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FROM THE BIMAH

Rabbi Yael Romer

Shandah

THE YEAR WAS 1944. HERE IN Kingston Harold Englander, rabbi of Congregation Ahavath Israel wrote to the Board of Ed that children whose families attended his Synagogue who were being taught the Christmas story of Joseph and Mary in public school. Rabbi Englander expressed his concern that the spirit of public education in America was being violated by this express religious instruction.

The Board of Ed appointed a non-sectarian committee to study his concern. Yet, Ahavath Israel disavowed themselves of Rabbi Englander's comments telling the Board of Ed that Rabbi Englander did not speak for their synagogue. Rabbi Englander resigned his position.

IMAGINE THAT: THE JEWISH COMMUNITY took a stand. Not **with** Rabbi Englander in expressing their concern to the Board of Ed or to the community. They took a stand

distancing themselves from Rabbi Englander.

“Today, in the United States of America, does religion have a place in the public schools?”

IT HAS BEEN 50 YEARS SINCE THE SUPREME Court ruled that sponsored prayer in public school violated separation of Church and State. Yet there are still brazen violations of that law.

One such school in Jefferson, South Carolina, sponsored a Prayer Rally during an assembly with testimonials of “finding Christ” integrated into a Christian rock concert. Any student who asked to be excused was relegated to detention. The school boasted on YouTube that 324 middle school students “made the decision for Christ” during this school-sponsored event.

What does this have to do with us? Should we promote a “live and let live” policy? Is it
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Times they aren't a'changin'...

This month's musical highlights include Cantor Cohen's Jews in Rock, soon to be a hefty tome, and Paul Cooper's lovely hymn from his opera. Simply paste the web address into your browser and the mp3 should play immediately. (If it doesn't work, let us know. We'd love to do more of this sort in the upcoming issues.) The Cantor also unearthed the story of the head-in-the-sand-don't-rock-the-boat Jewish community in Kingston during WW2. It reminded me of my mother's great disappointment in FDR for not opening the doors of immigration for the Jews during the war—for which she blamed the American Jewish establishment. (And my mother was a big fan of FDR. She toured Fort Monmouth with Eleanor one afternoon.) I've added Marvin Kalb's biting essay on The New York Times' complicity to the Rabbi's take on those times.

JG

CANTOR BANTER**Bob Cohen****Jews Rock**

OUR CHALLENGING editor has been challenging me to continue writing about Jews and Rock & Roll.

What I remember was that in my high school days I couldn't stand it when a Jewish friend insisted on playing "Annie Had a Baby (Can't Work No More)" on the record player. I got very very upset – this was not "The People's Music!" said I. Pete Seeger or nothing! Well maybe, Burl Ives, Josh White, The Weavers, Odetta – but certainly not R&R. Almost as sacreligious as Tin Pan Alley where they wrote songs just for (God forbid) money!

R&R did take its revenge on me. I had helped to form a folk group called "The New World Singers" and we made one record for Atlantic whose son-of-a-Turkish-Ambassador, producer Ahmet Ertegun had brought Aretha Franklin and Ray Charles to the listening public. At any rate, there we were with our Atlantic record, and who should come to these shores but– da Beatles! That was

the end of us, and many others both in the folk and in the Tin Pan Alley fields of endeavor. Am I bitter? Well, some years later Joan Baez's manager, Manny Greenfield, told us that he considered The New World Singer the new Weavers – but weavers, shmeavers, no one was interested in folk groups any more.

"No Sleep Till Brooklyn"

SO LET ME JUMP INTO THE PRESENT and happily announce that the Beastie Boys have been inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame. The Beasties are Mike D. (Michael Diamond), MCA (Adam Yauch), and Ad-Rock (Adam Horowitz),



and they join the Hall of Fame class of 2012 that includes the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Guns 'N Roses. The Beastie Boys, according to the Jewish Telegraph Agency, are "creators of hits such as 'Fight for Your Right (To Party),' 'No Sleep 'Til Brooklyn,' and 'Sabotage,' and they have released 12 albums that have sold more than 40 million. The ceremony, in

case you want to attend and support the Beasties – will be held in April at the Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

So, though I have to admit, I have never consciously heard the BB's, it would be interesting to poke around and find any Jewish themes in their words and/or their music.

AN EMAIL TO RADIO STATION WNYC remembers an Orthodox rock band called Ruach Revival who “were instrumental in crossing religious and secular lines in America in the 1970s. The production on their first record is psychedelia as applied to religious material.”

Another writes that an R&B doo-wop group, the Ravens, did a version of “Mazel” in the 1950s! Oy vey!

Back in December, 2011, I read an article in the NYTimes, “The Age of Def Jam” by Baz Dresinger. He mentions that the Beastie Boys

were the opening act for Madonna on her 1985 tour. The article goes on to describe this “fledgling label” whose pioneering exec is none other than Lyor Cohen. Def Jam is known as “the Motown of hip-hop”. This article reviews a new book “Def Jam Recordings: The First 25 Years of the Last Great Record Label”. And then comes this paragraph that for me says it all:

“...It's the ultimate American-dream story of a hybrid art born the archetypal American way: from cultural crossbreeding and a seemingly unlikely interracial pairing – the rock fan and college student Rick Rubin, the rap and R&B maven Russell Simmons –that's in fact perfectly aligned with musical history. From Al Jolson to George Gershwin, after all, much of American music has been the fruit of complex exchanges between African-Americans and Jews.”

AS FOR ME, I AM GOING TO LISTEN to some Beastie Boys, and have some Def Jam on toast with Lyor Cohen! Shalom!

A Musical Treat from Paul Cooper

“My composer (Vic Caruso) and I were asked to arrange the hymn in our Turkey Prince opera (our most recent production at Temple Emanuel) for *Angelica*, an *a capella* all-women's choir. A few days ago, we had the pleasure of hearing it performed by that 11-voice choir.”

You can hear Angelica's performance and read the lyrics on the Temple's website:

www.templemanuelkingston.org/Bulletin/LetPeaceFallLikeRainmusic.mp3
www.templemanuelkingston.org/Bulletin/LetPeaceFallLikeRainLyrics.mht

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our responsibility to guard the separation of church and state? What does this mean for America? What does this mean for our children?

MANY OF US HAVE STRONG OPINIONS about regions in the world where human rights are trampled, and about the status of woman in Africa and Iran. Several months ago I wove into my Friday night sermon the story of a teenage girl in Afghanistan who so desperately wanted an education she walked miles each day to the only school that would accept females. One morning on her trek, a man on a motorcycle decided to take Shariah law into his own hands and punish this girl for seeking education. He doused her with kerosene, blinding and severely disfiguring her. I told you the story of a woman in Pakistan who was jailed for being raped. After three years of fighting for her freedom, a Pakistani court agreed to release her from prison with the condition that she marry her rapist.

Would you call these places uncivilized?

Yet, what does it mean for us when a seven year old modern orthodox girl, was harassed, spat upon, called a whore by another Jew as she walked to school one morning last month. An ultra-orthodox man decided that she was not dressed modestly enough for his interpretation of Jewish law. What does it mean to us that a haredi man in Beit Shemesh is shown on national news spitting on a Jewish woman? What is it that these ultra-orthodox Jews in Beit Shemesh want? They want women to walk on segregated sidewalks, abide by their code of modesty, sit in the back of the bus.

One minister in the Israeli Cabinet, Limor Livnat, suggested that Israelis needed to “live and let live.” A second minister, Nitzan Horowitz, responded that it is

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intolerable to give a pass to this dangerous precedent. Tolerating it erodes the essence and foundation of a democratic, egalitarian society that is at the core of Israeli society. Any leniency on these fundamental rights will inevitably lead to further erosion of women’s rights in the society.

IN THE WAKE OF THIS, SHIMON PERES addressed the entire nation charging every citizen to step up and speak out to defend the nature of the State of Israel. “We will not give them the right to threaten a little girl. We will not give them the right to segregate women on buses, sidewalks or in the public domain.” Today Israel has 24 female members of Knesset, the largest percentage to ever serve there. Yet there is a growing demand from radical religious elements to exclude women from the public sphere. The very essence of Israel is being threatened.

Beit Shemesh. Jefferson, South Carolina. The Hudson Valley. What can we do?

My letter to you is a call to action. Let us begin by taking three simple, powerful steps:

First, I am asking every member of Temple Emanuel, to join ARZA, the American Reform Zionist Association

(www.arza.com). Arza's mission is to build, support and further an inclusive democratic society in Israel. My family and I are members of Arza. Perhaps at some juncture in the future, we will have an opt-in section on our yearly membership dues statement where a member could select to extend a \$36 commitment to ARZA that would further our commitment to the Israel we dream of. I urge every member of Temple Emanuel to take a stand by joining ARZA today.

Second, it is incumbent upon us to unequivocally make our Temple a priority in our lives. Of course Temple is about finding comfort, enjoyment, spirituality and community; of course Temple is the place to learn and educate our children; of course Temple is where you celebrate life's simchas and are supported during life's challenges. But Temple Emanuel is also the place where the values you hold dear are taught, lived, and embodied. Values we hope will be cherished and available for our children and our grandchildren.

AND FINALLY, IT IS TIME TO SPEAK out. We cannot condone behaviors that erode these very fundamentals values. "Live and let live" is not the response we need. In Kingston today, it is time for us to support, sustain and prioritize the place that furthers our ideals, our beliefs and the fundamentals of a just and open Judaism and a just and open society.

Ed. Note: Given the tenor of those times, Ahavath Israel was not out of step with prevailing Jewish attitudes. What follows is from Marvin Kalb's lecture at the US Holocaust Museum in 1996 on the complicity of even The New York Times...

"Sulzberger, as high brow among American Jews as Bernard Baruch or Walter Lippmann, was an ultra-assimilationist, a civilized man who simply wanted to avoid being categorized as a Jew...

In *The Times*, the murder of millions of Jews was treated as minor-league stuff, kept at a proper distance from the authentic news of the time. For example, on July 2, 1944, *The Times* published what it called "authoritative information" to the effect that 400,000 Hungarian Jews had been deported to their deaths, and another 350,000 were earmarked for similar action. This news was published as four inches of copy on page 12. *The Times* was making a statement with editorial judgments of this sort, and other editors, other reporters, other news organizations, all took their cues from *The Times*. Everyone knew that its foreign coverage set the standard. A perception then spread that if the Jewish-owned *Times* covered the Holocaust in this skimpy manner, then so could they, with impunity. *The Times's* foreign editor during the war was Ted Bernstein, described by a colleague as "a brilliant Jew running away from his roots."

Was it then any surprise that Jewish news, other than the Holocaust, was also shortchanged in *The Times*; that bylines, such as A.H. Raskin and A.M. Rosenthal appeared, rather than Abraham Raskin and Abraham Rosenthal? Cyrus Sulzberger, a columnist covering the war, used his clout as a member of the family to discourage the hiring of too many Jewish reporters. Daniel Schorr said that he was told in the early 1950s that he would not be hired by *The Times*, because there were already too many Jews on the paper."

A Letter from the President **Ric Lewit**

Joys and Responsibilities

IN THE COURSE OF MY ADULT Jewish studies, one of my teachers was an Orthodox Rabbi named Steve Greenberg. In his teachings, Rabbi Greenberg told the story of his Bar Mitzvah day. As expected, he read Torah before his congregation and exited services proud of himself. Later that day, he was told to go to the community funeral home and spend the night. His first act as a Jewish adult would be to fulfill the mitzvah of watching over a corpse until the next day's funeral. Filled with awe and trepidation Steve walked down the hall to the chair outside the designated room. Steve spent a lonely night, frightened by the closeness of death, aware of his youth and ever mindful of his duties. Despite the unpleasantness of that night, Rabbi Greenberg now tells the story with humor, warmth and the understanding that comes with additional years.

Let me tell you another thing about Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg: He's gay. He maintains a 12-year committed relationship with

another Orthodox man. Together they are raising a daughter. Recently in Washington D.C., Rabbi Greenberg performed a commitment ceremony under a huppa for a same sex couple. As you can imagine, he invoked great controversy and placed himself at the center of it.

I wish Steve mazel tov as works to bring his understanding of Judaism to his community.

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As I reflect upon Rabbi Greenberg, I have come to understand his stories this way: Our lives as Jewish adults are filled with great joys and great responsibilities, but not all of those responsibilities are enjoyable at the moment.

I THINK RABBI GREENBERG agrees. “So why did I do it?” he wrote recently in The Jewish Daily Forward. “Because I am gay. Because I bear a unique responsibility that comes from a personal understanding of the conflict... Because I could never have imagined that any of this would be possible 35 years ago, when I was 20 years old.”

I relate Steve's story because as President of the Congregation, my goal is to strengthen and deepen our Jewish commitments and Jewish responsibilities for one another and to our greater community. Some of these commitments and responsibilities will feel traditional and familiar. Some will be accomplished in new and innovative ways. And some will move beyond your comfort zone. Always the goal will be to fulfill our responsibility as Jewish adults to carry forth the life of our people.

DRAW ANOTHER LESSON FROM
Rabbi Greenberg: Our responsibilities are rooted in Judaism, but, like Rabbi Greenberg's, the responses are ours - ours to shape and mold as we continue living our Jewish experience. Together we will create an experience for ourselves, our families, and for one another that is joyful, responsible and meaningful.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we continue forward.

To all our Tot Shabbat Families from the Simon/Rabe family

I love our Tot Shabbats and look forward to celebrating Shabbat with other parents of young children. I also enjoy the early community Shabbat dinners. **So here's the invitation to a sample Friday Night Tot Shabbat Potluck.** It's like matching peanut butter with jelly or bananas and mayonnaise (that's a Southern thing). This will be a trial. If it works, perhaps we can continue to organize evenings like this.

When: Friday, February 3, 5:30-7pm, Vegetarian Potluck and Play.

Where: Temple Emanuel Social Hall

Families can opt to stay for early service that begins at 7pm, and ends at 8pm.

Help: I'd like to organize some activities for the kids on top of the usual running around. If someone is ready to plan some shabbatesque songs/games/craft...please let me know and I'll be thrilled.

Thank you and we hope to see you then.
 Ilyse, Cameron, and Bashert

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Jenny Fox

A Stump of a Story

TU B'SHEVAT, "THE New Year for Trees," falls in the beginning of February and Temple Emanuel will be celebrating with our annual Tu B'Shevat seder in Rhinebeck on Friday, February 4th, at 5:30. We have moved this event a bit, so that families with children can join us for this wonderful, meaningful evening. The light seder of fruits will begin at 5:30 with schmoozing to follow of course.

I recently read a story about Tu B'Shevat about a Hebrew teacher who was always frustrated because his students were not interested in learning Hebrew. They would have rather been outside, playing with their friends. It came to be that on Tu B'Shevat one year he went for a walk in the countryside. Although it was clearly winter, he was deeply disappointed to see the trees still covered in thick coats of snow despite it being the New Year for Trees. But suddenly a strong wind blew and he could hear the melodic sounds of the naked branches swaying. Something transformed the scene

for him and he began to see things differently. He could see tender sprouts of little branches through the snow. Through the harshness of the cold, life was stirring. New, strong branches were marking time until they could fully emerge. He had never looked beyond the bark of the trees that lined the streets or thought of the life within their trunks. What he came to understand that day was that everyone had their own way of life, each one with their one proper living spirit. He became aware of "blossoms of a hopeful future". He realized that deep within his students lay seeds of knowledge

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and learning, that he only needed to "supply the warmth of loving understanding" to lure the sprouts out of their hiding, so that they would blossom. They, too, would become good Torah students someday."

OCCASIONALLY HEAR THE frustrations of teachers who try to find ways to inspire our students but are often met with blank stares. They wonder if they are getting through to them and

hope that the students are absorbing the information and building a strong connection to their Jewish education. This story reminded me that in every student, they will sprout and blossom when they are ready... if we do our job in providing the “warmth of loving understanding” along with the proper tools. The life, the spark, already exists in all children. Our job is to support them in the process.

Hope to see you all at the Tu B'Shevat seder on the 4th!

Other Voices

Sometimes our fate resembles a fruit tree in winter. Who would think that those branches would turn green again and blossom, but we hope it, we know it.

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Other upcoming Religious School news:

- No Religious School Sunday, February 19th (Presidents' weekend).
- Friday, February 24th – Kitah Aleph and Kitah Bet (Grades 1 and 2) Shabbat Class Presentation during evening Shabbat services
- Saturday, February 25th - Kitah Zayin and Kitah Chet (Grades 7 and 8) Required Family Education Session with the Rabbi beginning at 9:15. Families are asked to join us for Shabbat morning services immediately following at 10:00.

*A Special Invitation to you,
from Rabbi Yael Romer...*

You are invited to:
Lunch with the Rabbi, February 7th

A study & group discussion led by Rabbi Yael Romer, following a free hot lunch at noon.

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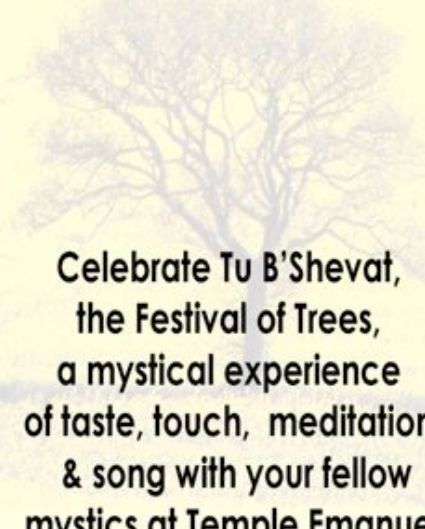
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on the birth of their son, Alexander
Hotaling

Condolences



To Kayla & Mark Feldman on the tragic
loss of Kayla's sister, Marsha Ablove
Lee

To Alexandra Magnaud on the loss of
her mother Roberta Magnaud

TU B'SHEVAT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
FROM 5:30PM TO 7:30PM
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In The Spirit

Services

Weekly **Kabbalat Shabbat** Services – Friday evenings at 7:30pm.

The first Friday of each month, services begin early at 7pm.

Three times a year on the first Friday of the month we begin with a potluck dairy dinner at 5:30 pm and services at 7 pm. Bring a main course, side dish, or dessert to share with others. Potluck dinner will be held on 5/4/12.

Musical Shabbat is held on the third Friday of each month at 7:30pm.

Shabbat Service with Zemer Choir participation on the fourth Friday of each month at 7:30pm.

Saturday Morning Services – Every Saturday after Labor Day through the end of June, at 10 am. Torah Study is integrated into the service. Special activities for children and teens.

Rhinebeck/Red Hook Services & Celebrations- select holidays throughout the year including Second Day of Rosh Hashannah, Sukkot, Tu B'Shevat and Lag B'Omer, (in Rhinebeck/Redhook).

All are welcome.

Rhinebeck Meditative Prayer And Torah Study

Held weekly on Thursday mornings, October through June, led by Rabbi Yael Romer.

Meditation/ Prayer beginning at 8:45 am followed at 9:15 am with **Weekly Torah Study**. Welcome your day with a

morning ritual that prepares you to receive the day's blessings with fullness, centering, & 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 and learn about what our Congregation has to offer. For directions, contact the main office.

Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat is celebrated monthly, on Saturday mornings from 9 – 9:30 am, followed by a Kids' Kiddush. This is an extraordinary way to connect your young child to Judaism and the Temple community. We look forward to singing, dancing, & storytelling with you!

Tot Shabbat this month on Feb. 11

Healing Prayers

During each service, we offer all who are present to join in a communal healing prayer. This prayer supports healing of body & soul – a lifelong journey for those in need of spiritual fortitude, as well as for individuals or loved ones challenged with illness. We welcome you to connect with Jewish ritual and our community in our quest for meaning & strength.

Adult Ed. with the Rabbi

Hebrew Trope Class Held most Wednesdays, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm, August through June.

Prayer Chevrotah Held from 11:15am to 12:15pm, most Wednesdays, through June. Peer learning of prayers with Rabbi Romer.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Course For information and to set up an appointment, call the Rabbi in her study, 845-338-4271, x 11.

Private Conversion Tutorials
Contact Rabbi Romer for more information.

Lunch with the Rabbi

Join Rabbi Romer and Guests, usually the first Tuesday of every month, from noon to 1:30, for food for the body and food for the soul. This is an opportunity to share a hot meal, warm adult community, and dialogue with Rabbi Romer and stimulating adult learning in each meeting.

Lay-Led Adult Education on Sunday

Beginning & Advanced Beginning Hebrew Held during the second session of Religious School. If you have never studied Hebrew before or have forgotten what you once knew, now is the time!

Our textbook includes familiar prayers, songs, and Biblical passages.

Beginning Hebrew Noon to 1:30pm, Sundays when Religious School is in session, taught by David Rosenthal.

Continuing Hebrew Held during the first session of Religious School, for those who can read but want to improve their understanding.

Prayerbook Study 11:40 – 12:15 am: The order of the prayers and their meaning will be presented, as well as approaching holidays, to gain a deeper understanding of their significance.



Join us February 11th

for our next Tot Shabbat! Our toddler service is celebrated monthly on Saturday mornings from 9:00-9:30am, followed by a healthy Kiddush. This is an extraordinary way to connect your young child to Judaism & your Temple community.

We look forward to singing, dancing & story telling with you!!!

Upcoming Tot Shabbat dates for 2012:
February 11,
March 24, April 28, May 12, June 9

Membership/Welcoming Committee

AT THE RECENT “SAVE OUR Synagogue” Planning meeting, we were surprised to hear the suggestion that the Temple establish a Welcoming Committee, as this committee has been in existence for a long time. But it also had us thinking we may not be doing enough to inform our Congregation of what we do.

The mission of the Membership/Welcoming Committee is to provide prospective members with information about joining our Temple, and provide all members with opportunities to create connections that build community.

The Membership/Welcoming Committee promotes Temple Emanuel to prospective members through multiple events. Our temple has a color brochure that covers Temple activities from nursery school through to adult education. We invite non-Jewish family members to participate in Temple activities. Members attend Friday Night services as well as special holiday events, to welcome members and newcomers alike.

We maintain listings of prospective members – people who have filled out contact information cards, or otherwise

indicated interest in joining. We follow up via telephone, informing prospects of new activities, and reminding them of the benefits of joining our Temple. New members become part of a yearlong cycle of activities including delivery of a welcoming package and a new Member Shabbat where they’re formally welcomed into our Temple.

ON THE HIGH HOLIDAYS, OUR work expands to greeting members before services.

We telephone our membership at least twice each year, informing folks directly about upcoming programs and other activities. We are responsible for the New Member Shabbat Service, the Friday night service when new members are highlighted, welcomed, and blessed.

Our latest efforts at community building include short write-ups and photos of new congregants. Look for these in our lobby and in the bulletin. Current members include Karen Leider (Chair), Barbara Cohen, Bob Brakman (Secretary), Sue Worthman, Sandi Albelli, Pat Cohen and Elizabeth Shapiro. We’re always looking for new committee members as well as new ideas to help enhance temple welcoming. Contact Karen Leider if you are interested in helping with one of our programs.



February 2012

Sh'vat/Adar 5772



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>8 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 11:15AM-12:15PM Prayer Chevrotah 12:30-1:30PM Hebrew Trope Bingo-doors open at 5PM 6:45-8:30PM Confirmation class	2 <i>9 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 8:45AM Rhinebeck study with Rabbi Romer 12:30PM Tone with Sloane Intermediate 7PM Zemer rehearsal	3 <i>10 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 5:30PM Young families vegetarian potluck meal & children's activities 7PM early Kabbalat Shabbat service	4 <i>11 Sh'vat</i> 10AM Morning minyan Parashat <i>Beshalach</i> 5:30-7:30PM Tu B'Sh'vat Seder in Rhinebeck
5 <i>12 Sh'vat</i> 9AM-1:30PM Religious School Lay-led Adult Education 12:00-1:30PM Beginning Hebrew	6 <i>13 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet	7 <i>14 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 10:30AM Tone with Sloane Beginner 12-1:30PM Lunch with the Rabbi 12:00PM Tone with Sloane Intermediate 7PM Membership Committee	8 <i>15 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 11:15AM-12:15PM Prayer Chevrotah 12:30-1:30PM Hebrew Trope Bingo-doors open at 5PM 6:45-8:30PM Confirmation class	9 <i>16 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 8:45AM Rhinebeck study with Rabbi Romer 7PM Zemer rehearsal 7PM Social Action Committee 7PM Finance Committee	10 <i>17 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 7:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:30PM Israeli dance	11 <i>18 Sh'vat</i> 9-9:30AM Tot Shabbat 10AM Morning minyan Parashat <i>Yitro</i> 10AM Zinn / Stillwell child blessing
12 <i>19 Sh'vat</i> 9AM-1:30PM Religious School Lay-led Adult Education 12:00-1:30PM Beginning Hebrew	13 <i>20 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet	14 <i>21 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 10:30AM Tone with Sloane Beginner 11:30AM Tone with Sloane Bonus Abs 12:00PM Tone with Sloane Intermediate	15 <i>22 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet Bingo-doors open at 5PM	16 <i>23 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 8:45AM Rhinebeck study with Rabbi Romer 12:30PM Tone with Sloane intermediate 7PM Temple Board Meeting 7PM Zemer rehearsal	17 <i>24 Sh'vat</i> 7:30PM Musical Kabbalat Shabbat	18 <i>25 Sh'vat</i> 10AM Morning minyan Parashat <i>Mishpatim</i>
19 <i>26 Sh'vat</i>	20 <i>27 Sh'vat</i> President's Day Gan Keshet closed 7PM Sisterhood meeting	21 <i>28 Sh'vat</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 10:30AM Tone with Sloane Beginner 12:00PM Tone with Sloane Intermediate	22 <i>29 Sh'vat</i> Rosh Chodesh 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 11:15AM-12:15PM Prayer Chevrotah 12:30-1:30PM Hebrew Trope Class Bingo-doors open at 5PM 6:45-8:30PM Confirmation class 7PM Ritual committee	23 <i>30 Sh'vat</i> Rosh Chodesh 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 8:45AM Rhinebeck study with Rabbi Romer 12:30PM Tone with Sloane intermediate 7PM Zemer rehearsal	24 <i>1 Adar</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 7:30PM Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat with Zemer participation 1 st & 2 nd grade Shabbat class presentations	25 <i>2 Adar</i> 9:15AM-1PM Family education for 7 th & 8 th grades 10AM Morning minyan Parashat <i>Terumah</i>
26 <i>3 Adar</i> 9AM-1:30PM Religious School Lay-led Adult Education 12:00-1:30PM Beginning Hebrew	27 <i>4 Adar</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet	28 <i>5 Adar</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 10:30AM Tone with Sloane Beginner 12:00PM Tone with Sloane Intermediate	29 <i>6 Adar</i> 8:30AM-2:30PM Gan Keshet 11:15AM-12:15PM Prayer Chevrotah 12:30-1:30PM Hebrew Trope Class Bingo-doors open at 5PM 6:45-8:30PM Confirmation class			

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