

# Congregation Shir Chadash

*Rabbi Daniel Polish*

*Cantor Gail Hirschenfang*

*President William Anshen*

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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](http://www.shir-chadash.org)

**Coat and Sweater  
Collection has begun—  
Check your closets!!**

- 1 Sukkah Building and  
Pot Luck 3:00pm**
- 6 Kabbalat Shabbat  
Sukkot Family  
Shabbat 6:30pm**
- 7 Sharing Shabbat  
Ellis Island  
Simulation 900am  
Torah Study 9:15am**
- 9 Board Meeting  
7:00pm**
- 13 Kabbalat Shabbat  
Simchat Torah Family  
Shabbat 6:30pm**
- 15 Ellis Island Trip, NYC  
-Really!**
- 20 Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:30pm**
- 21 Sharing Shabbat  
9:00am**
- 27 Kabbalat Shabbat  
7:30pm**

### Looking Ahead—

**11/5 The Jews of  
Afghanistan  
2:00pm FPUPC**

**11/19 Interfaith  
Thanksgiving  
Service 5:00pm**

**11/24 Kabbalat Shabbat  
6:30pm**

## From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish



### Look Again. We're Not Done

Dear Friends,

According to Jewish custom I am still entitled to wish you a G'mar Chatimah Tovah/ May you be sealed for a good year. But even as we are still in the orbit of our High Holy Days, we shouldn't imagine that our repertoire of Jewish experiences has been exhausted. Yes the Days of Awe are demanding and compelling. But (and I know that you really know this) they are not the be-all and end-all of our Jewish opportunities. Tradition has it that when we return from Synagogue after Yom Kippur (or in the case of rabbis and cantors: stagger home) we are supposed to put up the first post of our Succah. It is a graphic way of reminding us that Jewish life goes on, that there is still more to look forward to and that the Autumn holiday cycle has not been completed.

In fact, it seems that for the earliest generations of Jews the important fall holiday was really Succot, the holiday that marked the harvest of fruits and vegetables. It was, of course, right to give thanks to G-d for the bounty that the earth yielded. And even more important to harvest and store as much as you could for the non-growing time of year. You needed that food to make it through the no-grow season. The holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which mean so much to us, may have been, to our earlier ancestors, a time of self-purification that served to prepare then for the really important festival that began five days after Yom Kippur ended.

And so.... let me encourage you to mark the October events on your calendar. On Sunday, October 1, we are given the opportunity to get as close as possible to the ancient practice. Even if we don't start putting up our shared succah right after sunset on Yom Kippur, we can begin construction the very next day. So be with us at 3:00pm as we build and decorate our succah together—and share a pot-luck barbecue to boot. It is always wonderful fun. If you have joined us in the past, you know that you want to be sure to come back this year. If you have never been part of this fun, come give it a try.

Then two Shabbatot in a row of 6:30pm fun, family services. We are doing them early to make it easier for young children to come. But if you are not a young child you can still come. That earlier hour might be easier for you too. October 6 we will wave the lulav and relish the scent of the etrog at our Succot service. [Good fruit food is part of the enticement as well.](#) How could you miss it? October 13 we unroll the entire Sefer Torah. This year, members of the congregation will read the last verses of Deuteronomy and the first verses of Genesis as we continue the ancient practice of never ending the reading of the Torah, but starting over again as soon as we finish. It is always exciting, fun, and moving. And if you have not had the experience, why not start this year. Folks who have been there before already know not to miss it.

So October is a full, rich month. Take advantage of it. I look forward to greeting you in person and to sharing these joys with you.

*B' Shalom,  
Rabbi Daniel Polish*





## A Message from President William Anshen

### It's a New Year

L'Shana Tova. I hope you and your family had a sweet and joyous Rosh Hashanah. I hope that the New Year will be full of meaningful experiences. After Yom Kippur, you might want to breathe a sigh of relief ... it is over. Not so fast.

Two of my favorite holidays are coming up Sukkot and Simchat Torah. This year we are doing something different. We are starting at 6:30pm for both of these celebrations. Bring the children. I promise you that on Sukkot there will be a whole lot of shaking going on. Regarding Simchat Torah, I have spoken to an older member of the congregation who has promised me that he will bring candy for all present, as is traditional. In addition, he has assured me that he will teach the elephant dance to children (or the children at heart) interested.

On a somewhat more serious note, I want to thank Roberta Tracy, Sandy Lash and Mana Watsky for their hard work and the wonderful job they did on preparing for the High Holiday Days. At the same time, I wish to thank each lay person who stepped up and enhanced the services. Finally, I give a shout out to those who participated in the dramatic reading and/or the joint choir for Selichot.

*B'Shalom Bill Anshen*  
223-1076: [bill903@frontiernet.net](mailto:bill903@frontiernet.net)

## Sukkah Building & Family Pot Luck



### Dinner

Bring flowers, fruit to decorate  
our Sukkah

Sunday, October 1





## A Message from Sue Marcoe Education Enrichment Coordinator

### **EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL!**

We began this school year with a story about Benny who left bagels in the ark to thank G-d. But he learned that what he really did was feed a hungry man in need of food, which motivated that man to help others. Thus Benny practiced Tikun Olam (repairing the world), Tzedakah (justice), and G'milut Chasadim (loving kindness), three concepts that will always be a part of our curriculum.

Our focus right now is the immigration of Jews, and others, to the USA. Students have been learning about immigration in their classrooms - discussing why people left their homelands, what they experienced on their trip here, what was it like at Ellis Island, and how life was different here in the United States.

On October 7th, students, parents, and other volunteers will participate in an Ellis Island Simulation. If you are able and willing to help make this experience feel as real as possible for our students, please contact me at [sfmarcoe@gmail.com](mailto:sfmarcoe@gmail.com) or 845-723-4045.

And on Sunday, October 15th, Religious School families will take the ferry from the Battery to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, to witness first hand what our ancestors saw upon entering this country.

Watch for another field trip in the spring to either the Tenement Museum or the Museum at Eldridge Street.

Parents please bring your children early for *Bagel Time* (8:45 before class in the new building). School begins at 9 a.m. upstairs in the old building. Just a reminder that no 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, and do join us after class for Sharing Shabbat services. What is important to you becomes important to your children.

*B'Shalom Sue Marcoe*

*sfmarcoe@gmail.com; (home) 845-723-4045*





## TOGETHER, WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**Do you have some school or office supplies around that you don't expect to use anytime soon? Bring 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!**

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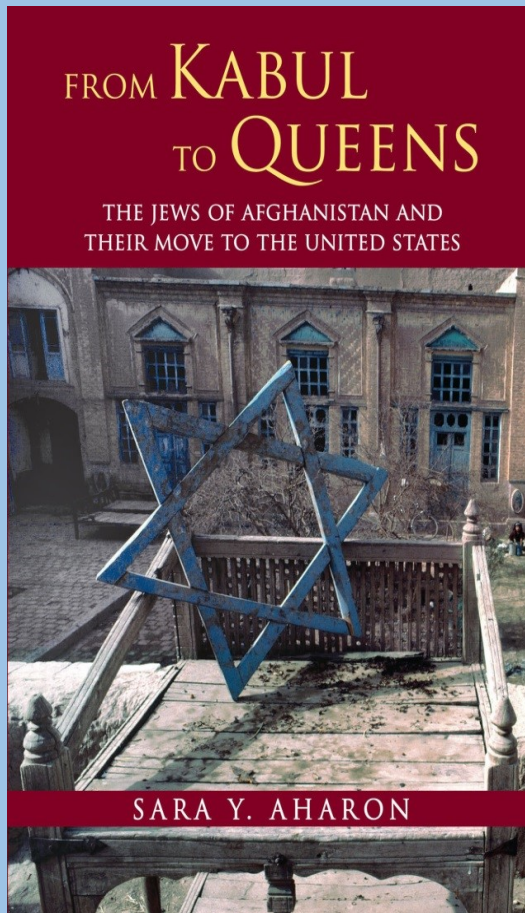
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**The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County Invites You to Attend**  
**Hosted by Congregation Shir Chadash**



## **The Jews of Afghanistan: History, Culture and Muslim- Jewish Relations**

**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

**2:00pm**

**1168 Route 55, LaGrangeville  
(Across from Arlington High School)**

**With Sara Y. Aharon**



***Author of From Kabul to Queens: The Jews of Afghanistan and  
Their Move to the United States***

We welcome the Dutchess County community to a special event exploring Afghanistan's Jewish life. Spanning from the Afghan Jewish community's origins to the development of its Jewish institutions, Sara Y. Aharon will take us back to the story of a Jewish community that lived in relative peace with its Sunni Muslim neighbors.

Sara Y. Aharon is the author of *From Kabul to Queens: The Jews of Afghanistan and Their Move to the United States*. She studied Middle Eastern Studies and modern Jewish history at Brandeis University and New York University. She was named to *The Jewish Week's* "36 Under 36" honorees list of young leaders impacting the Jewish community.

Books will be available after the lecture for purchase and signing.

Visit our website [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org) or call 845-232-1029



## It's 5778 – Just Say Yes to Tzedakah!

It's 5778/2017 and, sad to say, poverty, hunger and need continue to be factors in the everyday lives of thousands of families in our own community. As we approach and celebrate our High Holidays, we are blessed, yet again, with the opportunity to renew our efforts to do better, to make a difference and improve our world. Please consider how you can help Shir Chadash be a force for Tikkun Olam – repairing the world.

### HELP WANTED TO REVIVE THE MORSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

**DID YOU KNOW....**that three years ago, the City of Poughkeepsie eliminated all the librarians in the elementary schools? This means that the nearly 600 kids, grades 1 – 5 at the Morse School, one of the poorest in the district, have had no access to a library, have not been taught how to use a library and haven't been able to take books home to read. Shir Chadash, as a founding member of the Jewish Social Action Coalition, is working with teachers and retired and former City of Poughkeepsie librarians, volunteers from the community and volunteers from our 4 local congregations to revive the Morse School library. This is a huge undertaking that will start modestly, 2 mornings a week, and allow kids, who are only in the school for 5 vital years, to experience a library. Volunteering for this project will warm your heart and provide an incredibly meaningful way to make a real change in the lives of young kids.

### VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE

#### Morse School Library Clerk

Interact with kids and teachers using the library. Check books in and out; maintain stacks; repair damaged books and labels; other tasks as needed. Training will be provided. We need to staff the library 2 mornings a week – the time commitment will depend on you. Sign up for as many hours as you have available and be part of the team that makes the Morse School Library a reality.

**INTERESTED ?** Contact Sandy Lash [sjlash@optonline.net](mailto:sjlash@optonline.net) 845-227-4650  
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Sadie Herschbein **in honor** of the Rothmans

Anonymous **in honor** of Michael Rothman

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Sandy and Jeff Lash **in appreciation** of Bill Anshen

Samantha Rubenstein to the Food Bank **in support** of social action



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



**In October and November**



**please help us collect**

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**for Dutchess Outreach Clothes Closet  
and Kids in Need at Morse School!**



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ages 5-11 kids & adult sizes needed*



**Living Tzedakah**



**Congregation Shir Chadash**



**(at FPUPC)**

**Rt. 55 & Stringham Road, Lagrange**

→ **please bring items to services by 12/2 or call for pick-up** ←

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## October Torah Readings

October 6 and 7 Chol Ha mo'ed Sukkot  
Exodus 33:12-34:26  
**D'var Torah Gloria Goverman**

October 13 and 14 Bereshit  
Genesis 1:1-6:8

October 20 and 21 Noach  
Genesis 6:9-11:32  
**D'var Torah Ellen Rand**

October 27 and 28 Lech-Lecha.  
Genesis 12:1-17:27



## October Yahrzeits\*

Friday, October 6, 2017  
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Friday, October 13, 2017  
Friday, October 13, 2017

Nathan Altman  
Lucy Kurtzman  
Harry Spiegel  
Gertrude Weiss  
Mark Ingebrestsen  
Sidney Rothman

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Grandmother  
Father  
Grandmother  
Brother-in-law  
Father

Susan Feit  
Victor Feit  
Lois Weber  
Richard Bordowitz  
Beth Brofman  
Michael Rothman

**\*To update your Yahrzeit list, please complete the on-line form on our website [www.shir-chadash.org](http://www.shir-chadash.org)**

## Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts

Friday, October 6	Mara and Richard Goldstone
Saturday, October 7	Kathy and Tom Walker
Friday, October 13	Steve Herschbein
Friday, October 20	Pat and Ed Freeman
Saturday, October 21	TBA
Friday, October 27	Karen Marder and Adam Rubenstein



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



# Congregation Shir Chadash

brings you “a new song”

Calendar 5778 (2017-2018)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services start Friday evening September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Sharing Shabbat starts Saturday morning, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

All are welcome!

SATURDAY MORNING SHARING SHABBAT 9:00 AM

September 9 and 23  
October 7 and 21  
November 4 and 18  
December 2 and 9

January 6 and 20  
February 3 and 10  
March 3 and 17  
April 7 and 21  
May 5 and 19

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> Selichot Joint Celebration at Temple Beth-El 8:00pm**

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm**

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> Rosh Hashanah 10:00am**

**Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00pm**

**Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Kol Nidre 8:00pm**

**Saturday, September 30<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 1<sup>st</sup> Sukkah Building and Family Pot Luck Dinner 3:00pm**

**Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Sukkot Family Shabbat 6:30pm**

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> Simchat Torah Family Shabbat 6:30pm**

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 5:00pm**

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> “Light Up the Night” Family Chanukah Service 6:30pm**

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:30am**

**Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Purim Celebration 6:30pm**

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> No Services – First Seder**

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Yom HaShoah Shabbat 7:30pm**

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Yom Haastmaut Shabbat 7:30pm**

**Saturday, May 19 Tikkun Leyl Shavuot – Time TBA**

**Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Honoring Our Teachers at 7:30pm**

**Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Board Installation at 7:30pm**



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# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Sukkah Building &amp; Family Pot Luck at FPUPC 3:00pm</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>5</b> <b>Board Meeting 7:00pm FPUPC</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Sukkot Family Shabbat 6:30pm</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Sharing Shabbat 9:00am</b>
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