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Rabbi Daniel Molish

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

#### OCTOBER CALENDAR

Online at www.shir-chadash.org

- **Sharing Shabbat** 1 9:00am **Bat Mitzvah Jayci** Longin 10:30am
- Rosh Hashanah 2 **Evening Service** 8:00pm
- **Rosh Hashanah** 3
- 4 **Adult B'not Mitzvah** 6:30pm
- Kabbalat Shabbat
- **Kol Nidre** 11
- Yom Kippur Day **12**
- Kabbalat Shabbat 14 7:30pm
- **Sharing Shabbat** 15 9:00am
- 16 **Sukkah Building** and Service
- **Board Meeting** 17 7:00pm
- **18 Adult B'not Mitzvah** 6:30pm
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** 21 Lay-Led Sukkot Service 7:30pm
- **Adult B'not Mitzvah** 25 6:30pm
- 28 Kabbalat Shabbat Family Simchat **Torah Service** 7:30pm

#### **Looking Ahead**

- 11/5 **Sharing Shabbat Bat Mitzvah** Julia Rubenstein
- **Election Day** 11/8
- 11/14 Board Meeting
- 11/15 Sharing Shabbat
- 11/20 Interfaith **Thanksgiving Service**
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Day

#### From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish Everything I need to know I learned in the Succah

Succot teaches us a lesson about our actions

Plant a radish. Get a radish. Never any doubt. That's why I love vegetables; You know what you're about!

That's what it says in the song from the musical Fantasticks. And it is a great lesson – actually one that is foreshadowed by Yom Kippur. It reminds us of consequences. Yom Kippur, as I understand it, is not about punishment or retribution. It is about consequences, for better or for worse. The Succot emphasis on vegetables puts the theme succinctly. We reap what we sow. Our good deeds reverberate in countless directions. So do our misdeeds. And one way or another there is no escaping that.

Succot teaches us about the transitory nature of things

You can't step into the same river twice

That's what the Greek philosopher Heraclitus taught. And the Succah teaches the same lesson. It is a temporary dwelling. In fact, halacha/Jewish law says it cannot be permanent. It is a visible reminder of the fragility of all our human arrangements. The admonition "this too shall pass" finds physical expression in our humble booths. They are meant to pass. They are with us for eight days. And then they are gone.

Succot teaches about hospitality. One of the great practices of Succot is to invite friends and neighbors to join us in our Succah. In fact there is even a more arcane practice called Ushpizin. We "invite" in the great ones of the earlier generations. We "invite" Abraham or Moses or Rachel to spend part of Succot with us. We open our doors to others, just as we do at the beginning of the Pesach Seder. Succot impresses hospitality upon us.

Succot teaches us to cherish nature. We revel in the fruits and vegetables whose harvest is the basis of the festival. We decorate our booth with the vegetation around us. And we leave the roof open so we can gaze upward at the stars. We marvel at the world around us and the worlds beyond ours. Succot opens the doorway to wonder and thanksgiving which are so essential for a well-lived human life.

Yes Succot is a great teacher. And it is great fun. I hope each of us takes advantage of the holiday this year. Revel in its delights. And be sure to join us for our congregational Succot celebrations and for the culmination of Succot on Simchat Torah on Friday, October 28. I wish you all a Chag Sameach

> B'Shalom Rabbi Daniel Polish



## A Message from President Jane Freeman Moore **High Holiday Connection**

My father had a recording of operatic tenor Richard Tucker singing Kol Nidre. Each fall, my father would take out the record album, carefully clean it and place it on his turntable. He would bring my sister and me together into the living room and play the record, with his eyes closed and wordlessly humming the notes. I can see him now, moved by the music and transported to another time and place, perhaps experiencing Kol Nidre with his family as he had in his youth. My father was not a religious man, but long before I knew the words of the Kol Nidre prayer, I knew that this music was a part of his life, his identity, and mine, and music has drawn me into the spirit of the holidays ever since.

Whether it is the music or a Rabbi's sermon or the words of the prayers themselves that resonate with you, I know you will find a warm, welcoming High Holy Day experience at Shir Chadash. I look forward to making new and meaningful connections with you this year.

We are fortunate to have a superb combination of leadership: the brilliance of Rabbi Polish and the musical talents of Cantor Hirschenfang, with the vocal additions of the quartet with our choir and instrumental accompaniment on keyboard and cello.

If you are interested in participating in the music of Shir Chadash, our choir is open to all our members. We are particularly delighted this year to have Ashley Kaswer joining the choir following her Bat Mitzvah at our last Sharing Shabbat last spring.

As if the holidays are not enough to look forward to, right before Rosh Hashanah, we have the Bat Mitzvah of Jayci Longin, daughter of Kara and Ed Longin, on Saturday, October 1st. What a wonderful way to get into the spirit of the holidays.

I wish you and your families a year of health and happiness.

L'shanah Tovah Tikatevu

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To My Shir Chadash Family,

For my mitzvah project I have decided to collect donations for Mid Hudson Animal Aid and also volunteer some of my

MHAA is a no kill cat sanctuary dedicated to providing a safe haven for abandoned and abused kittens/cats in the Hudson Valley and beyond. They are given care in a free range environment while awaiting their forever homes.

As to collecting donations, they always need canned wet food, cat and kitten any kind, though friskies, all varieties, are in high demand, as well as treats and any special food with gravy. Non-clumping litter is also always needed. Donations of towels and pillowcases are also appreciated.

If you'd like to make any donations please email my mom (Kara) at KJL4371@gmail.com to schedule a time to meet. Thank you so much for your support!

Jayci Longin

### October Bat Mitzvah



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

Saturday, the 1st of October at 10:30am when

Sayci Longin

daughter of
Kara and Ed Longin,
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.

#### Congregation Shir Chadash

High Holy Days: Days of Awe Schedule of Services 2016/5777

Led by: Rabbi Daniel F. Polish and Cantor Gail Hirschenfang

Musical accompaniment: Piano, Choir, Cello

#### Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 pm 10:00 am	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i> Evening Service <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> Morning Service
	3:00 pm	Family Celebration Service *
Yom Kippur		
Tuesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm	<i>Kol Nidre</i> Service with cello
Wednesday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Yom Kippur Morning Service
	12:30 pm	Panel Discussion
	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

Our interim location: Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church 1168 Route 55 (corner of Stringham Road), Lagrangeville, New York

For information and tickets: (845) 232-1029 or info@shir-chadash.org

#### Congregation Shir Chadash's Book of Remembrance-2016

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

## EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

We began the year talking about the definition of a community and how we fit into a community. We learned about Tikun Olam (repairing the world), Tzedakah (justice), and G'milut Chasadim (loving kindness), and we discussed different ways to help others.

While community and helping others will be an underlying theme, we are now turning to look at Israel, its importance to us, its accomplishments, and its various cities. Our students have already written letters to pen pals in Israel, and are anxiously waiting for letters back from their pen pals. Students are looking forward to "making the trip to Israel," as they prepare their "luggage" and "passports." Then they will be "visiting" a different city each week. If you haven't been to Israel, maybe our students will give you a tour at the end of the unit. If you have been to Israel and have pictures or stories to share, please let your child's teacher know.

Also, check your High Holiday schedule for Family Services where there will be a special story at each service. I wish you all a sweet and happy New Year!

L'Shana Tovah, Sue Marcoe <u>sfmarcoe@gmail.com</u> (home) 845-723-4045

NOTE: We start each session promptly at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary with a song led by Tom & Kathy Walker, and a quick review or story. Students will then go upstairs for class. 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!

# Sukkah Building, Service & Pot Luck Dinner Bring flowers, fruit to decorate our Sukkah



October 16
Beginning at 3:00pm
FPUPC

It's time for the 2016 CROP WALK, the long-standing charity drive sponsored by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. Proceeds go to fight hunger here and throughout the world. It takes place 10:00am-4:00pm on October 16. The walk begins at Temple BethEl and takes you along the tree-lined sidewalks of Poughkeepsie -- but only as far as you want to go. Come join us THE SHIR CHADASH TEAM! and sponsor your own WALKERS. Contact the Shir Chadash Leader John Wallach jwallach@hunter.cuny.edu or 845-473-7254





## 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 jbill55540@gmail.com 845-702-0477



#### **Weather Cancellations Visit**

WWW.CANCELLATIONS.COM and WHUD RADIO 100.7. Friday evening SERVICES WOULD BE CANCELLED BY 5:00pm Sharing Shabbat WOULD BE CANCELLED BY 7:00am





## Tzedakah in Action Morse School Project

TOGETHER, WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Do you have some office supplies that you don't expect anytime soon? Bring



school or around to use them to

any Shir Chadash service or event

and donate them to the at-risk kids at the

S. F. B. Morse School.

Help make sure these kids have the tools they need to succeed in school!

#### **October Torah Readings**

September 30 and October 1 Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20 Bat Mitzvah Jayci Longin

October 7 and 8 Vayelech Deuteronomy 31:1-31:30

October 14 and 15 Ha'azinu Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52 D'Var Torah Gail Jaitin October 21 and 22 Chol HaMo'ed Sukkot Exodus 33:12-34:26

October 28 and 29 B'reisheet Genesis 1:1-6:8



#### **September Yahrzeits\***

Friday, September 30, 2016 Friday, October 7, 2016	Harriet Dritz Nathan Altman	Mother Father	Ron Dritz Susan Feit
Friday, October 07, 2016	Lucy Kurtzman	Grandmother	Victor Feit
Friday, October 07, 2016	Harry Spiegel	Father	Lois Weber
Friday, October 07, 2016	Gertrude Weiss	Grandmother	<b>Richard Bordowitz</b>
Wednesday, October 12, 2016	Jacob Judah Anshen	Father	William Anshen
Friday, October 14, 2016	Mark Ingebrestsen	Brother-in-law	Beth Brofman
Friday, October 14, 2016	Sidney Rothman	Father	Michael Rothman

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

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

Sadie Herschbein **in honor** of Sara and Michael Rothman Susan and Allan Fink **in appreciation** of Sara and Michael Rothman

#### **Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts**

Friday, September 30 Sandy and Jeff Lash Saturday, October 1 Kara and Ed Longin Bat Mitzvah Jaycie Longin Friday, October 7 Steve Herschbein Friday, October 14 Sue Marcoe Saturday, October 15 Gail Jaitin Friday, October 21 Lois and Harold Weber Friday, October 28 Amy and Jim Thrasher



Oneg Coordinator: Suzanne Neil suzanneneil@mac.com 845-559-3123 Sharing Shabbat Bagel Organizers: Sara Rothman 223-5925 Stacie Wogalter 635-5101





#### brings you "a new song"

Calendar 5777 (2016-2017)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services start Friday evening September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm Sharing Shabbat starts Saturday morning, September 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Bat Mitzvah of Jayci Longin 10:30am Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm Monday October 3rd Rosh Hashanah 10:00am Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00pm Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> Kol Nidre 8:00pm Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah of Julia Rubinstein at 10:30am Friday December 30<sup>th</sup> "Light Up the Night" Family Chanukah Service 6:00pm Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> 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 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade Hebrew class

Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> Adult B'not Mitzvah at 10:30am Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> Honoring Our Teachers at 7:30pm Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> Board Installation at 7:30pm







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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Sharing Shabbat 9:00am Bat Mitzvah Jayci Longin 10:30am
Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm	Rosh Hashanah 10:00AM Family Celebration Service 3:00pm	B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm FPUPC	5	6	7 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm	8
9	Columbus Day	Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 8:00pm	Yom Kippur 10:00 AM Family Service 2:00pm Afternoon to Community BreakFast 3:00pm	13	Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm	Sharing Shabbat 9:00am
Sukkah Building, Service & Dinner 3:00pm	Board Meeting 7:00pm FPUPC	B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm FPUPC	19	20	Sukkot Shabbat 7:30PM Lay-Led Service	22
23	24	B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm FPUPC	26	27	Simchat Torah Family Service 7:30pm	29
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