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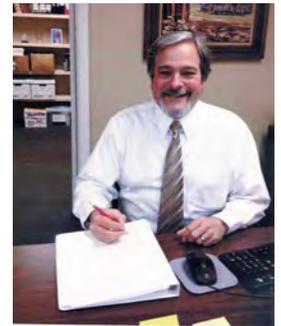
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From the Executive Director's Desk

Harv Hilowitz, Executive Director



As a former Board member of the Ulster County Jewish Federation, and as the newly hired Executive Director, I am well aware of the opportunities and challenges facing our community. One question which we are continually confronted with is - what exactly is the "mission", the purpose, the focus of our organization? Considering that the Jewish people throughout history, and the Jewish community here in New York has been continually evolving, questions of organizational mission and purpose are not surprising.

Therefore, here is some background as to where we came from, who we are at this time, and what we do. Jewish law, tradition and experience throughout the ages requires that Jews look after fellow Jews, give charity and support to those in need, and act as "A Light Unto The Nations" caring about the ethical treatment and well-being of all of humanity. Despite centuries of oppression as a homeless nation, Jews thrived in hostile environments largely because the "Kehillah", the community house, supported Jews in need and governed us in small towns while in exile. Once in America, the tradition of "your own is your own", caring for our fellow Jews, quickly took root.

In 1843, B'nai Brith was founded to address "the deplorable condition of Jews in this, our newly adopted country" and to collect funds for Jewish victims of pogroms and anti-Semitic decrees worldwide. Upon the mass migration to America in the 1880's, the tradition of the Kehillah evolved into the "landsmanshaften" benevolent societies, groups of Jews with common town origins or similar labor backgrounds. The Workman's Circle, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and Jewish burial societies were formed. In 1914, at the onset of World War 1, the American Joint Distribution Committee was created in New York to deliver emergency relief aid to distressed Jewish communities around the world.

By the 1920's, a realization developed among American Jews that, despite prejudice, they were better off than their forebears in Europe and Arab lands, in terms of legal rights, social status and economic opportunity. At that time, many charities were competing for Jewish donors, so communities created "Federations" and the later "United Jewish Appeal" to unify efforts and consolidate resources. Most notably, the Jewish Agency was established in 1929 by the Zionist Congress, comprised of representatives of world Jewry to assist in the establishment of a Jewish National Home in British Palestine. The "Joint", the Jewish Agency, and today's Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA) each have deep roots in traditional Jewish communal giving, working together supporting Jewish human service agencies in Israel and Jews in need in over 70 countries.



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Today, the Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA) is comprised of 153 urban population center Federations, and over 300 smaller independent community Network organizations, such as the Ulster County Jewish Federation. Together, the urban Federations and the smaller Network organizations account for a unified fund-raising effort, supporting humanitarian Jewish service agencies in Israel, assisting organizations and individual Jews in distress around the world, and funding Jewish infrastructure in our own local communities.

Network organizations such as ours collect donor funds for a wide array of humanitarian programs supported by JFNA. Additionally, we have four "signature programs" that we are especially proud of:

- **Parents & Children Together Program** supports Ethiopian Jewish immigrants in Lod, Israel with unique educational programs and social services for this proud community
- **Hesed Eliyahu Program, Tiblisi, Georgia**, supports a vibrant Jewish community center in this economically distressed part of the world
- **The Community Garden, Lod, Israel**, aids Ethiopian Jews by developing kitchen gardens, which they plant and harvest, while working and assimilating alongside other Israelis, eating nutritious produce
- **Lunch & Learn, Dimona, Israel**, provides tutoring, recreation, hot lunches and support to 600 kids from needy backgrounds.

Locally, the Jewish Federation of Ulster County supports Jewish infrastructure in the community by supporting our synagogues, the Jewish Family Service social agency, Hillel at SUNY New Paltz, and through local scholarships for Jewish youth. We also currently support the local artist community with events such as Fall for Art, assist the Queens Galley and People's Place food kitchens, CASA children's advocates, Family of Woodstock, and the Alzheimer's organization of the Mid-Hudson Valley. So, that's who we are and what we do. I'd like to ask you to join us and assist our brothers, sisters, and distant relatives here and abroad.

The Federation office would like to communicate with you via email! Please send your name & email address to the office at mail@ucjf.org. If you would like to receive Kolenu by email, instead of via regular mail, please indicate that.

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Thank you to our spiritual leaders who were able to share their thoughts for Hanukkah.

Chanukah and Our New Executive Director

by Harriet Miller, President

At the beginning of this Chanukah season, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Harv Hilowitz as our new executive director. Harv succeeds Ken Salzmann, who held the position for 2 years. Prior to joining the staff of the Jewish Federation, Harv worked extensively in public education and in the private business and not for profit sectors. He was responsible for business development for NY operations of Maser Consulting. In addition to his responsibilities for the Jewish Federation, Harv is currently working as a consultant to the Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon, NY, and is the owner of Arc Business and Writing Services in Stone Ridge. Until his appointment as executive director of the Jewish Federation, he had been a member of our board where he served as Vice President of Community Relations, focusing his attention on fostering American support for Israel and combating anti-Semitism locally.

"I am excited about the opportunity to work for the Jewish community here, in a professional context" Harv related to me, soon after taking over as director. Harv believes that one of his biggest challenges will be to help the Federation respond to changes in local demographics. As we are aware, many of our long-time members are aging and leaving the community; we also know that younger Jewish families moving in may not feel as strongly connected to Jewish social welfare organizations as their parents' generation did.

Reaching out to the younger Jewish community is probably the biggest challenge facing us at the moment, but the Federation has many dynamic people in the organization and, with Harv as our executive director, I believe we are well on our way.

Please join us in congratulating Harv on his appointment. We look forward to a long and successful professional relationship with Harv and invite you to contact him at the Federation office (845-338-8131) director@ucjf.org to discuss your ideas, concerns and the Federation's direction.

Chanukah Sameach from my family to yours!
Harriet Miller

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Hadassah Gift Wrapping

by Gail Levy



Monday, December 9 to
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The Kingston-Woodstock Chapter of Hadassah is once again preparing to man the gift wrapping booth at the Hudson Valley Mall in December. Together with Hadassah members and their family and friends this monumental two-plus week task will raise many thousands of dollars that each year goes to Cancer Research at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, Israel. We are happy to announce that the following organizations will wrap on Friday evenings and on Saturdays: The Auxiliary of the Benedictine Hospital, American Association of University Women and Saint John's Episcopal Church. **The booth is open the same hours that the mall is open. WE DESPERATELY NEED WORKERS.** Thanks to Helene Fliegler for ordering gift wrapping paper and supplies.

We have many people who have wrapped for years and we know we can count on them, but the more people who volunteer the more fun we can have and the less of a burden it will be on everybody. **Special thanks to David Brener for "stepping up" again to help coordinate this year's gift-wrapping project.**

Hadassah is a worldwide women's organization with power and clout to effect policy both in the United States and abroad. If you are not a Hadassah member or a Hadassah Life Member please consider joining. The annual dues for members are \$36.

Please contact Gail Levy at 339-7748 or gailslevy@aol.com and say you can give of your time. There are also jobs that do not require wrapping, so just call. We look forward to seeing many of you this year.



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It's a Turkey. It's a Menorah. It's Thanksgivukkah!

An extremely rare convergence this year of Thanksgiving and the start of Hanukkah has created a frenzy of Talmudic proportions. There's the number-crunching. The last time it happened was 1888, or at least the last time since Thanksgiving was declared a federal holiday by President Lincoln. The next time may have Jews lighting their candles from spaceships 79,043 years from now, by one calculation.



"It's pretty amazing to me that in this country we can have rich secular and rich religious celebrations, and that those of us who live in both worlds can find moments when they meet and can really celebrate that convergence. "There are a lot of spaces in the world where we would not be able to do that," Rabbi David Pastkin said. The lunisolar nature of the Jewish calendar makes Hanukkah and other religious observances appear to drift slightly from year to year when compared with the U.S., or Gregorian, calendar. But much of the intrigue over Hanukkah this year is buried deep in the history of Thanksgiving itself, which hasn't always been fixed in the same spot. That caused some initial confusion over Thanksgivukkah, aka Turkukkah.

In 1863, Lincoln declared Thanksgiving as the last Thursday in November (the month sometimes has five of those) and the holiday remained there until President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a joint resolution of Congress fixing it as the fourth Thursday, starting in 1942.

Since 1863, Thanksgiving and the first full day of Hanukkah on the Gregorian calendar have not overlapped. Jewish practice calls for the first candle of eight-day Hanukkah to be lit the night before Thanksgiving Day this year, so technically Thanksgivukkah falls on the "second candle" night.

November 28 is also the earliest Hanukkah can be. The Jewish calendar repeats on a 19 year cycle, and Thanksgiving repeats on a 7 year cycle. You would, therefore, expect them to coincide roughly every $19 \times 7 = 133$ years. Looking back, this is approximately correct — the last time it would have happened is 1861. Of course, if the Jewish calendar is never modified in any way, then it will slowly move forward through the Gregorian calendar, until it loops all the way back to where it is now. So, Hanukkah will again fall on Thursday, 11/28 in the year 79,811.

The Jewish calendar is very slowly getting out of sync with the solar calendar, at a rate of 4 days per 1,000 years (not bad for a many centuries old calendar!). This means that while presently Hanukkah can be as early as 11/28, over the years the calendar will drift forward, such that the earliest Hanukkah can be is 11/29. The last time Hanukkah falls on 11/28 is 2146 (which happens to be a Monday). Therefore, 2013 is the only time Hanukkah will ever overlap with Thanksgiving.

Congregation Ahavath Israel

By Cantor Devorah Gartner

Giving Dedicated Thanks

After all the reactions ranging from amusement to irritation about the extraordinary earliness of Chanukah this year, it is perhaps most interesting to consider how fitting this particular conjunction of holidays actually is.

Thanksgiving, as we all know, most closely resembles Sukkot. It is a festival of harvest, with communal feasting. It is generally too cold to eat outside, it marks the onset of winter, rather than autumn, and the time span is four days, rather than eight. But still, it is a combination of yearly rituals we recognize and are comfortable with.

Chanukah, however, is never quite as easy. There is the annual challenge of keeping Chanukah from being compared to and/or competing with Christmas. There is the problem of celebrating a real historical victory to balance with the stories of magic oil and miracles. Always fun, but never really comfortable. Pesach is so much more straightforward.

This year, because Chanukah and Thanksgiving overlap, we can find an older, deeper meaning for what was originally a "Feast of Dedication", rather than a "Festival of Lights". During the time of the Maccabean revolt and the occupation of Jerusalem by Antiochus' forces, it would have been impossible to journey to the Beit HaMikdash for the Shalosh Regalim. While certainly a celebration of their unlikely victory; Chanukah would, of necessity, have been a time to collect the thrice-yearly tithes needed to support the newly reclaimed Holy Temple. In fact, Professor Josef Jerushalmi teaches that Chanukah was intended to be a one time, belated celebration of Sukkot.

As winter approaches, may we revel in the blessings of good harvests, family and community, remembering that all things are possible, even miracles, when we work together.

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Congregation Agudas Achim & Chabad of Ulster County

submitted by Rabbi AB Itkin

This year, American Thanksgiving falls on the first day of Chanukah. It only happened once before, in 1888. And it's impossible to determine when or if this will ever happen again.

There's got to be some connection between Thanksgiving and Chanukah, something that's speaking to us especially this year. Why? Because the Baal Shem Tov taught us that everything a person sees or hears is meant to be a lesson in life. So, when something as striking as a convergence of celebrations comes up, we need to figure out what it's telling us.

Actually, if you're looking for a Jewish Thanksgiving, it's Sukkot. Sukkot is the original Biblical Thanksgiving. The Torah calls it The Festival of Ingathering—in other words, when all the crops, fruits included, have been gathered in. At that point, we gather for seven days to show our thankfulness. After we left Egypt, Sukkot also became a festival to celebrate the divine protection we enjoyed for forty years in the wilderness. And that protection continues to this day.

Sukkot never coincides with Thanksgiving. That's a good thing. On Sukkot, we sit outdoors in a makeshift hut—not necessarily the way you would want to end November if you lived in, say, Portland, Maine.

But here we have Chanukah lining up with Thanksgiving. And when you think about it, Thanksgiving has more to do with Chanukah than any other holiday.

Thanksgiving is not your typical harvest festival. It's about more than bumper crops and giant watermelons. Thanksgiving comes packed with a deep narrative—what Peter Gomes calls the “American sense of mythic past.” It's a narrative about an arduous journey to escape religious persecution for freedom in a new land, the establishment of a democratic charter and the sense of Divine providence that carried those refugees through their plight.

That's Chanukah, as well: a narrative deeply embedded in the collective Jewish psyche of how we fought back against religious oppression in our own land, earned our freedom and thanked G-d for the miracles.

In America, most holidays have lost their original significance for most people. With Thanksgiving, that may not yet be the case. Americans still act as though they identify with the plight of those Pilgrims. Most of us, after all, are descendants of those who fled to this side of the planet seeking a new future unbridled by the oppressive restrictions of the old world. And when we think of America, we still think of a land of promise and liberty.

The Thanksgiving Mantra

So Chanukah and Thanksgiving are deeply connected, and that connection can be summed up in just four words, “Thank G-d, we're free.”

B'nai B'rith

by Gail Levy, Chairperson

Following up on the success of the 2013 joint venture of the B'nai B'rith and Federation calendar, we are now soliciting the last chance to participate in the calendar for 2014.

You can list your name and profession in the **Professional Supporters Page**, or just your name in the **Supporters Page** or ad in the **Classified Section**. Each entry is \$30. You can choose to include family members: self, children, grandchildren in the **birthday and/or anniversary** section or in a **memorial** entry. The 1st entry is \$12 and each additional entry is \$2.

The calendar is a wonderful way to remember your special dates and those of your friends in the community.

For more information, please call Gail Levy at 339-7748 or email gailslevy@aol.com.

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- Woodstock Jewish Congregation (Kehillat Lev Shalem)

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- CASA Court Appointed Special Advocate
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- Queen's Galley
- Family of Woodstock – multi-program human service agency, providing crisis intervention services, emergency shelter and food programs, childcare programs, and case management services

...and abroad

✠ Jews left behind in the former Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe -

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By Ric Lewit, President Temple Emanuel

This year at Temple Emanuel we undertook a necessary risk by reorganizing our Religious School and moving it from Sundays to Saturdays.

Did we take a risk? Yes, for any change can and will be difficult.

Why did we take that risk? The answer to that question is about much more than the logistics of the school day. It goes to the core of our Jewish identities, both as individuals and as a community, and deserves further explanation.

At Temple Emanuel our goal is to help our congregants, our students and our families learn the practice of Judaism, live the practice of Judaism, and love the practice of Judaism. But as all of us know well, in our busy and fragmented world those goals can be difficult to obtain.

One of our solutions at Temple Emanuel has been to rethink the religious school day and its meaning for students and the community. After consultation with Rabbi Romer, Religious School Director Julie Stein-Makowsky and various committees, the Board of Trustees decided to risk making changes, and hopefully improvements, based upon our conclusions.

We rethought the school day because, as our school director has observed, prior Jewish educational models frequently centered on learning “about” being Jewish rather than learning and “doing” Jewish. That gap between theory and practice creates a dead space where complacency and disaffection erode our community.

Under Julie’s guidance, our new school day focuses the curriculum into three related areas: Judaic Studies, Hebrew, and a Tefilah/Prayer Shabbat service. The school day consists of two classroom periods with the half-hour Tefilah/Prayer service attended by all students in the middle.

The Tefilah service unifies our school and its educational model. It is a focal point where students connect their Judaic and Hebrew studies, along with dance, art, and prayers, to live and learn their Judaism. Included in Tefilah are songs and dances as practiced in our weekly Shabbat morning services.

In addition, Saturday afternoons are now opened to special family programming such as challah and hamantashan making, art projects, dance, or special study.

However, our new school day is only part of the solution as we understand it. In switching school to Saturday mornings, we have created new meanings for our school children and those attending Shabbat services.

By being together, we are powerfully demonstrating to ourselves, our children and our community a commitment to “live on Jewish time.” Having children, teens, and adults studying, praying, and learning under the same roof creates a self-reinforcing Jewish physical and spiritual environment. One of the greater challenges faced by the Reform movement is moving the Jewish experience beyond the walls of the synagogue. We are meeting that challenge full on.

Furthermore, we have enhanced our community by breaking down social silos. In the past we observed Friday night service goes, Saturday morning service goes, and Sunday school goes with little overlap between them. Given our new day, we have created greater opportunities to gather on Shabbat for shmoozing, learning and prayer.

Our changes have invigorated our congregation and religious school. Learning in Jewish time creates opportunities for families to engage each another regularly and live their Jewish identities.

At Temple Emanuel our goal is to provide the best education possible, strengthen our community and contribute to the ongoing project that is Reform Judaism.

Should we risk changes to meet those goals? Our answer is yes.



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Thanksgivukkah Recipes *from* Kutcher's Tribeca

Sweet Potato Latkes

Ingredients:

2 medium sweet potatoes
1/2 Spanish onion
3 whole eggs
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1-1/4 Tbs. of brown sugar
1/2 cup matzoh meal
1/4 vegetable oil for frying

Instructions:

Shred sweet potato and onion. Rinse the potato under cold water, then strain them with a colander, place a cheesecloth over the potatoes, and squeeze the potatoes to release as much liquid as possible. Discard liquid.

In a large bowl combine sweet potatoes, onions, eggs, sugar, matzo meal, cinnamon, gently mix well by hand.

Heat oil in a large heavy skillet to 375 degrees. Scoop from the mixture (about 3-1/2 ounce portions) and drop in hot oil. Cook about 2-3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Drain them in a paper towel or resting rack.

Chanukah-Mole Sauce

Ingredients:

2 tsp. vegetable oil
1/4 cup minced onion
1 Tb. ground cumin
1 tsp. dried cilantro
1/8 tsp. dried garlic/fresh optional
2 ounces of tomato paste
4 ounces diced green chile peppers
1 Tb. cocoa powder
1/2 cup of Chanukah Gelt
Salt/pepper to taste
1 cup of tomato juice

Instructions:

Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat, and cook onions until tender. Mix in cocoa powder, cumin, garlic, add tomato juice and paste and green chili peppers. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to low and cover, and simmer for 10 minutes. Add Chanukah Gelt, stir until all melted. Transfer to a gravy boat and ready to serve with turkey or brisket.

Doughnuts/Sufganiyot

Ingredients:

1/2 ounce dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water
1-1/2 cups warm milk
3/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. salt
2 eggs
3 ounces butter
5 cups flour
1/2 cup raspberry jelly
1/2 cup cranberry sauce

Instructions:

Sprinkle yeast in the water until foamy (5 minutes or so), add all the ingredients in another bowl (just 2 cups of flour at this point). Mix for a few minutes at low speed.

Beat in remaining 3 cups of flour, 1/2 cup at a time, until dough is no longer sticky. Knead for about 5 minutes till elastic. Place in a bowl, cover and let rise for about an hour.

Roll out on floured surface and cut into rounds. Let sit, till doubled in volume. (To make jelly, in a food processor, combine raspberry jelly and cranberry sauce. Insert into sufganiyot with a pastry bag with a fitted tip.)

Heat 4 cups of oil in a deep fryer or large pot to 350 degrees. Add the doughnuts. Turn the doughnuts over as they rise to the surface. Doughnuts are ready when both sides are golden brown.



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■ 2nd Day of Chanukah Friday, November 29
10:00 am Share the Joys of Chanukah with the seniors at **Mountain Valley Manor Adult care facility!**
Join us as we give out Chanukah gifts, Sing Chanukah songs, Light the Menorah, Doughnuts, Music.

■ 2nd Day of Chanukah Friday, November 29
2:30 pm Share the Joys of Chanukah with the seniors at the **Golden Hill Health Care Center!** Join us as we give out Chanukah gifts, Sing Chanukah songs, Light the Menorah, Doughnuts, Music.

■ Saturday night, November 30th 7:00 pm Fourth night of Chanukah, **Kingston at Agudas Achim, 254 Lucas Ave.** Public Menorah Lighting, Chocolate Chanukah gelt, gifts for all children, arts 'n' crafts, music, smiles & much much more! Hot dairy buffet will be served.

For more info and reservations www.ChabadUlsterCounty.org

■ Fourth day of Chanukah, Sunday, December 1st, 3:30pm **Woodstock Public Menorah Lighting at the Village Green**
Apple cider, latkas, doughnuts, music & gifts for every child!

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■ Join us on Sunday, December 1 from 4:00-6:00pm for a Hanukkah party at our Community Center. All are welcome, bring family, friends, and neighbors! Latkes, music, children's activities, and more. Bring your menorahs and we will light them together! Please join us for this well-attended and very festive annual Hanukkah event!

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■ **Hanukah Happening**, Saturday, November 23, at 12:30pm-2:30pm. Fabulous fun family Hanukah activities, a variety of hands on games, booths, arts and crafts planned by the Temple Youth Group for kids of all ages. Crafts, jewelry, raffles, and a choice of last-minute Chanukah gifts. And as always...lots of latkes!

■ **Chanukah Community Candle Lighting Service, Storytelling, & Singing!** Friday, November 29 at 7:30pm. A beautiful & touching annual festival service. Bring your own menorah to this joyous event. Be transported into a holiday story told by our members. Share the magic of many lights glowing all together with friends and family as we sing and celebrate together!

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Chanukah Extravaganza: The Woodstock Jewish Congregation will host a pre-Chanukah happening on Sunday, November 24 from 1pm-4pm.

■ Chanukah Sales and Book Fair

■ Activity stations: Chanukah crafts, cooking, story book corner, and more

■ Bring a favorite batch of latkes and a vegetarian dish to share for the potluck dinner

■ We will share dinner and a Chanukah sing-along with Rabbi Jonathan Kligler.

■ Good for all ages!

Dear Friend,

This year, the stars have aligned! Thanksgiving and Chanukah will fall on the same day.

This surprising convergence actually makes sense. After all, both Thanksgiving and Chanukah are about gratitude for what we've received...and the opportunity to show our gratitude by giving others food, gifts and sustenance from our heart.

We are grateful to you as donors who support our mission to care for Jews around the world. As a token of our appreciation, we asked the best Jewish food writers to create a special Thanksgiving-Chanukah menu for you. We hope you'll be inspired to cook something special from it. Go to <http://holiday.jewishfederation.org/chanukah-menu> and click on the dish titles for recipes.

Your Money Goes Directly to Those in Need

The money you donate goes directly to helping people in need in Jewish communities around the world. For example, your money helps:

Fay. At age 102, this retired teacher stays busy and fulfilled by organizing book clubs, exercise classes, movies and fashion shows for seniors at a Federation-funded senior center.

Mikah. Raised by a single mom, he was able to attend Jewish day school from pre-school through high school and go to Jewish camps, thanks to Federation scholarships. When his mother suddenly died last year, we even helped ensure there was a strong support network for him in his community.

Leeza. She got involved in a Federation-funded project to improve her neighborhood in Israel where she is raising her children, alone and under the threat of missile attacks from Gaza. With your help, she made a difference in the lives of her children and neighbors.

Without our support, Fay wouldn't be an active member of the community who helps others... Mikah wouldn't have overcome his challenges and thrived... and Leeza wouldn't have been able to give her children a brighter future.

This Year, You Can Touch the Lives of Thousands of People

We've accomplished so much. But the economy is still fragile. Those less fortunate often need a miracle just to get enough to eat, warm clothing, medical care and a secure roof over them.

[You can make a Chanukah miracle happen with your donation.](#)

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You probably get requests for money from many quarters, and you no doubt give to many good causes. What makes the Jewish Federation unique is our ability to serve the entire Jewish Community, not just one or two segments. We send funds wherever they are needed most, regardless of political or religious affiliation. Helping those in *real* need is our priority.

Take This Moment to Make a Difference

Every gift counts. No donation is too small. You'll be helping those in need and helping to build strong Jewish communities around the world.

Thank you for your generosity and best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving and Chanukah,

Gail Levy, Chairperson Ulster County Campaign
Harriet Miller, President Jewish Federation of Ulster County

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County announces a special meeting of the corporation to consider an amendment to the constitution and by-laws.

All members of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County are invited to attend.

January 23, 2014

7:00 pm sharp

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Why a Women's Contribution?

Why should women make a contribution separate from that of the family to the annual fundraising campaign of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, an arm of the United Jewish Communities (UJC)?

An easy answer is that numbers count when the UJC is trying to get things done for the Jewish communities here and abroad — your contribution doubles that number. This is consistent with the Jewish view that **each human being is of "infinite value."** Your contribution establishes you as a **full partner in the community.**

Letty Cottin Progrebin wrote, "I wish more of our savvy, high-achieving women would wake up to the fact that power and status accrue to those who write checks to worthy causes."

We applaud you all for a job well done.

The end of 2013 is fast approaching. Please remember to make your 2013 pledge to our annual campaign before the end of December. It helps us balance our records. All pledges made and payment received before year-end will be tax deductible for 2013. This is also a good time to make an additional gift to take advantage of the 2013 tax deductions and support our work at home and abroad.

Our campaign is presently at \$85,000 in pledges. We thank all those who have responded to our appeal letters. They have helped to increase the amount of monies raised.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the mini-phone campaigns. Thanks to former Federation Director Ken Salzmann, Administrative Assistant Regina Melnik,

Director Harv Hilowitz, Nathan Brenowitz, Joe Cohen, Chuck Fliegler, Carol Super Gold, Steve Hirsch, Shari Miller, Harriet Miller.

What *does* Chanukkah mean to us as a Jewish people? Why do we still light the candles and teach our children about the struggle of a Jewish community who lived thousands of years ago? In the frenzy of getting and spending, it is often too easy to forget about the rich meaning of this very special holiday.

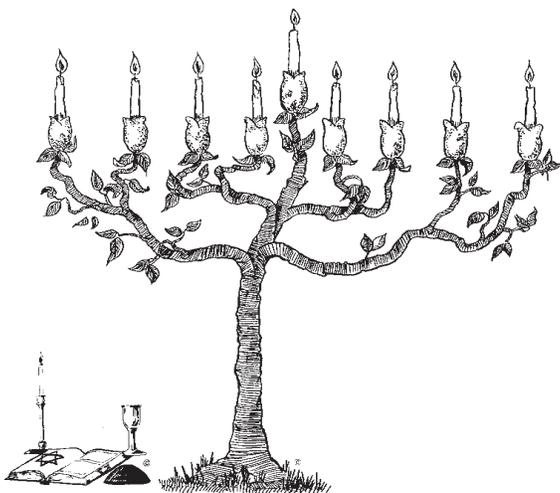
As we join in our annual commemoration of a moment of the triumph of Jewish values over an attempt to outlaw Jewish practice, we must remember what it is we are doing. We celebrate a miracle — a little bit of oil, just enough to last a day, burned for eight days, long enough to prepare a fresh supply of oil for the menorah in the Temple.

And at a time of year that feels dark and cold, Chanukkah encourages us to increase our precious supply of warmth and light, sharing it with others. We're proud of everything we've done in the past year to bring warmth and light to our Jewish community.

Together we can ensure that meaning is central to our celebration of Chanukkah. **For every ten presents you give to your friends and family, we are asking you to make one gift to Federation.**

One gift to our Annual Campaign feeds the hungry, helps the unemployed, and builds community here at home, in Israel, and around the world. To each of the hundreds of thousands of people who get help thanks to our work, one gift is more meaningful than a stack of wrapped presents. One gift shows them that they belong to a warm, caring global Jewish community.

Warmest wishes from our Federation family to you and your family for a meaningful Chanukkah.



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“THE ISRAEL ADVOCATE”

by Nathan Borsky, Israel Advocacy Chairman

As part of our Israel Advocacy mission we are always searching for the most effective and efficient way to communicate the situation Israel faces daily in the immediate neighborhood that surrounds her and the greater world neighborhood that she has to deal with. The current effort by the U.S. to broker a peace deal with the P.A. makes it even more urgent to understand who the “peace” partner is. In the following interview with Khaled Abu Toameh, we get a perspective from an Arab Israeli and a prominent and respected journalist.

Charley J. Levine interviews Khaled Abu Toameh

Khaled Abu Toameh, 50, an award-winning Israeli journalist and documentary filmmaker, has reported on Arab affairs for three decades. He writes for the Jerusalem Post and the New York-based Gatestone Institute, a nonpartisan, not-for-profit international policy council and think tank, where he is a senior adviser. Since 1989, he also has been a producer and consultant for NBC News. He grew up in the Arab Israeli town of Baqa al-Gharbiyye near Haifa and studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He now lives in Jerusalem.



Q. What are the challenges of working as a journalist in the West Bank and Gaza?

A. Before the Oslo peace process began, Arab journalists had almost no problem traveling throughout the West Bank and Gaza, speaking freely with Palestinians. But ever since the Palestinian Authority came to the West Bank and Gaza, the situation has become much more challenging and dangerous. The P.A. expects you to serve as an official spokesperson and avoid criticism of its leaders.

With Hamas in power in Gaza, it's become even more dangerous for independent Arab journalists. Because of the BDS [boycott, divestment and sanctions] movement against Israel, journalists representing the Israeli media, like myself, face not only difficulties but threats and even physical violence when we go to Ramallah. The P.A. leadership in the West Bank promotes BDS against Israel and also fights normalization with Israel. It bans meetings between Palestinians and Israelis and condemns the Israeli media as extremely hostile, which makes it impossible to work there and endangers our lives.

Q. How does the Arab street respond to your reporting?

A. No one tells me that what I am reporting is inaccurate or untrue. **I am often criticized, however, for reporting the facts.** I am only reporting what many Arab journalists want to report. If I resided in Ramallah, I would not be reporting many things. There are P.A. journalists who post critical things on Facebook and risk prison. Those who ask the wrong questions at press conferences are sometimes detained or even tortured.

I live inside Israel, so my reality is sharply different. I receive more threats from pro-Palestine students and academics in the U.S. than I do from local Palestinians.

Q. What happened to the moderate Palestinian center?

A. Palestinians have been so radicalized that you will find very few Palestinians who will openly talk about making any significant compromise with Israel. No P.A. leader would dare to sign any agreement with Israel for fear of being con-

demned as a traitor. Israel has been delegitimized in the eyes of most Palestinians and this is the result of decades of indoctrination and incitement against Israel. This is true throughout the entire Arab world.

Ironically, this incitement intensified after the peace process began. The Palestine Liberation Organization leadership used the media, the mosques and every available podium to delegitimize and discredit Israel in the eyes of the Palestinians. By doing so, the P.L.O. has actually shot itself in the foot. P.A. leaders know that they have radicalized their people to the point where there are people who don't want to hear about peace with Israel at all. I believe this is why [Mahmoud] Abbas will not sign any agreement with Israel. He simply doesn't want to go down in history as a traitor.

Q. Is there anything Israel should be doing differently?

A. Israel is facing two camps in the Palestinian community. One is the radical camp that doesn't believe in Israel's right to exist and seeks its destruction. With that camp, there's nothing that can be done. The second, less radical, camp is represented by some P.L.O. leaders in the West Bank who are unable to deliver [change or peace]. This is a camp that lacks grass-roots support. It has further been discredited due to its close relations with the U.S., Europeans and even Israel. **So Israel is facing one camp that doesn't want to deliver and another that cannot practically do so.**

Q. United States Secretary of State John Kerry has tried to revive the peace process with multiple visits and public declarations. Can this break the logjam?

A. It's a waste of time. You might be able to reach some sort of interim agreements with Abbas over certain areas that he's actually in control of in the West Bank, but I doubt he'll go even for that. Many in the international community see Abbas as a peace partner and this might be partially true, but so what? The question we need to ask is "Can this man deliver?" What's a peace agreement worth with Abbas when he can't even visit his house in Ramallah that has been taken over by Hamas? The international community should go to the Palestinians and ask them to get their act together and start speaking in one voice and stop the indoctrination and glorification of suicide bombers. **They must start preparing their people for possible compromise with Israel.**

Q. What are Israel's Arab citizens saying about Israel?

A. Arab citizens of Israel can act as a bridge between Jews and Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. The Israeli Arab dilemma is that their State of Israel is in conflict with their people, the Palestinians. While most Israeli Arabs would like to see a Palestinian state and a better life for the Palestinians, they would nevertheless prefer to stay inside Israel for two reasons: First, this has always been their home. Second, they have always been comfortable in Israel despite all the challenges facing them.

I am worried about the process of radicalization that is taking place among the Arab community inside Israel. I blame some of the domestic Arab community leaders for inciting their fellow citizens against Israel. I'm talking about some of the Arab Knesset members. And the Israeli establishment's failure to address very serious problems within Arab society is no less problematic: unemployment, unequal allocation of public funds and investment in physical infrastructure.

Q. Does the composition of Israel's government or the country's political landscape matter to the Palestinians?

A. Most Arab Israelis don't see a difference between Labor and Likud. Sometimes, ironically, right-wing governments do more than the left wing. In this regard, I've never understood the P.A. leadership. When there's a left-wing government in Israel, they reject it, and because of that Israeli left-wing governments fall. And when the right-wing government comes to power, they complain that they can't make peace with them.

Q. Why is there such a pronounced Palestinian denial of Jewish history--from the Holocaust to the Jewish connection to the Temple Mount and Western Wall?

A. It's part of the campaign to delegitimize Israel: [The message is that] the Jews have no historical attachment to this land. We are told...even by moderates that there is no such thing as the Western Wall; it is the southern wall of the Al Aqsa mosque. We are told that there is no such thing as Rachel's Tomb. We are told that there's no such thing as

Joseph's Tomb; it's just the tomb of a Muslim sheik. And all the archaeological discoveries are fake. That Jews come at night and plant items at excavation sites and in the morning call a press conference to present these items as something that demonstrates a connection.

There are different views about the Holocaust. There are those who might admit it happened but challenge the numbers; there are those who completely deny it. Finally, there are some who recognize it happened on the full scale. But the first categories are prevalent and they contend that Israel is using the Holocaust to extort money. The common sentiment says: Why should we talk about Jewish suffering? We have enough suffering of our own.

Q. What should Israel's approach to peace be at this time?

A. Israel's policy should be to talk to anyone who wants to talk and shoot back at anyone who shoots. I don't see anything that Israel can do under the current circumstances. Some would say, "Why doesn't Israel just get up and leave, unilaterally go to pre-1967 lines?" I think that would be a recipe for another war. Any land you give to the P.L.O. will undoubtedly end up in the hands of Hamas and other extremists. We've been to this movie before and I'm not even sure the P.L.O. wants Israel to pull out of the West Bank, although they demand that in public. The P.L.O. knows that its survival in the West Bank depends on Israel's security presence

Charley J. Levine is Founder and CEO of Lone Star Communications, one of Israel's most dynamic public affairs and media relations consultancies. Until June 2006, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Ruder Finn Israel, another large PR public relations agency.

Advocate for Israel

Useful references for staying informed and being pro-active

American Congress for Truth (www.americancongressfortruth.com) ¥ **Arabs for Israel** (www.arabsforisrael.com)

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Good News From Israel

by Bruria Bodek Falik

Israel Emergency Volunteers: Angels on Ambucycles

Israeli volunteer medic patrol gets to patients by foot or Ambucycle to start first aid before ambulances can get there.

Eli Beer shares an incredible story of how he, as a frustrated 17-year-old ambulance volunteer, was sick of sitting in traffic and getting to patients too late to save them. And so he organized a group of 15 fellow EMTs to respond to calls in their neighborhood, on foot if needed, and provide stopgap care until an ambulance could arrive. Over the past 25 years, this group—United Hatzalah—has grown to more than 2,000 volunteers. Last year in Israel, they assisted 207,000 people in need of care—42,000 of them in life-threatening situations.

They can stabilize a patient in shock due to blood loss, clear a blocked airway or administer oxygen before permanent brain damage sets in. Sometimes they do it in the middle of the night, still in pajamas.

Saving each other

Beer recounts endless stories that show the human face and spirit of the nation of Israel, like the time an Arab Hatzalah medic rushed into a Jewish ritual bath (mikveh) to save a Jew suffering a heart attack. The people inside were wary of this Arab man attempting to enter a mikveh building. He quickly yelled the organization's name, with a Yiddish accent, in order to be let in.

It goes in the other direction, too. On the night of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year for the Jews, Beer got a call that a man nearby was having a heart attack. Beer ran out of the synagogue with his prayer shawl flapping in the wind and jumped on his Ambucycle, normally forbidden to drive on Jewish holidays, and went to save the patient, who turned out to be an Arab.

“When it comes to saving lives or another person, we don't look at nationality. We are not a government service and we don't have to do it. We do it out of goodwill because we believe in it. We do it because we love it.”

“When it comes to saving lives or another person, we don't look at nationality...”

Temple Emanuel

By Rabbi Yael Romer

One of the gifts of raising my children in Israel, was the magic of the Chanukah season. On Chanukah we celebrate miracles. Miracles come in all sizes and shapes, the extraordinary miracles that we incorporate as part of our theology and the ordinary miracles that unfold each day. Chanukah is the catalyst that bridges the world of transcendent and ordinary through eight consecutive nights indulging in celebration with family, friends and community. Traditionally children are gifted *gelt*, small change, or chocolate. Some Israeli families have adopted the tradition of small gifts or books throughout the festival. But for most, Chanukah is simply the miraculous opportunity to spend time together with song, dance, food, games, joy and light.

The experience of Chanukah in America can be overshadowed by the culture of December in America. In an effort to keep up with the Jones' many Jewish families have adapted the tradition of gift giving as the quintessential experience of Chanukah, ultimately obscuring the power of Chanukah when masqueraded as nothing more than a “Jewish Christmas.”

This year, Chanukah will not overlap with Christmas. We will enjoy the rare confluence of Chanukah will occurring together with Thanksgiving, that has affectionately been coined *Thanksgivukkah*. The confluence of Chanukah and Thanksgiving affords us the opportunity to recalibrate our celebration of Chanukah.

The authenticity of Chanukah and Thanksgiving can be contemplated when we are able to focus not on the presents or the food, but rather the experience of gratitude and joy surrounding family, friends and being sustained.

May our Chanukah and Thanksgiving traditions inspire us to render the gathering of *Thanksgivukkah* to live up to the finest impulse of our traditions, practices, values and Jewish souls.

May our Chanukah be filled with miracles both ordinary and transcendent.

Blessings of peace and light



Fall for Art Fundraiser Celebrates Its Seventeenth Year

By Barbara Lane

There may have been an ill-timed storm and scattered blackouts, but the lights at Wiltwyck Golf Club were ablaze on September 12th as over 350 guests gathered for the Federation's annual fundraising art show and sale. Once again, we all had the opportunity to support the Federation's mission and marvel at the displayed work of 28 incredibly generous and talented local artists. Old friends and first-time guests mixed and mingled, enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres and buffet, crossed their fingers as they made decisions at the raffle table and, of course, purchased fabulous works of art.

Coming up the stairs at Wiltwyck and seeing the artists' displays for the first time is always a wonderful treat. This year was no exception. Jerrilynn Babroff's whimsical and functional ceramics, Susan Basch's elegant and superbly crafted jewelry, John Franklin's award-winning turned wood bowls, Glenn Grubard's intricately cut designs hand painted



Artist Jerrilynn Babroff, ceramics

on museum quality art board, Melanie Hall's beautifully illustrated children's books, and Rita Schwab's complex fresco paintings incorporating objects from nature were just a sample of the outstanding works at this year's show.

The Fall for Art Committee decided to tweak things a bit this year. Rather than having a single judge select the one artist to receive the 2013 award for overall excellence, we decided to give each guest a vote. A frenetic counting of ballots revealed that Susan Basch would receive this year's award, a beautiful fused glass plaque designed and created by Sara Beames.



Artist Melanie Hall, illustrated books



Ed Lane, Treasurer UCJF working check out

Donating a portion of our proceeds to a local arts organization or program is a Fall for Art tradition each member of the committee cherishes. Four of our eight members have had a close family member with Alzheimer's Disease, so



Artist John Franklin, wood

Westchester, NY Chapter. The funds underwrote three arts workshops for individuals with dementia and their caregivers held this fall at the Rosendale Community Center. In presenting the check, Barb mentioned our hope that other organizations will consider funding workshops such as these going forward.

Fall for Art simply wouldn't exist without its dedicated volunteers. The members of the Fall for Art Committee-Sara Beames, Barbara Cohen, Sloane Grubard, Linda Hutchinson, Barbara Lane, Darlene Levit, Randy Mundi, and Sue Worthman-thank this year's volunteers for their dedication and hard work, Alan Levit for his wonderful photographs, Scott Rubinstein and Marsha



People's Choice Award presented by (left) Sloane Grubard, FfA committee member to (right) Susan Basch, jewelry. Sara Beames designed the award.

it was especially poignant when Barbara Cohen presented the 2013 check for \$1,000 to Michele Muir, Vice President of Communications & Public Policy for the Alzheimer's Association-Hudson Valley/Rockland/



Right to left "Arts with a Heart," Sara Beames, co-ordinator; Michele Muir, Vice President of Communications & Public Policy, the Alzheimer's Association-Hudson Valley/Rockland/Westchester, NY Chapter; Barbara Lane, co-ordinator; Harriet Miller, President, UCJF.

Kaufman-Rubinstein of Quail Hollow Events for their assistance in setting up the artists' displays, Bonnie Roll of Design Works for the time and effort she puts into our advertising each year, and Bill Green and the rest of the Wiltwyck staff for another year of outstanding hospitality. And, of course, a big "thank you" to our sponsors, contribu-

tors, Art Patrons, "helping hands," and guests for their generosity and support.

The proceeds from Fall for Art are used for a variety of Federation causes, as well as community programs such as Angel Food East, CASA of Ulster County, Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home, Family of Woodstock, Hillel at SUNY New Paltz, Jewish Family Services, People's Place, and Queens Galley. In addition, funds are allocated for community-wide educational and cultural programs, as well as scholarships to area youth.



FfA Committee (L to R) Sara Beames, Sloane Grubard, Linda Hutchinson, Darlene Levit, Barbara Lane, Randy Mundi, Sue Worthman, Barbara Cohen.

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Melavah Malkah - Say Goodbye to the Shabbos Queen:

Join us Saturday night, January 18 for a gathering of Chassidic melodies and stories and nosh for the soul! For more information and reservation, 845-331-1176.

Tea & Torah:

A chance for women to learn, schmooze and be inspired with the Rebbetzins! Meets the following Thursdays, December 12, January 9, January 30, February 13, February 27, March 13, March 27 at Agudas Achim, 254 Lucas Avenue from 11:00-12:00. For more information or to RSVP, call Leah at 845-334-9044 or email at leah@ILoveGanIsrael.com.

Woodstock Weekly Torah Session:

Living Torah video presentation: A weekly Torah lesson by the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Followed by a group discussion and explanation. We will then learn about the Jewish mystical and practical approach to love or learn about the upcoming Jewish holiday. For further details, call Renee at 845-679-7148, 6:00pm. Event Location: Woodstock Library, Library Lane, Woodstock.

Be A Minyan-Aire: Tuesday @ 8am (guaranteed to be done by 8:45am; davening followed by great coffee & kosher Danish.

Services: Join us Friday evenings. Services begin 10 minutes after candle lighting. Join us Shabbos morning services at 9:00am. Service followed by Kiddush with vegetarian Cholent.

Men's Gathering for Yud Tes Kislev: Yud-Tes Kislev marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Alter Rebbe, Rabbi Schneur Zalman, from his fifty-three day incarceration in a Russian prison. November 21 at the home of the Itkin's. For reservations and information, RabbiAB@ChabadUlsterCounty.org.

Jewish Women's Circle of Ulster County is an opportunity for Jewish women in our area to meet new friends, socialize and learn in an informal setting. Check it out and see what it's all about!

Saturday, December 7, Motzie Shabbat

Goodbye Shabbat, A Havdalah Experience:

Discover the meaning behind the Havdalah service and make your own Havdallah kit to enjoy.

Wednesday, January 15, TuB'Shvat Paint a Pot:

Paint a planting pot in honor of Tu B'shvat and use it to plant. Enjoy an array of exotic fruits from the holy land as we celebrate the mystical flavor of Tu B'shvat, the New Year for trees.

Sunday, February 9, Changing the world with one good deed

at a time: Let's show support for the battered women's shelters by donating different items that will add some joy to their lives. One good deed brightens the lives of many.

Monday, March 24 - 5:30 till 7:30pm

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Sisterhood Gift Shop: Chanukah begins on the morning of November 27th. Plan to visit our gift shop soon while the selection is best. Our gift shop is fully stocked with Chanukah Judaica for your home and gift giving. Some of our Chanukah items include menorahs, candles, draydels, cookie cutters, gift wrap, children's books and more. For an appointment, contact Shirley Crystal at 331-4646.

Mah Jongg: All Mah Jongg players can order the new 2014 card by contacting Rosemary Lewis at 331-0766 by January 15th. The cost per card is \$8.00 for the regular size print and \$9.00 for the large print card.

Kiddush: Ever Shabbos and holidays Kiddush is provided to congregants. To sponsor a kiddush for a special occasion such as a birth, birthday, anniversary, yahrzeit or to honor someone contact Shirley Crystal at 331-4646 or Rosemary Lewis at 331-0766.

Tribute Cards: To send a card In Honor of, In Memory of, or other special occasion, contact Brenda Fletcher at 338-5980 or Rosemary Lewis at 331-0766. For a nominal fee the card will be mailed for you.

Memorial Plaques: To purchase a memorial plaque in memory of a loved one, contact Barbara Blas for further information at 338-3499.

Tree of Life: Leaves on the Tree of Life, located in the front lobby of the Synagogue may be ordered by contacting Lorraine Trast at 331-3513. This is a wonderful gift for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, birth, anniversary, birthday or other special occasion.

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Service Schedule:

Kabbalat Shabbat Fridays at 7:30pm
Shabbat Morning Saturdays at 9:30am
Sunday Minyan Sundays at 9:30am

Learners' Services:

December 20, January 18, February 21, March 15

Lunch & Learn:

November 23, December 21, January 25,
February 22, March 22

Special Events & Holidays

Chanukah Latke Dinner:

December 1 6:00pm

Havdalah, Chinese & A Movie:

December 21 5:30pm

Tu B'Shevat Seder:

January 18 12:00pm

Purim Katan/Shabbat Dinner:

February 14 7:15pm

Purim Shpiel & Costume Party:

March 15 7:00pm

Megillah Reading & Breakfast:

March 16 9:30am

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Worship Services

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sunday Evening, November 24 6:00pm

Shabbat Service and Torah Study

Saturday, December 14 10:00am

Shabbat Service and Torah Study

Saturday, January 11 10:00am

Shabbat Service and Torah Study

Saturday, February 8 10:00am

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Saturday Evening, March 15

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Saturday, April 12 10:00am

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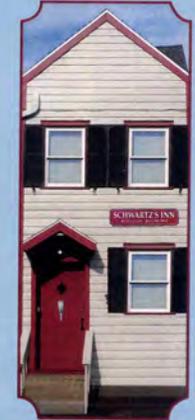
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Services

Shabbat Services:

Join us every Friday evening at 7:30pm for *Kaballat* Shabbat services at the synagogue. Special Saturday morning Torah services are also held periodically, and Shabbat Torah services that include *b'nai mitzvah* are held throughout the spring and fall. These all begin at 10am at the synagogue; please call our office 255-9817 for upcoming dates. Our custom *siddur* contains transliterations for all prayers, as well as helpful explanatory notes regarding the service, making it very "user friendly." *Oneg Shabbat* is sponsored by different families each

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Junior Congregation:

For children in grades 3-7. Kids only! Led by Robin Torres, our Junior Congregation services are also led in part by the children themselves, and the kids love it. Monthly, 7:30pm at our community center.

Adult Education

Torah Study:

Torah study of the weekly *parsha* with Rabbi Bill is on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm in our Community Center library. The Torah is our starting point but not necessarily our end point. Discussions vary and develop with the wishes of the participants — textual, historical, political, and spiritual. Whatever evolves, it is always lively and interesting. All welcome. Join us for stimulating discussions.

Saturday, January 11: Broadway Comes JCNP!

A showing of a PBS film titled *Jews and Broadway*, plus a Broadway sing-along led by Eric Stenberg. Please call 255-9817 for event time and for additional information about other upcoming adult education events, or check our website: www.jewishcongregationofnewpaltz.org.

Community Luncheons:

These very popular monthly luncheons (planned with seniors in mind, but open to all adults) feature a healthful, seasonal menu expertly and tantalizingly prepared by our resident chefs. Great food, lively conversation, beautiful table settings! Bring your friends! Members \$9, non-members \$14. Reservations required. For reservations, next luncheon date, or additional information, contact Myra Sorin at 255-5016 or msorin@hvc.rr.com.

Chaverim Arts Children's Program:

Lots of fun and Jewish learning for our little ones with Jewish music, arts activities, and dance for Pre-K through first grade children. Program run by Linda Brotman, with music and art specialists. Meets one Sunday a month from 9:30am-11am. This fun and lively program is open to all in the community. Call Teri Gil at 845-255-2516 or Betty Marton at 845-256-9040 for more information. Upcoming dates: 12/8, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, and 4/6.

Hebrew School:

At the Jewish Congregation of New Paltz, we have a vibrant and active Hebrew School: the *Dorothy Soloman Ross School of Jewish Studies*. Current enrollment is 60 students. Our

curriculum provides the young people in our congregation with opportunity to acquire a strong foundation in Jewish study and practice, as well as Hebrew language, over an 8 year period, so that they may proudly identify with their Jewish heritage and culture. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our Hebrew School, or would like additional information, please call our office at 845-255-9817, or our Hebrew School Committee chairs Teri Gill at 845-255-2516 or Betty Marton at 845-256-9040.

Upcoming Holiday Events

Tu B'Shvat Shabbat Service & Seder:

Thursday, 1/16 at 6:00pm at our Community Center. A mystical and enlightening seder to celebrate Tu B'Shvat, the "New Year of the Trees." All welcome.

Purim Megillah Reading and Carnival:

Sunday, March 16 at 10:00am. Family-friendly Purim service with Megillah reading at the synagogue (8 Church St.), including a creative performance of the Purim story by our b'nai mitzvah class, and a Children's Costume Parade! Service followed by Purim Kids' Carnival at the Community Center, at approximately 11:00. All welcome.

Purim Spiel:

Saturday, March 15 at 7:00pm. Come enjoy our annual Purim Spiel as enacted by our amazing and nutty cast of characters at the community center. Always funny, creative, a bit risqué, and full of talent! Refreshments and wine/beer will be served. Adults only please. (Performance rated "R".)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Temple Worship Services

Early Kabbalat Shabbat Service
(1st Friday of each month) 6:00pm
Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30pm
(Families of all ages join in a vibrant and moving celebration of the Sabbath)
Musical Shabbat *(3rd Friday of each month)* 7:30pm
Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir
(4th Friday of each month) 7:30pm
Saturday Morning Minyan Service
(September through June) 10:00am
(Children are always welcome at all services and we provide soft toys for little ones)

Rhinebeck/Red Hook Sabbath Celebrations:
 Select holidays throughout the year including Second Day of Rosh Hashannah, Sukkot & Tu B'Shevat held in the Rhinebeck/Red Hook area. **Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study** held weekly on Thursday mornings through the end of June.

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Lunch with the Rabbi: December 3, February 4, March 4, April 1 - Join Rabbi Yael Romer the first Tuesday of most months from noon to 1:30pm for food for the body and food for the soul.

Adult Education with the Rabbi:

- Hebrew Trope
- Torah Study
- Introduction to Judaism
- Beginner and Intermediate Conversational Modern Hebrew
- Meditation and Parashat Shuvah
- Kabbalah
- Private Conversion Tutorials.

Our Esteemed Religious School is held on scheduled Saturdays from 9:30am-12:30pm, 9/21/13 thru 5/31/14. Our Students use the URJ's Chai Curriculum and Hebrew course, enhanced by art, music & dance. The school day includes a youth-led service with prayer, song & dance. A mid-week drop-in class is available for a Hebrew make-up session on Wednesday afternoons for 3rd thru 7th Grades. Religious education at Temple Emanuel works in partnership with the home to foster a commitment to Judaism and Israel. **NEW THIS FALL:** First year of Temple Membership is FREE to new families with enrollment of your child(ren) in Religious School! Contact our Religious School Director at 845-338-4271, ext. 110 for more information.

B'nai Mitzvah Program: Text and Commentary Study, group learning and individual tutoring.

Confirmation Study: Study for young adults in 9th & 10th grades with the Rabbi and Teachers. Held on scheduled Wednesdays during the school year.

Gift Shop: The Gift Shop is open at select events and on some weekends for purchasing items, during weekly office hours, or by special appointment.

Social Action: We are blessed to have a warm caring community that helps others in their time of need through the workings of the soup kitchen, pre-holiday group visits to nursing homes throughout the Hudson Valley, an annual food

drive, and the joint project “Rebuilding Together” with our neighbors St. John’s Episcopal Church.

Youth Group: Temple Emanuel’s local chapter of NFTY - TESTY, meets on select days once a month. For students in 8th grade & up, members participate in exciting monthly events and yearly field trips.

Special Services & Events

- **Tu B’shevat Seder in Rhinebeck:** January 18 at 5:30pm in Rhinebeck. Celebrate Tu B’Shevat, the Festival of Trees, with your fellow mystics at Temple Emanuel. Tu B’Shevat is a mystical & spiritual tradition, a time to explore the ethical imperative of staying in balance with our environment & ourselves. At Temple we see Tu B’Shevat as a time to remind us to lesson the gap between what we believe & how we live.
- **Annual Trivia Night:** Saturday January 25 at 7pm. Join in the fun, sign up with a team or come on your own and be matched up with a team. This annual Brotherhood event is great way to spend a winter night matching wits with your community, prizes and trophies will be awarded!
- **Rummage Sale:** Sunday, March 2, Bag Sale Monday March 3.
- **Purim Carnival, Parade, Megillah Reading & Short Shpiel:** beginning at 10:00am on Sunday, March 16.
- **Sisterhood Shabbat:** Saturday March 22 at 10am.

Ongoing Programs

- **Tone with Sloane: “SPA”** (Stretch/Pilates/Abs) Tuesdays– Beginner level at 10:30am, Intermediate/Advanced levels at Noon. *Pilates is a form of exercise that is highly effective for increasing flexibility, lengthening, strengthening and toning your body without bulking up or stressing joints.* “Sculpt & Stretch” Thursdays at noon – All fitness levels *Improve muscle tone, posture, balance and strength during this fun and challenging head to toe conditioning class.*

Book Club: Meets one Tuesday a month at 1pm at a member’s home. *Second Person Singular* by Fayed Kashua will be discussed on Tuesday, December 10th at 1pm Phyllis Wolfield’s home, 4 Pond Park Road, Woodstock.

Bingo: Held every Wednesday - Doors open at 5:00pm, cards sold at 6:00pm, game starts at 7:00pm.

Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study: Held weekly on most Thursday mornings through June. Led by Rabbi Yael Romer, Meditation beginning at 8:45am followed at 9:15am with Weekly Torah Study. Welcome your day with a Morning Ritual that prepares you to receive a day’s blessings with fullness, center & breath. Exploring our Jewish Traditions, this morning ritual will integrate meditation, prayer & study as part of an alternative morning Practice. Explore your Jewish Journey with a progressive egalitarian approach & learn about what our Congregation has to offer.

Monthly Young Families Snacks and Crafts on the first Friday of the month from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

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Shabbat Service Schedule:

Friday Night Services will begin at 6pm until March (when the clocks change) and then go back to a start time of 7:30pm. First Friday of every month, service begins at 6pm and is followed by a dairy/vegetarian community potluck dinner. Everyone is welcome.

Shabbat Morning Services begin at 10am year round. One special Saturday of each month includes Shabbat Community programming, a potluck lunch and a day of learning. The day includes a Torah study program for the 4th-6th grade students with Student Rabbi Shelley and a community dairy/vegetarian potluck Shabbat lunch. Everyone is welcome.

Celebrate Shabbat is new this year, a monthly Shabbat Program for pre-kindergarten through 1st grade families! This monthly program will meet on the same Shabbat of each month as our Shabbat Community Days. Lead by Morah Jill, one of our favorite experiential and creative teachers, each **Celebrate Shabbat** begins at 11am. Join in. Upcoming dates for Celebrate Shabbat are: December 14, January 11, March 8, April 12, May 17.

Gallery Lev Shalem 1st Annual Fall Group Show:

Be sure to visit the current show in the Gallery. Pieces include the work of Alan Carey, Maxine Davidowitz, Melanie Hall, Karen Levine, Robert Lipgar, Harriet Livathinos and J.D. Weiss. Come and enjoy their works! The Gallery is open to the public from 11-5 Tuesdays through Thursdays, Fridays from 12-4, and Sundays by arrangement. To schedule a visit, please call 845-679-2218 or email info@wjcshul.org

Tu B'Shevat Seder:

A special Tu B'Shevat Seder is planned at the Woodstock Jewish Congregation for Saturday, January 11, as a part of the January Shabbat Community programming and

will be led by our Student Rabbi Shelley Goldman. This seder will include the fruits of Israel, mystical teachings and music. Check the synagogue website www.wjcshul.org for details. Everyone is welcome.

Purim:

Purim at the Woodstock Jewish Congregation is always a spectacular event. This year we will read Megillah on Saturday night, March 15. A great day of activity is planned for Sunday, March 16. The day's events will include our annual Purim Carnival, Shalach Manot making, a Purim Seudah (Feast) and variety show! Contact the synagogue office info@wjcshul.org for additional information.

Adult Education Offerings

Thursdays at the WJC:

Contemplative Meditation with Gail Albert, Ph.D.

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Viewing the Torah as a transformative spiritual workbook, Gail Albert follows a continuous narrative from Genesis through Deuteronomy at a deep level of interpretation. Following this narrative week-by-week as it gradually opens our hearts and minds to the Mystery we call God or Life-Unfolding, Gail helps us move from fear and disconnection to love and equanimity in our daily lives as she guides us in focused contemplation of each week's parshah.

Introduction to Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Jonathan Kligler

December 5, 12: 12:15pm - 2pm.

Open to All. Suggested Donation: \$8 (WJC Members) \$15 (Non-Members).

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Every culture develops metaphors and techniques that provide a pathway toward the experience of Oneness. Jewish mysticism is one of those roadmaps and we will acquaint ourselves with the Jewish path in this class series.

Hebrew Poetry Text Study with Rabbi Jonathan Kligler

December 5, 12: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Suggested Donation: \$8 (WJC Members), \$15 (Non-Members)

One of the glories of Hebrew poetry is that it is a 3,000-year tradition, as alive today as in ancient Israel. We will sample Hebrew poetry from every era, reading in the original, translating and discussing. (Note: To join this class you must be able to read Hebrew and possess very basic comprehension. Of course, if you don't have these skills and want to sit in, that's fine)

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Overall, some 1000 different recipients get ***Kolenu*** throughout the year, via regular mail and electronically. By a conservative estimate, your annual ad will be seen by prospective customers 4,000 times—at a cost of as little as 1.5-cents per reader (for a single ad), and no more than 10-cents a reader (for a half-page ad). In reality, of course, each copy of ***Kolenu*** reaches an entire family, not just one reader. And it is not a 'read-and-toss' sort of publication—it lives in each home for weeks or months as a valuable reference and connection to our community, so your advertisement has an ongoing impact.

The enclosed rate sheet on the reverse of this note should give you all the information you need, but please contact us at 845-338-8131 if you have any questions. We are grateful for your past support and look forward to your continued presence in ***Kolenu*** in 2014!

Sincerely,
Kolenu Editors and Committee:

Barbara Cohen, Amy Barash, Janice Kaplan

KOLENU ADVERTISING PRICE LIST

TO ALL ADVERTISERS & SUPPORTERS:

KOLENU IS THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF ULSTER COUNTY. EVERY ISSUE REACHES 1000 HOUSEHOLDS; YOUR CUSTOMERS & NEIGHBORS. IT ALSO APPEARS ON OUR WEBSITE, WWW.UCJF.ORG, WHICH GETS HUNDREDS OF EYEBALLS EVERY MONTH...

SIZE	SINGLE ISSUE	FOUR ISSUES Per YEAR
Single Size ad	\$36	\$75
Double Size ad	\$50	\$140
One-Quarter Page	\$75	\$225
One-Half Page	\$125	\$375

We also offer: One-Page Flyer Inserts ~ Camera-Ready

- Non-profit Price \$125 per Insert
- Business Price \$150 per Insert

Creating, Printing & Delivering flyer inserts to the UCJF Office are the advertiser's responsibility!

Any pre-production costs, or ad revisions, if required, will incur an additional fee for:

-Layout -Design -Halftone -Scanning -Revisions

Publication months are April, June, September and December.

For additional information, contact Regina Melnik 338-8131 or email us info@ucjf.org

Holiday Promotion!



“the Tzfat Engineers”

Dates: Now through Chanukah & Year End 2013!

What: Buy anything from ADL PhotoArt, and you will be making a contribution* to the Jewish Federation

How:

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- Once check is received, the print(s) will be mailed/delivered to you.

Need Help? Call 845-532-2675

*40% of purchase price will be donated to the Federation, 60% to the artist