



# Congregation Shir Chadash

*Rabbi Daniel Polish*

*Cantor Gail Hirschenfang*

*President Lindsey Turner*

**Vol. 17 No. 4**

**February 2019**

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

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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

- 1 Kabbalat Shabbat**  
**7:30pm**
- 2 Sharing Shabbat**  
**9:00am**
- 8 Kabbalat Shabbat**  
**7:30pm**
- 9 Sharing Shabbat**  
**9:00am**
- 11 Board Meeting**  
**7:00pm**
- 15 Kabbalat Shabbat**  
**7:30pm**
- 22 Kabbalat Shabbat**  
**7:30pm**

**23 Yes!! Line  
Dancing is  
coming to  
Shir Chadash!  
7:00pm**

## Looking Ahead

**3/15 Family Purim  
Celebration**  
**6:30pm Bring  
pasta to shake  
and donate!!**

**3/17 Rosh Chodesh**

**3/29 Shabbaton**  
**–31 Weekemd**

**4/7 Annual Concert**  
**THE MACCABEATS**  
**4:30pm**

## From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish

### Looking Back and Looking Ahead



Looking back at the year 2018, I was stuck by the fact that last year we lost three great Jewish authors. Thinking about them it occurred to me that each of them wrote an important book about living through a significant historical moment. The Israeli author, Aharon Applefeld, wrote the powerful novel, Baddenheim 1939, which creates such a vivid sense of what it was like to be a Jew in Germany as the terrible future was beginning to unfold. He never mentions what would be coming next; but the reader, who has the benefit of hindsight, is given the discomfiting sense living through this period of impending tragedy. Through Applefeld's eyes we, the reader, get to experience viscerally what that fateful moment felt like.

Philip Roth's novel, The Plot Against America, weaves a captivating account of living through a fictional similar moment in America. He imagines the day to day lives of American Jews in the midst of the ascent to power of the anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi, Charles Lindbergh. You feel along with his protagonists the sense of being marginalized, and jeopardized. You live with them as they make their decisions and accommodations. You experience being part of a traumatic moment.

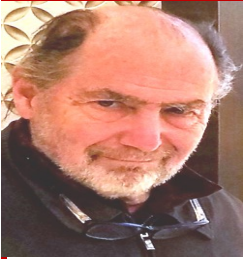
Amos Oz' memoir, A Tale of Love and Darkness, carries us back to his boyhood in British mandate Palestine. Significant events take place around him. But, he being a boy at the time, has only a dim perception of the events themselves and little insight into their implications. He gives us a detailed and evocative sense of what it was like to live in Jerusalem on the brink of statehood and to experience the complexity of all decisions and adjustments people had to make in their daily lives. As with the other two books, he leaves us with a vivid sense of being present in the midst of consequential moments.

The writing of all three of these authors is superb and evocative. They give us insight into different moments of history. But most significantly, they give us a sense of what it is like to live in tumultuous times. This seems especially relevant to me right now. The fact is that we are living through a profoundly consequential moment. We feel the tumult and the disorientation on a daily basis. Reading these authors reminds us to pay close attention to what is taking place around us. How often have we asked ourselves, 'What would it have been like to live through the exodus', or 'what did it feel like in America on the eve of the Civil War.' For better or worse we are given the opportunity to experience the unfolding of deeply significant events. We may not be able to control them. But we can, at least, allow ourselves the experience of steeping ourselves in events that are of the greatest importance.

And, of course, unlike the subjects of Baddenheim 1939, we are blessed with the opportunity to play whatever role we can in moving history forward in a direction that we think is more humane and just. We don't have to consider ourselves passive onlookers. We are given the opportunity to engage. History does not just roll along. It invites us to participate. We may not write powerful books, like these authors. But we can do our part to help write the next chapters of our history.

*B'Shalom,  
Rabbi Daniel Polish*

## A Message from President Lindsey Turner Stronger Together



Dearest Friends,

A sunny Shabbat for a Tu B'Shevat Seder with possibilities growing and rising like the sap in the trees ....

It was a happy time. It always is when we share holidays with each other, but especially when the young folks are with us participating and having fun.

Riva Scheck, who is both an honor and a blessing to us, shared her beautiful voice and directing skills. You could feel Cantor Hirschenfang's pride shining in the room.

What a wonderful Seder we had, all the delicious foods from the trees that we enjoyed, dates, figs, olives, pomegranates and more. Thank you Robbie Schiff for all your work and of course Sue Marcoe, her teachers and ALL the many helpers.

The Maccabeats are coming, have you gotten your tickets yet? This time they are going fast! Thank you Roberta Tracy and your committee for making this happen.



This is kind of a historical note: January 27<sup>th</sup>, Holocaust Remembrance Day, is celebrated in most of Europe. In Italy, many high school students have the opportunity to board the Train of Memory and to visit Auschwitz. Seeing these young adults and hearing their thoughts evokes a very hopeful wish for Shalom.

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Anne Frank*

*B 'Shalom  
Lindsey Turner*

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## A Message from Sue Marcoe Education Enrichment Coordinator

### EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:

I can't believe that it is February already. The school year is just going so quickly. Our youngest students, Shawn and Jacob, under the guidance of Andrew Scheck, have been studying Tzedakah and determining ways of contributing to help others. They also looked at the relationship between **Tzedakah** and Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees. They realized that this holiday is no longer just about the trees but finding ways to help the Earth by recycling and reusing materials. This will easily tie into this month's lessons, **Tikkun Olam**, repairing the world.

Our older students continue their study of Jewish history. Rochelle's class, assisted by Sadie and Ashley, is using "Building Jewish Identity 4: Jewish **History and Heritage**." Each week Rochelle's students walk through a "Time Machine" to see new pictures on their time line. They use their books to help them see what was going on during that period of time. And then they work through some of the activities in the book, giving them questions to think about and discuss, before once more walking through the time machine to return to the present and Kiddish downstairs.

Grace's class is using "**Jewish History Observer**," a set of 4 booklets. Designed as newspapers, these booklets have various activities which encourage the students to think about how various events effected changes in the lives of the Jews. Grace sends her students a new Headline before each class so that they can begin thinking about their upcoming lesson and develop some ideas before even entering the classroom.

In addition, these students are designing their own time line of Jewish history from 2000 BCE to the present, complete with pictures.

New things are happening all the time in our Religious School. If your child(ren) has/have not tried our school yet, we welcome you to bring them to participate in a class at no charge on one of our Sharing Shabbat days. Upcoming dates are February 2nd, February 9th, or March 2nd.

*B'Shalom,*  
*Sue Marcoe*  
*Religious School Coordinator*  
[\*sfmarcoe@gmail.com\*](mailto:sfmarcoe@gmail.com)  
**845-723-4045**

P.S. Parents please bring your children early for Bagel Time (**8:45 before class in the old building**). School begins at 9 a.m. Unfortunately 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. What is important to you becomes important to your children.

### Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts

**Friday, February 1**  
**Saturday, February 2**  
**Friday, February 8**  
**Saturday, February 9**  
**Friday, February 15**  
**Friday, February 22**

**David and Katharine Karten**  
**Dana and Chris Zivica**  
**Marion and Irwin Goldberg**  
**Nicky and Lindsey Turner**  
**Jackie and Stuart Levine**  
**Jane Freeman Moore**



**Oneg Coordinators:** Suzanne Neil  
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**845-227-7236**  
**Sharing Shabbat Bagel Organizer:**  
Sara Rothman **845-223-5925**





# Line Dancing is coming to Congregation Shir Chadash!!

1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville

## Saturday, February 23rd, 2019

Aisha and Colleen will be teaching simple dances for beginners  
and there will also be other songs and dances  
for those line dancers who are more advanced  
No experience necessary and no partner needed.  
Come and have some fun!

7:00-9:00pm

\$10 per person

Free Refreshment  
Raffles and 50/50

Fun for all ages

For more information or reserve tickets  
call Sue Marcoe, 845-723-4045

<http://www.shir-chadash.org>



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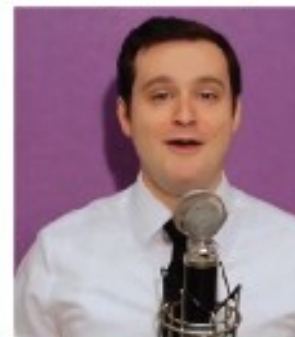
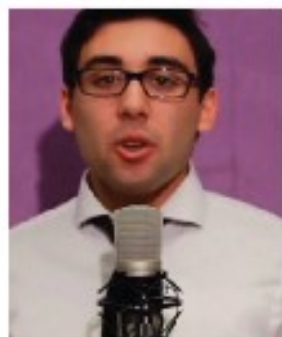
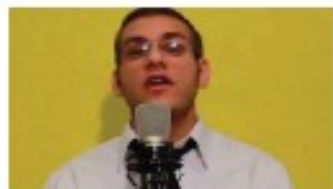
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ADULTS: IN ADVANCE: \$32 • AT DOOR: \$40

STUDENTS/CHILDREN: IN ADVANCE: \$20 • AT DOOR: \$25

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Congregation Shir Chadash presents:  
*The Maccabeats!*



**Sunday April 7, at 4pm (reception following the concert)**  
**Shir Chadash**  
**1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville, NY 12540**

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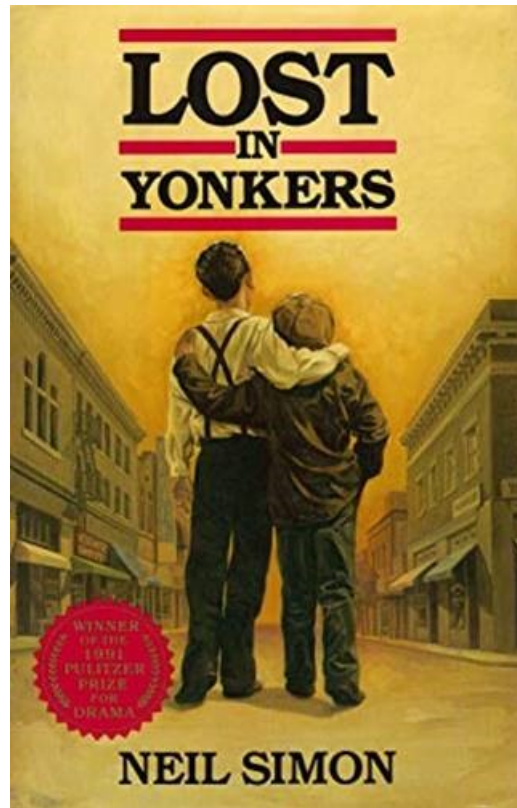
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# **Calling All Readers— Pot Luck Brunch & Discussion 10:30am—12:30pm**

**Date and Location TBD**

**Winner of the 1991 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award**



“By America's great comic playwright, this memory play is set in a Yonkers in 1942. The hit Broadway production featured Irene Worth, Mercedes Ruehl and Kevin Spacey in award-winning performances. Bella, is 35-years-old, mentally challenged and living at home with her mother, stern Grandma Kurnitz . As the play opens, ne’ r- do-well son Eddie deposits his two young sons on the old lady's doorstep. He is financially strapped and taking to the road as a salesman. The boys are left to contend with Grandma, with Bella and her secret romance, and with Louie, her brother, a small-time hood in a strange new world called Yonkers.”

"The best play Simon ever wrote."-New York Post

"Broadway desperately needs a comedy, a drama, and a hit. With Lost in Yonkers, Mr. Simon has given us all three."-Wall Street Journal

"One of Simon's most impressive and funniest plays."-New York Daily News

"Laughter and tears have come together in a new emotional truth. There are moments in this play when you experience a new kind of laughter for Simon, a silent laughter that doesn't explode into a yuk but implodes straight into your heart."-Newsweek





# Member's Corner

## Ch'kn Noodle Soup

Enjoy the flavor and comfort of Bubbe's chicken noodle soup - no chicken required. I made this for TuB'Shevat, it was enjoyed and the recipe asked for - so here it is. Now this is not exact, but enough info for you to make a delicious, steaming pot. It is vegan and Gluten Free and low-fat. Use a 4 quart pot - Recipe can be doubled in a larger pot.

1 yellow onion and ½ red onion  
2 celery stalks, use the leaves too  
2 carrots  
½ package Nasoya Super Firm tofu\*  
2 Tablespoons Better Than Bullion No Chicken Base  
2 teaspoons poultry seasoning  
1 teaspoon dill  
1 Tablespoon soy sauce  
1/3 cup white wine  
1 Tablespoon olive oil  
6 ounces Pad Thai noodles (the flat ones that look like linguini - you can usually find some made with brown rice, but either is OK)  
Half of a 5 ounce box of baby kale, spinach or Power Greens

First prepare the tofu. The Super firm does not need to be pressed as do the firm and the extra firm. I found it at Tops.

Cut the tofu into small cubes. Mix soy sauce, white wine and poultry seasoning together in a container with a cover ((best to use something you can turn and shake a bit) Add the poultry seasoning. I mixed two kinds, Emeril's and Bell's. McCormick also makes one as do some other companies. If what you have is old you get best results with a fresh box or jar. You could just use one kind, but I saw they each had somewhat different ingredients, so used two kinds.

Add the cubes, turn several times to mix well and allow to marinate overnight or at least three hours.

When ready to start, fill the pot about 2/3 full and bring to a simmer, add the No Chicken base. You may need to get this at a Health Food Store, or you could use vegetable bullion cubes.

Heat up a heavy skillet, add the onions and some salt. 'Water saute' by adding small amounts of water at a time, stir frequently; when somewhat brown, add to the pot.

Now add 1 Tablespoon olive oil to the skillet, let it heat up but not smoke and add the tofu cubes. Let them brown for about four minutes without stirring, then turn as many as you can so that the other side will brown. You can't get them all when using small cubes, but enough of them should be brown on two sided for a good flavor.

Add cubes to the pot along with sliced carrots and celery and the dill. Taste after about 15 minutes, add more poultry seasoning if desired. Simmer another 15 minutes and then add the noodles.

The noodles will cook right in the soup in a few minutes. If the ones you have are very long, break in half. Add the greens at this time; simmer until the noodles are done and enjoy! (If you like some parsley in soup, add some, as I said this is not an exact recipe)

\*If you do not want to use tofu, then add the poultry seasonings and the soy sauce and white wine directly to the pot. You may want to add another vegetable, maybe cubed turnip or parsnip

All this may sound like a lot of work, but once you have done it, it goes fast. Happy to answer questions;  
[hvvegans@gmail.com](mailto:hvvegans@gmail.com) or 845.380.2200

Robbie Schiff

## Kudos to Roberta Schiff!

**Robbie was featured in the December 2018 edition of *Living Rhinebeck*, a magazine for the Rhinebeck, Rhinecliff, Red Hook, Milan, Staatsburg, and Tivoli area communities. The article, "Hudson Valley Vegans, " is by Marybeth Cale-check it out!**



# Member's Corner

## En Garde!



My name is Mason Moskowitz and I am a member of Shir Chadash of the Hudson Valley, and a junior at Spackenkill High School. I am also a saber fencer and have been chosen to represent Team USA at the 2019 European Maccabi Games. These are the 11th European Games, being held in Budapest, Hungary. The Games are being held over a week and a half this summer with over 200 athletes from the US competing with Jewish athletes from over a dozen countries.

I am very excited to be a part of these games for many reasons. I will have the opportunity to celebrate Shabbat in the Dohány Street Synagogue and will visit the Holocaust memorial, the Jewish Museum, and Shoes on the Danube.

While I have been competing at the National level as a fencer, this will be my first opportunity to compete at the international level. I am thrilled to represent Team USA as a Jewish athlete, competing against other Jewish athletes from all over the world.

While I am there I will not only be representing my country, but also my family and my temple. Being part of Shir Chadash has shaped who I am as a Jewish young adult and I am thankful for everything the congregation has given to me over the past many years. If you would like to support me on this journey to the Maccabi Games you can do so at the following link,

<http://support.maccabiusa.com/goto/masonm>

Thank you for your love and support.

~Mason





## February Torah Readings

February 1 and 2 Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1-24:18

D'var Torah Lisa Roth

February 8 and 9 Terumah

Exodus 25:1-27:19

D'var Torah Lori Dritz

February 15 and 16 Tetzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10

February 22 and 23 Ki Tisa

Exodus 30:11-34:35



## February Yahrzeits\*

Friday, February 1, 2019	Jerry Zuckerman	Father	Daniel Zuckerman
Friday, February 1, 2019	Tillie Herschbein	Grandmother	Steve Herschbein
Friday, February 1, 2019	Morris Roth	Father	Sara Rothman
Friday, February 8, 2019	Esther Roth	Mother	Rochelle Bellach
Friday, February 8, 2019	Bernard Herschbein	Grandfather	Steve Herschbein
Friday, February 8, 2019	Sergie Joseph Blatt	Father	Roberta Schiff
Friday, February 15, 2019	Dorris Lang	Sister	Lois Lang
Friday, February 15, 2019	Jeanette Shapiro	Mother	Beth Herschbein
Friday, February 15, 2019	Gina Peluse	Mother	Joe Bertolozzi
Friday, February 15, 2019	Meyer Saranga	Father	Sandy Lash
Friday, February 15, 2019	Diane Pollock	Mother	Ken Pollock

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

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

Lois Lang **in memory** of her aunt, Betty Gottesman

Miriam and Burt Gold **in honor** of the Congregation for the secular New Year

Lisa and Marc Kerchman **in memory** of Janet Kerchman

Alan and Gail Gamble, **in honor** of the family of Jeffrey Gamble

Lisa and Marc Kerchman, **in memory** of Gladys Pine, Aunt of Stuart Bill

Rochelle and David Bellach **in honor** of Grace Bass' big birthday

Sadie Herschbein **in appreciation** of Sara and Michael Rothman

Sue Marcoe in honor of **our religious school students** for leading us in prayer

Sue Marcoe **in memory** of Sol Dritz, father of Ron Dritz

Sue Marcoe **in honor** of Gladys Pine, Aunt of Stuart Bill

Wendy and Stuart Bill **in appreciation** of the Shir Chadash extended family

Wendy Bill **in honor** of Riva Scheck

Sandy and Jeff Lash **in memory** of Meyer Saranga, Sandy's father

Sandy and Jeff Lash **in appreciation** of Nicky and Lindsey Turner



# Congregation Shir Chadash

brings you "a new song"  
Calendar 5779 (2018-2019)

Kabbalat Shabbat Services start Friday evening September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Sharing Shabbat starts Saturday morning, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Selichot Joint Celebration at Shir Chadash 8:00pm

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm

Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Rosh Hashanah 10:00am

Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00pm

Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Kol Nidre 8:00pm

Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> A Booth-Day Party for Sukkot- PJ Library Event 2:00pm

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> Sukkah Building and Family BBQ and Service, 3:00pm

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Family Simchat Torah Shabbat 6:30pm

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah Sadie Krueger 10:30am

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> Bar Mitzvah Zachary Wogalter 10:30am

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 5:30pm

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> "Light Up the Night" Family Chanukah Service 6:30pm

Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:30am

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> PURIM CELEBRATION 6:30PM**

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Bar Mitzvah Ryan Freedman 10:30am**

Friday, April 5 Joint with Temple Beth El at Shir Chadash Irvit Grades 5-7 leading service

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> No Services – First Passover Seder

Friday, April 26 with Temple Beth El at Temple Beth El Irvit Grades 3 and 4 leading service

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Yom HaShoah Shabbat 7:30pm

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah Lia Malley 10:30am

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Yom Haastmaut Shabbat 7:30pm

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Bat Mitzvah Samantha Rubinstein 10:30am

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Tikkun Leyl Shavuot – Time TBD

Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Honoring Our Teachers at 7:30pm

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Board Installation at 7:30pm



# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm</b>	2 <b>Sharing Shabbat 9:00am</b> 
	4	5	6	7	8 <b>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm</b>	9 <b>Sharing Shabbat 9:00am</b>
10	11 <b>Board Meeting 7:00pm FPUPC</b>	12	13		15 <b>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm</b>	16
17 		19	20	21	22 <b>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm</b>	23 <b>Line Dancing 7:00pm - 9:00pm</b>
24	25	26	27	28		