



Vassar Temple

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Vassar Temple Gala

Saturday, April 18th

Villa Borghese, Wappingers Falls

Supporting Ha'Makom (The Place)

A fundraising campaign to support the spiritual space of Vassar Temple

Honoring Rabbi Paul & Deborah Golomb and
Bernard & Shirley Handel

Featuring

A delectable four-course meal

The Vassar College Night Owls

DJ & Dancing

Safe Crack 50/50 – The Big Reveal

Silent Auction

If you did not receive your Gala invitation, or need more information,
please contact gala@vassartemple.org

Upcoming Events

April 3	VT Seder
April 16	Book Club
April 18	Gala
April 30	ARZA Vote Deadline
May 3	Mitzvah Day

VT's First Night Passover Seder

Friday, April 3rd at 5:30pm

Mitzvah Day- "Be a Part of It" Sunday, May 3rd

Join the Jewish community in a day of "community" service. Sign up for a project that's right for you; there's something for everyone from tots to seniors, singles, friends, and families, indoor and outdoor projects, rain or shine.

Come and meet adorable, adoptable pets from Poughkeepsie Paws and get energizing surprises at the Kickoff Breakfast! Send us photos of your project on Twitter!

Free Childcare for 18mos.-5yr olds

while mom and dad do their own mitzvot!

Schedule: 9:00am-2:00pm

9:00am Kickoff Breakfast & sign-in at HVCC (former JCC)

9:30am Off to do service projects at various community sites or at the HVCC

Lunch will be provided for volunteers at both the HVCC and off-site project locations.

Mitzvah Day is sponsored by Jewish Family Services and underwritten by a grant from the Bertha Effron Fund.

FREE hats for all who pre-register! Sign-up begins April 1st at www.jewishdutchess.org. You can also use the form in the centerfold of the April *Voice*. Walk-ins are welcome.

For further information contact: Lenora Koffman at jfs@jewishdutchess.org or Marian Schwartz at socialaction@vassartemple.org.

Rabbi, Rebbe & Rav



Vassar Temple will be getting a new rabbi, its first change in fifteen years. I am confident that the selection process has resulted in an outstanding replacement for me. Underlying any selection process is the fact that rabbis are not interchangeable. Rabbi Berkowitz is quite different from me with age and sex possibly being among the more minor distinctions. A substantial part of the reason for the differences is that being a rabbi entails so many different elements. Every minimally competent rabbi should be able to perform all of them; very few do so with equal attention or facility. As I conclude the active portion of my rabbinic career (one is never an “ex-rabbi!”), let me impart what it is I think a rabbi does. I am grateful to Rabbi Art Green for the concept of “rabbi, rebbe and rav.”

Rabbi is a professional employee of a congregation. In this capacity, the rabbi is engaged in every activity you generally think a rabbi does: lead services, preach,

teach, plan and manage programs, do life cycle ceremonies, represent the congregation in community and interfaith forums, provide pastoral care, interact with the synagogue leadership and the rest of the staff. It is a task that requires a wide range of skills, most of which are learned and developed ‘on the job.’

Rebbe is a spiritual presence. Most members of a congregation readily recognize that a synagogue is not a business or a club. Participating in the Temple is also being involved in some greater purpose: serving the people Israel, responding to the will of God. It is the rabbi – as rebbe – who is most charged with embodying this purpose. Going to the rabbi at a time of need, for instance, ought to be different from visiting a counselor or an advisor. It is a way of making contact with the transcendent.

Finally, **Rav** is a Jewish resource. A rabbi is a specialized sort of teacher; the one charged with bringing sources of Jewish thought and practice up to the

present moment. Judaism is a three thousand plus year-old establishment, entailing tens of thousands of commentators, interpreters and innovators. Further, it is still being developed and recreated each day. The rabbi – as rav – represents a conduit into this great ongoing enterprise, clearly not knowing everything, but knowing enough that any congregant can become aware of the vast richness afforded a Jew.

Not everyone in the congregation needs a rabbi, a rebbe and a rav. And no one needs all three all the time. A rabbi, however, needs to be all three. It goes without saying that every rabbi has strengths and – let’s say – less-than-strengths. Thus, some are better ravs than rebbes or rabbis. (You choose which to put first.) I can add, however, that weaker elements get stronger with use.

Rabbi Paul Golomb

A Vision

Exodus 12: 24-25: *You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service.*



As we enter the month of April our attention turns to Exodus and the Passover. The Jews were not free during the Passover. They were in the grips of slavery. They were suffering along with the Egyptians, a life in a land ravaged by the plagues. Freedom and the Promised Land were not in sight.

It occurs to me that in some respects the celebration of the Passover is also a celebration of the power of faith and a vision and how that can be carried forward through the ages to

provide principles that we live by today. It is a story of creating the reality of which we dream. As President, I feel an obligation to share my vision and to draw out your vision and then, with the help of the Officers and Board of Trustees, to try to move us toward that vision. Because there are many facets to a temple, there are many aspects to which this applies. In my previous articles, I have sought to articulate that vision on several subjects.

Vassar Temple is our past. Vassar Temple is the present. And Vassar Temple is also the future. We can be the temple we want to be. We can change. We can improve. We can reform!

In 1953 we moved to a new building on Hooker Avenue in Poughkeepsie. Where will we be in 2053? In 1848 we were The Congregation Brethren of Israel. What will we call ourselves in 2018?

Are we defined by our location and our name? Maybe so. But we are also more broadly a community of Jewish families who congregate in this area to practice a liberal and evolving notion of Judaism, in order to “Teach our Children” so that we may carry on the history and principles of our faith -- in order to keep the Passover.

To do so, our Temple has to be a holy place which welcomes new members and their families and provides for their spiritual, ritual, educational, and social needs. To do so, our Temple has to be sustainable financially which means we also have to be affordable. To do so, we have to be a community; one that supports one another with love, kindness, fun, and social purpose.

Bob Ritter

April Worship Services

- 3 First night of Passover. No Shabbat service at the Temple. Everybody, however, should find a Seder to attend!
- 4 9:00am Torah study; 10:00am Shabbat and Passover Festival service
- 10 10:00am 7th Day Passover service and Yizkor; 7:30pm Friday evening Shabbat worship with Rabbi Golomb and Elisa Dugatkin
- 11 9:00am Torah study; 10:00am New Paths Shabbat service
- 17 7:30pm Shabbat service
- 18 9:00am Torah study; 10:00am Shabbat service as Lucas Pfeifer is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
- 14 7:30pm Friday evening Shabbat worship with Rabbi Golomb and Elisa Dugatkin
- 25 9:00am Torah study; 10:00am New Paths Shabbat service

Scriptural Readings

- April 4 *Pesach* Exodus 12:21-51; Joshua 5:2 – 6:1, 27
- 11 *Pesach* Deuteronomy 14:22 – 16:17; Isaiah 10:32 – 12:6
- 18 *Sh'mini* Lev. 10:12 – 11:32; II Samuel 6:1 – 7:17
- 25 *Tazria-Metzora* Lev. 13:40 – 14:32; I Kings 7:3-20

New Paths Services

Join us at upcoming New Paths services at Vassar Temple on Saturdays, April 11th and April 25th at 10:00am. The focus is on letting the service get through you, rather than on getting through the service. The atmosphere has been described by participants as spiritual, uplifting, and thought provoking. The moving liturgy of the New Paths prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English, and participants may bring supplemental materials to share. Each New Paths service, whether lay led or rabbi led, provides a unique and thoughtful shabbat morning experience. A brief informal kid-dush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb rabbi@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570.

Meet Vassar Temple's New Rabbi!!!

On February 18th, by a unanimous vote with good attendance, the congregation voted to hire **Rabbi Leah Berkowitz** as our new Rabbi, starting in July 2015 after Rabbi Golomb's retirement. Rabbi Berkowitz said, "*Words cannot express how honored and humbled I am to have been selected for the position of rabbi at Vassar Temple. This is a dream I have held close to my heart since I was twelve years old, and I am overwhelmed with gratitude to the Vassar Temple community for this opportunity.*"

In the coming months Perla Kaufman, who is chairing the Transition Committee, will be arranging opportunities to introduce Rabbi Berkowitz to the

congregation and the community.

Please visit the Temple's blog, which is linked to our website in the upper right corner, to view Rabbi Berkowitz's letter to the congregation, her background, and a video.



The Bulletin Staff
wishes you a
Happy Passover!



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Our traditional, religious merchandise is, of course, always available to you: mezuzot, candles, etc...

If you do not see it, ask; we will do our best to find it for you. Email Perla at membership@vassartemple.org if you have any questions.

Condolences to...

Joseph Bertolozzi on the passing of his mother, Catherine Peluse;

Margery and Robert Kallman on the passing of Herbert Kallman.

Refuah Shelemah:

to:

Perla Kaufman, recuperating from a fall and broken arm;

Linda Babas, recuperating from surgery;

Barry Horowitz, recuperating from surgery;

Matthew Lampell, recuperating from surgery.

2015 Mitzvah Day Collections
 Please bring to Mitzvah Day May 3rd, or drop off in the collection boxes at the HVCC beforehand:

- New children's socks for kids staying at Grace Smith House domestic violence shelter
- Pet food and supplies (listed in the *Voice*) for ASPCA and other area animal shelters
- Used cell phones, iPods & iPads for troops & returning veterans
- Boxed cereal for hungry neighbors in need—Cereal Counts!!!

Todah! Thank You!

- to all who donated tzedakah to provide warm lined gloves and other warm winterwear to those in need;
- to those who contributed to the Wind Chill Fund to help shelter our area homeless during a long, cold winter, and
- to Brianna Erlebacher, for captaining our annual Teen Lunch Box, and to all who turned out to work and donated food or money to help the project happen.

We Need Your Help!

We are, once again, asking that you be the eyes and ears in the lives of our congregational family. Federal patient privacy regulations limit the information that hospitals make available to clergy and volunteers.

We are encouraging you to contact the Temple office when a congregant is admitted to a hospital and wishes to have Rabbi visit during the hospital stay. Our goal is to meet the needs of all our congregants, and we can only do this with your help.

Pulpit Flowers

- April 3: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- April 10: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- April 17: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- April 24: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund



Anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a loved one or commemorate a special occasion can do so by sponsoring the sanctuary flowers with a donation to the Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund. Just call the Vassar Temple Office at 454-2570. The donation to this Fund is \$55.

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Articles for the May Bulletin must be submitted to the Temple office by April 1st. Sorry, we cannot take Bulletin articles over the phone! Articles may be sent via email to publicity@vassartemple.org. The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.



Religious School Director

With Passover nearly upon us, our thoughts naturally turn to Moses, the hero of the story --- mighty Moses, who spoke face to face with God, who led the people of Israel out of Egypt and into freedom, who beat the mightiest regime of his day. Talk about setting the bar high.

In this sense, Moses is a far cry from the characters in Genesis. Sure, parenting is difficult, but as long as you haven't actually bound your child for slaughter and raised a knife over him, you're doing better than Abraham. Family dynamics are a difficult balance, but if you haven't literally sold your brother into slavery, you've got Joseph's brothers beat. (Even if you have, you can still consider yourself superior to Cain, who murdered his brother in cold blood.) And still in terms of how you treat your siblings, if you haven't surreptitiously replaced your sister in her wedding bed, you're doing better than Leah.

If being human is an exercise in imperfection, Genesis reminds us that we don't have to be perfect. We don't even have to achieve greatness. (Who can name a major accomplishment of Isaac?) We don't need everyone to know our name. (The whole Joseph narrative hinges on an anonymous man in a field.)

But most of today's messages --- from movies, newspapers, even social media --- work against the invaluable advice in Genesis.

Movie heroes always know just what to say, just what to do, just how to behave. Not so the rest of us. When people watch James Bond jump from an airplane with only --- I don't know -- a napkin for a parachute, they don't usually think that they should be able to do the same; but when Mr. Bond remains calm and relaxed during an important meeting, people wonder why they fall short of that impossible standard.

It's not just fiction that sets the bar so high. Most people will never accomplish what they read about in the newspaper: a child who raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for cancer research, a high-school dropout who founded a multi-billion dollar company, a world leader who rallied millions of people to speak out against injustice. The queen of England always looks good in photos, thereby subtly, if relentlessly, overshadowing everyone else who doesn't.

Social media feeds, too, tend to be filled with highlights. On any given morning, I might look at my friends' lives and see

a wedding, a birth, a new job, a bonus, an award, or travel to an exotic location... all this while my morning entails clearing snow off of my car and successfully purchasing milk, bread, and eggs. In this context, the rest of life shines in impossibly amazing light compared to the banality of my own.

Against this backdrop of impossibly high standards comes the Hassidic master Zusya, who teaches that God's question of each soul will not be "why didn't you live your life more like Moses," but rather, "why didn't you become your best own self?" Most people aren't Moses. (Even Moses probably wasn't.) Most people aren't James Bond. Most people aren't the queen.

Most people, in fact, don't even have the opportunity to become their own selves, because they are enslaved.

So this year as we celebrate Passover, let's resolve to keep both Moses and Genesis in mind, asking not why we aren't more like someone else, but rather how we will use our freedom to become more like ourselves.

Dr. Joel Hoffman

Vote for Your Representation in the World Zionist Congress

Dear Fellow Congregant,

The World Zionist Congress will convene in October 2015 in Jerusalem. **What, you might ask, does that mean to me?** If you care about the State of Israel and what it will be like in the future, this is your opportunity to help shape that future. We encourage all Vassar Temple members to vote in this important election.

Representing Reform Judaism:

A vote for ARZA is a vote for Women's Rights & Gender Equality, Religious Equality and Regional Security!

How do I vote?

- You can vote online from January 15, 2015 to April 30, 2015.
- VOTE ONLINE AT www.Reform-Jews4Israel.org

Who is eligible to vote?

- To be eligible to vote you must be:
- At least 18 years old by June 30, 2015
- Identify as Jewish
- A citizen or permanent resident of the United States of America

How much does voting cost?

- \$10 for age 30+, \$5 for those 18-30.
- This charge is to cover the cost of elections. All payments can be made online on the secure voting site or by check.

YOU actually have a say in this important election! Whatever candidate you decide to support, your vote counts!

Margery Groten and Bonnie Scheer (Call one of us if you have any questions.)



Hamantaschen Baking Day 2015

Every year we seem to have a new challenge for Hamantaschen Baking Day and this time it was definitely the weather. I want to thank everyone for understanding when we had to cancel our first baking day and start late on our snow date. Despite this, it was another very successful day!

Plates of hamantaschen were made to send to our college students, for our homebound congregants and for the Temple staff. Tiny Temple and religious school children joined in, too.

Special thanks to CJ Kelly for creating neat stacks on a bakers rack and to Kamil Wisniewski for guarding the six trays that were being cooked simultaneously. He saved us from burnt hamantaschen

Our religious school kids had a great time making all the chocolate hamantaschen. Sunday school may have started an hour late because of the snow, but Joel Hoffman and Alan Kaflowitz made it

work.

A huge thank -you to our bakers and dough makers: Laura Brundage, Andi Ciminello, Jen Dahnert, Melissa Erlebacher, Vivian Garber, Susan Karnes Hecht, Ronni Jarvis, Kristin Judd, Meredith and Haley Kaflowitz, Perla Kaufman, Muriel Lampell, Ann Lerman, Bunnie Levinson, Polly Lewis, Danah Moore, Amy Horn Oclatis, Robin, Zoe and Allison Peritz, Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, Shaari Roland, Lisa Rubinstein, Nancy Samson, Michelle Sinn, Roni Stein, Shira Teich, Melissa Wall, Zoe Weinstein, Kamil Wisniewski, Fern Wolf and Nadine Zaritsky. I'm sure I'm unintentionally omitting some names that weren't on the sign-in sheet, but be assured I'm very grateful to them as well.

Judy Rosenfeld

*Sisterhood Hamantaschen Baking Day
Chair*

Jewish War Veterans Meeting, April 12th

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold a regular monthly meeting on Sunday, April 12th at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue in Poughkeepsie. The meeting begins at 9:30am.

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the United States armed forces (Active, Reserve, or National Guard) are cordially invited to attend and participate in the activities of this JWV Post.

As Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the synagogue.

If you need a ride or for further information, please contact the Post Commander, Robert L. Morrison, at ROBL56@aol.com.

Youth Group News

Friday, February 20th was the Vassar Temple Youth Group (VATY) service, and I like to think that it was quite a hit. Coming to us from Long Island, Jacob "Spike" Kraus, a camp song leader, lead us in an upbeat service. He helped to teach some new melodies from composers such as Debbie Friedman and Dan Nichols, huge Jewish artists today.

We were also joined by teens from NFTY-NAR (North American Federation of Temple Youth- New York Area Region). NFTY is a continent-wide organization that helps bring Jewish teens together to talk about their religion and their lives..

After the service, most everyone left except for the teens. I know that when you all hear it you'll see it as crazy, but around fifteen kids had a shul-in in the social hall of the Temple! Yes, it was very cold, but that fact was ignored and surpassed by the great time we had!

VATY and teens from other youth groups in NAR got to know each other through mixers, laid back movies, and lots of ice cream. By 12:35am though, we were all fast asleep and didn't wake up until 9:30 on Saturday morning. We ate a traditional Jewish breakfast of bagels and cream cheese, and then, it is sad to say, our

time together had to come to an end.

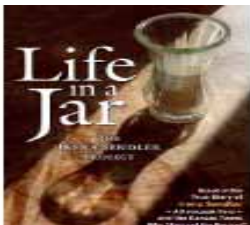
I had an incredible time and, after getting feedback from other teens in our youth group, I believe they did as well. I see our service and shul-in as a huge success, bringing us all closer to Judaism and hope to have more events soon!

*Brianna Erlebacher,
Youth Group President*



*Brianna Erlebacher with
Assemblywoman/VT
member Didi Barrett, at
Albany Advocacy Day in
March*

Book Club to Discuss *Life in a Jar* on April 16th



Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss *Life in a Jar* by Jack Mayer, based on

the true story of Irina Sendler, a Polish Catholic social worker who organized a rescue network of fellow social workers to save 2,500 Jewish children from certain death in the Warsaw ghetto. The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 16th, at 2:00 P.M., in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

Irina Sendler's heroism was

suppressed by communist Poland and remained virtually unknown for 60 years; unknown, that is, until three high school girls from an economically depressed rural school district in southeast Kansas stumbled upon an intriguing reference to Sendler's rescues, which they fashioned into a history project, a play they called "Life in a Jar." Their drama was first seen in Kansas and the Midwest, then New York, Los Angeles, Montreal, and finally Poland, where they elevated Irina Sendler to a national hero, championing her legacy of tolerance for all people. The Irina Sendler Project is not only a Holocaust history, but a deeply inspirational story of Protestant

students from Kansas, each carrying her own personal burden, yet determined to teach respect and understanding among all people, regardless of race, religion, or creed.

Life in a Jar is available in paperback and through the local library system. Irma Jacobs will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at 473-7931 or linda.babas.41@gmail.com. Your suggestions for future readings are always welcome.

Publicity Committee Keeps You from Missing Out!

Ever wonder when events are occurring at the Temple? Interested in an adult education topic? Need to check something out but can't locate your Bulletin? The Publicity Committee is doing its best to keep you abreast of the vibrant selection of activities at Vassar Temple, while reducing duplication and costs.

The mid-month reminders, which became unwieldy and duplicated the Bulletin, have been replaced with the combined **Weekly Reminders and Shabbat Services announcement distributed every Thursday via email**. Scroll down beyond the Shabbat announcements for a concise list of events occurring over the

following week, plus a few key future events that you'll want to mark on your calendar.

Our **website, vassartemple.org**, contains a wealth of information. In most cases you don't need to look further than the home page. Just scroll down for: **Major Upcoming Events**, usually with a graphic that you can click on for further information. Recently we added links to the Gala, Social Action, and information on our new Rabbi, Leah Berkowitz. Scroll down further to see **Popular Links**. Click on each title for links to more information including: **What's Happening at Vassar Temple** (the same announcements found in the weekly reminder email) and **Vassar**

Temple Bulletin (a link to the colorful online version of the Bulletin).

Do you use **Facebook**? Locate www.facebook.com/VassarTemple and "friend" us. You'll receive announcements of upcoming events and immediate changes. Click on "Photos" for a wide collection of shots from the past few years. You may even see yourself!

Please take advantage of these resources. Let us know how we're doing by sending an email to publicitycmte@vassartemple.org.

*Bob Abrams,
Publicity Committee Chair*



Yahrzeits

APRIL 3

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Dorothy Esner
David H. Ettenson
Joseph Friedman
Hon. Joseph H. Gellert
Dr. Albert Gould
Ilse Holzer
Elizabeth "Libby" Horowitz
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Alfred Kaplan
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Morris S. Rosenmann
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APRIL 10

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Pauline Dubler
Joseph Frankel
Edyth Friedman
Lorraine Goldberg
Jack Jacobson
Martha Katz
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David Korobkin
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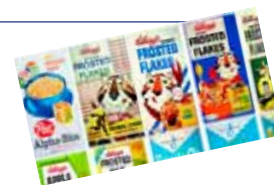
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Ted Hecht
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Sidney Cohen
Eva Feldman
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Joan Marshall
Andrew May
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Paul Plansky
Nathan L. Reifler
Norman S. Reifler
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Sonkin
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Rebecca Wolfson

Cereal Counts Breakfast Cereal Box Drive Sunday, April 12th thru Sunday, May 3rd



Every summer, when schools are closed, there are underprivileged children and teenagers who may not have access to breakfast; children, teenagers and adults of all ages county-wide go hungry in the morning.

Breakfast hunger is real. Breakfast hunger is intolerable.

This spring, we can work together to make breakfast happen this summer. How to help:

- drop off a box of cereal at the Hudson Valley Community Center/Jewish Community Center, 110 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie, anytime between Sunday, April 12th and Sunday, May 3rd.
- host a "mini-drive" to collect cereal boxes in your office, business, school, faith organization, with your teams and karate clubs and more.

Contact us to pick up your "mini-load" or drop it off at the HVCC/JCC. On May 3rd, County Cereal Counts Student Captain, Max Samson, and his team will again count and pack up all of the donated cereal boxes onto a U-Haul truck for delivery to food pantries all around the county. Please contact us with any questions or if you would like to schedule a time for us to pick up your load.

Every box counts. Every box makes breakfast meals and makes breakfast real.

*Max Samson, County-wide Student CC Captain
Nancy and Dave Samson, Cereal Counts!!! Coordinators cerealcounts123@aol.com or 845.235.2860*

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Youth Group President:	Brianna Erlebacher



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO Hebrew School NO R/S 7pm Judaism 101, The Jewish Year	2 10am SEP	3 Can Jam 5:30 Seder Dinner 7:30p Shabbat Service	4 9am Torah Study 10am 1st Day Shabbat Service
5 NO R/S	6	7 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class	8 No Hebrew School No R/S 7pm Judaism 101, The Synagogue	9 10am SEP VTS Book Club	10 10am 7th Day Yizkor Service 7:30pm Shabbat Service	11 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths Service
12 9am R/S K-7	13 7pm Exec Committee Meeting	14 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class	15 4:30 Hebrew School 6:30 R/S 7pm Judaism 101, Cycle of Life 7pm Finance cmte	16 Yom Hashoah/ Holocaust Memorial Day 10am SEP	17 7:30pm Shabbat Service	18 9am Torah Study 10am Pfeifer Bar Mitzvah 6:30p VT Gala!
19 9am R/S K-7 9:15am Adult Ed: Jews talking to Jews	20 7:15pm Ritual Committee meeting	21 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class	22 Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) 4:30 Hebrew School 6:30 R/S 7pm Judaism 101, The Jewish Home	23 Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day) 10am SEP	24 7:30pm Shabbat Service	25 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths Service
26 9am R/S K-7 9:15 Adult Ed, Shavuot 9:30 Sisterhood mtg 11am Tiny Temple	27 7pm Board Meeting	28 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class	29 4:30 Hebrew School 6:30 R/S 7pm Judaism 101, Halakahah	30 10am SEP VTS Donor Dinner		