

Mazel Tov!!



Congregation Shir Chadash

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*

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Online at www.shir-chadash.org

**2 Kabbalat Shabbat
7:30pm**

**3 Sharing Shabbat
9:00am**

**9 Kabbalat Shabbat
7:30pm**

12 Board Meeting 7:00pm

**16 Shabbat Dinner at
Home RSVP to
info@shir-chadash.org**

**18 Interfaith
Thanksgiving
Service and Pot
Luck Dinner
5:30pm
Bring a side-dish or
dessert to share**

**23 Kabbalat Shabbat
6:30pm**

**30 Kabbalat Shabbat
7:30pm**

Looking Ahead

12/1 Annual Auction

**12/7 Light Up the
Night Family
Chanukah
Service 6:30pm**



From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish

November Gifts

Dear Friends,

This month begins and ends on notes that remind us of just how American we are. A few days from the time you receive this we will be voting. I know I have written about this and spoken about this a lot. But I also know that too many of us let that opportunity slip by. And I would not want you to be among that 60% of our fellow citizens. So I take the liberty of urging you again to exercise this precious privilege. For anyone with Jewish memory, voting is a gift. What a shame to be given a wonderful gift and not use it. At the very least there ought to be a law: if you don't vote you forfeit your right to kvetch about the direction the country is going in. At least if you vote you have earned the right to complain. Enough said

Then as the month ends we get to celebrate Succot again: American style. As we all know those first European settlers on this continent knew very well that they were taking over a Biblical holiday as their way of giving thanks for having survived a grueling introduction to their new home. So Thanksgiving is a holiday that is doubly ours.

Like all holidays it can be abused by being trivialized. It can become just a day for too much food, football and bracing ourselves for Black Friday. But it can be a meaningful and fulfilling festival: a time to take stock of the infinite number of blessings that are the stuff of our lives. We can use this day to look gratefully at all the blessings that are showered on us. And we can use our Thanksgiving tables to share our sense of gratitude with the family and friends with whom we celebrate the day.

We can begin to prepare ourselves for this day by asking ourselves 'what am I thankful for'. In recent years cognitive scientists have told us that nothing enhances our lives as much as a sense of gratitude. Some have even suggested that it can lengthen our lives. So celebrating the day right is probably equivalent to hours on the treadmill. And infinitely more fun.

And we at Shir Chadash have our own remarkable way of celebrating the holiday -- and our own reason for gratitude. For many years now, we and Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church have shared a service of Thanksgiving -- and a meal -- the Sunday before the holiday. This year our joint service will be held on Sunday November 18. In recent years our services have been enhanced by the presence of guest speakers. This year two members from each congregation will model for all of us the important pre-Thanksgiving exercise by sharing with us their own reflections on that important question "What I am Thankful for".

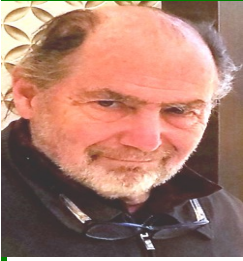
Frankly the fact that we have nurtured such close relations with one another is yet another reason to be thankful. It is rare and especially precious in these days of too much intolerance and hostility. Our little community serves as a real beacon in anguishing times. We are an island in a sea of strife. On November 18, plan to come join us on our island of tranquility

And use the rest of the week to begin your own personal inventory of "What I am thankful for"

B'Shalom, Rabbi Daniel Polish

A Message from President Lindsey Turner

How Many Jewish-Italian Grandmothers Does it Take...



Dearest Friends,

How many Jewish-Italian grandmothers does it take to win a Nobel for very important work in neurobiology --- stand up for women's rights long before it was an accepted viewpoint --- be a multigenerational role model for youth, particularly girls in science?

JUST ONE – Rita Levi-Montalcini.

She was born in Torino into a modern Jewish family but, even studying the classics, she was angered that women were not treated as equals in school.

Her boy cousins taunted her saying there never has been a Michelangelo, Newton, or Leonardo wearing a dress!

When her young governess died of cancer, she made a bold decision for her time. She would become a doctor.

In 1930 she entered medical school. Her teacher and mentor was Giuseppe Levi, father of the famous author Natalia Ginzburg.



During the war she stayed hidden with a tiny laboratory she created in her room, refusing to leave even during air raids.

In 1986 she received the Nobel Prize in Medicine that she deserved so much for her discovery of growth factors.

We should be so thankful for the groundbreaking work she did ... AND let's all be thankful together when we celebrate with our Presbyterian friends our Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday November 18th.

And, speaking of dinners, if you haven't done so already, please RSVP and come on the 16th to one of our special Shabbat at Home Dinner with your Shir-Chadash family.

*B'Shalom,
Lindsey*

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A Message from Sue Marcoe Education Enrichment Coordinator

In October, we had the pleasure of watching two of our Religious School students being called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah. To help our students appreciate the significance of these services, our classes reviewed and discussed the meaning of Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

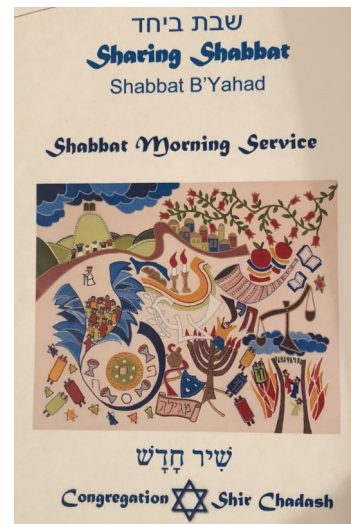
Now our students are working hard to understand and to be able to read the key prayers of our Saturday morning Shabbat service. To give them ownership of their studies, students will be writing some prayers of their own to be included in the student led service on Saturday, December 15th, 2018. Watch for more information about this service in the November and December weekly emails and newsletters.

Shalom, Sue Marcoe

sfmarcoe@gmail.com

845-723-4045

P.S. Parents please bring your children early for Bagel Time (8:45am before class in the old building). School begins at 9:00am. Food is allowed in the classrooms. Students can finish their breakfast or get a nosh at Kiddush at 10:30am before services. Class time upstairs will be short, so come early for breakfast and time to socialize. What is important to you becomes important to your children.



Thanks Giving Opportunity!

Shir Chadash is participating in making Thanksgiving baskets for 30 needy families with children at the Morse Elementary School. Please help fill the baskets with the tastes of the holiday so these families can celebrate a Happy Thanksgiving.

Shir Chadash is collecting:

Boxes of cake mixes and frostings

Boxes of cornbread/corn muffin mix

And, we need some larger turkeys.

If you would like to donate or have us shop for you , please speak to Sandy Lash splash@optonline.net

845-227-4650. Non-perishable food can be brought to any

Shir Chadash service or event and can be picked up, until Saturday, November 17th. Contact Sandy regarding turkey pick up.



Thanksgiving
Food Baskets

ANNUAL AUCTION

Annual Goods and Services Auction *Saturday, December 1*

*Save
the
Date*

6:00pm
at FPUPC

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Your auctioneers: Vic Feit & Jeff Lash
Silent Auction too for even more fun!
Something for everyone, lots of surprises!
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*To donate items or be on the
committee contact Victor Feit at
914-474-0680*

Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts

Friday, November 2
Saturday, November 3
Friday, November 9
Friday, November 16

Saturday, November 17
Friday, November 23
Friday, November 30

Lori and Ron Dritz
Liz and Larry Glasser
Lisa and Marc Kerchman
Shabbat Dinner at Home
RSVP info@shir-chadash.org
Deb Mullins
BYOO—Oneg to Share
TBA



Oneg Coordinators: Suzanne Neil
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Wendy Bill
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Sharing Shabbat Bagel Organizers :
Sara Rothman 845-223-5925

Happy Chanukah

Light up the Night



Bring your
Chanukah Menorah
and candles !

Friday,
December 7th, 6:30PM

Choir

Chanukah Oneg

All are Welcome-

Bring your friends and family
for
a Chanukah to remember!



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



In October and November



please help us collect

**SWEATERS—JACKETS—COATS
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**for Dutchess Outreach Clothes Closet
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*new & lightly used welcome –
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Living Tzedakah



Congregation Shir Chadash



(at FPUPC)

Rt. 55 & Stringham Road, Lagrange

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

**questions? Sandy Lash splash@optonline.net 227-4650
or Robbie Schiff veggierob@yahoo.com 876-2626**



November Torah Readings

November 2 and 3 Chayei Sarah
Genesis 23:1-25:18
D'var Torah Lindsey Turner

November 9 and 10 Toldot
Genesis 25:19-28:9

November 16 and 17 Vayetze
Genesis 28:10-32:2
D'var Torah Jim Thrasher

November 23 and 24 Vayishlach
Genesis 32:3-36:43



November Yahrzeits*

Friday, November 9, 2018	Morris Kurtzman	Grandfather	Victor Feit
Friday, November 9, 2018	Denise Helen Roth	Sister	Lisa Roth
Friday, November 9, 2018	Matthew Press	Cousin	Michael Rothman
Friday, November 9, 2018	Marilyn Turner	Aunt	Lindsey Turner
Friday, November 9, 2018	Robert Camac	Father	Deanna Sandor
Friday, November 9, 2018	Ann Levy	Aunt	Sue Marcoe
Friday, November 16, 2018	Saul Feit	Father	Victor Feit
Friday, November 16, 2018	Harold Altman	Father	Roberta Tracy
Friday, November 23, 2018	Shirley Spiegel	Mother	Lois Weber
Friday, November 23, 2018	Jacob Belok	Father	Adam Belok
Friday, November 30, 2018	Phyllis Strumpf	Mother	Lori Dritz

*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.

Sadie Herschbein, **in honor** of Sara and Michael Rothman
Thelie and Jon Selzter **in appreciation** of the warm welcome for the Holidays for them and the Mee family
Jane Freeman Moore, **in memory** of Doug Moore
Samantha Rubenstein Tzedakah **in support** of Shir Chadash
Eva Cagianese **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services



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 20th No Services – First Passover Seder

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

Saturday, June 8th Tikkun Leyl Shavuot – Time TBD

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

Friday, June 14th Board Installation at 7:30pm

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WOULD BE CANCELLED BY
7:00am**



November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm	3 Sharing Shabbat 9:00am
 <p>Don't Forget! Clocks F.A.L.L. back this weekend</p>	5	 <p>VOTE</p>	7	8	9 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm	10
 <p>THANKS VETERANS</p>	12 Board Meeting 7:0pm	13	14	15	16 Shabbat at Home Dinners RSVP info@shir-chadash.org	17 Sharing Shabbat 9:00am
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