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Vassar Temple Bulletin

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Tenth Night of Hanukkah Potluck and Service

Join us for our annual dairy/vegetarian potluck Hanukkah family dinner on Friday, December 6, hosted by Roni Stein, Judy Rosenfeld, and Nadine Zaritsky. We will start promptly at 6:00pm in order to finish in time for our "10th Night of Hanukkah" service. The cost is \$6.00 per person or \$18.00 per family, **plus** a dairy or vegetarian entrée for ten people. Salad, challah, drinks and latkes will be provided. Please RSVP to Roni Stein at roniagt99@aol.com or (845) 223-5804 by Monday, December 2.

Dinner will be followed by our annual candlelight Hanukkah service beginning at 7:30pm. Bring your menorah and nine candles (and for those who

have used up their candles for the year, we can supply extras!). Come bask in the warmth as our sanctuary is ablaze with Hanukkah light and friendship.



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Rabbi's Message: A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL OCCASIONS



In 1953, Vassar Temple was no longer “the Shul on Vassar Street.” It formally moved to its current location, taking with it its informal name, and leading to over sixty years of confusion. I cannot count the number of

times I have been asked by people from outside the immediate area what is it like to serve the students at (Vassar) College! The name was carried along, but the building was not. For many years, the good members of Congregation Brethren of Israel felt their place on Vassar Street – the reconverted Congregational Church – was not adequate for their needs. Finally, in the immediate aftermath of World War II, the congregation pulled together the wherewithal to build a new place on donated land on Hooker Avenue. They had foresight to envision steady growth, and therefore constructed a sanctuary nearly three times larger than what they had before.

Over the past sixty years, the congregation did indeed grow, and there have been occasions in which the sanctuary has been filled. The planners took into account methods of allowing for an expansion beyond fixed

capacity: a two-tiered “overflow space” was designed at the rear of the sanctuary allowing for about 100-150 extra chairs. Beyond that, people can be seated in the Social Hall downstairs and have the sound piped in. Capacity crowds and SROs do not happen very often. Let us focus on the other 98% of the time.

A sanctuary is supposed to be a place that gives a person a sense of transcendence. The room itself may not be larger in length and width, but it ought to be relatively high. It is also a place of mystery – the Torah scrolls are hidden behind the doors or curtain of the Ark – and of light – the *ner tamid*. Most of all, however, the sanctuary is a place of assembly. It is not a “devotional” with room for only one or two, but rather a space large enough for the *minyan*, the quorum of ten gathered for prayer. The sanctuary, therefore, is supposed to provide a sense of community; individuals embarking upon a common purpose.

Does Vassar Temple’s sanctuary accomplish this task? When filled – 100 or more in attendance – I believe it does so. And such occasions happen often enough to warrant having a sanctuary this large. What, however, should be done for the many times in which the gathering is smaller? Are there ways of creating

greater intimacy within the sanctuary? Should there be an alternate sanctuary in a smaller space, yet with all the trappings of transcendence, mystery and light; and if so, where should it be?

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Our lives as Jews sits within ever-widening circles: our immediate, then our extended families; our congregational family at Vassar Temple; the local, then national, then worldwide Jewish community; and finally all humanity, once more moving from the local to the international. The emotional bonds we feel with each circle changes, usually weaker as we move further out, but the bonds of obligation can be mostly the same.

I acknowledge and most sincerely thank the many members of the Vassar Temple family who have reached out with generosity and concern to the larger communities about us. First, thank you to the congregants who have maintained the membership in ARZA – the Association of Reform Zionists in America. ARZA represents not only a direct connection to Israel, but it is also a positive act of creating the sort of society in the Jewish State for which we all pray: one devoted to justice and equity, without there can never

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San Diego, here we come! This month Bob Ritter and I will be attending the 72nd Biennial conference at the San Diego Convention Center. The conference, which runs December 11-15, is the place for Jews from across North America to assemble to learn, pray, share ideas, sing, listen to great music by modern Jewish groups, hear from inspiring guest speakers, reunite with old friends, create new connections, and make decisions about the policies of the Reform Movement. The Biennial attracts about 5,000 lay leaders and professionals from Reform congregations. Activities and events are planned for each day of the Biennial, starting in the morning (for those who like to attend early morning worship service) and lasting well past midnight with engaging music and other forms of entertainment. Learning sessions are scheduled throughout each day with countless choices in each time slot.

Of particular value is the ability to meet

President's Message

with other leaders of large and small congregations, networking and discussing many topics that we all have in common, such as membership, engaging youth, innovative approaches to worship, engaging interfaith families...

One exciting perk is the Gaslamp District across the street from the convention center, offering many dining and shopping options, as well as places to just grab a small bite.

Bob and I plan to attend a variety of sessions of importance to Vassar Temple, as well as those that interest us personally. In addition, I'm hoping to meet with many of the temple presidents whom I met last year at the Scheidt Seminar. We've been chatting online about creating opportunities to meet together and discuss specific challenges that we've had during our presidencies.

I'm particularly excited about the lineup of speakers and musicians scheduled

to appear. The featured speaker will be Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Other notable speakers will include Mark Bittman (cookbook author), Julian Bond (former leader of the American Civil Rights movement) and Anat Hoffman (director of the Israel Religious Action Center and Chairman of Women of the Wall). Plus there will be a full array of Jewish musicians, including familiar names like Doug Colter, Michelle Citrin, Alan Goodis, Josh Nelson, Larry Milder, Julie Silver and a host of others!

Additionally, Bob and I will try to continue a practice started at the last Biennial two years ago by Seth Erlebacher, z"l, and summarize the high points of each day in the Vassar Temple Blog (vassartemple.wordpress.com) so that folks at home can follow what we will be up to.

Here's wishing all of you a warm and safe holiday season, beginning with Hanukkah which started on Thanksgiving this year.

Bob Abrams

December Worship

- Dec. 6 6:00 pm *The Tenth Night of Hanukah*: Shabbat Dinner, 7:30pm Annual Candlelight Service, with cantorial soloist, Elisa Dugatkin
- Dec. 7 9am Torah Study; 10:15 New Paths Shabbat morning service
- Dec. 13 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat evening service and reading of Torah, with cantorial soloist, Elisa Dugatkin
- Dec. 14 9am Torah Study
- Dec. 20 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat evening service
- Dec. 21 *A Vassar Temple Shabbat*: 9am Torah Study, 10am New Paths service with Torah reading and discussion of new directions in Jewish worship; 12:15pm Kiddush/lunch
- Dec. 27 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat evening service
- Dec. 28 9am Torah Study

New Paths Services

The next New Paths service will be Saturday December 7 at 10:00am in the sunlit East Chapel. The focus is on seeking personal meaning in the worship experience, rather than just getting through a service. The liturgy includes both traditional and contemporary writings, and those attending may bring supplemental materials to share. The service may be rabbi led or lay led, and a brief informal Kiddush follows.

On Saturday December 21 at 10:00am, we will hold a Torah Service, incorporating New Paths elements. A speaker will follow the service, and a Kiddush lunch will be served around noon. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb at rabbi@vassar-temple.org.

Torah Service, Speaker, and Luncheon on December 21

On Saturday December 21, Shabbat observance at Vassar Temple will begin with Torah study with Rabbi Golomb at 9:00am. At 10:00am we will hold a Torah Service which will incorporate some New Paths elements. A speaker will follow the service, and a complementary Kiddush luncheon will be served at about noon, providing an opportunity to break bread and socialize together. The dress code is casual and all are warmly invited to any or all of the morning's activities. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb at rabbi@vassar-temple.org.

Scriptural Readings

December 6th & 7th Vayigash

Gen. 44:18-45:27

Ezekiel 37:15-28

December 14th & 15th Vayehi

Gen. 47:28-48:22; 50:23-26

I Kings 2:1-12

December 21st & 22nd Sh'mot

Ex. 1:1-2:25

Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

December 27th & 28th Va'era

Ex. 6:2-7:7; Num. 29:

Ezek. 28:25-29:21

Tiny Temple

This month Tiny Temple will provide youngsters age infant-kindergarten and those who are raising them the opportunity to make Jewish decorations to enhance their homes. The adults can share ideas about what works for each of them to create a Jewish home in today's modern secular world. This event will be held Sunday, December 15 from 11:00am to noon, and a healthy snack will be served. Both Temple members and non-members are warmly invited to come and join in the fun. Tiny Temple is held once a month during the school year, is always free of charge, and explores a timely Jewish theme each month in a relaxed and friendly setting. Tiny Temple is sponsored by the Vassar Temple Sisterhood. To assist in our planning, please RSVP to Laura Brundage at tinytemple@vassar-temple.org. Laura will also be happy to provide further information and place you on the Tiny Temple mailing list.





Mazel Tov

to...

Bill and Susan Barbash on their 50th Wedding Anniversary



On Friday, October 25 longtime temple members Peter and Bernice Edman received a special blessing in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary. We wish them a heartfelt mazel tov on reaching this milestone occasion.

Welcome Back

to Monti and Lillian Lang of Millbrook



Pulpit Flowers

- December 6: Committee Members of Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- December 13: Committee Members of Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- December 20: Committee Members of Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- December 27: Donation by Ester Reisman In Memory of Philip Friedland and Sadie Cohen Friedland

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 Shrub Fund.

Just call the Vassar Temple Office at 454-2570. The donation to the Shrub Fund is \$55.

Despite rainy weather, many Vassar Temple members gathered on the Rail Trail for the dedication of the new bench in Memory of Seth Erlebacher.



In Remembrance

It is with great sadness and deep sorrow that we have learned of the death of:

Joan E. Tulin, mother of Louise Leavitt and grandmother of Matthew Mahlke;
 Lisa Graney, wife of Ronald Hahn, mother of John and Daniel Graney

Refuah Sheleimah

to our Temple member, Gayle Margolin who was 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.

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

From the Religious School Director



In the coming weeks, we'll complete our reading of the book of Genesis, and, with it, wrap up the saga of our ancestors and their families.

Toward the end, Judah in Egypt begs for life-saving food from a man who turns out to be his brother Joseph. Joseph, now the Egyptian viceroy, looks down from his throne at the man he knows to be his long-estranged brother Judah.

Both Judah and Joseph were victims of their father Jacob's atrocious parenting skills, as evidenced, for example, by Jacob's decision to give Joseph a fancy coat but to give nothing to any of his other children. So back in Canaan, Judah had helped sell Joseph to their cousins, the Ishmaelites, as a slave. Jacob was distraught at the loss of his son, Judah seemed not to care, and for a while slavery was too good for Joseph. He spent time in an Egyptian jail.

It is perhaps not Jacob's fault that he never learned to be a good parent. His mother and father fought over which child they loved more, and Esau was always Daddy's favorite. Jacob's mother was conniving and devious, helping him cheat his father who had become so senile

he couldn't tell the difference between his son and a sheep.

Isaac, of course, learned from his own father, Abraham, the father who took him on a picnic where he almost sacrificed him on Mount Moriah. Likewise, Jacob inadvertently married the wrong woman. We can only imagine the sibling rivalry that results when your sister is also your husband's favorite wife.

Jealousy, pettiness, and sibling rivalry seem to be the only family dynamics Jacob knew. So we perhaps understand why Jacob was unable to keep his family together. If Genesis is about families, it is about dysfunctional families. Still, never one to learn from his mistakes, Jacob gathers all of his remaining children together when the family is faced with famine: "I want all of you to go down to Egypt to try to get us some food," he instructs his children. "All of you except Benjamin, that is." Why not Benjamin? "Because I love him," Jacob tells his children. The message is tragic and clear.

Benjamin eventually joins his brothers in Egypt, and that brings us to another installment of "what else can go wrong." Joseph demands that Benjamin stay behind and not return to their father. But that's not an option, Judah knows. "If my father sees that Benjamin

is gone, he will die," Judah tells the powerful Egyptian leader. Judah has understood the situation fully. "Daddy won't even miss me," he knows.

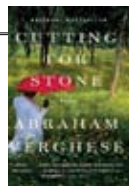
In offering to stay behind instead of Benjamin, Judah recognizes his father's failings, and, more importantly, he accepts them. This is the moment he breaks the cycle of family dysfunction that plagued the first four generations of our ancestors' lives.

Genesis, of course, is about us. For we are Abraham, sometimes angry at our children. We are Rachel and Leah, jealous of our siblings. We are Judah, still trying to understand why our parents cannot be perfect. We are all of them.

Let us not forget that things turned out well for Judah, a fact we mark at every wedding when we quote the prophet Jeremiah: "Once again there will be heard among Judah the sounds of joy and happiness, the sounds of the bride and groom." As we finish up our yearly reading of Genesis, let us pray that God gives us the courage to learn from Judah and accept reality. And let us look forward to the joy and happiness that await us when we do.

Dr. Joel Hoffman

VTS Book Club Will Meet on Dec. 18



Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss the New York Times bestseller, *Cutting for Stone* by Ethiopian-American medical doctor Abraham Verghese, on Wednesday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Ave., Poughkeepsie. A saga of twin brothers, orphaned by their mother's death at their birth and abandoned by their father, this gripping novel tells the brothers' story against the background of Ethiopian history in the last fifty years.

Marion and Shiva Stone are born in Addis Ababa of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Bound together by a

special connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins are at the center of an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles. *Cutting for Stone* is available in paperback and through the local library system. Sondra Chertock will lead the discussion, to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, contact Doi Cohen at 462-6193 or dcohen1230@gmail.com.

Shalom on Grand Assistance Appreciated

On October 20, Vassar Temple was well represented at the JCC's Shalom on Grand where we offered a craft for the children and a great display of Judaica. As always we thank our wonderful volunteers: Alan Kflowitz who brought us shade and shelter with his tent, Donna Loshin and Carol Nectow who handled all sales with tremendous flair. At the end of the day Donna and Carol were joined by Meredith and Haley Kflowitz, Muriel Lampell and Len Nectow, making packing a breeze! What a great team! Thank you for your support!

VASSAR TEMPLE HONORED FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Vassar Temple was presented the Community Partner Award by Dutchess Outreach, in recognition of the congregation's ongoing commitment to community service and tikkun olam.



The award was accepted by Emily Himmelstein and Jenny Krevolin, who have been instrumental in initiating and sustaining Vassar Temple's Lunch Box project, which began 30 years ago.



Dozens of Vassar Temple members, who have been active in various social action projects, attended the award ceremony at Dutchess Outreach's annual brunch on October 6, 2013. Pictured: Jenny Krevolin, Susan Karnes Hecht, Perla Kaufman, Bob Abrams, Rachel, Stan & Wendy Marcus, Emily Himmelstein, Murray and Mary Solomon, and Carolynn Frankel.

Community Partner Award plaque presented to Vassar Temple on October 6



Cook Up a Mitzvah

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be real peace.

And second, thank you to those who sponsored myself and others at this year's CROP walk. Hunger and food insecurity remains a real problem in the lives of millions of Americans. It represents a physical, spiritual and economic issue that ultimately affects us all. Each contribution is a significant step toward fulfilling the blessing recited at the end of a meal: We praise You God, Provider of nourishment to all.

Rabbi Paul Golomb

On a cold winter's eve, there is nothing better than a savory bowl of chili, spicy lasagna, a steaming casserole, a hearty stew, or some bone-warming soup. If any of these are your culinary specialties, we invite you to help with a Jewish Night at the homeless shelter during the winter. Once a month (usually the fourth Thursday), members of the Jewish community provide the evening meal at the Hillcrest overnight shelter. The shelter is located near Dutchess Community College. Only a couple of volunteers are needed to actu-

ally serve the dinner, and they can transport food made by others to the shelter. Donations of foods to round out the menu, including fresh fruit and containers of 100% juice, are always welcome. The more people who volunteer, the more we can divide up the amount of food needed to feed the up to 60 nightly guests at the shelter. For more information, or to sign up to help with this mitzvah in the coming months, please contact Linda Doherty at 914-474-0038.

Mother's Group Needs Volunteers and Donations

We are very excited that the Poughkeepsie Community Mother's Group for new moms has started, and that a group for Spanish speaking moms will be starting December 11! These groups are important sources of parenting information, as well as opportunities for new moms to socialize. We are seeking donations of food for healthy snacks or money to purchase refreshments and supplies. Adult and teen volunteers are needed 1-2 nights a month to help set up, welcome the moms, and to babysit. Vassar Temple is co-sponsoring this program along with other community partners. If you are interested in helping in some way, or if you want more information about this wonderful new project, please contact Kay Bishop, a nurse-midwife and member of our Social Action Committee at kaybishop@gmail.com or at 845-797-4834.

Sisterhood December "CHAI TEA" – Join Us!!

The December "Chai Tea," organized by the Vassar Temple Sisterhood, will take place on Wednesday, December 18 at noon at the Mill House Brewing Company, 289 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie. Come and join us for an informal Dutch treat lunch, filled with fun, socializing and community. No need to RSVP, just show up; we'll gather, and enjoy some time together. Questions should be directed to sisterhood@vassartemple.org. We hope to see you on the 18th at this exciting new Poughkeepsie venue!

Jewish War Veterans Schedules December Meeting

The Jewish War Veterans, Post 625, will hold its monthly meeting on December 8, 2013 at Congregation Shomre Israel on Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Although you cannot see Congregation Shomre Israel from the JCC, it is just north of the rear of the JCC on Park Avenue. There is also an entrance on College Avenue. The meeting will begin at 9:30am. Shomre Israel is strictly kosher. Please do not bring any food or beverage into the synagogue.

In the event of inclement weather, announcements will be on Cumulus Radio: 101.5 WPDH, 1490 WKNY, 92.7/96.9 WRRV, 94.3/97.3, 1390/1340 OLDIES, 97.7. For further information contact Post Commander Ralph Schwartz at Rschwa9881@aol.com or (845) 849-0025.

"Leaving Home" Adult Education Course Concludes on December 5

The final session of the adult education course "Leaving Home" with Professor Andrew Bush will be Thursday, December 5 at 7:00pm at Temple Beth-El. Jews have been leaving home for promised lands since Abraham. This brief course on American Jewish literature explores fundamental questions about such departures: If it was really home, why leave? If you inevitably bring home with you wherever you go, have you left? "Leaving Home" refers to the immigrant experience and participants are invited to share their own family's story about coming to the USA. There is a list of suggested reading on the Vassar Temple website. For more information, email adulted@vassartemple.org.

Lunch Box News

Heartfelt thank yous to Wendy & Stan Marcus, Michele Brenner, Carolyn Frankel, our 6th and 7th grade families, the indispensable Linda Babas, and everyone who donated food, funds and sweat equity to help make our fall Lunch Box meals happen. On January 5 we will resume providing and serving a hot and tasty meal to our neighbors in need on the first Sunday of the month. We cannot do it without you. Please consider lending a hand in your own special way in the New Year to support this life-sustaining project. Questions? Contact Marian Schwartz, Social Action Chairperson at socialaction@vassartemple.org.

Jewish Meditation Group

The Jewish Meditation Group, which meets the first Tuesday of the month from 7:30pm-8:30pm at the Temple, will meet Tuesday December 3. Both beginners and those experienced in the practice of meditation are warmly invited to attend. There will be a sitting meditation, a walking meditation, either chanting or a short reading, plus time set aside for questions and sharing. The group will continue to meet the first Tuesday of the month throughout the winter (January 7, February 4, and March 4) under the leadership of Linda Cantor of Vassar Temple and Ed Rosenberg of Temple Beth El. There is no charge to attend, but please RSVP to the Temple office if you plan to attend any or all of the sessions by emailing office@vassartemple.org or calling 454-2570.

Panel Discussion Held on Nov. 9th

On Saturday, Nov. 9th, a panel discussion on “How do Doctors Decide on Matters of Health” was held in the East Chapel after a Torah service. The event was attended by almost 30 people, some of whom participated. The discussion was followed by a kiddush luncheon arranged by the Ritual Committee.



Left to right: Dr. Lawrence Scheck, a cardiologist; Dr. Jed Turk, an obstetrician-gynecologist; Dr. Daniel Katz, a urologist; Dr. Arthur Groten, a radiologist; and Dr. Inna Kudria, a primary care physician

Interfaith Story Circle: Light and Darkness

The Dutchess County Interfaith Council is sponsoring story circle on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00pm at the Beacon Hebrew Alliance. The theme is “Light and Darkness.” A storyteller will tell a prepared story on this theme, and then the floor will be open to those wishing to tell a story relating to “Light and Darkness” that comes from their own faith tradition or personal experience. People of all faiths are welcome to come and share their stories, or to just come and listen as we learn about one another. A tour of the synagogue will precede the storytelling. Refreshments will be served, and there is no charge to attend. For further information and for directions to the BHA visit <http://www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org>.



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Immediate Past President:	Sandra Mamis
Youth Group President:	Rachel Marcus



December 2013 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hanukkah No Religious School	2 Hanukkah 7:15p Ritual Committee	3 Hanukkah 7p Meditation	4 Hanukkah 4:30p Hebrew School 6:30p Religious School	5 Hanukkah 11:30a Talmud 7p Leaving Home, Part 3	6 CanJam 6:15 Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner 7:30p Hanukkah Service	7 9a Torah Study 10am New Paths
8 9am Religious School, K-7 10a Men's Club	9 7am Exec Committee	10 7pm Finance Committee	11 4:30p Hebrew School 6:30p Religious School	12 11:30a Talmud	13 6p Shabbat Service	14 9a Torah Study
15 9am Religious School, K-7 11a Tiny Temple	16	17 7p Jewish Federation Annual Meeting	18 2p Book Club 4:30p Hebrew School 6:30p Religious School	19 11:30a Talmud	20 6p Shabbat Service	21 9a Torah Study 10am Morning Service
22 9am NO Religious School	23 7p Temple Board meeting	24	25 Christmas Office Closed No Hebrew or Religious School	26 No Talmud	27 6p Shabbat Service	28 9a Torah Study
29 9am NO Religious School	30	31 New Years Eve				