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# Congregation Shir Chadash

*Rabbi Daniel Polish*  
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*President Dr. Victor Feit*  
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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)

- 1 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30pm**
- 5 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30pm**
- 8 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm**
- 9 Sharing Shabbat 9:00am**
- 9 YOUTH GROUP SWIM PARTY 7:00PM**
- 10 Painting Party 1:00pm**
- 11 Board Meeting 7:00pm**
- 12 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30pm**
- 15 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm**
- 17 Rosh Chodesh Reading Group and Brunch 10:30am**
- 19 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30pm**
- 22 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm**
- 23 Sharing Shabbat with Tu B'Shevat Seder 9:00am**
- 26 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30pm**
- 29 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm**

### Looking Ahead

- 2/6 Sharing Shabbat**
- 2/20 Sharing Shabbat**
- 2/2, 9, 16 & 23 Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30pm**

## From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish



### Vantage Points

When you are hiking in the mountains, you don't wait to get to the mountaintop to look at the beauty of the terrain below. Along the way you get the opportunity to find different vantage points. You linger at each one, taking in the particular vista it offers you. Each is different, each breath taking in its own way. That is how I feel about the array of New Years we Jews are given. As we make our way along the pilgrimage of our lives, each and every one of them offers us the chance to look back on the distance we have just covered and to reflect on where we are on our journey

The beginning of a new year on the Gregorian calendar offers us a chance to do that kind of reflecting. It would be a shame if January was about nothing but bowl games and storewide sales. Take a few minutes and look back over this past year. What kind of year has it been for you? Have you broken any new ground? Tried anything new? Has the year given you any gifts? And, sadly, has it caused you pain or offered you challenges? For some of us the year has brought joy. Others of us have known struggle. For our world it has been a hard year, one we will not look back on collectively with fondness. Don't let the year end without taking its measure

And speaking of new years, January will bring us Tu B'Shvat, the New Year of the Trees, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our connection to the natural world and appreciate the wonder that surrounds us. Special thanks to Roberta Schiff for providing a Tu B'Shvat Seder as she does every year in memory of her father. If you have attended in the past, you know it is always a joyous celebration and you will want to attend again. If you have never attended, you have been depriving yourself. Let 2016 be the year you rectify that.

The Cantor and Leah join me in hoping that 2016 is a good one for you and your loved ones. And for our world, our sincere prayer that this be the year we finally turn a corner towards peace and harmony.

*Rabbi Daniel Polish*



## A Message from President Victor Feit

*Closing out 2015 – Welcoming in 2016*

I woke up this morning at 6:30AM - the sun was beginning to rise. Hurrah! the days are now getting longer. We have moved out of the dark. The New Year is here, along with longer days and shorter nights. I would like to start by finishing reviewing the most recent event of this past year. The final event, the 'December 24 Eve' Dinner was a huge success. It was attended by 43 of our members, family and friends. A special thanks to my wife, Susan, for helping to organize the dinner - great job! Great food! And Great company!

What's in store for next year? The adult B'nai Mitzvah class already has eight students ready to learn. A special thanks to Barbara Stapholtz for organizing this 18 month course, and to Cantor Hirshenfang for accepting the responsibility of running the program. This will be an exciting opportunity for those who have enrolled to further their education and love of Judaism.

On January 10, Sunday, we will be having our first fund raiser of the year. The Painting Party will give everyone who participates a chance to demonstrate their artistic talent (or no talent), while enjoying the company of their friends and family. The event will take place in the Apple Valley Shopping Plaza at 1PM. It is \$45 a person which will go to pay for the paint, canvas, refreshments, fun and a donation to Shir Chadash. It will be a day of fun and fancy with family and friends. Please see our web page, [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org) for further details.

We are planning many social events this year: dinners, our annual auction and our yearly concert, to name a few. These events need you to help make them successful. Please call me at 914-474-0680, or e-mail me at [rebef2@cs.com](mailto:rebef2@cs.com) to volunteer to help on any of the committees spearheading these events. We are also always looking for new ideas and input into fundraising for the temple. Remember, we all need to do our part to make these events profitable and fun.

Again, I hope you all had a happy holiday season, and I look forward to a fun-filled, successful new year with my Shir Chadash family.

*Shalom,*

*Vik Feit*

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## Fundraiser for Congregation Shir Chadash

Sunday, January 10, 2016, 1:00-3:00pm



\$45 per person,  
A portion of the  
Proceeds goes to  
the Congregation.

Apple Valley Plaza  
702 Freedom Plains Rd.,  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

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RADIO 100.7. Friday evening SERVICES WOULD BE CANCELLED BY  
5:00pm Sharing Shabbat WOULD BE CANCELLED BY 7:00am





## Youth Group — Swim Party!!

The next Youth Group meeting is scheduled for **January 9 from 7PM to 8:30PM** at Stacie Wogalter's home at 37 Patricia Drive, Pleasant Valley.

Because the weather is so really – bring a suit and towel.



summery, bring a suit and a towel. No,

RSVP to Stacie by phone at

845-518-5345 or by [email](#).

## Paintbrush Party!

Come join fellow congregants at Paintbrushes and Party Sunday, January 10 from 1-3 pm at Apple Valley Plaza in Lagrangeville. This is a kid friendly event, so bring both your friends and family. The cost is \$45 per ticket and what you get in return is the canvas, paints, brushes, and a lesson to paint the tree of life photo, depicted here.

All you have to do is show up and be prepared to have fun. This is a fundraiser for the temple, so a portion of the proceeds will be returned to Congregation Shir Chadash. Everyone who goes has a wonderful time and I know it will be more fun if you come, too. ABSOLUTELY no artistic ability required... you will be amazed at the masterpiece that you (yes, you!) can create with the professional guidance at Paintbrushes and Party. Good time and good company guaranteed! You can purchase your ticket here:

<https://www.paintbrushesandparty.com/quick-signup.php?eventid=1630> For more info, contact [Barbara Stapholz](#).



## Congregation Shir Chadash and Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church are considering a second interfaith journey to Israel in June 2016.

Two years ago a group from both congregations experienced a moving and exciting trip together. Many people have asked that we do it again. It was a deeply moving experience, showing Jews parts of Israel that they never would have seen; and showing our Christian friends the Israel that is so dear to us. It was a deeply moving experience. Many of the travelers called it life changing.

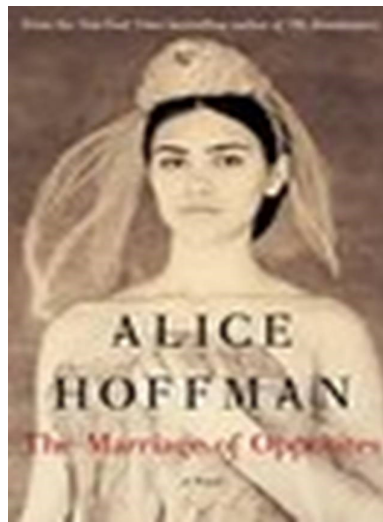
Now some of the "pilgrims" who traveled two years ago want to travel to Israel a second time. And some members of both congregations who did not come with us wish they had come the first time. In response to these requests we are exploring a second joint trip. Non-members who are interested in the trip are welcome too. The itinerary will be tailored to the needs of the group that is traveling.

# Calling All Readers—Pot Luck Brunch & Discussion

## Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30am—12:30pm

At the home of Roberta Tracy  
34 Vanderburgh Road, Poughquag 845-227-0448 [tracyajrs@aol.com](mailto:tracyajrs@aol.com)

### The Rosh Chodesh Reading & Discussion Group selection is: “The Marriage of Opposites” by Alice Hoffman



From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Dovekeepers* and *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*, a forbidden love story set on the tropical island of St. Thomas about the extraordinary woman who gave birth to painter Camille Pissarro—the Father of Impressionism.

Growing up on idyllic St. Thomas in the early 1800s, Rachel dreams of life in faraway Paris. Rachel's mother, a pillar of their small refugee community of Jews who escaped the Inquisition, has never forgiven her daughter for being a difficult girl who refuses to live by the rules. Growing up, Rachel's salvation is their maid Adelle's belief in her strengths, and her deep, life-long friendship with Jestine, Adelle's daughter. But Rachel's life is not her own. She is married off to a widower with three children to save her father's business. When her husband dies suddenly and his handsome, much younger nephew, Frédéric, arrives from France to settle the estate, Rachel seizes her own life story, beginning a defiant, passionate love affair that sparks a scandal that affects all of her family, including her favorite son, who will become one of the greatest artists of France.

Building on the triumphs of *The Dovekeepers* and *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*, set in a world of almost unimaginable beauty, *The Marriage of Opposites* showcases the beloved, bestselling Alice Hoffman at the height of her considerable powers. Once forgotten to history, the marriage of Rachel and Frédéric is a story that is as unforgettable as it is remarkable.

# Shir Chadash Celebrates



## Tu B'Shevat

(‘New Year’ for trees)

Help us plant the  
Shir Chadash Grove in Israel!

Each tree is \$10.00 and can honor a loved one.

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To purchase trees in the Shir Chadash Grove please complete the following:

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Please send a check payable to *Shir Chadash* for \$10.00 per tree and mail-to  
Jerry Scheck 18 Colette Dr. Poughkeepsie NY 12601.

Proceeds to benefit JNF & Shir Chadash

## January Torah Readings

**January 1 and 2** Shemot  
Exodus 1:1-6:1

**January 8 and 9** Va'era  
Exodus 6:2-9:35  
D'var Torah Ian Freedman

**January 15 and 16** Bo  
Exodus 10:1-13:16

**January 22 and 23** Beshalach  
Exodus 13:17-17:16  
D'var Torah Lori Dritz

**January 29 and 30** Yitro  
Exodus 18:1-20:23



## 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 "Rabbi'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: Wendy Bill, 5404 Chelsea Cove North, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

Sadie Hirschenbein **in appreciation** of Sara and Michael Rothman  
Gail and Alan Gamble **in memory** of Rose Lang, mother of Lois Lang  
Sandy and Jeff Lash **in memory** of their dear friend Bob Spitzer  
Susan and Alan Fink **in appreciation** of Lindsey Turner

## January Yahrzeits\*

|                          |                      |             |                    |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Friday, January 1, 2016  | Benjamin Gottesman   | Grandfather | Lois Lang          |
| Friday, January 1, 2016  | Lillian Solomon      | Grandmother | Larry Solomon      |
| Friday, January 8, 2016  | Stella Yeats Pierce  | Grandmother | Ann Botsford       |
| Friday, January 8, 2016  | Martin Roth          | Father      | Rochelle Bellach   |
| Friday, January 8, 2016  | Ruby Sonnenstien     | Stepfather  | Diane Light-Spiro  |
| Friday, January 8, 2016  | Alfred Brandon       | Father      | Alfred Brandonisi  |
| Friday, January 8, 2016  | Lorraine Postal      | Mother      | Roberta Weiner     |
| Friday, January 8, 2016  | Seymour Postal       | Father      | Roberta Weiner     |
| Friday, January 8, 2016  | Gertrude Sonnenstein | Mother      | Diane Light-Spiro  |
| Friday, January 15, 2016 | Clara Jaitin         | Grandmother | Gail Jaitin        |
| Friday, January 15, 2016 | James Thrasher       | Father      | Jim Thrasher       |
| Friday, January 15, 2016 | Elaine Mae Rosenberg | Mother      | Wendy Bill         |
| Friday, January 15, 2016 | Betty Gottesman      | Aunt        | Lois Lang          |
| Friday, January 22, 2016 | Richard M. Freeman   | Father      | Jane Moore Freeman |
| Friday, January 22, 2016 | Jean Weiss Jaitin    | Mother      | Gail Jaitin        |
| Friday, January 22, 2016 | Dvora Rose Brodsky   | Mother      | Tikva Rose         |
| Friday, January 22, 2016 | Selma Feit           | Mother      | Victor Feit        |
| Friday, January 22, 2016 | Wendy Rada           | Sister      | Susan Feit         |
| Friday, January 29, 2016 | Jerry Zuckerman      | Father      | Daniel Zuckerman   |

\*To update your Yahrzeit list, please contact Wendy Bill 227-7236 or [bills1989@msn.com](mailto:bills1989@msn.com)



## It is NEVER too late to have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah—

**Adult Class begins in January 5, 2016!**

Would you like to

read from the Torah?  
master the art of chanting?  
develop fluency in the Hebrew of our service?

Starting this January, Cantor Hirschenfang will teach an 18 month **Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class at Shir Chadash**. It will begin with the basics for those with little or no Hebrew background. Students will learn how to read or chant (your choice) the Hebrew portions of our worship services and gain a fuller understanding of the meaning of our prayers.

**The class will be given a Torah portion to study and present  
on the day of their B'nai Mitzvah.**

This class will meet weekly from January – May 2016 and September 2016 – May 2017, following our school calendar. The class will culminate with a group B'nai Mitzvah in May, 2017.

The program is open to members and non-members. There will be a fee for the class, with a discount for members of Shir Chadash.

For more information, please contact Jane Freeman Moore at [jane Moore@gmail.com](mailto:jane Moore@gmail.com) or 914-475-9302



## **Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts**

|                             |                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Friday, January 1</b>    | <b>Suzanne Neil</b>                |
| <b>Friday, January 8</b>    | <b>TBA</b>                         |
| <b>Saturday, January 9</b>  | <b>Larry Solomon</b>               |
| <b>Friday, January 15</b>   | <b>Amy and Gary Levitan</b>        |
| <b>Friday, January 22</b>   | <b>Alyssa Barnes</b>               |
| <b>Saturday, January 23</b> | <b>Robbie Schiff (Tu B'Shevat)</b> |
| <b>Friday, January 29</b>   | <b>Larry Kraus</b>                 |



Oneg Coordinator: Suzanne Neil  
[suzanneneil@mac.com](mailto:suzanneneil@mac.com)  
845-559-3123

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



# Congregation Shir Chadash

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Calendar 5776 (2015-2016)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services start Friday evening September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
Sharing Shabbat starts Saturday morning, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

All are welcome!

## SATURDAY MORNING SHARING SHABBAT 9:00AM

September 12 and 19  
October 3 and 17  
November 7 and 21  
December 5 and 12

January 9 and 23  
February 6 and 20  
March 5 and 12  
April 2 and 16  
May 7 and 21

## SPECIAL DATES:

Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00 pm

Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> Rosh Hashanah 10:00 am

Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00 pm

Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> Kol Nidre 8:00 pm

Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> Yom Kippur 10:00 am

Study and Panel Discussion 12:30 pm

Yom Kippur Family Service 2:00 pm

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

Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> Family Sukkot Shabbat 7:30 pm

Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Simchat Torah Shabbat 7:30 pm

Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> Bar Mitzvah of Mason Moskowitz at 10:30 am

Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Musical Shabbat -Songs of the Brit-Entering into the Covenant

Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> "Light Up the Night" Family Chanukah Service 7:30 pm

## **Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> Tu B'Shevat Seder**

Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Wogalter at 10:30 am

Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> Joint Service with Temple Beth-El led by 7<sup>th</sup> grade Hebrew class

Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> Purim Shabbat 7:30 pm

Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> Joint Service with Temple Beth-El led by 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Hebrew class

Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> Passover First Seder (no Kabbalat Shabbat service)


Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Service with Temple Beth-El led by 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Hebrew class

Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> Yom Haatzma'ut Shabbat 7:30 pm

Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Kaswer at 10:30 am

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> Tikkun Leil Shavuot with Temple Beth-El






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## Win/Win With Groceries UPDATE!



Join us in an easy fund-raising effort that will fit right into your weekly grocery trip. Just buy grocery GIFT CARDS from Shir Chadash. This is how it works: Buy gift cards in \$25 increments from Shir Chadash. Choose Hannaford, ShopRite, Adams Fairacre Farms or Stop & Shop. When Shir Chadash has accumulated \$1,000 per store, you get your cards A percentage of the money you send comes back to Shir Chadash Use PayPal to place your order - you can use a credit card even if you don't have a PayPal account. [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)




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

227-7236

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# January 2016

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed       | Thu       | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|---|--|-----------|-----------|---|--|
|  |   |  |           |           | <b>1</b><br><b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b><br><b>6:30PM</b>  | <b>2</b>   |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br><b>B'nai Mitzvah Class</b><br><b>6:30pm</b><br><b>FPUPC</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br><b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b><br><b>7:30PM</b>  | <b>9</b><br><b>Sharing Shabbat</b><br><b>Tots &amp; Everyone</b><br><b>9:00am</b><br><b>Youth Group</b><br><b>7:00pm</b> |
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| <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br><b>B'nai Mitzvah Class</b><br><b>6:30pm</b><br><b>FPUPC</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br><b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b><br><b>7:30PM</b> | <b>30</b>  |
| <b>31</b>   |   |  |           |           |   |  |