



# Vassar Temple Bulletin

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## Say "Here I Am" Through the Hineni Fund

Excitement is building in response to the launching of the campaign for the *Hineni* Fund to support the recently and lovingly named Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School at Vassar Temple.

*Hineni*, literally "here I am," is a deeply meaningful expression used in the Bible by individuals responding to God's call to take on a challenging or vital role at a crucial time. *Hineni* is exemplified by Seth's ideals and practice as he devoted himself to the temple and to the betterment of the larger community. Establishing the *Hineni* fund will offer a way to say "here we are" – as individuals and as a community – to support Vassar Temple's all-important educational and youth programs, as well as to honor and celebrate Seth's dedication to our next generation. The campaign aims to support the Religious School as well as create a fund in Seth's memory to support the ongoing operation of the school and programs for children and teens.



The *Hineni* Fund will benefit from major and planned gifts solicited from the congregation, friends, and private foundations as well as more modest individual contributions. Over \$50,000 has been raised to date.

It will also include the proceeds of *Bright Lights and Miracles*, a gala event planned for Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 to 11:00 p.m., at the beautiful Locust Grove estate on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie. The honorees for *Bright Lights and Miracles* are Temple members Lou Lewis, Esq. and Dr. Arthur and Carol Menken, all truly bright lights in our congregation and community. This will be a very special evening in an elegant setting.

Mark your calendar now for the Gala. For more information on participating in the fund contact one of the Gala and campaign co-chairs: Andi Ciminello (452-1190; [andi@ecosystemsstrategies.com](mailto:andi@ecosystemsstrategies.com)) or Jen Dahnert (226-1158; [jedahnert@vassar.edu](mailto:jedahnert@vassar.edu)).

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## Selichot Program on September 8th

This year we will begin our High Holy Day observances the weekend after Labor Day since Selichot falls on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin at 7:30 with a festive dessert buffet in the social hall, followed by a Havdalah service.

After we move upstairs to the sanctuary, the Rabbi Stephen A. Arnold Award for contributions to the spiritual life of the congregation will be awarded to Susan Hecht. Before the brief and moving Selichot service, two of our members will each share brief reflections on the theme "This I Believe..." to encourage all of us to consider our own guiding values as another new year begins.

You will find this evening an excellent way to get into the mood for the upcoming Days of Awe, as well as to honor Susan and our speakers.

## Come to Shabbat Services This Summer!

This summer, as usual, some of our Friday evening services will be led by members of the congregation. The schedule of service leaders for the rest of the summer of 2012 is:

July 27: New Paths Group  
August 3: Rabbi Golomb  
August 10: Doi Cohen  
August 17: Rabbi Golomb  
August 24: Benjamin Krevolin  
August 31: Sandra Mamis

Lay-led Shabbat worship will take place downstairs in our cool and comfortable social hall, which is easily accessible

by elevator. Each service will include music and the opportunity for congregational singing, and will reflect the unique style of the service leader(s). It will be followed by a modified Oneg Shabbat, providing the opportunity to socialize over light refreshments (often including ice cream).

Support your fellow congregants as they lead us in worship and see how each service leader makes the liturgy and music reflect their own approach. We look forward to seeing you at Shabbat services every Friday evening at 7:30 this summer!

# Rabbi's Message: THOSE WHO CAN, TEACH



I have made a point over the past few years of devoting this month's article to appreciating members of the congregation

whose contributions to the life and function of Vassar Temple are not always fully acknowledged. In the past, and again in the future, I will have noted those who quietly provide aid to congregants in distress or need, who captain social action projects, or who are simply present when something needs to be done. This year, I would like to give a "shout-out" to the teachers.

**Meredith Kaflowitz** and **Maris Abraskin** have been teaching in the younger grades for a number of years. I am also grateful to the efforts of a former teacher, **Laura Brundage**, who has generously filled in with her daughters **Emily** and **Dani**, particularly in preserving Tiny Temple. And **Rachel Erlebacher** and **Marissa Gally** took over responsibility for Third Grade, and completed three years in

that classroom before leaving for college. I must add a note of appreciation to **Melissa Erlebacher** and **Joyce Gally** who supported their daughters, especially in the years before they had drivers licenses.

Teaching Religious School is always demanding. Children 'have' to be there because their parents expect them to attend, but they know there are no sanctions or penalties regarding behavior or learning. All the teachers have done an extraordinary job of keeping the children's interest and nurturing the spirit of Jewish knowledge and identity.

Teaching adults presents a new demand. Adults come to Vassar Temple's offerings purely because they wish to learn. There are no attitude problems. They are, on the other hand, discerning and demanding. The material must be good and well presented, otherwise they will not return. In this context, I want to express my gratitude to members of the congregation who not only responded to a request to teach a class or course, but have returned to teach a number of times

because they are respected and appreciated.

For the past four years, **Martin Charwat** has provided insights on the recent history and politics of Middle Eastern nations, and has untangled difficult societies with extraordinary clarity. **Sid Plotkin** has been generous with his time and expertise on American politics. His sharp observations over the past few years manage to reach the core of emotional issues without resorting to partisanship. And **Linda Cantor** has sustained Jewish Meditation, a nexus between West and East that is up to 3000 years-old.

A core function of the synagogue is to make the past (tradition, history) the foundation of the future; the personal (spirit, commitment) the basis of community; and the particular (our Jewish identity) impact on the universal. In a word, this is work of teaching, and I am personally grateful to those who have given time, expertise and energy and passion to making Vassar Temple a stronger institution.

*Rabbi Paul Golomb*

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## President's Message



By the time you read this bulletin article, our children's summer vacation will already be half over. However, due to our Bulletin deadline,

I'm writing this article just as summer has begun.

Summer is usually a quiet time at Vassar Temple. Kids are at summer camp, families are on vacation, and many of us are re-energizing before the start of a new programming year, which typically starts in September. Also a couple of summer projects are in progress to redecorate a classroom and the religious school office. Before you know it, Rosh Hashanah will be here, beginning Sunday evening, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Vassar Temple recently held the installation of officers and trustees, all of whom were voted in at the May congregational meeting. I'm looking forward to working with our new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bob Ritter, new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Marge Groten, and Board Secretary Jeff Brenner, as well as Brian Silverman and Sandra Mamis who will continue in the

roles of Treasurer and Immediate Past President, respectively. This year we welcome seven members to the Board of Trustees: Jen Dahnert, Alan Kaflowitz, Linda Lant, Melissa Wall, Hilary Wrobel, Joan Ollendorf, and Roni Stein. Each of these people brings his or her divergent background and experience which, when combined, should bring valuable views to temple board meetings. By the way, if you missed the Installation and would like to read my speech, go to the Temple web site and click "President's Installation Address."

I'd like to thank the following folks who are leaving the Board of Trustees:

David Lampell is leaving the Board as Vice President after a very long tenure in which he has filled Board and Executive positions. David has been particularly helpful in my transition as Acting President over the past six months. He has provided significant advice and assistance, for which I am very grateful.

Tamara Gruszko served as Secretary and liaison to Adult Education. Tamara was particularly instrumental in facilitating the Temple's Adult Education classes over the past year. I will miss her assistance and constructive feedback.

In addition, I'd like to recognize Emily Himmelstein, Joanne Abraskin, Debbie Carbo, and Barbara Kram, who have all

completed their 3-year Board commitments. Being a Board member is more than coming to one meeting a month and casting an occasional vote. Each person maintains a commitment to represent the interests of the congregation in all of the Temple's business performed by the Board.

I am grateful as well to everyone else who has jumped in and helped with Temple activities over the past several months; without their dedication and effort, it would have been much more difficult to make all our activities happen. I look forward to working with returning and new Board members as they bring their talents and enthusiasm to solving the challenges that lie ahead. Many others, through their committee work and dedication to volunteering, have enhanced the quality and variety of Temple life. My hope for the coming year is that all members will renew their continuing support of the Temple, and renew themselves by coming to services, celebrations, and study.

So enjoy the summer, and please take some time to consider how you can join in the fun, whether it be helping out on a committee, or assisting with one of many tasks that will need to be done over the next year.

*B'Shalom,  
Bob Abrams*

## Worship Services

### Friday, August 3

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Golomb

### Saturday, August 4

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Tara Lerman

### Friday, August 10

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Doi Cohen

### Saturday, August 11

NO Torah Study

### Friday, August 17

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Golomb

### Saturday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Melissa Wall

### Friday, August 24

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Benjamin Krevolin

### Saturday, August 25

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

### Friday, August 31

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Sandra Mamis

### Saturday, September 1

NO Torah Study

## Scriptural Readings

### August 3 & 4 *Va'et-hanan*

Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-26

### August 10 & 11 *'Eikev*

Deuteronomy 9:4-10:11

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

### August 17 & 18 *Re'eh (Rosh Hodesh)*

Deuteronomy 12:29-14:29

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24

### August 24 & 25 *Shof'tim*

Deuteronomy 18:6-19:13

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

### August 31 & September 1 *Ki Tetzei*

Deuteronomy 23:8-24:13

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5



## New Paths Services

New Paths Shabbat morning worship will be held on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the East Chapel. Please join us! Most of the service is in English and everything is open to thoughtful contemplation and discussion. The focus is on letting the service get through you, rather than on getting through the service. The liturgy of the P'nai Or siddur includes both traditional and contemporary writings, and the service leader or those attending may bring supplemental materials to share. Each New Paths service, either lay-led or rabbi-led, provides a unique and thoughtful Shabbat morning experience. A brief informal kiddush follows.

For more information about New Paths Services during August, please contact Marian Schwartz at [mschwa9882@aol.com](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com) or call the Temple at 454-2570.

## Special Program for Shabbat Noach on October 19th

Mark your calendar now for a Shabbat focusing on animals, with a guest speaker – and live therapy animals in the social hall after the service!

Our speaker that evening, Neil Abramson, is the author of “Unsaid,” a novel which movingly captures the deep bonds between people and the animals that share their lives. Thanks to Walter Effron of the Three Arts Book Shop in Arlington, the book will be available for purchase at the temple during Sunday school hours in September and October. Our congregation will share in the profits and the author will be glad to autograph your copy after his talk.

For more information about Neil Abramson and “Unsaid,” go to <http://www.neilabramsonauthor.com/>.

Learn about exciting innovations coming to our Religious School this fall at: <http://School-VassarTemple.org>.

If you have a child in grades 8-12, there is something of special interest to you.



## Mazel Tov to...

...Carol Strauss, whose daughter, Rebecca, graduated from SUNY New Paltz with an MFA in Sculpture.



## Welcome to New Members of Vassar Temple

We have new members who have recently joined the Temple community. Please extend a warm welcome to:

**Steven Ellis and Alicia Davis and their sons, Jacob and Samuel**

**Sisterhood Art Calendars** for 2012-13 are available for \$15 through Elaine Lipschutz, 452-1582.

## Pulpit Flowers

- June 23 In memory of Paul Douglas Fa'gut donated by Pola Fa'gut.
- July 13 Vassar Temple Sisterhood.
- August 3 In honor of Tara Lerman's Bat Mitzvah with love from her family.
- August 17 In honor of Melissa Wall's Bat Mitzvah

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 Shrub Fund. Just call Sandi Rugar at 454-2570. The donation to the Shrub Fund is \$55.

## Susan Hecht to Receive Arnold Award

Just before our Selichot observance, at 7:30 on Saturday evening, September 8<sup>th</sup>, this year's Rabbi Stephen Arnold Award for contributions to the religious and spiritual life of our congregation will be presented to Susan Hecht.

As the chair of our Reyut (Friendship) Committee, Susan has addressed the needs of Temple members and their families with sensitivity, efficiency, and compassion. She has organized food, rides, home and hospital visits many times during this difficult year for our Temple family, so that Vassar temple continues to be known in the community as a place where members support each other in time of need.

In addition, Susan has for several years run the Talking Books program through our Social Action Committee, making recordings to help cheer up sick children in local hospitals and enrich the

lives of other children who might not have books in their homes or someone to read to them. She has taken charge of decorating the bimah and the sukkah during Sukkot and has beautified the temple grounds by planting flowers and shrubs.

For many years, Susan also enhanced our services by singing with the temple choir. Having celebrated her adult Bat Mitzvah at Vassar Temple ten years ago, Susan has often read from the Torah during High Holy Day services and, most recently, at our Sisterhood Shabbat service. Be with us to honor her on September 8<sup>th</sup>!

## Refuah Shelemah

...to our Temple members, **Steve Dahnert, Emily Himelstein, Michele Brenner, Arthur Stern and Irma Jacobs** who were recently hospitalized.

## We Need Your Help!

It's awful to be the last to know that someone has been hospitalized, needs a visit or needs some other kind of 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.



## Wheelchairs Needed

The Medical Lending Closet maintained by Jewish Family Services at the JCC is urgently in need of good quality, functional wheelchairs with footrests. If you have a wheelchair to donate, please contact [jfs@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:jfs@jewishdutchess.org), or phone Patty Weathers at 845-471-9811. JFS will be happy to provide you with a receipt for your donation.

## Vassar Temple Blog

Be sure to check out the Vassar Temple blog regularly at <http://vassartemple.wordpress.com/>. Keep up with the latest reflections and join the conversation!

## Vassar Temple Bulletin, published monthly

Publisher:	Marianne Abrams
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Articles for the September bulletin must be submitted to the temple office by August 1. Sorry, we cannot take Bulletin articles over the phone! Articles may be sent to Sandi Rugar via e-mail, at [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) or faxed to (845)452-5161.

The editor reserves the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.



I write this during the heat of summer, when part of my ritual once or twice a day includes checking the on-line weather forecast. How hot is it now?

How hot will it be?

How likely is it that thunder storms will knock out my power? If you're like me, you've surely noticed that most weather sites offer three data points: the daily high, the daily low, and the current temperature. And, again if you're like me, you've also noticed something bizarre: Sometimes the current temperature is higher than the daily high or lower than the low. The forecast might call for, say, temperatures between 70 and 95, even though the current temperature is 97.

With millions of dollars of weather-related technology, you'd think they could fix the software to let the minimum and maximum temperatures reflect the current conditions. (This is only part of the reason for the old joke that weather forecasters have difficulty predicting the present. To take another example, how can the chance of rain be only 30% if it's raining? And everyone's has had the sad experience at least once of laboring to shovel a "chance of flurries.")

The author Beth Kander suggests that there's something deeper here. If we're not careful, we all make the same kind of mistake as the weather software, she says. We have a plan and there are things we expect. But even when current conditions are incompatible with our expectations, we ignore the present and cling to our forecast. Such a strategy, she suggests, makes it hard to react appropriately to what's happening.

On a small scale, this might apply to a teacher teaching a class. The teacher may have planned what he or she thought would be a fun activity as a reward for a class that's done good work. But then the class reacts negatively to the "reward." What to do? The usual response, sticking to the plan and ignoring the evidence, is to chastise the students for not enjoying something fun. Unfortunately, students tend to misbehave when they're told how to feel, so next the teacher has to deal with discipline issues. What started as a reward ends up as a catalyst for punishment, all because the teacher couldn't abandon expectations.

On a larger scale, to live life is to deal with reality that falls outside our plans. I remember leading a 6th-grade weekend retreat some years ago, and

one girl, who had been hugely enthusiastic about the weekend, complained the whole way through when it finally arrived.

"You couldn't wait to get here. What's going on?" I asked her. She lamented that "no one told me it was going to be like this." Isn't that a motto for life, I thought.

And it works in both directions. Sometimes we plan for a comfortable reality only to find it shattered by unexpected, even tragic, loss. Other times, we are surprised by the richness of life beyond what we ever dared to conceive. If we cling too tightly to our own mental forecast, we'll be unable to deal with the loss in the first case, and unable to enjoy life's bounty in the second.

So as we enjoy the lazy dog-days of summer, let's let the weather forecast do something positive for a change: it can serve as a model of "don't let this happen to you." Let's try to find time this summer to sit back, look around, and see where we really are. If nothing else, doing so will stand us in good stead as we get ready for the High Holidays, which --- in spite of our best plans to make the summer last forever --- are just around the corner.

*Dr. Joel Hoffman*

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### Mitzvah Day: Words of Appreciation

Mitzvah Day 2012 was a beautiful and effective day of teamwork by the Hudson Valley Jewish community. Twenty projects were completed throughout the area. More than 250 volunteers turned out in all, with great interest in the outdoor programs on that beautiful spring day.

On behalf of Jewish Family Services, and on behalf of the non-profits we help each year, I'd like to express appreciation for the work of the many volunteers who sang, hammered, cooked, painted, planted, shopped, baked, and served. Every single volunteer helped, and every team member counted. Although we cannot list each volunteer here, please know that your work was important, and valuable to the Jewish community and beyond.

With deep appreciation,

*Linda Tafapolsky, Psy.D., Director  
Jewish Family Services of Dutchess County*

### Martin Charwat Speaks about Syria on October 18<sup>th</sup>

When we kick off our Adult Education programming for the coming year by resuming our annual fall presentations on the Middle East and North Africa, Martin Charwat will again be one of our speakers, bringing us up to date on events in Syria. A former President and current board member of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Martin will speak at the temple on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar now, and watch for details about the other Adult Ed sessions being planned for the fall. A presentation on Jordan will take place on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Lebanon will be the focus on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. All classes are open to the community free of charge. For more up-to-date information, go to [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org).

**‘Back to School’ means Back to School Shopping  
for Clothing - Shoes - Sports Gear - School Supplies and more!**

**Whether it is casual wear or formal dress attire,  
electronics or writing supplies,  
lunch items or healthy snacks that you need,  
plan to shop at these retailers,  
using SCRIP [gift cards] purchased at Vassar Temple!**

**77 Kids - Adams - Aeropostale - Amazon - American Eagle Outfitters –  
Bergdorf Goodman - Best Buy - Bloomingdales - Bon-Ton - Boscov’s –  
Champ’s - Children’s Place - Crazy 8 - CVS - Dick’s Sporting Goods –  
DressBarn - Fashion Bug - Foot Locker - Gap - H&M - Hannaford –  
iTunes - J. Crew - J. Jill - JCPenny - Kids Foot Locker - Kmart –  
Kohl’s – L.L. Bean - Land’s End - Lane Bryant - Lord & Taylor –  
Macy’s – Marshall’s - Men’s Wearhouse - Neiman Marcus –  
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Walgreen’s - Walmart - Zappos**

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contact the SCRIP Coordinator, Sandra Mamis, at 463-2678 or [scrip@vassartemple.org](mailto:scrip@vassartemple.org)  
Shopping with SCRIP Makes Lots of Cents!**



*About 70 temple members of all ages  
enjoyed a picnic provided by the Sisterhood  
and Men’s Club on the temple lawn on a  
perfect spring evening.*

## **Picnic and Outdoor Service Held on June 15th**

*Molly DuVall  
was one of the  
readers during the  
outdoor Shabbat  
service*



*Ilana Wolf, one of  
the graduating seniors  
who were honored  
during the service, did  
a reading.*

## **Vassar Temple Sisterhood’s Closing Dinner**

On Tuesday evening, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Joan Posner hosted a share-a-salad supper at her home as the closing event of the Vassar Temple Sisterhood year. Among the Sisterhood members who enjoyed the lovely evening on Joan’s patio were (seated, left to right) Susan Hecht (who was honored with the Evelyn Kahn Award). Muriel Lampell, Sue Lesser, Elaine Lipschutz, and (standing, left to right) Paula Landau, Debbie Golomb, Sisterhood President Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, Sandra Mamis, Rachel Mamis, Joan Posner, Roni Stein, Emily Himelstein, Lisa Rubenstein, Doi Cohen, Amy Horn Oclatis (hidden) and Cathy Bokor.



*The Religious School teachers and aides  
were recognized during the service. Pic-  
tured, left to right, are Meredith Kaflowitz,  
Marissa Gally, Rachel Erlebacher, Rachel  
Marcus, Danielle Brundage, Religious  
School Director Dr. Joel Hoffman, Marris  
Abraskin, Brianna Erlebacher, and Craig  
Gittelman.*

To see more photos of the  
picnic and outdoor service,  
go to the photo gallery at  
[www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org)

## A Special Request

When you see all-beef hot dogs on sale this summer, please pick some up, pop them in your freezer, and save them for our September 2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch Box. Yes, Vassar Temple is preparing our signature frank and bean casserole once again, and your donation of the hot dogs (or fresh fruit for dessert) will be very much appreciated and can be dropped off in the Temple refrigerator several days beforehand.

If you can come to help cook and serve at Lunch Box that day, all the better! It's a holiday weekend (Labor Day), so good help will be hard to find. Our October Lunch Box (October 7<sup>th</sup>) will also be on a holiday weekend (Columbus Day), so once again any assistance YOU can give would be ESPECIALLY welcome! Feel free to recruit family, friends and neighbors to join with us in this mitzvah! I guarantee you it will be time well

spent and that you'll be glad you came. Lunch Box needs our support more than ever.

Please let me hear from you if you can help in any way on either date.

Marian Schwartz  
845-849-0025

[socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

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## New Officers and Trustees Installed

During the Shabbat service on June 22<sup>nd</sup> Dave Wolf, co-chair of our Men's Club, thanked the outgoing temple officers and trustees for their service and introduced the new office-holders. Once they were all on the bimah, Dave officially installed them in their new positions.

Bob Abrams outlined his hopes and plans for his term as president, encouraging all temple members to share their views with him and to get involved in the aspects of congregational life which interest them. (Bob's full remarks can be accessed from a link on the left side of our website's home page, [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org).)

Our new congregational officers and trustees are:

**President:** Bob Abrams  
**First Vice President:** Bob Ritter  
**Second Vice President:** Margery Groten  
**Treasurer:** Brian Silverman  
**Secretary:** Jeff Brenner  
**Immediate Past President:** Sandra Mamis

**Trustees:**

**3-year terms:** Jen Dahnert, Alan Kaflowitz, Linda Lant, Melissa Wall, Hilary Wrobel  
**1-year terms:** Joan Ollendorf, Roni Stein

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## Another Honor for Joe Bertolozzi

We at Vassar Temple are proud of our organist, Joe Bertolozzi, who has often been recognized for his musicianship and his compositions. Most recently, Joe has been the project manager of BMW of the Hudson Valley's BEACONS OF MUSIC which has been awarded the 2012 Dutchess County Executive Arts Award for Art in Public Spaces.

Re-purposing the facade of an old, boarded up factory building into a public art gallery, BEACONS OF MUSIC features eighteen 7-foot tall portraits of musicians from all genres who make music in the city of Beacon. An interpretive sign on the sidewalk identifies each musician. The installation is located at 2 East Main Street in Beacon and is open to the public free of charge through August 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Book Club to Discuss "Unbroken" on August 22nd

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand, the unforgettable odyssey of a man's journey into extremity, on Wednesday afternoon, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Ave., Poughkeepsie.

After his plane was shot down over the Pacific in 1943, former juvenile delinquent and Olympic runner Louis Zamperini and his pilot managed to survive on a fragile raft. They traveled 2,000 miles, only to land in a series of Japanese prison camps, where, for the next two years, Zamperini underwent

a whole new set of tortures. Called "one of the most extraordinary war stories of all" by the New York Times, this testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit by the acclaimed author of "Seabiscuit" is available in paperback and from the local library system.

Sondra Chertock will lead the discussion, to which everyone is welcome, and Sue Lesser will provide light refreshments. To RSVP or get more information, contact Doi Cohen at 462-6193 or [dcohen1230@gmail.com](mailto:dcohen1230@gmail.com).



## JWV Plans August Meeting

The Jewish War Veterans, Post 625, will hold its monthly meeting on August 12, 2012 at Congregation Schomre Israel, which is just north of the rear of the JCC on Park Avenue. It also has an entrance on Fulton Avenue. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. As Schomre Israel is strictly Kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the Synagogue.

In the event of inclement weather, announcements will be on Cumulus Radio: 101.5 WPDH, 1490 WKNY, 92.7/76.9 WRRV, 94.3/97.3 The WOLF, 1390/1340 OLDIES, 97.7 The Mix Mark Bolger.

For further information contact Post Commander Ralph Schwartz at [RSCHWA9881@aol.com](mailto:RSCHWA9881@aol.com) or (845) 849-0025.



**Benjamin Creedon** graduated cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a BA in Media Management and a minor in Business Administration. He is currently preparing to take the GMAT.

**Daniel Creedon** graduated summa cum laude from Marist College with a BS in Athletic Training. Daniel was elected to the Sigma Zeta National Science and Math Honor Society. He has a preseason internship with the Washington Redskins.

**Julieta Gruszko** graduated cum laude with high distinction from the University of Rochester with a BA in Mathematics and a BS in Physics. She had a paper published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. This fall she will begin a PhD program in particle physics at the University of Washington.

**Elliott Charles Lant** graduated cum laude from Bucknell University with a BS and double major in Economics and Mathematics. Elliott has a position as Financial Analyst at Charter Oak Financial Group in Stamford, CT.

## Interfaith CROP Walk Against Hunger

The Dutchess County Interfaith Council will sponsor the annual community CROP Walk against hunger on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The walk raises money to aid folks nationally and globally, with 25% of the proceeds coming back to local agencies such as Dutchess Outreach.

Last year we were the top fundraising walk in our region, raising over \$52,000. But this year the needs will be even greater so we'll need more help to reach our goal.

There are several ways to participate. You can do all or part of the walk with family, friends, a group from the Temple, or on your own. Sponsor yourself, or get a few sponsors and you can help even more! If you cannot walk, perhaps you

can sponsor our rabbi or another congregant who'll be walking. Finally, help is needed at the registration table and bake sale the day of the event.

The complete walk is a little under 10K (6 mi.) on a safe, monitored route in the City of Poughkeepsie, with three rest station checkpoints along the way at local houses of worship. If you can help at the registration table or the bake sale that day (both at the JCC) or provide baked goods, please contact Marian Schwartz at [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org). If you'd like to learn more or sign up to be a walker, please contact Dave Wolf, our Vassar Temple CROP Walk recruiter, at [cropwalk@vassartemple.org](mailto:cropwalk@vassartemple.org).

## MAZAL TOV TO OUR 2012 COLLEGE GRADS

**Jack Maserjian** graduated from SUNY Buffalo, earning a BA in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. Jack completed a semester abroad in Singapore.

**Seth Benjamin Oclatis** graduated cum laude from Temple University with a BA and double major in Broadcasting, Telecommunications, and Mass Media along with Geography and Urban Studies. He completed a semester in London with a film internship. Seth earned several awards from the School of Communication and Theater including 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Best Web Production for "Philatopia" which was also featured on the "front page" of the Reddit Philadelphia online magazine in April 2012.

**Mallory Turk** graduated cum laude from Binghamton University with a BA, majoring in Philosophy, Politics, and Law and minoring in Biological Anthropology. She will start at Brooklyn Law school in August. This summer Mallory will complete a second internship at Feldman, Kleidman, and Coffey in Fishkill and will also make trips to Israel and Alaska.

**Jennifer R. Wolf** graduated magna cum laude from Binghamton University with a BS in Integrative Neuroscience and minors in Evolutionary Studies and Global Studies. She was elected to Phi

Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, academic honor societies, and to Psi Chi, an academic honor in the psychology field. Jennifer is in the process of applying to medical school.

## GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

**Danielle Abrams** will be pursuing a PhD in clinical neuropsychology at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

**Lauren Ciminello** graduated from medical school at the State University of New York at Stony Brook as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honor society. She has begun a residency in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

**Mariel Gruszko** is beginning a PhD program in anthropology at the University of California at Irvine.

**Sarah Ritter** completed the six-year PharmD program at the Mylan School of Pharmacy at Duquesne University.

**Leah Robinowitz** graduated from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and has begun a residency in Family Medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida.



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5	6 7:15pm Ritual	7 10am SEP	8 Flyers Deadline	9 10am SEP	10 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by Doi Cohen	11 NO Torah Study
12	13	14 10am SEP	15	16 10am SEP	17 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by Rabbi Golomb	18 9am Torah Study 10am Bat Mitzvah Melissa Wall
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