



Vassar Temple

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Passover Across America Community Seder

Mon. Apr. 10th, 5:30pm in Vassar Temple's Social Hall

Vassar Temple invites both members and the general community to our 6th annual first night of Passover lay-led seder to be held in the Social Hall. A short and meaningful family-friendly seder service will be followed by a delicious kosher style dinner including matzah ball soup, appetizers, choice of entrée (fish or rotisserie chicken), herbed vegetables, and dessert. Ritual wine, grape juice and soda provided; BYO table wine if desired.

Space is limited, so reserve early! Fees are set to cover our costs and are subsidized by a generous grant from the NJOP.

Adults: \$25

Children ages 5-13: \$8

Under age 5: Free

Family maximum: \$60

Financial assistance is available.

Final RSVP Deadline: April 3, 2017. Your payment is considered your reservation, so it must reach the Temple by that date. Make checks out to "Vassar Temple" and write "Seder" in memo line. Also, please include the following with your reservation:

- # of adults and children included in your reservation
- entrée choices (fish or chicken)
- your e-mail address.

For questions, special dietary needs, or financial assistance, please contact Sandra Mamis at seder@vassartemple.org or (914) 456-3524. Event co-chair are Polly Lewis & Ron Rosen.



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Spring Rummage Sale: April 30th

Start cleaning those closets of gently used items and packing your bric-a-brac; the Rummage Sale is coming very soon! We start collecting rummage items as of Sunday, April 23rd. **Please bring all rummage to the social hall.** No rummage will be accepted after Friday, the 28th. Two evenings will be available for rummage drop-off: Tuesday, April 25th and Thursday, April 27th.

When you bring your items to the social hall, please make sure you place items on the left side of the room and keep the area in front of the stage clear, as well as the rest of the building! The sale on April

30th runs from 9:30am to 12:30pm; the bag sale starts at 2:00pm and ends at 5:00pm.

For questions or further information, you may contact rummage@vassartemple.org or the Vassar Temple office.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed!!

***Please note:** We CANNOT accept textbooks, old TVs, old computers or heavily damaged goods. For large items, please contact us before you bring them!

PLEASE NOTE:

Deadline for submitting articles for the **June Bulletin** will be **April 27th (NOT May 1st)**.

Don't be disappointed. Submit your article on time!



From the Rabbi's Desk: What's on Your Seder Plate?

A Passover Seder can seem like the most complex of Jewish celebrations. Some families are so intimidated by the prospect of recreating their childhood seders (or their partner's childhood seders) that they give up altogether. I tell anyone who will listen that the seder is actually shockingly simple. Our *only* obligation—aside from not eating bread—is to tell the story of the Exodus.

There may be a long list of foods to prepare—though the commandment to serve brisket is conspicuously absent from the Torah—but they all serve a singular purpose. They help us to remember different aspects of the Exodus story: mortar-like charoset representing the bricks we fashioned in Egypt, saltwater standing in for sweat and tears, bitter herbs echoing the bitterness of slavery, and so on. In their strangeness on our seder table, they also inspire us to ask that now-famous question: Why is this night different from all other nights?

In recent years, I've started to ponder what new foods we might add to our seder plate to help us keep the Exodus story alive in modern times. I've added many different items that help me tell stories of liberation, past and present: hot tea in remembrance of the tenacity of the Hebrew midwives; boiled pota-

toes to honor the Jewish communities of the Former Soviet Union. Our Religious School students have suggested Legos to symbolize bricks (children can be very literal), and chocolate to contrast the sweetness of freedom with the bitterness of slavery.

New symbols can help us to add a deeper meaning to our modern seder. Perhaps the first example of this was the introduction of the orange on the seder plate. While the orange is now ubiquitous in liberal households, few people can actually explain where it came from. Most people think it is a feminist symbol, which is true; but it actually arises from a much more controversial seder custom.

Susannah Heschel, a Jewish feminist scholar, discovered in the 1980s that organizers of an early feminist seder put a crust of bread on the seder plate. This was meant to represent Jewish lesbians, who were often told that they were no more welcome in Judaism than crust of bread would be on the seder plate.

Wanting to counter the notion that LGBTQ Jews didn't belong, Heschel chose a different symbol: an orange. With its many segments, the orange implied that there was enough room in the Jewish community for everyone, if only we could spit out the seeds of hatred and prejudice as easily as we spit out the seeds of an orange.

As the story became a legend, however, it changed, and Heschel notes that:

"Now the story circulates that a man said to me that a woman belongs on the bimah as an orange on the seder plate. A woman's words are attributed to a man, and the affirmation of lesbians and gay men is erased. Isn't that precisely what's happened over the centuries to women's ideas?" (The Women's Seder Sourcebook, pp. 208-210).

As we prepare for our Passover meals, let us return to the original symbolism of the orange. In addition to affirming the rights of LGBTQ individuals in our communities, let us also consider who is at the center of our community and who might still feel like an outsider. As we choose what to put on our seder plate, let us consider how we might best remind ourselves that the journey from slavery to freedom is not complete until there is a place for everyone at our table.

Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

From Our President



If you have attended a previous Vassar Temple Community Seder, you probably have made your reservations

for this year's Seder which is Monday evening, April 10th. The Seder, together with the friendship, food and drink, has been extraordinary in years past. I am certain this year's Seder will live up to all expectations.

For as long as I can remember, Passover and the Seder have been one of the holidays I look forward to the most. It's not only the matzah ball soup, which one

can make all year round, but it's getting together with family and friends to celebrate our freedom. If you haven't made your reservations for the April 10th Vassar Temple Community Seder, you should do so immediately. I can promise you a most enjoyable evening.

An incredible amount of planning and work is required to make the Seder a success. Thank you very much, Seder chairperson, Sandra Mamis, co-chairs Polly Lewis and Ron Rosen, and all the other volunteers. I hope to see you at the Seder on April 10th.

Mark Metzger

April Worship Services

1 st	9:00am Torah study 10:00am New Paths
7 th	7:30pm Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and soloist Elisa Dugatkin
8 th	9:00am Torah Study
14 th	Pesach IV (Passover) 7:30pm Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
15 th	Pesach V (Passover) 9:00am Torah study
21 st	6:00pm VTS Generations Dinner 7:30pm VTS Generations Shabbat service with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and soloist Elisa Dugatkin
22 nd	9:00am Torah Study 10:00am New Paths Service
28 th	7:30pm Family Shabbat Service with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
29 th	9:00am Torah Study

New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning service Saturdays April 1st & April 22nd at 10:00am in the informal, intimate setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. 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 mini-kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Berkowitz at rabbi@vassartemple.org, or the Temple office at 845-454-2570.

VTS Generations Shabbat Service & Dinner: April 21st

Be sure to come to Temple for services at 7:30pm on April 21st when we will both honor long-time members of our Temple and celebrate the contributions of our Sisterhood. Members of Sisterhood will lead the service, during which everyone who has been a member of the congregation for 40 or more years will be recognized.

Please join us at 6:00pm for a special family dinner prior to the Sisterhood/Generations Shabbat service. Come enjoy a delicious Shabbat roast chicken dinner (with a vegetarian option). There is no fee but donations for the cost of the meal are greatly appreciated.

It is important that we know how much food to prepare, so we ask that you please RSVP for the dinner by April 17th to Bonnie Scheer at bonniescheer1@verizon.net. "Generations Members" are invited to be our guests at the dinner; please be sure to let us know that you're coming!

Scriptural Readings

April	1	<i>Vayikra</i> Lev. 1:1-2:16; Isaiah 43:21-44:23
	8	Shabbat HaGadol <i>Tzav</i> Lev. 6:1-7:10; Malachi 3:4-24
	15	Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach Ex. 33:12-34:26, Num. 28:19-25, Ezekiel 37:1-14
	22	<i>Sh'mini</i> Lev. 9:1-10:11; II Samuel 6:1-7:17
	29	<i>Tazria-Metzora</i> Lev. 12:1-13:39; II Kings 7:3-20

Celebrate Passover with Tiny Temple



Come have fun learning about Passover through crafts, story and song at our next Tiny Temple event, Sunday Apr. 2nd from 11:00am-noon! All children age infant to 5, and those raising them, are warmly invited regardless of temple affiliation. Holiday refreshments will be served.

Tiny Temple is always free of charge, is sponsored by the Vassar Temple Sisterhood, and is held in a relaxed and friendly setting. To assist in our planning, please RSVP to Laura Brundage at tinytemple@vassartemple.org.

Chai Noon Lunch: April 18th

Vassar Temple Sisterhood Chai Noon lunch will be held at noon on April 18th at the Palace Dinner, 194 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie. We enjoy the friendship, the schmoozing, the food in a warm and inclusive Dutch-treat gathering! Let us know you are joining us by contacting Perla Kaufman at Brandaliz5@optonline.net. Looking forward to seeing you!

Hayley's Bat Mitzvah Project

For my Bat Mitzvah Tzedakah project, I have chosen to work with the Alzheimer's Association. I started all of the communications with the organization and intend to follow through with fundraising in the spring with the annual Walk.

I also plan to work the organization's booth at the Dutchess County Fair in August which should be awesome. This is an important organization to me, because my Grandpa Harvey Kaflowitz died of the disease. Although I never met him, I feel like I know him, and this is one way to honor his memory. I hope they find a cure for this terrible disease, as it is the sixth leading cause of death in the US. I promise to all of you that I will fulfill my tzedakah project as planned.

Hayley Kaflowitz,
called to the Torah 2/18/17

Judaica Shoppe: Passover Sale & Tasting

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Judaica Shoppe carries all your needs for a festive Passover table: seder and matzah plates, kiddush, Elijah and Miriam cups, table cloths, fun items for the children, and so much more. We are also featuring some very special Israeli artisans. Come and browse-- our prices will amaze you.....no shipping charges for special orders either!!

For special sale hours, recipes and samples of Passover goodies to taste, stop by during our special sale hours on Sunday, April 2nd between 9:30-11:30am. The shop is also open Monday-Thursday 9:30-2:30; Fridays by appointment only. For more information contact Perla Kaufman at brandaliz5@optonline.net or 914-456-7309.



April Pulpit Flower Donations

April 7: Donated by The Hecht Family in memory of David & Susan's Parents

April 14: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

April 21: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

April 28: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

March Pulpit Flower Update:

March 3: Donated by Martin Noble in memory of Erica Robbins & his father Martin Noble, Sr.

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

Condolences to...

Murray Solomon & family on the loss of Mary Solomon;

The children of Pola Fa'gut on the passing of Pola.

Thank You VTS!

Special thanks to Judy Rosenfeld and Sisterhood members for their kind attention during my recent illness.

With Much Appreciation,

Elaine Lipschutz

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.

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From the Religious School Director



This year Pesach begins with the First Seder on the evening of April 10th. As a Jewish Educator I look forward to Pesach each year with all the opportunities it brings for

teachable moments.

As a child I remember sitting around my grandparents' table and our family taking turns reading the words in the Haggadah. Of course we read the blessings, sang some songs and every year my grandfather, who was notorious for making friends out of strangers, invited a family or an individual new to the area to join us. Each year was the same and yet different. I loved Pesach at my Bubbie & Zadie's house.

After I began teaching in religious schools, however, I began to realize that although I had been blessed with this loving, very Jewish and welcoming family, our recitation of the seder did not do much to engage me into thinking very deeply about what we were reading. Of course, all of my cousins and siblings spent time learning the 4 questions and we could tell

you the story of Pharaoh; but we did not delve much below the surface.

Since then, I have had many opportunities to attend some and even lead some wonderful seders. These opportunities gave me some insight into engaging both adults and children in this tradition. Where I once would have thought that the "right" way or the only way to participate in a seder was taking turns reading out of the Maxwell House Haggadah, I now realize that that is just one of many ways to participate in a seder.

When I began working in Jewish Education, I found that most schools I worked in taught about Pesach - specifically the Seder and the Haggadah - by holding a "mock" Seder. I came to realize that I dreaded participating in these "mock" Seders and that in reality I did not see the students gaining much from these events. When I found myself working in a capacity where I had some say in how to teach Pesach to the children and their families, I started to develop ways to help the students become more engaged. I wanted to give meaning to each step of the seder.

Armed with some great educational materials and resources I began to develop interactive programs to teach about the

seder. On Sunday, April 2nd, our families will step "out of the box" to participate in an interactive seder journey. Each family will travel the 15 steps of the seder, stopping at each step where they will make or do or learn something about that step. My goal is to engage and to give our families pieces of enrichment to use at their own seders.

We are also opening this program to families in the community who are interested in learning about the Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School and the Vassar Temple Hebrew program. If you know of any family who may be interested in our Religious School or Hebrew program, please take the time to encourage them to come or ask them to contact me so I can let them know about all the wonderful things that are happening at Vassar Temple's Religious School Program.

Chag Sameach and a Zissen Pesach to you!

Julie Makowsky

CEREAL COUNTS!!! 2017

Every summer, there are underprivileged children and teenagers who may lack breakfast food at home. They may not be able to get to sites that serve free breakfast or go hungry on the weekends. Every summer, right here in Dutchess County, there are children, teenagers and adults of all ages who need breakfast food.

From Wednesday, April 19th through Sunday morning, May 7th, please drop off a box to our central drop site for the drive: Temple Beth El, 118 South Grand Avenue in Poughkeepsie. Hours: Sunday 9:00am-12noon, Mon-Thurs 9:00am-4:00pm, Fridays 9:00am-12noon.

If possible, please host a mini-drive to collect cereal boxes in your office, business, school, with your teams, groups and more. Invite people to bring in a box of cereal, then drop them off at Temple Beth during the drive. Easy and rewarding!



On Sunday morning May 7th, all donated boxes will be counted and packed up. The load will then be delivered to the pantries of Dutchess Outreach, Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers, Community Action Partnership for their pantries in Poughkeepsie, Beacon, Red Hook and Dover, Reach Out Family Worship Center in Hyde Park, Beulah Baptist Church, Hudson River Housing/Gannett House, Morse Magnet Elementary School, Interfaith Senior Housing and Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Church.

Every box counts. Every box makes breakfast meals. Every box makes breakfast real. Thank you!

Questions? Contact Nancy and David Samson, Cereal Counts!!! Founders, at 845 235-2860 or

cerealcounts123@gmail.com.

Hamantaschen Baking a Big Success

Having our original Hamantaschen Baking Day snowed out always makes things a bit more challenging, but fortunately we had a snow date already scheduled.

If you were at Temple the morning of February 26th, you would have been impressed by how much was going on in the kitchen and social hall. It took the efforts of a lot of people to make as many delicious hamantaschen as we did in only 4 hours! There were people making packages to send to our college students, for delivery as outreach and, of course, to serve after our Megillah reading and Purim Shpiel. The entire Sunday School was very enthusiastic about making hamantaschen and Tiny Temple kids enjoyed the morning, too.

Thank you to the many people whose efforts helped make this year's hamantaschen baking go as well as it did: Rabbi Berkowitz, Laura Brundage, Andi Ciminello, Susan Colodner, Jen Dahnert, Melissa Erlebacher, Eve Gendron, Susan Karnes Hecht, Barbara Hyman, Ronni Jarvis, Roz Kafflowitz, Gabrielle Kardon, Perla Kaufman, Ann Lerman, Polly Lewis, Sandra Mamis, Amy Horn Oclatis, Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, Mary Ritter, Shaari Roland, Lisa Rubenstein, Melanie Sanchez, Michele Sinn, Roni Stein, Marcia Tanzman, Shira Teich, Melissa Wall and Fern Wolf. We had so many helpers that I'm sure I've forgotten to acknowledge someone. Please know that it was unintentional.

Judy Rosenfeld
Sisterhood Hamantaschen
Baking Day Chair



What is the Mitzvah Day Birthday Project?

Let's provide birthday parties for local children in need who otherwise would have none--a tote bag filled with birthday cake fixings, a special toy and book reflecting the child's interests, perhaps a party decoration, a gift card. Choose from many ways to help:

- Bring boxed cake mix, canned icing, boxed birthday candles, birthday decor to the donation boxes located in the BHA, Temple Beth-El and Vassar Temple between Apr. 19- May 5
- Donate \$36 to sponsor a bag; receive thank-you note from child*
- Adopt a child's bag to shop for then receive thank-you note from child*
- Kids, register at www.jewish-dutchess.org to decorate and stuff bags, make cards on Mitzvah Day

*For information on sponsoring or adopting a bag, please contact
Jasmayne Russo at jasmainerusso@gmail.com or 845- 476-4261.

Adults Can Go to Camp, Too!

[Camp Isabella Freedman](http://hazon.org/calendar/camp-isabella-freedman/) is an all-inclusive Berkshire vacation for adults and their families, offering good old fashioned summer camp fun with amenities that provide a more leisurely and comfortable experience.

For more info, visit <http://hazon.org/calendar/camp-isabella-freedman/>.

April Tzedakah

Money collected in the tzedakah box by the stairs during the month of April will benefit the Birthday Bag Project, providing a birthday party in a bag (cake mix, canned frosting, birthday candles, a book and small gift) for a local child in need who would otherwise not be able to celebrate his/her special day. For further information about this project and other ways you can contribute to its success, please contact Jasmayne Russo at jasmainerusso@gmail.com or 845-476-4261.



SAVE THE DATE SISTERHOOD DONOR DINNER

Join us for
a Mediterranean
inspired dinner

Tuesday, May 9th
6:00pm Hors
D'oeuvres
7:00pm Dinner

The Stresslessness of Now-Heart to Heart
Dr. Ron Tatelbaum & Mrs. Shelley Tatelbaum
will present a talk about mindfulness and ways
of coping with stress.

For further information, or to reserve, contact
Marcia Tanzman at Tanzco@aol.com



Vassar Temple Board Hosts Lunch Box on April 2nd



The Vassar Temple Board of Trustees will be preparing and serving a hot, wholesome

and tasty meal for our neighbors in need at Lunch Box on Sunday, April 2nd. They are asking for donations of the following:

3 lb. all beef franks
1 to 2 dozen bananas/ pieces of fresh fruit/ or sandwich baggies of washed grapes

Please contact Mark Metzger at [president at vassartemple.org](mailto:president@vassartemple.org) to let him know what you can contribute.

Non-perishables may be dropped off beforehand during regular Temple hours in the bin on the counter just inside the kitchen door. Please leave perishables in the fridge and label everything prominently "For Lunch Box." Tax deductible checks made out to Vassar Temple with "Community Tzedakah Fund" on the memo line also help!

Weekly Study Groups at VT

Torah Study, which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftarah, will be held every Saturday at 9:00am with the Temple's Rabbi Leah Berkowitz.

"The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text", taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, will be held every Tuesday at noon (no class 4/11).

All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes--no previous training required! No charge to attend. Questions? Contact rabbi@vassartemple.org or (845)454-2570.

FUND FACTS: Forever a Blessing

As I have been absorbing – and trying to make some sense of – the disturbing news in recent weeks about the desecration of Jewish burial sites, Perla Kaufman provided me with the most timely, inspired idea for this month's article. While there is little one can do to understand these supremely disrespectful and hideous actions, a constructive response could be to do our part to honor the beloved members of our Temple community who are no longer with us.

To that end, I call your attention to Vassar Temple's Cemetery Fund that enables us to provide perpetual care of the plots occupied by departed members of our Temple community in the nearby cemetery. This is a current use fund – not an endowment – to maintain the site; when the fund is depleted, we cannot continue that essential maintenance, let alone provide enhancements to beautify it. We are indebted to Perla for her and other volunteers' loving stewardship of this space, but they must have the necessary resources in order to sustain their efforts.

The next time you are considering a gift to the Temple – perhaps in recognition of a loved one's Yahrzeit – remember the Cemetery Fund. Now more than ever, we need to continue to give honor and respect to these sacred spaces occupied by our loved ones who are forever a blessing in our lives.

Jennifer Sachs Dahmert

Scenes from Hamantaschen Baking, 2017



Yiddish Theatre: Past, Present, Future

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District is hosting an illustrated presentation on Yiddish Theatre at the Boardman Road Branch Library on **Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 pm**. Motl Didner, Associate Artistic Director of the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene, will speak on the rise of Yiddish theater through its golden age, how it survived and is flourishing around the world today, and where it is headed next.

Motl Didner was a translation fellow at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA, for two years. He includes a 15-minute "Instant Yiddish" lesson on the finer points of Yiddish language, history and culture in this Yiddish Theatre presentation.

Didner has directed and acted in many productions for the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene as well as other theatre companies. Based in New York City, the Folksbiene is recognized as the longest continuously operating Yiddish theatre company in the world. They offer workshops, literary events, concerts and staged works in English and Yiddish.

A Q&A will follow the presentation. This program is a collaborative effort with Vassar Temple and Vassar College. The Boardman Road Branch Library is at 141 Boardman Road in Poughkeepsie. For more information see www.poklib.org or call 845-485-3445 x 3702.

Mitzvah Day Registration Opens

Dutchess County Mitzvah Day, that amazing day each year when the local Jewish community joins together to do a day of service projects, will be held Sunday, May 7th rain or shine.

Information about all the mitzvah projects you can choose from is in the centerfold of the April *Voice* and, starting April 1st, project info along with links to register for projects, free breakfast and free lunch, launch at www.jewishdutchess.org. You'll find community service projects for everyone from tots to seniors, located at sites in Poughkeepsie and other Hudson Valley locales. Come with family, come with friends, come on your own.

Free kickoff bagel breakfast starts at 9:00am at Mitzvah Day HQ (Temple Beth El)—come eat, celebrate, meet your project captain, get driving directions, late registration for walk-ins. Then it's off to do your mitzvah. Lunch will be provided for volunteers at HQ from 11:00am-1:00pm and at most other project sites.

Mitzvah Day Collections:

- New underwear/socks for male and female veterans at Castle Point V.A. Medical Campus- drop off in donation boxes at Vassar Temple or TBE starting April 19th
- Cake mix, canned icing, boxed birthday candles for Birthday Bag project—drop off in donation boxes at Vassar Temple or TBE between April 19- May 5
- Boxed cereal for Cereal Counts (benefits many local food pantries) -drop off in donation box at TBE starting April 19th, to be stacked, counted and packed Mitzvah Day morning

Mitzvah Day is supported by a grant from the Bertha Effron Fund & sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County. Questions? Call Federation 845-471-9811 or e-mail socialaction@vassartemple.org.

Yahrzeits

APRIL 7

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Mollie Rosenberg
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APRIL 14

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Nathan "Toolie" Turk
Charles Volkman

APRIL 21

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APRIL 28

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Dueling Rabbis Program Is Back!

The Dutchess Rabbis/Jewish Federation "Dueling Rabbis" Program for the Omer will take place on the Tuesdays between Passover and Shavuot. The topics this year are: the Five Scrolls (Megillot), the books of the Bible that are read on the observances of Passover, Shavuot, Tisha b'Av, Sukkot and Purim. Each program will begin at 7:00pm.

At the Boardman Library:

Apr. 25 – Song of Songs (Pesach) with Rabbis Eliezer Langer and Dan Victor
May 2 – Lamentations (Tisha b'Av) with Rabbis Paul Golomb and Michael Fessler
May 9 – Ecclesiastes (Sukkot) with Rabbis Neal Loevinger and Dan Polish

At the Vassar College Bayit (end of Collegeview Ave.):

May 16 – *Esther* (Purim) with Rabbis Miriam Hyman and Brent Spodek
May 23 – *Ruth* (Shavuot) with Joey Glick and Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

An Afternoon of Stories

The Dutchess County Interfaith Council (DCIC) is hosting a storytelling event on Sunday, April 2nd, 2:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 67 South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Storytellers include Rabbi Paul Golomb. A suggested donation of \$10.00 will benefit Hudson River Housing.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
2 9am Passover Judaica Sale 9am Religious School 10:30 Lunch Box 11:am Tiny Temple	3	4 10am SEP Noon Talmud Study 7pm Ritual Committee meeting	5 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher at TBE	6 10am SEP	7 7:30 Shabbat Service	8 9am Torah Study
9 No Religious School	10 5:30pm VT Passover Seder	11 Pesach No SEP No Talmud Study Office Closed	12 Pesach No Hebrew No Gesher	13 Pesach 10am SEP 2pm VTS Book Club	14 Pesach 7:30 Shabbat Service	15 Pesach 9am Torah Study
16 Pesach No Religious School	17 Pesach 10am Yizkor Service	18 10am SEP Noon: Talmud Study Noon: Chai Noon	19 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher at TBE 7pm Finance Cmte	20 10am SEP 7pm Board Meeting	21 6pm VTS/ Generations Dinner 7:30 VTS/ Generations Shabbat Service	22 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
23 9am Religious School 9am Rummage Sale Drop-off	24 Yom HaShoah Memorial Day Rummage Sale Drop-off continues all week	25 10am SEP Noon Talmud Study	26 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher at TBE	27 10am SEP	28 7:30 Family Shabbat Service	29 9am Torah Study