiving but not those of the most in-need children at the Morse School and their families. Every year we join with the other members of the HV Jewish Social Action Coalition and donate 30 Thanksgiving Baskets to provide a real Thanksgiving dinner to the most at-risk families.

And every year, our Shir Chadash family has been generous. Please pick up some **boxes of cake mix and frostings** and bring them to any service or event before Friday, November 22.

Let us know that you will contribute **a frozen turkey, about 16lbs**—we need 30!

We will arrange for delivery of the turkeys.  
**And if you prefer, we will shop for you!**

Thank you!  
Sandy Lash [splash@optonline.net](mailto:splash@optonline.net);  
845-227-4650



## *Tzedakah in the Season of the Days of Awe*

*Pray as if everything depends on God; act as if everything depends on you.*

A big Todah Rabah to everyone, which really was just about everyone, who brought food to donate to our neighbors in need. We delivered almost 100 bags of food to help nourish Morse School children and their families and to help stock the shelves of the Dutchess Outreach Food Pantry.





# Line Dancing is coming to Congregation Shir Chadash!!

1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville

## Saturday, November 16, 2019

Aisha and Colleen will be teaching simple dances for beginners  
and there will also be other songs and dances  
for those line dancers who are more advanced  
No experience necessary and no partner needed.  
Come and have some fun!

7:00-9:00pm  
\$10 per person  
Free Refreshment  
Raffles and 50/50  
Fun for all ages

For more information or reserve tickets  
call Sue Marcoe, 845-723-4045 or  
[sfmarcoe@gmail.com](mailto:sfmarcoe@gmail.com)







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



**In October and November**



please help us collect

**SWEATERS—JACKETS—COATS**  
**SWEATSHIRTS**

**for Dutchess Outreach Clothes Closet  
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*new & lightly used welcome –  
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**Congregation Shir Chadash**



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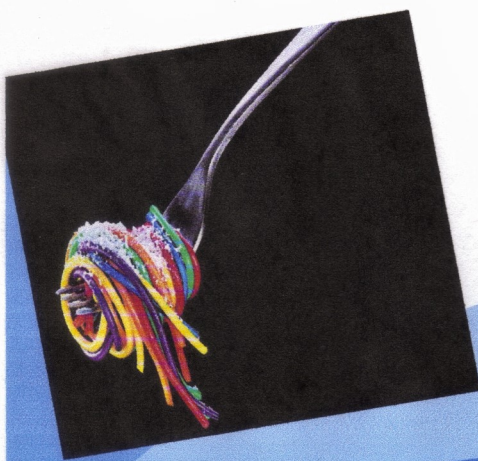
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→ please bring items to services by **Thanksgiving** or call for pickup

questions? Sandy Lash [splash@optonline.net](mailto:splash@optonline.net) 227-4650  
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Dec. 7th - Save The Date For A

# PASTALICIOUS BUFFET DINNER

## PENNE PASTA

your choice of 6 different sauces to try one or all!

MARINARA

PESTO

MUSHROOM

RICOTTA AND SPINACH

BUTTER AND SAGE

CREAMY SALMON

6:30 p.m. at F.P.U.P.C.

\$18.- per person - Children eat FREE

Must reserve by November 30th to

Nicky - nlturner2@aol.com

or call 845-462-2858

GARLIC BREAD

TOSSED SALAD with a Balsamic Vinaigrette

COOKIES and GOODIES

Gluten free pasta will be available upon request

**Dairy-Free and Vegan selections also included**



# BE A MORTGAGE MENSCH-

## Help Shir Chadash Secure 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 [jdt845@yahoo.com](mailto:jdt845@yahoo.com) or send your completed form to Jim Thrasher, Treasurer, 31 Timberline

Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. **Thank you!!**

# 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](http://www.shir-chadash.org). The donation tab is on the home page and please remember to complete the message box.

Eva Cagianese **in appreciation** of High Holy Days Services

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Sally and Andrew Tresser **in appreciation** of High Holy Days Services

Sandy and Jeff Lash **in celebration** of the marriage of Eric, son of Amy and Jim Thrasher to Marissa Chille

## Thank you for the generous donations to the Be a Mortgage Mensch Campaign:

Norm Mackay

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Roberta Schiff

Kezia Gleckman Hayman

Steve Herschbein

Rabbi Polish and Cantor Hirschenfang

Roberta Burshtyn

Sue Marcoe

Would you like to see your name on this list? Contact Jim Thrasher, Treasurer at [jdt845@yahoo.com](mailto:jdt845@yahoo.com) or 845-380-7221.

## 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.**

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](mailto: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 donates a small percentage to the congregation! All these small things add up, so if you haven't signed up yet, please do so today.





## November Torah Readings



November 1 and 2 Noach  
Genesis 6:9-11:32  
D'var Torah Steve Moskowitz

November 22 and 23 Chayei Sarah  
Genesis 23:1-25:18

November 8 and 9 Lech Lecha  
Genesis 12:1-17:27

November 29 and 30 Toldot  
Genesis 25:19-28:9

November 15 and 16 Vayera  
Genesis 18:1-22:24  
D'var Torah Ian Freedman

## November Yahrzeits\*

Friday, November 8, 2019	Morris Kurtzman	Grandfather	Victor Feit
Friday, November 8, 2019	Matthew Press	Cousin	Michael Rothman
Friday, November 8, 2019	Denise Helen Roth	Sister	Lisa Roth
Friday, November 8, 2019	Robert Camac	Father	Deanna Sandor
Friday, November 8, 2019	Ann Levy	Aunt	Sue Marcoe
Friday, November 15, 2019	Marilyn Turner	Aunt	Lindsey Turner
Friday, November 15, 2019	Harold Altman	Father	Roberta Tracy
Friday, November 15, 2019	Saul Feit	Father	Victor Feit
Friday, November 22, 2019	Shirley Spiegel	Mother	Lois Weber
Friday, November 22, 2019	Jacob Belok	Father	Adam Belok
Friday, November 29, 2019	Phyllis Strumpf	Mother	Lori Dritz
Friday, November 29, 2019	Rose Lang	Mother	Lois Lang

\*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, November 1 Suzanne Neil**

**Saturday, November 2 Nicky and Lindsey Turner**

**Friday, November 8 Heidi Krueger**

**Friday, November 15 TBA**

**Saturday, November 16 Kathy and Tom Walker**

**Friday, November 22 Rochelle and Dave Bellach**

**Friday, November 29 BYOO—Bring a dessert to share for Oneg**



Oneg Coordinators: Suzanne Neil  
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Sharing Shabbat Bagel Organizer:  
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# Congregation Shir Chadash

brings you “a new song”

Calendar 5780 (2019-2020)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services starting Friday evening September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Sharing Shabbat starting 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 21<sup>st</sup> Selichot Joint Celebration at Temple Beth-El 8:00pm

Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm

Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> Rosh Hashanah 10:00am

Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00pm

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> Kol Nidre 8:00pm

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> Sukkah Building and Family BBQ and Service, 3:00pm

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> Sukkot Family Service 7:30pm

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> Family Simchat Torah Shabbat 7:30pm

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 5:00pm**

Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> “Light Up the Night” Family Chanukah Service 7:30pm

Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:30am

Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> Siddur Presentation to Ivrit Student at Temple Beth-El 9:00am

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> Purim Celebration 7:30pm

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> No Services – Second Passover Seder

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

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Yom HaShoah Shabbat 7:30pm

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> Yom Haastmaut Shabbat 7:30pm

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Tikkun Leyl Shavuot – Time TBD

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Honoring Our Teachers at 7:30pm

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> Board Installation at 7:30pm



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If you are retired and drawing required minimum distributions (RMDs) from a retirement account, you may be able to avoid paying income taxes on your contributions to Shir Chadash up to the RMD limit by directing your financial institution to issue a check made out to Shir Chadash, and sending the check to our Treasurer, Jim Thrasher. Please consult your financial advisor to ascertain whether you are eligible to take advantage of this tax avoidance before making your contribution.



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



# November 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 KABBALAT SHABBAT 7:30PM	2 SHARING SHABBAT 9:00AM
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10		12	13	14	15 KABBALAT SHABBAT 7:30PM	16 SHARING SHABBAT 9:00AM  LINE DANCING 7:00PM - 9:00PM
17 BOARD MEETING 10:30AM	18	19	20	21	22 KABBALAT SHABBAT 7:30PM	23
24 ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE & POT LUCK DINNER FPUPC 5:00PM	25	26	27		29 KABBALAT SHABBAT 7:30PM LAY LED SERVICE	30