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Rabbi Daniel Holish

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President Lindsey Jurner

October 2018

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

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Online at www.shir-chadash.org
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** 5 7:30pm
- 6 **Sharing Shabbat Bat Mitzvah Sadie** Krueger 10:30am
- 8 **Board Meeting 7:00pm**
- 12 **Kabbalat Shabbat** Lav Led Service Amy and Jim Thrasher and Lisa Roth 7:30pm
- 19 **Kabbalat Shabbat** 7:30pm

20 **Sharing Shabbat Bar Mitzvah Zachary** Wogalter 10:30am

- **Rosh Chodesh Reading** 21 Group at home of Roberta Tracy 10:30am
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** 26 7:30pm

Looking Ahead

11/18 Interfaith Thanksgiving **Dinner 5:00pm**



- 12/1 **Annual Auction**
- 12/7 Light Up the Night Family Chanukkah Service 6:30pm



From the Desk of Rabbi Daniel Polish

There is no taking the America out of this **American Jew**

Recently, over the course of a very few days I happened to listen to a CD of an Israeli artist singing a collection of traditional Yemenite prayers, and view a film featuring home movies of a Jewish community in Greece that was totally destroyed in the Shoah.

What struck me was that the songs were indeed Jewish but also very Yemenite. And the way the Greek Jews conducted themselves was both very Jewish and very Greek. And yet, there was no escaping it: both groups were fully and completely Jewish. Thinking about it, I was struck by how truly remarkable it is to be a Jew. We represent a unique cultural reality. Wherever we live, we participate fully in two cultures. There is no taking the Yemen out of those Yemenite Jewish prayers; nor taking Greece out of the life patterns of Greek Jews. And no need to.

This is on my mind right now, because over those same few days I have been witness to some very ugly and dispiriting things in American politics. And I am in real pain. And the pain I feel is an American pain. There is no taking the America out of this American Jew. Some of our fellow Jews imagine that you can build a Jewish life that is totally cut off from American society. I find that misguided and unproductive. There is no either/or. I can't look at American life objectively, like an outsider. What happens in America, what is happening to America, touches me deeply.

Which carried me back to what I said to you on Rosh Hashanah. The election is closer now than then. As you read this there is about a month left in the campaign cycle. This is not somebody else's issue. As an American Jew-as an American; as the inheritor of Jewish values: the decisions that are made in the voting booth are about you.

And so, as I urged you at the start of our Jewish year, I urge you again: do not sit on the sidelines. Find candidates for every office who represent your values. Contribute to them. Work for them, encourage your friends to vote and to vote their values. Especially call friends and family in states with close races. Some of you have told me you are travelling to closely contested states to knock on doors. I admire you for that. If you are not going to be out of state on election day, you can drive people to the polls. And, of course, be sure that you vote. As we have learned, every vote really does count.

I know someone is sure to ask, "since when are American elections a Jewish issue?" The answer is obvious: since Jews moved to America! For us the privilege of participating in the electoral system is a rare privilege in the long history of the Jewish people. For Jews participating in elections is, in every sense of the word, a Mitzvah. You can express our gratitude for the privilege by saying a bracha when you are in the voting booth.

B'Shalom, Rabbi Daniel Polish

A Message from President Lindsey Turner SALUTI DALL'ITALIA! Best regards from Italy!



Wendy just sent us 5 beautiful pictures of our Sukkot celebration. One word fits best..... Fantastico! Looks like everyone had fun.

Here the weather has been quite warm and it was so the evening of Yom Kippur when I got to the Synagogue in Livorno. Outside there were two very handsome but tough

looking paratroopers from the elite Folglore based here. I would have gone anyplace if two guys like that had my back! Before I went in, I started talking to a woman who said she was not going to go in tonight and was making a protest because the men had 7 large fans downstairs and the women only had 3 little ones in their gallery...



I told her I was a New Yorchese, and so if she needed any helpwe are experts at protests!

Nobody seemed to be at the door so I walked in, and bumped right into the Rabbi! I told him Shalom, Shanah Tovah, and then in Italian I told him I did not understand much Hebrew, so, could he give me the Kol Nidre in Italian. He gave me a book, actually two, which were written in Livorno and I believe, in the Livornese dialect. One of the things I learned, was the reason that for Kol Nidre, they parade around the 13 beautifully decorated Torahs that they have. Each Torah

represents a different aspect of G-d's ability to forgive.

I tried to follow the service, but, as I lost ground, I let myself be overtaken by the beauty of the melodic Sephardic chant and the beauty of this Synagogue. This temple was rebuilt after the old temple from 1604 was destroyed during War World II. This beautiful new temple was inaugurated in 1962 by Rabbi Elio Toaff, a friend of Nicky's Grandfather, to evoke the feeling of the tent of the ark in the desert. The marble Bimah uses Carrara marble from the old temple that the allied bombs didn't crash. The Temple's ark which holds all these magnificent Torahs is itself a sculptural masterpiece... well worth a trip to Google to see pictures or a call to Lindsey to arrange a tour of Jewish Tuscany.



However, all of this splendor would have been enriched by the moving music that I am sure all of you experienced in our synagogue in little old LaGrange. Love to everyone and ... watch out ... I am coming back ...

> B'Shalom, Lindsey

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October Bat Mitzvah



The Spiritual Life Committee invites members and friends of Shir Chadash to join with us on Saturday, the 6th of October at 10:30am when

Sadie Krueger

daughter of Heidi and Kyle Krueger, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

Join us as we celebrate this joyous milestone in the lives of our Bat Mitzvah, her family and our Shir Chadash family.

TIKKUM OLAM 5779

The year 5779 is a great time to contribute to repairing the world—together we can make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors in need!

FEED THE HOMELESS

On Thursday evening, October 25th, Shir Chadash will provide dinner for 70 guests in need of emergency housing at Hillcrest House & Webster House, 28 Snow Terrace, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. We need your help--please!

Would you prepare a large foil pan of ziti? 5 pans are needed. Would you donate a large bag of baby carrots? We need 15lbs. Would you donate a large bottle of Ranch dressing? We need 5 bottles. How about a few dozen cookies? We need 17 dozen. How about apple cider? We need 6 gallons.

Now, could you help serve the dinner, 10/25, starting at 6:30pm? We need 4 friendly people 3

Please let us know asap: <u>silash@optonline.net</u>

YOM KIPPUR FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU!

You donated a magnificent amount of food for our neighbors in need! The day after Yom Kippur, Shir Chadash gave nearly 100 bags of much needed food to the Dutchess Outreach and Morse School Pantries. Well done!

COATS AND SWEATERS FOR THE COLD WEATHER COMING: See the flyer.

If you would like to arrange a pick-up or want us to shop for you, please just let us know.

With much thanks from Robbie and Sandy Contact: Sandy Lash <u>silash@optonline.net</u> 845.227.4650 or Robbie Schiff <u>veqgierob@yahoo.com</u> 845-876-2626

Watch for more opportunities to help repair the world!

Tzedakah in Action at Shir Chadash



A Message from Sue Marcoe Education Enrichment Coordinator

EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

September was a busy month with the beginning of a new school year, the celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of the world, and Yom Kippur, the day of atonement. We heard stories about asking for forgiveness, and we thought about how we should behave in the new year. We celebrated Sukkot during an assembly on Sharing Shabbat with Rabbi Polish and Cantor Hirschenfang, followed by a special program and the building and decorating of the Sukkah on Sunday, September 23rd. On Simchat Torah we marched around the sanctuary and we saw the Torah unroll before our eyes. We made these services an extension of our classrooms. In class we looked at the meaning of the Holy Days in our lives and the special blessings attached to each day.

In October, we are switching our focus, first by reviewing the significance of becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and attending services as both Sadie Krueger (on October 6th) and Zach Wogalter (on October 20th) are called to the bimah to chant from the Torah. Second, we will look at Shabbat and the Shabbat service. What is the meaning of Shabbat; how does Shabbat fit into our lives; and how does the service reflect this. The Shabbat morning service could really be divided into 4 parts: 1.the Barechu - call to order, Sh'ma & it's blessings; 2. the Tefillah which includes Amidah; 3. the reading of the Torah with blessings before & after; 4. the Aleinu & concluding prayers.

Throughout October, November, and December, our students will be writing some prayers of their own to be included in a culminating activity, a student-led service on Saturday, December15th, 2018. Watch for more information about this service in the November and December newsletters.

B'Shalom, Sue Marcoe sfmarcoe@gmail.com; (home) 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 10:15am before services. Class time upstairs will be short, so come early for breakfast and time to socialize, and do join us after class for the Bat Mitzvah of Sadie and the Bar Mitzvah of Zach. What is important to you becomes important to your children





The builders: Sara Rothman, Jeff Lash, Robert Goff, David Karten and Kyle Krueger. Food and coordination: Jane Freeman Moore, Wendy Bill, Amy and Jim Thrasher.

And, thanks to Melinda Margulies and PJ Library for a wonderful program of crafts and Sukkot stories.

October Bar Mitzvah



The Spiritual Life Committee invites members and friends of Shir Chadash to join with us on Saturday, the 20th of October at 10:30am when

Zachary Wogalter

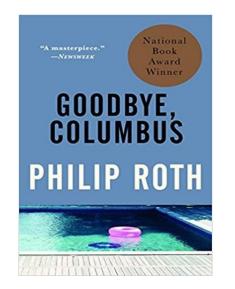
son of Stacie and David Wogalter, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

Join us as we celebrate this joyous milestone in the lives of our Bar Mitzvah, his family and our Shir Chadash family.

Calling All Readers— Pot Luck Brunch & Discussion Sunday October 21st 10:30am—12:30pm

Our next selection for our Rosh Chodesh Reading Group is the novella "Goodbye, Columbus" by Phillip Roth who died May 22, 2018. The 1959 novella is the first book published by Roth and won the National Book Award. You've probably read the book and seen the movie, and 1959 is a long time ago. It couldn't possibly be relevant today. Or is it? Join in—all are welcome!

> At the home of Roberta Tracy 34 Vanderburgh Road, Poughquag tracyajrs@aol.com 845.227.0448



JOIN US AS WE RE-VISIT THE FIRST BOOK PUBLISHED BY CELEBRATED AUTHOR PHILLIP ROTH, WHO DIED MAY 22, 2018.

Roth's award-winning first book instantly established its author's reputation as a writer of explosive wit, merciless insight, and a fierce compassion for even the most self-deluding of his characters.

"Goodbye, Columbus" is the story of Neil Klugman and pretty, spirited Brenda Patimkin, he of poor Newark, she of suburban Short Hills, who meet one summer break and dive into an affair that is as much about social class and suspicion as it is about love. The novella is accompanied by five short stories that range in tone from the iconoclastic to the astonishingly tender and that illuminate the subterranean conflicts between parents and children and friends and neighbors in the American Jewish diaspora. Penguin Random House, publisher







Winter is coming – help our friends and neighbors

STAY WARM!

In October and November

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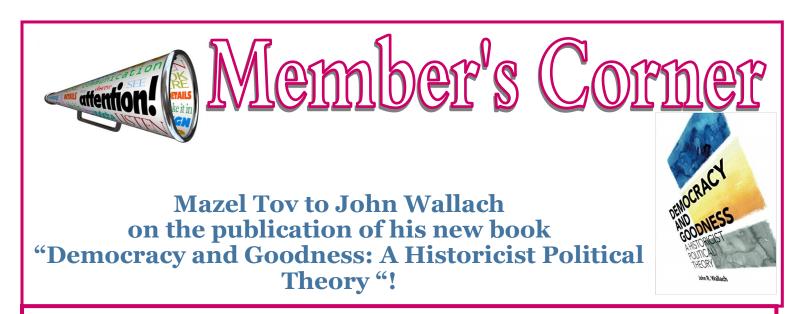


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→ please bring items to services by Thanksgiving or call for pickup

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







Annual Goods and Services Auction Saturday, December 1

at FPUPC To donate items or be on the committee contact Victor Feit at 914-474-0680



Oneg and Bagel Break Hosts

Friday, October 5 Saturday, October 6 Friday, October 12 Friday, October 19 Saturday, October 20 Friday, October 26 Heidi and Kyle Krueger Sandy and Jeff Lash Kathy and Tom Walker Pat and Ed Freeman Stacie and David Wogalter Mara and Richard Goldstone



Oneg Coordinators: Suzanne Neil suzanneneil@mac.com 845-559-3123 Wendy Bill bills1989@msn.com 845-227-7236 Sharing Shabbat Bagel Organizers : Sara Rothman 845-223-5925

October Torah Readings

October 5 and 6 B'reisheet Genesis 1:1-6:8 Bat Mitzvah Sadie Krueger

October 12 and 13 Noach Genesis 6:9-11:32

October 19 and 20 Lech Lecha Genesis 12:1-17:27 **Bar Mitzvah Zachary Wolgalter**

October 26 and 27 Vayera Genesis 18:1-22:24



October Yahrzeits*

Friday, October 5, 2018	Nathan Altman	Father	Susan Feit			
Friday, October 5, 2018	Lucy Kurtzman	Grandmother	Victor Feit			
Friday, October 5, 2018	Harry Spiegel	Father	Lois Weber			
Friday, October 5, 2018	Gertrude Weiss	Grandmother	Richard Bordowitz			
Friday, October 5, 2018	Jeanette Hoffman	Mother	Susan Marcoe			
Friday, October 12, 2018	Louis Barr	Father	Nancy Barr			
Friday, October 12, 2018	Mark Ingebrestsen	Brother-in-law	Beth Brofman			
Friday, October 19, 2018	Sidney Rothman	Father	Michael Rothman			
Friday, October 19, 2018	Douglas Moore	Husband	Jane Freeman Moore			
*To update your Yahrzeit list, please complete the on-line form on our website <u>www.shir-chadash.org</u>						

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Sandy and Jeff Lash in memory of Sandy's mother, Claire Miller Saranga Sandy and Jeff Lash in celebration of the wedding of Daniel, son of Sara and Michael Rothman, to Alexandra Wilde. Sandy and Jeff Lash in celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of Sadie, daughter of Heidi and Kyle Krueger. Sandy and Jeff Lash **in celebration** of the Bar Mitzvah of Zachary, son of Stacie and David Wogalter Fran and Steve Berman **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services Wendy and Stuart Bill in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Roberta Burshtyn in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Richard Chazen in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Lori and Ron Dritz in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Michael Feinman **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services Susan and Victor Feit **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services Jinny and Roberta Goff in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Miriam and Burton Gold in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Marion and Irwin Goldberg **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services Martha and Jay Hershey in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Sandy and Jeff Lash in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Jackie and Stuart Levine in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Diane Light-Spiro in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Norm Mackay in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Sue Marcoe in appreciation of High Holy Ďay Šervices Joyce Monegro **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services Jane Freeman Moore **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services Andrea Ostwald in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Rabbi Polish and Cantor Hirschenfang in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Bob Roberts in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Sara and Michael Rothman in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Adam Rubenstein and Karen Marder in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Janet Schenker in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Roberta Schiff in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Esther Tendy in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Amy and Jim Thrasher in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Roberta Tracy in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Iris and Len Turkenkopf **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services Lois and Harold Weber **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services Lisa and Marc Kerchman in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Mara and Richard Goldstone in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Nina Rhea Sobell in appreciation of High Holy Day Services Abraham Zev Swiller **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services Rhona S. Goldman **in appreciation** of High Holy Day Services Jennifer A Caso in appreciation of High Holy Day Services





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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	January 5 and 19						
October 6 and 20	February 2 and 9						
November 3 and 17	March 2 and 23						
December 1 and 15	April 6 and 27						
	May 4 and 18						
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Saturday, September 1st Selichot Joint	Celebration at Shir Chadash 8:00pm						
Sunday, September 9th Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm							
Monday, September 10 th Rosh Hashanah 10:00am							
Family Rosh Hashanah Celebration Service 3:00pm							
Tuesday, September 18th Kol Nidre 8:00pm							
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<i>y</i> 1	ev. Paul Lent; Moderated by Rabbi Polish 12:30pm						
Yom Kippur Family Service 2:00pm							
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Sunday, September 23 rd A Booth-Day Party for Sukkot– PJ Library Event 2:00pm							
Sunday, September 23 rd Sukkah Building and Family BBQ and Service, 3:00pm							
Friday, September 28 th Family Simchat Torah Shabbat 6:30pm							
Saturday, October 6 th Bat Mitzvah Sadie Krueger 10:30am							
Saturday, October 20 th Bar Mitzvah Zachary Wogalter 10:30am							
Sunday, November 18 th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 5:00pm							
Friday, December 7 th "Light Up the Night" Family Chanukah Service 6:30pm							
Saturday, January 19th Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:30am							
Friday, March 15 th Purim Celebration 6:30pm							
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Saturday, March 23 rd Bar Mitzvah Ryan Freedman 10:30am Friday, April 20 th No Services – First Passover Seder							
Friday, May 3 rd Yom HaShoah Shabbat 7:30pm							
Saturday, May 4 th Bat Mitzvah Lia Malley 10:30am Eriday, May 10 th Norm Haastmayst Shakhat 7:20nm							
Friday, May 10 th 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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5:00pm Sharing Shabbat WOULD BE CANCELLED BY 7:00am

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