

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**

From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish

APRIL CALENDAR
Online at www.shir-chadash.org

- 1 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30pm**
- 2 Sharing Shabbat 9:00am**
- 3 Rosh Chodesh 10:30**
- 5 Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm**
- 8 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm**
- 9 Annual Auction 7:00pm**
- 11 Board Meeting 7:00pm**
- 12 Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm**
- 15 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm-Joint Service at Temple Beth-El**
- 16 Sharing Shabbat 9:00am Pathways to Passover**
- 22 First Seder—No Kabbalat Shabbat**
- 26 Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm**
- 29 Kabbalat Shabbat**

Looking Ahead

- 5/6 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm-Joint Service with Temple Beth-El at FPUPC**
- 5/7 Sharing Shabbat**
- 5/15 Mitzvah Day**
- 5/15 Klezmaties Concert**
- 5/21 Sharing Shabbat Bat Mitzvah Ashley Kaswer**
- 5/22 Annual Meeting**
- 5/3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm**
- 6/3 Board Installation**



“Let All Who are Hungry Come and Eat”

Dear Friends,

I am one of those people who wholeheartedly believes that Reform Judaism is the approach closest to the heart of what Jewish tradition has always been. I think the people who badly misunderstand Jewish tradition are the ones who imagine that Judaism has always been static, and unchanging. In fact Judaism has always evolved, changed to reflect the times and places that the Jewish people found themselves. It is an organic thing: growing always in the process of becoming. The greatest proof of Jewish tradition's adaptability and responsiveness to changed realities is the Pesach Haggadah we will be using at our Seder tables this month.

The Haggadah has evolved over time. And more significantly it has been adapted to changing realities of the Jewish people's life. New prayers and readings have been added in every generation. In our own time, during the Shoah very dark Haggadot were written that related that awful time to the destructive oppression of Egypt, and the Pharaoh to our own oppressors. When Israel was born, new Haggadot were created that celebrated that miracle and connected that new deliverance to the redemption promised in the Haggadah. The Haggadah almost invites us to modify it and apply it to the realities of our situation.

After all the Seder is all about making the experience of the exodus our own. We read ourselves into history. As the Haggadah itself says, “in every generation every Jew should regard themselves as if they themselves went out of Egypt”, and “it is because of what the Lord did for me when I went out of Egypt” What William Faulkner wrote is especially true for us: “the past is not dead, it is not even past”. For us history is immediate, contemporary. What the Seder is about is this moment. Our ancient story is about right now.

So this year I want to note that there is a strange omission from the Haggadah. There is no mention whatever in the Seder ritual of the lesson that is taught most regularly in the Torah. What does the Torah learn from the Exodus? “A stranger you shall not oppress, because you know the heart of the stranger, seeing that you were strangers in the land of Egypt”, repeated scores of times. For the Torah itself that is the great “takeaway” from the experience. In the Haggadah? Not a word. We would do well to set that omission right.

So this year I urge us all to help our Haggadah evolve. Find a reading—or better yet, more than one reading—that helps us meditate on the meaning of the exodus. Make it part of your Seder to remember that we were strangers. We were oppressed. We know the heart of all those who are oppressed, marginalized, all those who are strangers. Pesach is the time to remind ourselves that we stand with them, not against them. We invite them in (“let all who are hungry come and eat”) not shut them out. Let us use our Sedarim to rededicate ourselves to the lesson of our history that the Torah teaches so emphatically.

May your Pesach be meaningful and joyous, your sedarim sweet.

Chag Sameach, Rabbi Daniel Polish



Notes from Cantor Gail Hirschenfang

BEYOND DAYENINU

One of my earliest memories of Passover was going down to the basement with my mom to retrieve the “Pessadick” dishes, both meat and dairy, to put on our newly cleaned kitchen. These dishes were kept in barrels. Every plate, pot, pan and piece of stemware was carefully wrapped in newspaper, dated a year earlier. Each year we would go through this painstaking task and make sure every nook and cranny of our kitchen was clean enough to welcome the new Passover. We would gather all our chummatz and my dad would take us to the Roslyn duck pond where, for the most part, we fed the leavened bread products to the ducks. How we all laughed watching three ducks trying to fight over a bagel! The house was ready and the preparations for the seder were about to begin. As I go through a similar ritual each year in my own home, now I do a “chummatz hunt” with my grandchildren. They are quite meticulous about the search and we usually give away applicable leavened products to a local soup kitchen as no duck pond is nearby.

Anyone who has ever made a seder knows that it can virtually be a re-enactment of the slavery experience itself. There are many courses, and the dietary challenges of special recipes for Passover, or modifying existing ones, can be quite rigorous. However, I would like to challenge all of you this year to engage in MUSICAL PREPARATIONS for your seder. We all know and enjoying singing “Dayeninu” but there are so many more musical opportunities for everyone to join in, regardless of their level of Hebrew or familiarity with the seder. In today’s world there are so many teaching tools for Jewish celebrations and the seder is no exception.

Statistical studies indicate that attendance at the Passover seder is one of the most actively engaged rituals for American Jews. Perhaps it is because it is a home ritual that involves family and tradition. Perhaps it is because the food is delicious or perhaps it is a compelling celebration of redemption from slavery to freedom. Whatever the real motivator, the seder is something special and, I’d like to suggest, we provide as much attention to its liturgy and music, as we do to the seating arrangements and menu. The liturgy of the seder (meaning, ‘order’) is essentially fixed, but there are so many Haggadot available that you can fashion your seder in any way you deem to be appropriate for your family. There are Haggadot that shorten the seder, ones that are written with greater explanation for the seder novice, ones that have a particular philosophical leaning (such as feminism, universalism or Zionism), but the basic components of the seder are usually present. Much of what we sing for the seder are fixed texts that have been written expressly for this liturgical experience but many of the song texts come from psalms or other traditional sources. An entire section of the seder encompasses the Hallel, psalms of praise and thanksgiving. One of the most special of these psalms includes the text, “B’tzeit Yisraeil”, “When Israel left Egypt”, most appropriate to this night when we relive the exodus as if it happened to us. In fact, one of the very first things we sing at the seder, is in fact, the ‘order’ of the service: “Kadeish, Urchatz”, which is a musical rendering of the 14 sections of the seder.

I would like to introduce you to some of the many musical resources for Jewish music. If you go to any of these sites you should be able to find more than ample materials for Passover. They contain in most cases, CDs for Passover, and in some cases, sheet music as well. One excellent resource is SEDER SONGS by Transcontinental Music. This is particularly helpful because the sheet music comes with 2 accompanying CDs- one with the music sung and one as a “music minus one” CD if you become proficient. This is an excellent teaching tool and also includes several songs for children (and adults) that we have come to love (including the beloved Frog Song). The link to purchase “Seder Songs” is: <http://www.jewishmusic.com/collections/music-books/products/the-passover-anthology-music-for-the-seder>. Another link for Passover music is OY SONGS. Oy Songs has literally thousands of MP3s and albums of Jewish Music. Their link for Passover music is: http://www.oysongs.com/stylestores/stylestore.cfm?subgenre_id=4. Another excellent resource for all kinds of Jewish music is www.jewishmusic.com. Their publication, “The Passover Anthology: Music for the Seder” also comes with an accompanying CD and is highly recommended. The link for “The Passover Anthology” is : <http://www.jewishmusic.com/collections/music-books/products/the-passover-anthology-music-for-the-seder>.

It is true that we end our seder with “Next Year in Jerusalem” but I wish for all of you, that THIS year’s seder will be filled with beautiful and joyful music as well as scrumptious and delicious food!!
Wishing you and yours a Zissen Pesach!

L'Shalom,
Cantor Gail Hirschenfang



A Message from President Victor Feit

FUN-RAISING

We are coming to a very busy time of the year for Shir Chadash and our members and friends. There are many important Fun Raising (we emphasize FUN in the fundraising) events in the near future. The first will be on **April 9th, the Annual Auction**. I need help finding quality items which may become priceless treasures to a new buyer and I need them as soon as possible, since the auction is almost upon us, and the catalogue is being designed soon. If you do not have any items in your home, please go to any business that you frequent, like restaurants, contractors, stores or services, and ask for a donation that can be auctioned off. This is a benefit to the business providing them with new clients. If you never go out, and never shop or spend money, then perhaps, you may have a unique service which others may be willing to purchase. If none of these requests can be fulfilled, then please just come to the auction and enjoy the evening. There may be a treasure that you can purchase—something that calls out to you, something that you realize you cannot live without or that perfect gift!

On Sunday May 15, at 5pm at Poughkeepsie Day School James Earl Jones Theater, we will be hosting the Klezmatics in concert. We will also be honoring the people who participated in Mitzvah Day during the evening. It has been several years since we were blessed with the music of the Klezmatics, and have received many requests to bring them back. If you have never heard them perform, then you have missed out on a unique experience. If you have come to one of their concerts, then you know how much fun they are. Your help is needed to make this event a true success. We are selling ads in the evening's program. We need people to go out and sell or buy the ads. Please take advertising forms to any business or service provider that you frequent. The ads are tax deductible and can easily generate new clients for those that participate. In fact, many of our own congregants take advantage of this opportunity, and advertise in the program. Please show your support for Shir Chadash. If it is possible, please buy tickets for yourself and 25 or more of your closest family members and friends, and bring them.

The Klezmatics are a Grammy Award-winning American klezmer music group based in New York City. We are exceedingly lucky that this internationally-acclaimed band is performing the night before in Boston and have been able fit us into their busy schedule. Don't miss them!

Finally, our **Annual Meeting will be held on May 22nd at 11:00** am at the Bowdoin Park Chapel . At that time, we will propose and approve the new congregational board of directors, and will discuss the many pressing topics at hand. Please plan on attending.

I look forward to seeing you, your friends and families at the auction and the concert and I want to thank you, in advance, for your help.

Shalom,
Vik Feit

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Congregation Shir Chadash Ninth Annual Goods & Services Auction

Saturday Evening April 9th

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Liz Glassberg
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Thank you to all our members and friends who ate their way through a mountain of Hamantaschen on our Purim Shabbat. It was a monumental task! Without your diligence and perseverance, we might have been buried under an avalanche of poppy, prune, apricot, chocolate, nutella, tamarind, fig, and other mysteriously wonderful flavors. A special thank you to those who took a few home to spread the joy to their family and friends. What would we have done without you?!

Where did all those Hamantaschen come from? Suzanne Neil, Lori Dritz, Andrea Ostwald, Robbie Schiff, Sue Marcoe, Gloria Goverman, Sandy Lash, Roberta Tracy, Barbara Stapholz, Kathy and Tom Walker! Thank you to all our talented and generous bakers, and thank you also to the Roth/Bordowitz family who provided fruit and veggies to make the oneg perfectly appealing to one and all.

Kudos to our Purim Shpiel Players - actors, actresses, chorus, and musicians. *You are the best!*

Thank you to the parents who brought the kids to rehearsal, and helped us out in so many other ways.

An extra special thank you to Julia Bordowitz for stepping into the role of Esther at the very last minute, and doing such a beautiful job!

Finally, a big thank you to Rabbi Polish (and all the editors) for the script. We had a lot of fun with it.

Sue Marcoe and Sara Rothman



A Message from Sue Marcoe, Education Enrichment Coordinator

**CALLING ALL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS:
Watch for our special Pathways to Passover Program -**

On Saturday, April 16th, Congregation Shir Chadash will present Pathways to Passover program, a very special program during Sharing Shabbat starting at 9:00am. This family centered event will include amazing crafts and joint discussions about the meaning of Passover, the significance of the items on the seder plate, and the meaning of Passover in our lives. The program will be followed by a mini-seder led by our religious school students. Students in each class will be responsible for part of the seder. It promises to be an enjoyable and fun learning experience!

All are invited! Come early for breakfast!

B'Shalom, Sue Marcoe
suem@quixnet.net
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Congregation Shir Chadash

Tzedakah for Passover

*"Let all who are hungry come and eat.
Let all who are in want share the hope of Passover."*

This year, Shir Chadash is collecting food to donate to the S.F.B. Morse Elementary School (Mansion St. Poughkeepsie) Food Pantry. Food is distributed to the students and their families who experience food insecurity over weekends and school vacations. Help us feed the hungry in our local community by nourishing these students so they may optimize their learning potential.

This is a wonderful endeavor for everyone—do you have chametz that is boxed or canned and in date? Perfect to donate! Making a quick trip to your favorite supermarket? Pick up some pasta, soup, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, etc. to donate! All donations must be canned or boxed so they can be stored without refrigeration at the school.

Please, bring your donations to any **Shir Chadash** service, study or event and make this Passover Tzedakah project a success!

This is a **Living Tzedakah** project of the Shir Chadash Social Action Committee. For more information or to donate **contact: Sandy Lash at 227-4650 or sjlash@optonline.net ; or Robbie Schiff at 876-2626 or veggierob@yahoo.com**

- ✧ Donations of money may also be made and will be used to purchase food that will be added to the Shir Chadash donation.
- ✧ Your donations can be picked up—just let us know.
- ✧ **THE DEADLINE FOR OUR DONATIONS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH** ✧
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Sunday May 15, at 5pm
James Earl Jones Theater, Poughkeepsie Day School
260 Boardman Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY

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Member's Corner

Be happy!!

Did you know that there is an ongoing Yiddish group taking place every Tuesday morning from eleven o'clock to noon at the Hudson Valley Jewish Community Center?

That the average ability of the participants to speak and understand that sweet language is probably broken at best?

That nobody makes fun of anyone? (Although there are lots of laughs and self-deprecation!)

That the average number of participants is probably about eight, ranging in age from perhaps the forties (youngsters) to the nineties?

That - and this is a biggie - there are no exams or homework or assignments of any sort (and everyone gets an A-plus for their children and grandchildren to kvell over)?

That no one counts absences or latenesses? (Which are, however, answerable for in The World To Come.)

And . . . that it's free?

So, if you're interested (especially for your parents or grandparents if you're fortunate enough to still have any of those) or, indeed, anyone else, member of our - or any - shul or not, just contact Don Poretz at (845) 471-9529. (And speak slowly if you're speaking Yiddish so he'll understand you.)

Zei mir frailich!

Don Poretz

(845) 471-9529; poretz@suny dutchess.edu



NOTICE



- Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Brunch**
Sunday, May 22nd at 11:00 for Brunch
followed by the Annual Meeting
at the Bowdoin Park Chapel
- Reports on Activities and Finances and the Breisheet Campaign and Food and Friends!
 - Elections of Board Officers and Trustees
 - Vote on the 2016-2017 Budget

Mitzvah Day 2016

Sunday, May 15th

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 @ Temple Beth-El, 118 S. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie

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.



Attend one of the projects sponsored by Shir Chadash:

Children's Home of Poughkeepsie - yard/garden/paint

10 Children's Way (off Fulton St. – 1/3 mile from Marist College), Town of Pok

20 people needed. Begin @ 9:45 AM rain or shine.

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

- Clean out, plant & mulch beds and gardens, light repairs
- Indoor painting in the event of rain

Grace Smith House - yard/garden/paint

1 Brookside Ave (off the westbound arterial), Poughkeepsie

20 people needed. Begin @ 9:45 AM rain or shine.

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

- Clean out, plant & mulch beds and gardens, light repairs
- Indoor painting in the event of rain



Or attend any of 12 different projects that suit your interest, including:

- New Horizon's Briggs Farm**
- Gomez Mill House**
- Appalachian Trail improvement/cleanup**
- Baking/Crafts for various agencies**
- Pershing Ave Cemetery cleanup**
- Elant & The Pines elder home visit**
- Car Wash fund raiser (near Arlington High School)**



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

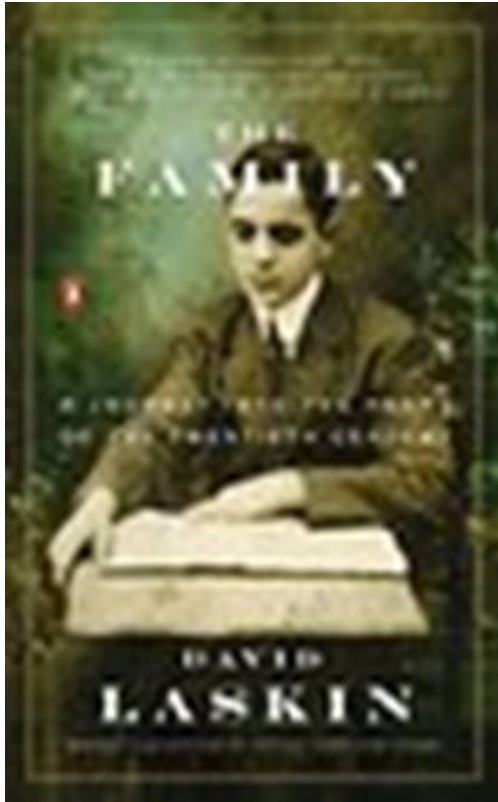


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Questions? contact Steve Herschbein at steve.herschbein@gmail.com
or Kathy Walker at kdshotland@aol.com

Calling All Readers—Pot Luck Brunch & Discussion



**Sunday April 3rd 10:30am—
12:30pm**

**At the home of
Sandy and Jeff Lash
53 Rymph Road,
LaGrangeville
845-227-4650**

splash@optonline.net

**The Rosh Chodesh Reading &
Discussion Group selection is:
“The Family: A Journey into the Heart
of the Twentieth Century”**

by David Laskin

An Amazon Best Book of the Month, October 2013: Every writer, established or aspiring, has at one time or another looked around and decided, “My life would make a great book.” Some of them are sadly mistaken. But journalist David Laskin’s life—or rather that of his forbears, three generations of a Russian Jewish family originally named HaKoen—has made a fantastic book. Despite its name, *The Family* is not about the Mafia, or the Mansons, but really about one particular, ordinary/extraordinary twentieth century shtetl clan. But you don’t have to be Jewish to be fascinated by the six children of a Torah scribe on the western fringe of the Russian empire; they, like people everywhere, were buffeted by political and social and economic upheavals of their times. One branch of the family ended up in America as the prosperous founders of Maidenform lingerie; another repatriated to Israel; the third suffered the Holocaust. While I tended to favor the stories about the American branch (how can you not love a 4’ 11” Russian revolutionary, who, with her husband Wolf, invented the brassiere in 1924 and got filthy rich in ladies underwear in the depression?), the other HaKoen-turned-Cohens provided plenty of educational entertainment as well. You think you know about the Russian revolution? Try seeing it through Laskin’s ancestors’ eyes. Likewise, WWII and Zionism. This is a great, big-hearted book about how time and place modifies family, whatever or wherever its roots. --Sara Nelson

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.

Stacie and David Wogalter **with our sincerest appreciation** to Shir Chadash's Congregation for helping raise our children.

Jeff and Sandy Lash **in memory** of Paul Hollander, brother of Brian

Wendy and Stuart Bill and family **in memory** of Paul Hollander, brother of Brian

Lois and Harold Weber **in honor** of the Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Wogalter

Sue Marcoe **in support** of the Purim Carnival

Lisa and Marc Kerchman **in support** of the Passover Tzedakah Project

Jeff and Sandy Lash **in honor** of the Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Wogalter

Wendy and Stuart Bill **in honor** of the Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Wogalter

Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts

Friday, April 1	Rochelle and Dave Bellach
Saturday, April 2	Kara Longin
Friday, April 8	Roberta Tracy
Friday, April 15	Joint Service at Temple Beth-El
Saturday, April 16	Susan Goodman and Ed Ginsberg
Friday, April 22	First Passover Seder— No Services
Friday, April 29	Melinda and Eric Pearson



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

April Yahrzeits*

Friday, April 01, 2016	Howard Fredrick Wallach	Father	John Wallach
Friday, April 01, 2016	Hope Coe Amer	Mother	Judi Brown
Friday, April 08, 2016	Florence Rothman	Mother	Michael Rothman
Friday, April 08, 2016	Isadore Weber	Father	Harold Weber
Friday, April 08, 2016	Eugene Pollock	Father	Ken Pollock
Friday, April 08, 2016	Ted Lash	Father	Jeff Lash
Friday, April 15, 2016	Martha Lash	Mother	Jeff Lash
Friday, April 15, 2016	Philip Herman	Husband	Cantor Rena Shapiro
Friday, April 29, 2016	Seymour Hirschenfang	Father	Cantor Hirschenfang
Friday, April 29, 2016	Able Head Pierce	Grandfather	Anne Botsford
Friday, April 29, 2016	Lt. Edward Botsford	Father	Anne Botsford
Friday, April 29, 2016	Janet Freeman	Sister	Ed Freeman
Friday, April 29, 2016	Grace Pearl Adams	Mother	Anne Botsford
Friday, April 29, 2016	Robert Watsky	Father	Mana Watsky

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

April Torah Readings

April 1 and 2 Sh'mini
Leviticus 9:1-11:47
D'var Torah John Wallach

April 8 and 9 Tazria
Leviticus 12:1-13:59

April 15 and 16 Metzora
Leviticus 14:1-15:33

April 22 and 23 Pesach
Exodus 12:21-51

April 29 and 30 Shemini Shel Pesach
Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17



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



Please join us
~ Donate a box of cereal ~

CEREAL COUNTS!!! 2016 Shir Chadash Joins the Annual Dutchess County-Wide Boxed Cereal Drive

Every summer, children lack access to school-based free breakfast programs. Families really need breakfast food. Daily breakfast has potential physical and mental health benefits for everyone!!!

CEREAL COUNTS!!! is a boxed cereal drive that now occurs each spring. The goal: To work together and reduce breakfast hunger. We are running a drive to support CEREAL COUNTS!!!! Please bring new boxes of cereal to A Shir Chadash Shabbat Service May 13 or May 14 Or to Mitzvah Day on May 15.

Once the boxes are collected, they will be brought over to Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 15th, Mitzvah Day, and added to the community collection for CEREAL COUNTS!!! 2016. The boxes will then be delivered to pantries and area food distribution sites in Dutchess County. This includes: Dutchess Outreach; Zion Baptist Church pantry; the Reach Out Pantry; St. Paul's; Beulah Baptist Church Pantry; Community Action Partnership pantries in Poughkeepsie, Dover, Beacon and Red Hook; Hudson River Housing/Hillcrest Shelter; the Dept of Social Services; and the Interfaith Senior Housing Site. The project is a wonderful way to reduce breakfast hunger in our community.

Hungry summers are coming...

CEREAL COUNTS!!! 2016

From the box to the bowl to the belly—It's a truckload of good morning health
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BY 7:00am



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Calendar 5776 (2015-2016)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services start Friday evening September 11th at 7:30 pm
Sharing Shabbat starts Saturday morning, September 12th 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 13th Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00 pm

Monday September 14th Rosh Hashanah 10:00 am

Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00 pm

Tuesday September 22nd Kol Nidre 8:00 pm

Wednesday September 23rd 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 25th Family Sukkot Shabbat 7:30 pm

Friday October 2nd Family Simchat Torah Shabbat 7:30 pm

Saturday October 3rd Bar Mitzvah of Mason Moskowitz at 10:30 am

Friday October 23rd Musical Shabbat -Songs of the Brit-Entering into the Covenant

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

Saturday January 23rd Tu B'Shevat Seder

Saturday March 5th Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Wogalter at 10:30 am

Friday March 25th Purim Shabbat 7:30 pm

Friday April 15th Joint Service at Temple Beth-El led by Hebrew School Students

Friday April 22nd Passover First Seder (no Kabbalat Shabbat service)


Friday May 6th Joint Service with Temple Beth-El led at Shir Chadash by Hebrew School Students

Friday May 13th Yom Haatzma'ut Shabbat 7:30 pm

Saturday May 21st Bat Mitzvah of Ashley Kaswer at 10:30 am

Sunday, May 22 Annual Meeting


Saturday June 11th Tikkun Leil Shavuot with Temple Beth-El



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April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>And bring your chametz plus..... during the month to donate</p>				<p>1</p> <p>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Sharing Shabbat Tots & Everyone 9:00am</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh at home of Jeff and Sandy Lash 227-4650 10:30-12:30</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm FPUPC</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Auction FPUPC 7:00pm</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Board Meeting 7:00pm FPUPC</p>	<p>12</p> <p>B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm FPUPC</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm At Temple Beth-El</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Sharing Shabbat Tots & Everyone 9:00am Pathways To Passover</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>		
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm FPUPC</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30PM</p>	<p>30</p>