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That's the theme of this campaign. This Passover, in the spirit of the four questions, we will highlight how last year's events were met by Federation communities - coming together in unprecedented ways to innovate, collaborate, inspire younger generations, and find new ways to meet people's growing needs. We ask donors to help make this year different from the last by making it a year of recovery for all with a generous gift to Federation.

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New Year. New Jews

by **David Drimer, Executive Director Ulster County Jewish Federation**
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Ulster County residents didn't have to read the NY Times last June to recognize a local population boom spurred on by the pandemic. If nothing else, the paucity of open parking spaces in the Stockade District was enough to alert you of something. It's been reported many new townfolk are otherwise denizens of the Upper East and West Side of Manhattan, among other downstate and regional locales (full disclosure, I lived on the UES). Another meme I hear bandied about is "Brooklyn is moving here." One thing that generalized description tells me: we are likely inundated with Jews.

Will they stay here after COVID-19 is just an unpleasant memory in the rearview mirror of life? I posit many of them will. My family, friends, and business associates realize it is unlikely they will go back to working in an office every day. Many will miss the camaraderie of the workplace, especially under 40's and younger, now more than half the country's workforce. Just as many are likely to embrace a "no commute" lifestyle. This trend isn't new. Many of us home-based before The Plague Year, and now Zoom, Amazon, Instacart, and other vendors have adapted our lives to contactless commerce. Employers continue to prudently jettison costly commercial space for budgetary reasons.

New residents bring tax revenues, elevate real estate prices, create jobs, inject culture and youth. Will a vibrant Jewish cultural infrastructure be here to welcome them? Will they will find an accommodating shul in which to daven? Will their children receive an appropriate Jewish education? Where can they buy kosher food? Is there even a mohel? Alas, where can they turn if anti-Semitism rears its ugly head?

This is just a small sliver of the numerous opportunities for the Ulster County Jewish Federation (UCJF) to address in the coming months and years. We are committed to rising to the occasion. We perceive that for many considering full or even part-time residency in our county, a solid Jewish environment will be a factor in relocating here. UCJF will continue as it always has in joining with synagogues, social service agencies, schools, and other not-for-profits to ensure that **Ulster becomes ever more synonymous with the concept, "It's a great Jewish place to live."**

Another matter has been much on my mind; it's disturbing but not entirely surprising. According to a widely publicized Pew Research poll, younger Americans are sadly ill-informed on the Holocaust. 44% of Millennials in the U.S. can neither adequately explain the Shoah nor identify what "Auschwitz" is, and they believe Hitler came to power through force. "Never again" begins with an adequate education. It's painfully obvious from the data that this essential task has been startlingly neglected in our schools. Some states have already passed legislation mandating Holocaust education. UCJF is actively weighing how to address this phenomenon. Soon, we hope to announce a robust initiative to answer the challenge.



New Ulster County Jewish Federation Executive Director Dave Drimer with longtime Ulster County Jewish Federation & Reher Center board member Carol Super Gold. Under the heading of It's a Small Jewish World, Carol was Dave's 8th grade social studies teacher in New York.

Following the Lesson of Nachshon ben Aminadav

by **Rondavid Gold, President**
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Rondavid Gold

I'm grateful for and humbled by the confidence you have placed in me.

As we face the challenges and opportunities ahead...and as we approach the Pesach season, I'm inspired by the example of one of our ancient heroes, Nachshon ben Aminadav.

As you may know, when we were fleeing the Egyptians and reached the Red Sea, G-d commanded us to keep going. All, except one, were fearful and gave up hope.

Nachshon ben Aminadav, bravely, boldly and without hesitation walked into the roiling waters as Moses waved his staff over them. You know the rest.

The Federation is tasked with doing so much for so many. Rather than being daunted and fearful, all of us should boldly "keep going"...doing whatever is necessary to be a positive force for needy individuals and worthy institutions.

I welcome your input and support in fulfilling this mission.



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The Jewish Federation of Ulster County is pleased to announce new executive officers of the Board of Directors, effective March 1, 2021.

We are grateful to our incoming officers and all who have served in the past and continue to support our mission.

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Rondavid Gold Named New UCJF President

The Jewish Federation of Ulster County is honored to welcome new UCJF President Rondavid Gold to its team of Executive Officers. Rondavid Gold is the retired head of a Manhattan advertising agency. He's a past President of the Woodstock Jewish Congregation and is President of the Raycliffe at Woodstock Home Owners Association. He's also a published author, lecturer, multi-instrument musician, and 3-D photographer.

Rondavid has been married to the amazing Carol Super Gold for nearly 35 years and is the totally proud father of Shanti Joy Gold. If you want endless details on any of the above, or if you have any questions or input regarding the Federation, call him.

He's looking forward to helping the Federation to move forward and grow.

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It All Starts With You!

March 2021

Dear Community Friends of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County,

Though our families and friends have been physically distanced more than ever this past year, we find comfort together to keep our foundations strong and communities connected.

For thousands of years, the Jewish people have had a tradition of taking care of those in need. That tradition continues today through your support of our Jewish Federation of Ulster County, celebrating more than 40 years of service, supporting quality of Jewish life for everyone in our community.

You help us to help others and together we:

- ◆ Open a child's eyes to the beauty of our heritage through support of PJ Library;
- ◆ Provide comfort and care to the elderly through support of Jewish Family Services of Ulster County;
- ◆ Confront a rising tide of anti-Semitism in Ulster County and our society;
- ◆ Work for justice for the underserved;
- ◆ Distribute scholarships for camps, study and travel in Israel;
- ◆ Help those in need through contributions to local food banks and social service organizations;
- ◆ Fund signature JFNA projects and support programs that address the needs of vulnerable, at risk populations in Israel and 70 countries around the world.

Through your gift to UCJF in 2021, you help to maintain and strengthen local Jewish life and reinforce our connections to the worldwide Jewish community.

Simply make a donation online at www.ucjf.org, or call 845-338-8131. If you'd like to donate by check, please mail it to our UCJF office, 390 Aaron Court, Kingston, NY 12401. If you wish your donation to remain anonymous, please let us know. Thank you sincerely for supporting our Ulster County Jewish community!

We appreciate your generosity!

L'Chaim and Warm Regards,
Arlene Cohen, Barbara Cohen, Joe Cohen, Carol Super Gold,
Harriet Miller, Laurie Mozian, Bernie King-Smith *Campaign Committee*

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Federation Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee is looking forward to reviewing all applications and will make awards based on available funds.

Scholarships available for 2021 Include

- Summer Camp Programs for children ages 4-11
- Summer Camp Programs for children ages 12-16
- Summer Programs in Israel for teenagers age 16-18
- High School or College Academic Programs - for one year study in Israel
- Volunteers for Israel & Jewish Study Programs for adults age 18 and over
- Summer Camp Program for a child to attend a Special Needs Camp \$250
- The Marlene Survis Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$250
This is open to all Jewish students 4th grade thru post-graduation level (23 years of age).
Generously donated by Marlene Survis's daughters Amy Doelling & Laura Pittleman based on a submitted proposal and resume.



Please Note that due to the enormous interest and response, we are only able to award a scholarship to one member of a family and preference will be given to first time applicants.

Applicant or family member must be a member of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County. A minimum contribution of \$36 to the 2021 Annual Campaign constitutes membership.

Recipients will be notified in May.



Programs must be Jewish in orientation.

The deadline for application is Friday, April 30

In your letter to the Scholarship Committee, the following information is required:

- name & address
- phone (home) cell (if applicable)
- email
- grade
- parent's name(s)
- parent's address if different than applicant's
- work experience if applicable
- indicate the purpose of funding
(*Jewish camp, Summer Teen Program to Israel, high school or college 1 year academic program, Volunteers for Israel, Adult Study Program*)
- Please explain how this experience will impact your life
- tell us something about yourself and family.

Please send your resume & proposal to:

Jewish Federation of Ulster County
390 Aaron Court
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or email to: info@ucjf.org & write "Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

Scholarships for Graduating High School Seniors

Contact Your Guidance Office



Our beloved Doc Cy
August 23, 1928 - March 4, 2021

Thanks to Dr. Cy Gruberg of blessed memory & the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, a \$180.00 scholarship is available to a Jewish high school graduating senior from an area high school who is college bound “*whose acts or deeds have made a most significant contribution to their school and our community.*”

Applications for 2021 were announced through the guidance offices at all Ulster County high schools, as well as at Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Wallkill High Schools. The Federation’s high school scholarship committee will select the recipients, and students will be notified before their respective school awards ceremonies or graduations.

*To our beloved Doc Cy,
we thank you and will remember your generosity
and support that has encouraged students
by underwriting the cost of their scholarship.*

Plant For Tomorrow with PJ Library

Every plant has an angel looking over it and telling it: “Grow!” Genesis Rabbah 10:6

Isn’t it amazing how quickly children grow?

Just like our children and grandchildren, PJ Library Ulster is also rapidly growing.

We have over 151 Ulster County children currently enrolled. New families are relocating here from New York City and elsewhere every day. With this growth. in mind, we have chosen **Plant For Tomorrow** as this year’s theme for PJ Library Ulster.

In January’s mailing, PJ Library sent families a microgreen growing kit that included a packet of arugula seeds, planting instructions, and a mini-book inspired by the Talmudic tale of Honi the Circle Maker. *The Carob Tree - A Jewish Folktale* retold by Naomi Shulman & Danny Paller, with Illustrations by Sabina Hahn, arrived in time for Tu B’Shevat and promoted the Jewish value of *shmirat hateva*, preserving nature.

PJ Library Coordinator Desirée O’Clair is planning socially distanced outdoor events for families with *shmirat hateva* in mind. Look for our PJ Library popup events at your local Farmers’ Markets this summer. We will be planting havdalah gardens, enjoying Parking Lot Pajama Parties, picking apples, and working with local beekeepers to learn about honey in preparation for Rosh Hashannah.

Just like tomato plants that look small when they first go into the ground, PJ Library will need lots of support as we grow during this summer. You can pound your stake into our PJ Library garden by making a financial donation to PJ Library Ulster. Together, we will build a strong community based on Jewish values in which our children can set roots, grow, climb high, and bloom.

To learn more about PJ Library, please contact Desirée at PJLibrary@ucjf.org.

Message from Rabbi Jonathan Kligler

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It appears that almost all of us will, for the second year in row, be forced to celebrate Passover from a distance. For the second year in a row, I will not be able to gather with my extended family on the first night, nor gather with the Woodstock Jewish Congregation for our community seder on the second night. This pandemic is getting old, to say the least!

The only silver lining in this seemingly endless cloud is that those who are blessed with the technological means are able to gather online from literally anywhere on the planet. Last year at our synagogue's Zoom-based community seder we had in the vicinity of 700 people participating, and it was a very moving experience, despite the online format's obvious built-in limitations. Over the course of this year, we have welcomed participants from Israel, New Zealand, Japan, Canada, Scotland, Spain, and all over the United States. It has been and continues to be an extraordinary and powerful time in this regard. I invite anyone who is looking for a seder to join us – all the information you will need can be found at our website, www.wjcsul.com.

Here is my prayer for all of us this Pesach: May we and all of humanity be liberated from the plague of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have faithfully remained in our homes and hoped and prayed that the Angel of Death would pass over us and our loved ones. May those who have lost loved ones be comforted in their grief, and may we be spared further loss and death. May we all receive the vaccine soon, bimheirah b'yameinu. May we soon discern the brightening of the sky after this long night of fear and confinement. May we then walk out into the sunlight and share long-awaited embraces. And may we say at the end of our seder this year: "Next year in person!"

Wishing you joyous and liberating Pesach,

Rabbi Jonathan Kligler

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Message from Rabbi Yael Romer, DD

Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley
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Many of my congregants at CEHV have heard stories about my family of origin. I am one of eleven siblings. If ever you wanted to learn about the Romer household, all you would need to do is experience my family during a Passover Seder.

For days prior to Leil ha-Seder my sisters and I grated, peeled, prepared, and cooked with my mother in the family kitchen. It was a time of catching up, music and dancing, soul conversations, anticipation of the Chag and excitement that the whole *mishpacha* was going to be together; there was so much laughter, so much love, and so much cooking.

While my family of origin was just thirteen strong including our parents, our Seder tables expanded exponentially to accommodate extended family, friends, and quite frankly anyone who needed a place to celebrate Pesach. Each year the numbers grew; we were thirty, then forty, fifty and more as we gathered for Seder in our family home. My father led the Seder and we were all involved. The Seder was filled with song, tradition, reciting the Haggadah, posing new questions, wonderful animated discussions until long after midnight into the early hours of the morning there was engagement, joy, love and did I say...oh so much food.

Today it is my husband Michael who prepares the bulk of our Seder meal. I do help a little, traditionally I make the vegan mock chicken matzah ball soup. But it is Michael who is the true maven in the kitchen. Michael and I are lightweights compared to my parents, we have only five children and their respective partners, and so far only one grandchild. But we too like my parents open our home and our Seder to friends, family and those who don't have a Seder of their own. We usually top off around thirty souls to share the evening. We too have continued a tradition of song, the recitation of the Haggadah, questions, discussions, engagement, joy and love. As the rabbi of the family it has traditionally fallen to me to lead Seder although each year our children take on more of the role of leading and Michael and I are able to sit back, participate and *shep nachat*. No one leaves the table hungry and Michael's cooking is a culinary extravaganza.

Some things stay the same and some things need to change. This year our family like most of yours will be hosting a virtual Seder to both fulfill the mitzvah while being protective of one another's health and the responsibility to not be part of the spread of COVID. This is incredibly challenging but also an opportunity.

Congregation Emanuel will be matching households who are able to open their virtual Seder to an individual or a family who may not have a Seder to attend. As a congregation we are committed to community. As a congregation we want everyone be included and we want to provide the opportunities for those who can virtually host- to have the privilege of including another at their virtual table.

But as spring unfolds, we all do want to be together. Unable to do an in-person community second night Seder, CEHV has chosen instead to program a **Passover Hike & Study Walk on the Hudson River Rail Trail** that begins at the Brickyard and continues along the river. By doing so, we will have the opportunity to be together (albeit masked and socially distanced) outdoors. Celebrating Spring, community, or connections and study, we will dedicate our Passover hike to the engagement of Passover and Haggadic text study. Details for our Passover hike can be found on our website cehv.org.

You are invited, encouraged, and welcomed to participate with our congregation, celebrate the holiday as a community and be part of the vibrancy that is Congregation Emanuel.

Blessings for a meaningful Passover,
Rabbi Yael

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Message from Rabbi Bill Strongin

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A HALLELUYAH FOR PESACH

A FREELY ALTERED VERSION OF LEONARD COHEN'S CLASSIC PRAISE-LAMENT

Well, I've heard there was a sacred chord
That David played and it pleased the Lord,
But you don't really care for music, do ya?

Well, it goes like this: the fourth, the fifth,
The minor fall and the major lift,
The baffled king composing Halleluyah.

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah.

He looks around at his palace rich
With treasures and tokens the like of which
Were never seen before in all of Judah.

Contrasts it with the state of slaves,
Who see no coming of he who saves,
And who can even whisper Halleluyah?

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah.

But salvation comes in its good time,
And picks up the folk from pits of slime
To put them on a pathway, so to meet ya.

Destruction flows to get them through,
Is freedom really with death imbued?
Well, that inspires an ugly Halleluyah.

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah.

Well, I've heard there is a sacred land
Beyond the thirst, beyond the sand,
But you don't really buy all this now, do ya?

Yet forty years of wandering
In the wilderness will make you sing
A parched attempt at hopeful Halleluyah.

Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah, Halleluyah.





“THE ISRAEL ADVOCATE”

by Nat Borsky, IAC Chairman



Israel is constantly being accused of atrocities, apartheid, is singled out by the UN and the International Court, has to deal with BDS lies in her daily struggle in the marketplace and on university campuses. So, if you, your child or grandchild are ever confronted by these lies, especially on high school and college campuses, please quote Yousef Haddad, an Israeli Arab.

Israeli Arab Yoseph Haddad writes op-ed in Israel Hayom slamming anti-Israel NGO that “has already broken the record for hypocrisy.” - Article by: Yakir Benzion, United With Israel

Yoseph Haddad is a proud Christian Arab citizen of Israel who is normally a happy guy and full of life, but last week his mood changed to anger when he woke up to find out that he had suddenly become a second-class citizen.

B’Tselem, a so-called “rights” organization that admits most of its funding comes from European governments, issued a proclamation that everything between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea was now an “apartheid state.”

“When B’Tselem director Hagai El-Ad, who is Jewish, decides that I, my Arab family, and my Arab friends are all living under an apartheid regime, he and his organizations are basically telling us they see us as second-class citizens,” Haddad wrote Sunday in an op-ed in the Israel Hayom newspaper.

“Last week, I woke up one morning in my Nazareth home and was astonished to discover I was living under a racist apartheid regime whose only purpose is ‘the promotion and perpetuation of the superiority of one group of people – the Jews.’ I rubbed my eyes, read the story in greater depth, and calmed down as soon as I realized the reports were based on yet another report by the left-wing NGO B’Tselem,” Haddad said.

“The problem is that this report has spread like wildfire around the world, and the propaganda is working. B’Tselem, which presents itself as a human-rights organization, is in fact known as an organization with a clear political stance that is in contrast to Israel’s position,” Haddad said.

“How dare they say that I, an Arab Israeli who served along with Jewish soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces and managed hundreds of Jewish employees, live under an apartheid regime?” he asked. “How can anyone say our society is living under an apartheid regime when among us you will find doctors, judges, and even lawmakers,” adding that the head of the largest bank in Israel is an Arab, Samer Haj-Yehia.

Haddad, 35, turned into a social activist after being severely wounded while serving as an IDF combat officer in the 2006 Lebanon war. He founded a non-profit organization called “Together Vouch For Each Other” for Israeli-Arabs, which works to bring the Arab sector closer to Israeli society and encourages the involvement of young Israeli Arabs in their country.

“B’Tselem has already broken the record for hypocrisy, but to compare Israel to an apartheid regime ... is not only a distorted lie but an insult to all those South Africans who actually lived through apartheid. It is contempt for and cynical exploitation of the concept,” Haddad said.

“I am not here to claim that everything in Israel is perfect. Some things need to be fixed, and how. But show me a country where everything is perfect. I look around at our neighbors in the region and thank god I was born in the State of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East,” he said.

“True, the Arab minority in Israel faces challenges, just as other national minorities do in other countries. Yet while minorities of all kinds across the Middle East – Shia Muslims, Sunni Muslims, Yazidi, Kurds, and of course the Christians – are persecuted, the State of Israel is the only country that grants minorities equal rights and the ability to influence their future,” he noted.

“B’Tselem, don’t push your agendas at our expense,” he said.

“To my delight, Israel will likely be the first country to exit the corona crisis, and in a few months, people from around the world may be able to come here and see what apartheid looks like in Israel for themselves. Then they will be able to hear Hebrew and Arabic spoken in the Nazareth marketplace, they will see mosques, churches, and synagogues alongside one another in Jaffa, and see the coexistence of the Israeli mosaic across the country.

“And maybe, just maybe, their visit here will make them want to live under an apartheid regime,” he quipped.





The Chabad House

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Community Seders

We will G-D willing be hosting Seder's outside in a tent. Every person or family will be seated at their own table at least 6 feet apart from other groups.

Masks will be required.

The first Seder will be abridged 8-9:30 pm on **Saturday March 27th**

The second seder will be more in-depth on **Sunday March 28th** from 8pm until approximately midnight. There will be an R.S.V.P form posted at Jewpaltz.com.

If anyone needs help arranging for seder materials – matza, maror, wine, charoset etc. please email us. We would love to help.

Minyan

We've really taken our daily minyan up a notch. We currently have Maariv at least Tuesday & Wednesday 7:30pm. During Passover we will try to expand this to Shacharit, Mincha, & Maariv for members of the community to say Kaddish for loved ones.

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Happenings at the Jewish Student Center

This semester at Chabad has been thank G-D very active. We have both in-person and online events. In-person we have weekly Shabbat dinners, and social events during the week. We had events for Tu B'Shvat and of course Purim. While things look different with all of the Covid precautions we are taking we are glad to be able to be there at this time of extreme emotional and mental stress for this vulnerable population.

We also have weekly zoom meetings for students living at home, so, they can continue to feel a part of the student community and less isolated at this challenging time. For Passover the zoom events will be Afikomen bag decorating, seder plate making, and Haggadah insights. We will be hosting In-Person Seders for students in New Paltz both nights, and daily meals all eight days, for students who wish to keep Kosher for Passover while on campus. (obviously with all the necessary COVID-19 precautions)

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Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley continues to follow CDC recommendations in regard to COVID-19 precautions to ensure the health and safety of our community. At the time of this submission, most events are currently being held online. For any events we are able to hold in person and outdoors, all participants are required to wear a mask and maintain social distance of no less than 10ft between households. For more information on the following list of events or to learn more about Meditation, Parashat Shuvah, Kabbalah, or for Private Conversion Tutorials or Adult B'nai Mitzvah by arrangement, please call our main office at 845-338-4271 x 101, and as conditions change, and events are subject to change, please contact us, or check our website - cehv.org for updates to and possible changes to location for events.

Unless otherwise noted,
all services are held virtually via LiveStream
on our website at www.cehv.org/livestream/

Kabbalat Shabbat Services:

First Friday of each month, **Family Kabbalat Shabbat** service begins at **6 p.m.** On **April 2**, **Yizkor Service** begins at **5:30pm** followed by **Early Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service** at **6pm.** **May 7**, **Tot Shabbat** service will begin at **5:30pm**, and lead **Early Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service** at **6pm.** On **June 4**, **July 2**, **August 6**, and **September 3**, early family service begins at **6pm.**

All other Fridays of the month, **Kabbalat Shabbat Services begin at 7:30 p.m.** On **April 9, 16, 23, 30**, and **May 14, 21, 28**, and **June 11, 18, 25**, and **July 9, 16, 23, 30**, and **August 13, 20, 27**, services begin at 7:30pm.

Morning Minyan: weekly on Saturday mornings, **service begins at 10 a.m.**, with communal prayer, meditation and Torah study. **April 3, 10, 17, 24**, and **May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**, and **June 5, 12, 19, 26**, no Saturday morning services for **July or August**, morning services will resume in **September.**

Tot Shabbat: held once a month, before Friday or Saturday services. Introduce your tot to Shabbat through interactive music with Rabbi Yael Romer and her guitar. Upcoming Tot Shabbats are scheduled for: **Saturday, April 10 at 9am** followed by morning service. **Friday April 7 at 5:30pm**, before early family shabbat service. Subsequent Tot Shabbat services to be scheduled. Email Rabbi Yael's assistant Jessica at cehvra@gmail.com to be added to the list for Tot Shabbat schedule, reminders and announcements.

All following classes are held via Zoom. If you are not already on our weekly email list, please call or email us for the class links and passwords.

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Rhinebeck Meditation & Torah Study: Meets 8:45 a.m. on Tuesdays, followed at 9:15 a.m. by Torah study. Led by Rabbi Yael Romer, join your fellow seekers to receive the day's blessings and explore Jewish traditions with a progressive, egalitarian approach. Upcoming dates scheduled for April 6, 13, 20. May 4, 11, 18. June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. July 6, 13, 20, 27. August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

Religious School - Due to the extraordinary circumstances of this academic year, CEHV's board made the difficult decision to put our prestigious Religious School on hiatus for the academic year. To maintain connection and learning opportunities for our students Rabbi Romer is teaching two new Hebrew classes for students, Beginning Hebrew and Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew, both via zoom. Our community is also working to bring together some safe out-of-doors educational activities for our children and young families in the spring. We look forward to renewing our full year-round, innovative Religious School programming for ages pre-K through Grade 10 next fall.

Virtual Hebrew courses for Religious School students for the 2020/2021 school year - Beginning Hebrew on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00pm, scheduled for April 6, 13, 20. May 4, 11, 18. June 1, 8, and last day is June 15. **Intermediate/Advanced Hebrew** on Thursdays from 4:00-5:00pm scheduled for April 1, 8, 15, 22. May 6, 13, 20. June 3, and last day is June 10.

Ongoing Adult Education with the Rabbi - 2 weekly classes on Wednesdays with Hebrew Trope and Conversational Hebrew, also private tutoring and adult b'nai mitzvahs available.

Hebrew Trope - Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. New comers welcome, learn or improve Torah chanting skills! April 7, 14, 21. May 5, 12, 19. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. July 7, 14, 21, 28. August 4, 11, 18, 25.

Conversational Hebrew (Beginner and Intermediate) Wednesdays at 4 p.m. This dedicated and entertaining group meets weekly to learn and practice the fundamentals of conversational Hebrew, new comers are always welcome! Conversational modern Hebrew presented through the textbook curriculum created by professors of Hebrew at Brandeis University. April 7, 14, 21. May 5, 12, 19. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. July 7, 14, 21, 28. August 4, 11, 18, 25.

Holidays, special events, and activities

Passover March 27 and March 28 – This year, honoring our tradition of including all who want to be part of a seder, CEHV members and families will be opening their virtual seder tables to include members of the community looking to join a seder on the **1st Night of Passover, Saturday March 27.** Then, on **Sunday, March 28,** join Rabbi Yael on a meditative afternoon walk along the downtown Kingston Rail Trail. Time and more details to be announced.



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Yom HaShoah-Holocaust Remembrance, Saturday April 10 at 7:30pm, a very special presentation of interviews with prayers and song. As part of a long-term commitment to Yom HaShoah observance, over the course of the next few years, CEHV will study victims of the Holocaust who were not just Jewish, but also lesbian, gay, disabled, Roma and Catholic. Cara Levine-Brenner and Farrell Brenner, Spector-Warren Fellows at the Houston Holocaust museum, produced original scholarship in the field of Holocaust and Genocide studies. Farrell has done extensive research in Poland, Israel, and the United States, on the testimonies and narratives of the couriers of the Jewish resistance movements in Nazi-occupied Eastern Europe. The couriers were women and girls who passed as Aryan and Polish in order to smuggle weapons, communications, supplies, and even people in and out of the ghettos. Their dangerous work and vast contribution to Jewish survival has gone largely unrecognized. Their stories paint a picture of shifting ideas of race and “fantasies of identification” that demand to be understood within our contemporary framework. Biographies of the people interviewed by Farrell will be provided.

Yom HaAzumat Picnic – Saturday May 15, noon to 2pm more details to come

Shavuot – Sunday May 16 – May 17, Tikun Leil Shavuot Sunday evening study, from **10:30pm to 12:01am**. Monday morning sunrise service, details to come

Confirmation Service – Sunday, May 16, 10am, celebrate with our Confirmands and their families in this special annual service honoring our students as they affirm their continued commitment to Torah, prayer, and acts of loving kindness.

Monthly Brotherhood Meetings – held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm (currently via Zoom), new members welcome. Brotherhood hosts annual and special events throughout the year. New members are welcome and encouraged to join. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10.

Monthly Sisterhood Meetings – held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm, (currently via Zoom), new members welcome. Sisterhood hosts monthly activities and special events throughout the year, new members are welcome and encouraged to join. Next meeting is planned for **April 11**.

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Shabbat - Friday night services - **6PM**

Pesach - Second Night Community Seder,
Sunday, March 28 - 6PM
Details TBD

Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Memorial Service,
Thursday, April 8 - 7PM

Yom Haatzama'ut - Israel Independence Day -
Thursday, April 15
Details TBD

Lag BaOmer - **Thursday, April 29**
Details TBD

Shavuot - Tikkun Study & Service
Sunday, May 16 - 7PM

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Shabbat Services are on Zoom up until further notice the second Saturday of each month. Go to Kerhonksonsynagogue.org for times and registration for a Zoom each month.

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Saturday, August 7, Morning Service

Sunday, August 8 from 1- 4pm

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All programs are on zoom. Please go to the website to find up to date information

Woodstock Jewish Congregation holds Shabbat Services every Friday night at 7:30pm and Saturday morning at 10:00am. All are welcome.

Access to all the services and programs offered can be found on our website www.wjcshul.org.


Sunday, March 28, 5:00pm-7:30pm – WJC Online Seder

– All are invited to join us for the 2nd annual (and hopefully final) WJC Online Community Seder. Rabbi Jonathan has created a deeply meaningful and moving Haggadah that we will be sharing and dozens of volunteer readers will participate.

Sunday, May 16, 7:00pm-9:00pm - Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Torah Study to Celebrate Shavuot – We welcome the Festival of Shavuot this evening with powerful Torah teachings.

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The Reher Center by Director Dr. Sarah Litvin


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On **Sunday, March 14th** the Reher Center was abuzz as in olden days with customers from diverse communities dropping by to pick up rolls as the AOH Fife and Drum Band played. The rolls were donated by local bakeries including Adam's Fairacre Farms, Boice Bros. Dairy, Bread by Ellen, Cake Box Bakery, Cohen's Bakery Ellenville, Graziano's Downtown Cafe, Half Moon Rondout Cafe, Meredith's Breads (Gluten free options,) and The Bakery New Paltz. The event was a fundraiser for the Reher Center and People's Place. In the afternoon, bakers put on a program for registrants via zoom to reminisce and help the Reher Center move forward in its plans to recreate Reher's lost rolls recipe.

The Reher Center has mounted interpretive signage to its wall along Spring Street that documents the neighborhood's multicultural and immigrant history. These are the first panels in the Rondout to document the area's Jewish history as well as the area's history as home to the Lenape people for over 10,000 years, our history of enslavement, and our contemporary immigration history. Panels were written collaboratively by Reher Center Director Dr. Sarah Litvin with input from many local historians and community advisors.


Saturday, June 5th the Reher Center's newest exhibition will open in the courtyard: **Stitched Together**. It will present the **stories of nine girls and women who worked at F. Jacobson and Sons Shirt Factory in 1918** using fabric art and projections that document the research behind these stories. This is the result of a year-long collaboration between the Reher Center, local seamstress Maria Cabrera, the Ulster County Archives, and classes at Kingston Catholic School, Rhinebeck High, and Ulster BOCES.

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Example: Summer Camp Program for children ages 4 -11 donated by donor.

The scholarship committee will review the applications and notify you of the scholarship recipient. Payment is due upon selection of a candidate.

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On behalf of the board of UCJF and myself, I would like to express my gratitude to Bernie King Smith for graciously joining me as co-president a year ago, when I decided to reduce the time I was spending on my volunteer activities to devote more time and energy to my newly expanding family with the arrival of my grandson, my first grandchild.

More recently, when I learned that my family would soon be expanding again, I decided that it really **was** finally time for me to completely retire from the presidency. Bernie, again, made that possible for me by generously volunteering to step up as sole interim president.

Stepping up at a time when UCJF did not have a director in place, Bernie amply filled the void. His well organized zoom meetings were run beautifully, and though he, too, eventually decided that due to family and other outside commitments his term would need to be limited, he was able to provide a smooth transition as we carried out our search for a new president and executive director.



Bernie, I appreciate all the energy you put into your commitment to the Federation and the entire Jewish community.

May you go from strength to strength!

Harriet Miller

RECIPES FOR PASSOVER

Submitted by Amy Barash

BAKED ARTICHOKE WITH MATZO FARFEL

Makes 8 servings

Ingredients

4 artichokes
2 cups matzo farfel
2 tbl. olive oil
Zest & juice of 2 lemons
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. kosher salt
pepper to taste
1 cup gruyere cheese, grated



Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Prepare artichokes by removing the outer leaves and cutting off the top inch. If any leaves still have pointy tops on them, cut those off with scissors. Cut artichokes in half lengthwise and use a spoon to remove the spiky choke in the center. Rub cut surfaces with lemon juice to prevent browning.

Place artichoke halves in a baking dish just large enough to hold them. (Use 2 dishes if you don't have one big enough for all 8 halves.)

In a bowl, combine matzo farfel, olive oil, lemon zest, minced garlic, and salt. Toss to combine so the farfel is coated with the oil.

Divide the farfel mixture among the artichoke halves, packing it into the cavities. Top with grated cheese and freshly ground pepper. Drizzle with additional olive oil. Add the lemon juice to the bottom of the baking dish. If it doesn't cover the bottom of the dish, add water until the liquid measures a half inch.

Cover the baking dish tightly with foil and bake in oven for 1 hour or until artichokes are tender and stuffing is golden brown.

Serve warm.

STRAWBERRY RHUBARB COMPOTE WITH MATZO STREUSEL TOPPING

Makes 8 servings

Ingredients

For compote
1 1/4 cup sugar
3 tbl. potato starch
2 pounds strawberries, trimmed & halved (6 cups)
1 1/2 pounds rhubarb stalks,
cut crosswise into 1/2 inch slices (4 cups)
2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
1 tsp. grated lemon zest

For streusel topping

1 1/4 cups matzo cake meal
2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup potato starch
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. salt
1 1/4 sticks unsalted butter or margarine, cut into pieces & softened

Instructions

Put oven rack in middle position and preheat to 425 degrees.

Stir together sugar and potato starch, gently toss with strawberries, rhubarb, lemon juice, and zest.

Transfer mixture to an ungreased shallow 3 quart (13x9x2) baking dish.

Whisk together matzo cake meal, brown sugar, potato starch, cinnamon, and salt in a bowl. Blend in butter with your fingertips until mixture forms small clumps. Crumble streusel evenly over top of compote and bake until fruit is bubbling and topping is golden, 40-45 minutes. Cool to warm on a rack before serving.

*I think whipped cream or vanilla ice cream
would go very well with this!*

Yom HaShoah Commemorative Service

7 pm | Thursday, April 8

Registration details coming soon

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Date: Tuesday April 13th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

No Charge for the event. Registration is required prior to joining the event.

Topic: "Reclaiming a Lost Piece of Israeli History: Dr. Israel Jacob Kligler and the Eradication of Malaria in British Mandate Palestine".

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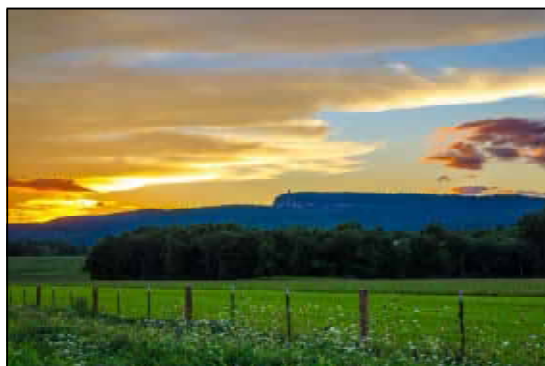


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