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Cantor Gail Sirschenfang

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January 2017

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

#### JANUARY CALENDAR Online at www.shir-chadash.org

2 Adult B'not Mitzvah

- 2 Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm
- 6 Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7 Sharing Shabbat 9:00am
- 9 Board Meeting 7:00pm
- Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm
- 13 Kabbalat Shabbat
- 14 West Point Hockey Game 7:00pm
- 15 Rosh Chodesh Group Meeting 10:30am
- Lunch Box Dinner 2:00 and 5:00
- 17 Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm
- 19 February Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Kabbalat Shabbat
- Sharing Shabbat 9:00am
- 24 Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm
- 27 Kabbalat Shabbat
- 31 Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm

#### **Looking Ahead** FEBRUARY 2017

4 Sharing Shabbat

Tu B'Shevat Jewish Earth Day at Shir Chadash

- 10 Kabbalat Shabbat Our Fragile Planet presentation by Ed Ginsberg
- 11 Sharing Shabbat Seder and Lunch

#### From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish

Dear Friends,

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A Mathematical Puzzle

There is so much we can learn from our Torah. Of all the subjects we probably expect not to find in it, however, is economics. And yet, it seems to me that there is a clear

economic perspective to be found there. In so many ways its teachings seek to create a community of rough economic equality. Its vision is a leveling one. It seems to do everything it can to eliminate the possibility of some people having a great deal and others having far less. This is a question very much before American society these days. We call it the income gap. In really it is a wealth gap. It is about the disparity between the resources and quality of life of the very few and that of the many. Despite our pride in the notion that America is a society that can be a light to the world ("a shining city on the hill", President Regan called us), we have the dubious honor of leading the world in this category.

The month of January puts me in mind of this because it was exactly thirty years ago, on January 8, 1987, that the Dow Jones market index passed the 2,000 point for the first time. As I write this toward the end of December it looks like that index may well pass the 20,000 point in January 2017. The value of the American stock market has risen ten times in the past thirty years. Which brings me to my mathematical question. Are you ten times better off than you were thirty years ago? There is a good chance that you might not be. But if you are not, then we might want to ask, "who is". Has that great increase in wealth been shared equally through our society? Or has the windfall been reserved for a privileged few? (I guess that was a rhetorical question. We all know the answer.)

Which circles us back to the Torah perspective of how the economic life of a community ought to be structured. Our Bible clearly advocates for a significant measure of economic equality. America is said to be the most religious country on earth. It is a nation in which we hear a great deal about "Judeo-Christian values". It is a nation where religious groups seek to interject religious teachings into every dimension of the life of our society (public subsidy of religious schools, abortion rights, gay marriage, the list goes on and on). And yet on this very fundamental issue—how our economy is structured—there is deafening silence. For a nation filled with "Bible believers" this is a striking incongruity. I would wish that our religious discourse was as obsessed with economic justice as it is with who could use what bathroom. Does this sound naïve? It is new year's. I am entitled to my new year's wish.

Along with the wish that this (secular) new year is one of health and contentment for you and your loved ones.

B'Shalom Rabbi Daniel Polish



#### A Message from President Jane Freeman Moore A Bright New Year

January 1st, New Year's Day, is celebrated one way or another by everyone who uses the most widely used civil calendar. Unlike the secular holidays that we have just celebrated and the separate celebrations of renewal that people of many faiths will observe in the spring, this New Year unites us all in a new beginning.

At Shir Chadash, we are ready for this opportunity with all the elements in place for a stellar year. We have 7 new member families (and another planning to join right when you will be reading this) adding vitality to our congregation. We have 6 children beginning to learn Hebrew this year, reminding us to focus on our future. We have 7 women working toward group B'not Mitzvah this May, an energetic force! Our membership is extraordinary in its level of involvement, not only in specific programs, but, more important, in our commitment to Jewish life and to each other. Our clergy will continue to guide us through the opportunities of 2017 with expertise and compassion. I am hopeful and grateful that those who are able will continue to be financially generous, fulfilling critical, practical realities.

A prayer written by Ruth F. Brin, a favorite of mine, contains the words,

"Every day that You continue me in life You create my world afresh.

My heartfelt thanks goes to all of you who made 2016 a good year for us and brought us to this point. I look forward to making the most of our fresh opportunities with you in the coming year.

> L'Shalom janefmoore@amail.com 914-475-9302

#### 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: Stacie Wogalter, 37 Patricia Drive, Pleasant Valley, New York 12569.

Lois Lang **in memory** of Benjamin Gottesman her grandfather.

Marc and Lisa Kerchman in support of the Food Bank.

Jane Freeman Moore **in honor** of Sandy Glassberg, son of Liz and Harold Glassberg, on being accepted into the medical residency program in Psychiatry at Walter Reade Hospital in Washington, DC.

Sadie Herschbein **in honor** of Sara and Michael Rothman.

Sandy and Jeff Lash **in memory** of Janet Kerchman sister of Marc Kerchman.

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## Member's Corner

We were all wretched refuse, homeless and tempest tossed once. Had my grandparents not made it to our shores, I would have died in the Holocaust. There would be no comfy house in Stormville, no Hannah, Noah, Jonah and Emma. No silly cats and annoying dogs. No strong-brewed tea and comfy chairs. All the little things that make up my little life, insignificant in the big story but so important to me, is due to the Mother of Exiles welcoming my ancestors. Thank you Mother, thank you America, for allowing my people into your community and letting me have my life of relative luxury and small comforts.

#### "The New Colossus"

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"
~Emma Lazarus, 1883

Gloria Goverman gbwknits@yahoo.com



#### A Message from Sue Marcoe, Education Enrichment Coordinator

#### **OUR STUDENTS ARE STILL EXPLORING ISRAEL**

Students really enjoyed their "flight" to Israel and their "ride" on the Glass Bottom Boat in Eilat. Due to our snow day, their trip to Jerusalem was delayed, but they'll "get" there January 7th. Students will connect Chanukah and Jerusalem, and will leave papers with their prayers for this new secular year in the Kotel, also known as the Western Wall. They will also briefly visit Haifa on January 21st, before "returning" home. If your children haven't tried our religious school, now is a perfect time to encourage them to come for a taste—"guest students" are welcome!

B'Shalom,
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### Member News

- $\diamond$   $\;$  Mazel Tov to Barbara Stapholz on the birth of her new nephew, Vincent Garon Mann.
- Congratulations to Robbie Schiff, a member of Jewish Veg, who presented to a group of (mostly)
   senior citizens at Jewish Federation Learn and Lunch. The seniors enjoyed a delicious vegan lunch.



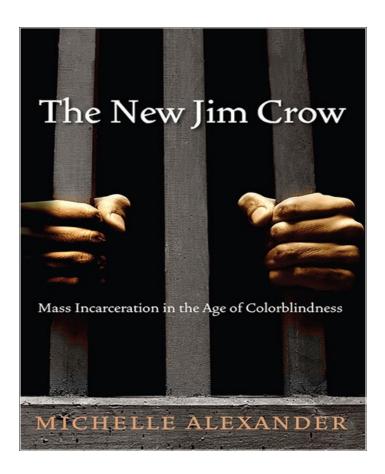
◇ Congratulations to Adam Belok on his presentation of "Transcendental Meditation" with bagels & a schmear at Jewish Federation Learn and Lunch..

We'd love to share all your simchas; please send them to bills 1999@msn.com

## Calling All Readers— Pot Luck Brunch & Discussion Sunday January 15th 10:30am—12:30pm

At the home of Sandy and Jeff Lash 53 Rymph Rd. LaGrangeville 845-227-4650 sjlash@optonline.net

# The Rosh Chodesh Reading & Discussion Group selection is the *New York Times* Bestseller: "THE NEW JIM CROW" by Michelle Alexander



"Once in a great while a book comes along that changes the way we see the world and helps to fuel a nationwide social movement. The New Jim Crow is such a book. Praised by Harvard Law professor Lani Guinier as "brave and bold," this book directly challenges the notion that the election of Barack Obama signals a new era of colorblindness. With dazzling candor, legal scholar Michelle Alexander argues that "we have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it." By targeting black men through the War on Drugs and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of control—relegating millions to permanent second-class status-even as it formally adheres to the principle colorblindness. In the words of Benjamin Todd Jealous, president and CEO of the NAACP, this book is a "call to action."

Called "stunning" by Pulitzer Prize—winning historian David Levering Lewis, "invaluable" by the *Daily Kos*, "explosive" by *Kirkus*, and "profoundly necessary" by the *Miami Herald*, this updated and revised paperback edition of *The New Jim Crow*, now with a foreword by Cornel West, is a must-read for all people of conscience."

#### Congregation Shir Chadash

Presents

The West Point Black Nights
Hockey Team

Vs.

Mercyhurst University Lakers

Salurday, January 14, 2017

7:00pm at West Point

Bleacher sealing

Concession available

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Please mail to: Congregation Shir Chadash, Wendy Bill, 5404 Chelsea Cove North, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533



## Tzedakah in Action at Shir Chadash

We Need You—help us feed the hungry!

On Monday, January 16th
we will be providing a chili dinner for 150 people at
the Lunch Box at Dutchess Outreach.

FOOD DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO ANY SHIR CHADASH SERVICE OR EVENT OR CONTACT US.

Please contact Social Action co-chairs:
Robbie Schiff
veggierob@yahoo.com
876-2626
or
Sandy Lash
sjlash@optonline.net
227-4650



## Morse School Tzedakah Project



Big Thank You banner from the kids!



On behalf of the Jewish Social Action Coalition, Muriel Horowitz, from Temple Beth-El, and Sandy Lash, from Shir Chadash, accept Community Foundations grants.



Mazel Tov to the Jewish Social Action Coalition! The Coalition of Shir Chadash, Beth-El, Schomre Israel, Vassar Temple and the Harding Club was awarded a Community Response Grant and a Stephen M. Saland Legacy Fund Grant from The Community Foundations and a Grant from the Harding Club. These funds will be used to help support the Coalition's Help Feed Hungry Kids at the Morse School Project. Shir Chadash is a founding member of the Coalition.



Sandy Lash receiving The Harding Club Grant from Arnold Most





158 LBS. of Food from the HV Food Bank Thanks to Shir Chadash Donations



A New Flag Thanks to the Jewish War Veterans A Beautiful Refrigerator Thanks to Roberta Tracy



Local JWV Post #625 share words of inspiration



#### Israeli Salad by Sandy Lash Serves 8

4 firm ripe tomatoes (use good grape tomatoes if good large ones are not available)

2 peeled English cucumbers (peeled in strips is nice)

1 green pepper

1 yellow pepper (or red)

1 red onion, chopped or slice thin

4-6 tablespoons chopped flat-leaved parsley

Zest and juice of 1 lemon (about 4 tablespoons)

6—8 tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil

Zatar (Middle Eastern spice blend of sumac, thyme, sesame and salt)



Zest lemon into the bowl of vegetables and juice the lemon.

Whisk lemon juice and olive oil together with salt and pepper. (start with  $\frac{1}{2}$  t of salt and  $\frac{1}{4}$  t of pepper and taste. Taste for salt, pepper, lemon and oil until the balance pleases you. It should be on the tart side and with enough salt.

When ready to serve, toss salad with the dressing and sprinkle Zatar on top.

Note: The amounts of the different vegetables can vary according to what's available and taste.

Olives and feta cheese can be added as well as different vegetables like radishes, beets, scallions instead of onions, arugula, and so on.
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#### 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



#### **January Torah Readings**

January 6 and 7 Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27

D'var Torah Ian Freedman

January 13 and 14 Vayechi Genesis 47:28-50:26

January 20 and 21 Shemot

Exodus 1:1-6:1

D'var Torah Steve Moskowitz

January 27 and 28 Vaera

Exodus 6:2-9:34



#### January Yahrzeits\*

Friday, January 6, 2017	Stella Yeats Pierce	Grandmother	Ann Botsford
Friday, January 6, 2017	Martin Roth	Father	Rochelle Bellach
Friday, January 6, 2017	Ruby Sonnenstien	Step dad	Diane Light-Spiro
Friday, January 6, 2017	Gertrude Sonnenstein	Mother	Diane Light-Spiro
Friday, January 6, 2017	Marcia Been	Sister	<b>Edward Ginsberg</b>
Friday, January 13, 2017	Lorraine Postal	Mother	Roberta Wiener
Friday, January 13, 2017	Seymour Postal	Father	Roberta Wiener
Friday, January 13, 2017	Clara Jaitin	Grandmother	Gail Jaitin
Friday, January 13, 2017	James Thrasher	Father	Jim Thrasher
Friday, January 13, 2017	Elaine Mae Rosenberg	Mother	Wendy Bill
Friday, January 13, 2017	Betty Gottesman	Aunt	Lois Lang
Friday, January 13, 2017	Myron Wassell	Father	Emily Kuriloff
Friday, January 20, 2017	Wendy Rada	Sister	Susan Feit
Friday, January 20, 2017	Richard M. Freeman	Father	Jane Freeman Moore
Friday, January 20, 2017	Jean Weiss Jaitin	Mother	Gail Jaitin
Friday, January 20, 2017	Selma Feit	Mother	Victor Feit
Friday, January 27, 2017	Alfred Brandon	Father	Alfred Brandonisi
Friday, January 27, 2017	Jerry Zuckerman	Father	Daniel Zuckerman
Friday, January 27, 2017	Bernard Hoffman	Uncle	Sue Marcoe

\*To update your Yahrzeit list, please complete the on-line form on our website www.shir-chadash.org

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

Friday, January 6 Don & Ann Puretz

Saturday, January 7 TBA

Friday, January 13 Ken Pollock & Cheryl O'Herron

Friday, January 20 Barbara Stapholz

Saturday, January 21 Stacie & David Wogalter

Friday, January 27 Bill Anshen



Oneg Coordinators: Gloria Governan gbwknits@yahoo.com **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 5th Bat Mitzvah of Julia Rubinstein at 10:30am Friday December 30th "Light Up the Night" Family Chanukah Service 6:00pm

#### Saturday February 11th 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- 4th grade Hebrew class
Saturday May 20th Adult B'not Mitzvah at 10:30am
Friday June 9th Honoring Our Teachers at 7:30pm
Friday June 16th Board Installation at 7:30pm



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Wendy Bill; 227-7236

bills1989@msn.com

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apply	2	Ivrit Hebrew School at Temple Beth-El 4:30pm  Adult B'not Mitzvah Class 6:30pm	Gesher High School Class at Temple Beth-El 6:30pm	5	Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm	Sharing Shabbat 9:00am
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