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Vassar Temple Bulletin

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Jewish & Italian Night **at Vassar Temple After Hours Feb. 22nd**

Mark Saturday, February 22nd at 7:30pm on your calendar and make your way to Vassar Temple's Social Hall for a relaxed evening filled with kibbitzing, noshing, music and dance, at the 3rd annual Vassar Temple *After Hours* social mixer!

This year's *After Hours* theme will be "Jewish & Italian Night." We're bringing back Rudy, a talented local musician, to entertain us once again. Sing along or shake a leg! Dance instructor Mary will lead an ethnic dance lesson which is almost as much fun to watch as it is to participate in. The dairy dinner will include a delicious Antipast Aperitivo (appetizer), La Specialita' Dell Casa (specialty of the

house) which is make your own personal pizza (with a gluten free option), and fresh salad, accompanied by a nice Chianti and soft drinks (or bring your favorite wine or other beverage). Coffee and Italian pastries will follow.

Cost for all this fun, food and entertainment is only \$20 per person. Please make your prentozione (reservation) by contacting either Perla Kaufman at [914-456-7309](tel:914-456-7309) or Vassar Temple at [845-454-2570](tel:845-454-2570), or you can accept an invitation to Vassar Temple After Hours on FACEBOOK. For more information visit www.vassartemple.org or contact Perla.

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BAKERS NEEDED!

Join us for Sisterhood's annual

HAMANTASCHEN BAKING DAY

Hamantaschen will be served at Purim and delivered to college students and homebound congregants

Sunday, February 23rd (snow date 3/2/14)

**9:00 - 1:00 in the
temple kitchen**

R.S.V.P. to Judy Rosenfeld

635-2414 or hamantaschen@vassartemple.org

Please bring a batch of dough (made from the **recipe on page 8**) and a rolling pin. Remaining supplies and fun provided. Dough can be brought in in advance and placed in the Temple freezer.



Rabbi's Message: A Place to Learn



There is a life cycle to synagogue membership. Most people join a congregation when they first have school age children. Over time, other elements of synagogue life – worship, learning, community, etc. – might predominate, but affiliation usually begins with school. Doing so reveals a fundamental element of one's decision to affiliate in the first place: we are concerned about the Jewish future, particularly what sort of Jewish identity will our children bring forward into the next generation.

So, the school must be good. It must provide both a cognitive and affective experience; that is, it must teach "Jewish things," and it must inculcate a comfort, even a pride, in being a Jew. The key

elements in achieving such a goal are principally in the quality of the personnel – the teachers and Education Director – and the curriculum. We should not underestimate, however, the significance of the physical space in which learning takes place.

School design is tricky, especially as theories of education regularly change. Religious school design is even trickier. School buildings are usually built with the sole purpose of education in mind. Synagogues are built for multiple purposes of which education is only a piece. While rarely only an afterthought, religious schools are, for the most part, a bunch of rooms that can be used for classes, and one room that can be a Director's office. Any other needs of the school are improvised. Cannot more be done?

Vassar Temple, as currently set up, contains certain limitations, but it is still possible and valuable to imagine what

would be a better physical arrangement for Jewish learning. Some obvious questions to ask: is there a place for teachers to gather? Is there a place for parents? Is the library well situated, large enough, and suited for learning purposes? Are the classrooms themselves properly set in order to provide a good learning environment? Should there be a resource center, and if so, where should it be located?

V'Shinantam l'vanekha "Teach them diligently to your children." For most of us, it was the principal motivation for becoming involved in a synagogue. Thus, the congregation allocates a significant portion of its operating budget to religious education. Vassar Temple, as long as I have been involved, has had a superior staff made up of dedicated teachers and creative education directors. Has it had a superior place to learn as well?

Rabbi Paul Golomb

President's Message: An Audacious 2013 Biennial



Imagine attending a conference with some 5,000 attendees, all engaged in topics related to the success of the Reform Jewish community, with wonderful music and so many workshop choices that it makes you feel frustrated that you can't clone yourself!

Bob Ritter and I attended the 2013 URJ Biennial in San Diego, which was held in the huge San Diego conference center, adjacent to the Gaslamp Quarter. The conference was very well organized, with literally hundreds of interesting topics related to aspects of temple leadership, fundraising, youth engagement, prayer, and social action, just to name a few. The plenary sessions featured excellent speakers, passionate about the messages each delivered about important URJ issues. This Biennial also celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism) and the 75th anniversary of the NFTY movement. This was the third Biennial that I've attended and it met all expectations of being a fantastic conference! I returned energized to try new ideas that we learned about.

URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs' keynote address featured many accomplishments achieved by URJ congregations including: the power of practicing "audacious hospitality," inclusion of interfaith families and outreach, new youth

engagement initiatives, the importance of social justice, intensified Israel-Diaspora relations, and efforts toward religious pluralism in Israel. Rabbi Jacobs also discussed progress on engaging the youth of our movement and announced extending NFTY programs to include 6th graders. Many of the other speeches focused on the challenges facing the advancement of women, worship innovations, managing congregations, and much more.

The Audacious Hospitality theme called for Reform congregations to be *so* welcoming and *so* open that they are seen as "bold, daring, fearless, intrepid, brave, courageous, valiant, and heroic." Rabbi Jacobs said, "Audacious hospitality isn't just a temporary act of kindness so that people don't feel left out; it's an ongoing invitation to be part of a community where we can become all that God wants us to be - and a way to transform ourselves in the process." Vassar Temple practices much of this, especially with Reiyut and the willingness of many members of our congregation to help out when needed. The message is that our hospitality must continue throughout what we do, whether it be within the doors of our Temple building, or with people we meet in the community.

The conference held many highlights,

but one of the most memorable events included attending a music-filled Friday evening Shabbat service with some 5,000 people singing Shabbat prayers accompanied by a full choir and impressive instrumentals led by Josh Nelson. There were joyous moments with people of all ages dancing in the aisles. There were other memorable moments such as the solemn singing of *Aleinu* with everyone in the room bowed in unison while chanting the *Va'anachnu*. A memorable highlight of the Saturday morning Shabbat service was the presence of 13 torah reading platforms set up in strategic locations around the hall ("13 tribes"), each with its own torah readers and a large group engaging in an *Aliyah* for each portion.

On Vassar Temple's Blog, you'll find links to videos including a passionate speech by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who addressed the conference attendees live. Be sure to also watch Rabbi Rick Jacobs' keynote speech, as well as URJ CEO Stephen Saks, as they speak about the current and future situation for Reform Judaism. These are both exciting and challenging times as synagogues throughout North America address the findings in the recent Pew Research

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February Worship

- Feb. 7 6pm Family Shabbat Experience: Dinner, Services around the table, Birthday blessings
- Feb. 8 A Vassar Temple Shabbat: 9amm Torah Study; 10am Morning Worship and Torah reading; 11:15 Discussion with College students and graduates on *Navigating Jewish Identity on Campus*, followed by Kiddush/lunch.
- Feb. 14 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat service with Rabbi Golomb and Cantorial Soloist, Elisa Dugatkin
- Feb. 15 9amm Torah Study; 10:15 New Paths service
- Feb. 21 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat service with Rabbi Golomb
- Feb. 22 9amm Torah Study
- Feb. 28 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat service and Torah reading with Rabbi Golomb and Cantorial Soloist, Elisa Dugatkin

Torah Service Shabbat Feb. 8th

Torah Service Shabbat on Saturday morning, Feb.8th will feature a guest panel discussion titled, "On Being a Jewish College Student." Current and recently graduated students from the congregational family will talk about navigating one's Jewish identity through today's university. Questions of Jewish practice, social pressures and the never-ending issue of Israel and Middle East will be tackled. The morning's events open with adult Torah study with Rabbi Golomb at 9 am, followed by a Torah service at 10 am. The panel discussion will be held at 11:15 am, and a kiddush will be held at noon, providing refreshments for all and a chance to schmooze. Everyone in the community is warmly invited to come in comfortable casual dress to any or all of this special morning's activities.

Scriptural Readings

- Feb. 1 **T'rumah (Rosh Hodesh)**
Ex.25:1-25:40
Isaiah 66:1-24
- Feb. 8 **T'tzaveh**
Ex. 27:20-28:30
Ezek. 43:10-27
- Feb. 15 **Ki Tissa**
Ex. 30:11-31:17
I Kings 18:1-39
- Feb. 22 **Vayakhel**
Ex. 35:1-36:19
I Kings 7:40-50

Tiny Temple Feb. 23rd

This month *Tiny Temple* will provide preschool and kindergarten age children and those raising them a unique opportunity to make (and munch) delicious hamantaschen together in preparation for the upcoming holiday of Purim. The program, free and open to all, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 11am - noon. Come join in on the fun! Spread the word to your friends and neighbors! To assist in our planning, please RSVP to Laura Brundage at tinytemple@vassartemple.org.



New Paths Services

New Paths services will be held Saturday mornings Feb.1st and Feb.15th at 10am in the intimacy of our sunlit East Chapel. Moving traditional and contemporary readings illuminate the interactive service, which rotates between being lay-led and rabbi-led. A brief informal kiddush follows. Join us! For more info, contact Marian Schwartz mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb rabbi@vassartemple.org 454-2570.

Nachamu: Bringing Comfort When It Is Most Needed

Following is a letter from Linda Cantor, a member of Vassar Temple's Nachamu Committee. Her letter poignantly sheds light on the vital work of the Committee. Nachamu means "to bring comfort" and that is the precise intent motivating the development of the Committee and underscores its offerings to the Temple. If you would like to learn more about this so that you can be aware of how and what Nachamu can do to help you at a difficult time, please attend a 1-hour informational session 11am Sunday, March 9, 2014 in the East Chapel. For more information, please contact Sandra Mamis at 914-456-3524 or ssmdermpa78@gmail.com

I would like to share a very personal experience I had with the materials that Vassar Temple's Nachamu Committee developed to assist Temple members who are dealing with terminal illness themselves or their loved ones. Although I have been a member of Nachamu since its inception, I never thought about my own need for comfort and assistance.

Late at night on Nov. 9, 2013, I received word that my 68-year old sister had suffered a massive stroke and was in a hospital in Staten Island. Early the following morning, Richard and I left for the hospital. Since I was my sister's health care proxy, I had the presence of mind to bring these materials with me. However, it did not occur to me to bring the Nachamu booklet with prayers and poems.

As things unfolded, it became increasingly clear that there was no hope and we would have to disconnect life support. I was not home in Poughkeepsie where I could call on Rabbi Golomb or other friends to be with us. I both wanted and needed prayers and a ritual from our tradition to help us through the ensuing hours. My immediate thought was the Nachamu materials; but I did not have them with me. However, those materials are available on line. After accessing them through the Vassar Temple website, I gathered my nieces and asked their permission to recite the "Vidui" (prayer for someone who is dying), the "Shma" and "Psalm 23". We also looked at the ritual for disconnecting life support and decided we would like to perform that, as

well. We needed a way to make this difficult emotional transition. The ritual for disconnecting life support offered a way to transition to us. Making a decision to disconnect life support, even when there is no hope, is extremely difficult and emotionally wrenching. For me, having the prayers at hand and doing the ritual with my sister's daughters provided a connection to our tradition and a source of comfort during this difficult time.

Nachamu also put together a CD of music to sing or play when you are with a loved one who is dying. I turned to that once the life support was disconnected. We sat with my sister, held her hand, talked to her, cried together and sat quietly listening to the music together.

The Nachamu materials didn't change the outcome. My sister died peacefully that afternoon. However, they provided support and comfort to us during our time of uncertainty and need by offering us a way to connect with our tradition.

I strongly urge everyone to become familiar with the Nachamu materials. They are a gift from Vassar Temple to its members.

Linda Cantor

Mazal Tov

to...
Sam Dahnert on being accepted Early Decision to Colorado College.

Refuah Shelemah

to our Temple members who were recently hospitalized:
Erica Robbins
Gabe Bokor
Gayle Margolin

In Remembrance

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

Elaine Hendricks,
Aunt of Melissa Erlebacher
Thomas Nolan,
Stepfather to Melissa Wall



Pulpit Flowers

January 3: Vassar Temple Sisterhood
January 10: Vassar Temple Sisterhood
January 17: Richard & Marsha Lowry, with great appreciation of the Vassar Temple Family
January 24: Rabbi Paul and Debbie Golomb, in honor of Eden and Dalia Golomb's birthdays
January 31: Vassar Temple Sisterhood

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.

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.

From the Religious School Director



I write this eight years and a day after a prominent Israeli leader named Ariel Sharon suffered a stroke that left him in a coma. Last month, while I was in Israel, news reports circulated that Sharon's condition had "worsened." In a sense, it was ludicrous. How much worse could the comatose 85-year-old's health get? In another sense, it didn't even seem like news. What did it matter, really, whether the man was in a permanent vegetative state or whether his kidneys and liver gave up, too? But it wasn't just news. It was the lead story across Israel.

Ariel Sharon lived a life of controversy. Born in 1928 in the pre-Israel British Mandate of Palestine E.I., he joined the Israeli army as a paratrooper, achieved officer status, and distinguished himself militarily by, for instance, forming the elite Unit 101 of the IDF and by mounting successful, if contentious, operations during the 1956 and 1973 wars. For these the public dubbed him the "King of Israel" and the "Lion of God," launching his political career.

Sharon's military boldness was matched

by his bullheaded personality. Reports of military insubordination had already surfaced in the 1950s. Later, for his actions as Defense Minister during the 1982 Israeli military campaign in Lebanon, he was charged with personal responsibility for Muslim deaths at the hands of Lebanese Christians. Unlike most such accusations, this one came not from Israel's critics but from the Israeli government itself.

Repeating his pattern of provocation, Sharon led a contingent of 1,000 Israeli Jewish police officers to the Temple Mount in September of 2000, all but ensuring a violent response from the local Muslims who considered the site the 3rd holiest place in Islam.

In 2001, Sharon became Israel's Prime Minister, thus giving his argumentative personality a larger pulpit, such as when he enraged all of France by declaring that French Jews should leave immediately because of the rampant and unchecked anti-semitism in that country.

In 2004, he made an everlasting contribution to a 3,000 year-old struggle when he led his government to a unilateral disengagement from the occupied Gaza Strip (biblical Philistia, where David slew

Goliath). Sharon's move was met with widespread disapproval. Many Palestinians accused him of refusing to negotiate, while many of the Israelis living there refused to leave peaceably.

Yet Sharon's autobiographer, David Chanoff, also reports that the leader said of his own life that he "begin[s] with the basic conviction that Jews and Arabs can live together" and that even though Israel should remain Jewish, "Arabs should ... be full citizens in every sense of the word."

By 2005, this side of Sharon had become more widely recognized. He resigned as head of the Likud party, which he himself had founded, and established a new party, which he called "Kadima" --- a Hebrew word that means "forward," and also, more colloquially, "let's go already." It was in this context that he was widely seen as Israel's greatest hope for permanent peace.

And then he suffered a series of debilitating strokes that left him in a coma, left his party without a strong leader, and that devastated the spirits of many newly-made optimists.

By the time you read this, the man will probably be dead.

Sharon was larger than life and he wrote a chapter of a book that began 150 generations ago. Yet, alongside monikers like "King of Israel," he was also known by his humble nickname: Arik. Perhaps this Jew born to Russian immigrants can remind us that our own lives, too --- in ways we cannot fathom --- are part of the unfolding story of the Jewish people. There's a new chapter waiting to be written. And each of us has been invited to contribute.

Dr. Joel Hoffman

Vassar Temple Youths Provide Food Baskets

Vassar Temple students from grades 8-10 along with members of the Youth Group filled baskets with all the trimmings for Thanksgiving meals for seven local families in need. Preparing the baskets has become a favorite annual activity of the Temple teens, as well as an opportunity to put Jewish teachings about tzedakah (righteous giving) and gamilut chasidim (acts of loving kindness) into action. The baskets were filled to overflowing with all sorts of nonperishable Thanksgiving foods, little treats and handmade cards. Food for the baskets, along with frozen turkeys, were donated by religious school students and congregation members through our Trim-a-Thanksgiving and Turkey Trot projects. Due to the overwhelming generosity of the congregation, we were able to donate five additional turkeys and trimmings to Dutchess Outreach's food pantry. Vassar Temple does, indeed, care about hunger!



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Articles for the March Bulletin must be submitted to the Temple office by February 1st. 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.

Jewish Theatre: The American Experience

The Poughkeepsie Public Library is, once again, offering a series of FREE public programs, *Jewish Theatre: The American Experience*. All programs are on Sundays at 2:30 in the Mid-Hudson Library System's Auditorium, adjacent to the Adriance Library building. Check www.poklib.org for program descriptions.

- Feb. 2 *Irving Berlin: Say It with Music*
- Feb. 9 *The Rogers & Hammerstein Era: Reinventing Musical Theater*
- Feb. 16 *Sinners, Scandals, Scoundrels and Scamps on the American Jewish Stage*

Help Needed for Feb 2nd Lunch Box

Heartfelt appreciation goes to Jen Dahmert andCarolynn Frankel, Co-Captains of Sisterhood's January Lunch Box and thanks to every one of you who donated food, funds and/or sweat equity to help make it a success. Our next Lunch Box, Sunday Feb. 2, is sponsored by the Fifth Grade. Parent Co-Captains are Joel Kelson and Carolynn Frankel. We need the following food donations:

- 3 lb. all beef franks
- 1 doz. pieces of fresh fruit

If you can support our 5th graders and this life-sustaining project by donating food, please let Carolynn know at Carolynnfrankel@yahoo.com or 845-452-8809. Food may be dropped off in the Temple kitchen beforehand whenever the Temple is normally opened; please label it prominently „For Lunch Box.“ Soft fruits like bananas, citrus fruits and grapes are favorites; please package grapes in individual sandwich size baggies. Thank you-- we are feeding ever more hungry neighbors and we cannot do this without your help!

Peace Story Benefit Concert Sun. Feb. 9th

For about fifteen years, gifted storytellers from our community and beyond have delighted listeners of all ages at the annual Peace Story Concert sponsored by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. This year's story concert is scheduled for Sunday, February 9 at 2pm in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

While these stories are usually geared to adults, many younger folks have also come to enjoy the humor, pathos, inspiration, and entertainment inherent in stories from many different traditions and told by a variety of talented storytellers. Enjoy light refreshments and good fellowship during the intermission. Vassar Temple is one of more than 90 faith groups who support the DCIC. The storytellers donate their services for this special event, and proceeds benefit the homeless shelter. Suggested donation is \$10. For more information visit www.dutchesscounty-interfaith.org or call the Council at 471-7333.

February Tzedakah: The Wind Chill Fund

If you have been reading the local papers, you know that the homeless shelter has had to turn away numerous men and women on the bitterest of winter nights this year. Donations to our Temple tzedakah box this month will benefit the Wind Chill Fund, which will help supplement Hudson River Housing's emergency overnight shelter services when the facilities are overflowing. HRH provides not only a warm, clean, safe place to sleep, but also dinner, breakfast, a hot shower, transportation to and from the shelter, and referral services.

During 2012 HRH provided overnight shelter to over 1,500 homeless adults and children, and now, during what may prove to be the coldest winter in decades, the need is even greater. As we relax in our warm, secure homes, let's think of those who don't share these comforts by dropping a donation in the Temple tzedakah box. Checks made out to "Wind Chill Fund" are also appreciated, are tax deductible as well, and may be dropped off or mailed to the Temple.



For further information contact Marian Schwartz at socialaction@vassartemple.org. Also, donations of new toiletries (especially shampoo) and new or gently used bath towels, washable bedding/pillows, and men's pajamas, may be left in the shelter collection box in the East Chapel (*not* in the CanJam bin). If you have a large load for the shelter that needs to be picked up please contact Judy Harkavy at judystan@verizon.net 845 471-4973.

Shabbat and Its Discontents Adult Education Course

February 6, 7:00 pm
February 13, 7:00 pm
February 20, 7:00 pm

The Sabbath seems to be the perfect observance. It is a day of rest, and we all value time off from work. Or, do we? At best, most Jews observe Shabbat "from a distance." We acknowledge its existence, laud its purpose, and then treat late Friday and Saturdays like the rest of the week. In four sessions Rabbi Golomb will discuss what it can mean to keep Shabbat, in particular, noting that its observance has been a matter of controversy throughout all of Jewish history, going back to biblical times themselves.

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Study. I encourage you to view these and other presentations at <http://vassartemple.wordpress.com/2013/12/17/lets-go-to-the-video-tape/>.

Many of the sessions focused on establishing relationships and building new networks as part of creating a community. A particularly worthwhile session was on experimenting with innovative approaches to engaging young adults in their 20's and 30's. The proposal is to engage youth where they congregate and not to attempt to bring them to the temple right away. These gatherings would be in the form of a "Chavurah" that hosts Shabbat dinners and other events in local restaurants in the target community. Bob and I thought that a similar concept could be tried in our area. See the blog entry, <http://vassartemple.wordpress.com/2013/12/23/chavurah-a-meaningful-way-to-youth-engagement/> for additional ideas on this topic.

Other ideas and highlights included:

- engaging families with young children

with a "Pajama Havdalah" event by inviting families to a music-Havdalah service on a Saturday evening and encouraging the kids to wear their pajamas;

- improving our use of Visual T'filah by integrating it into temple activities and creating visuals for special services such as Bar or Bat Mitzvahs, a Martin Luther King Shabbat, etc.
- Dunkin Sennett, the 13-year old whose D'var Torah focused on marriage equality, observed that "the definition of traditional marriage is nothing like what people think it is today." Dunkin brought the house to their feet when he spoke at the Biennial.
- "Guess who's coming to Shabbos," a way to strengthen our congregation one Shabbat dinner at a time.

This Biennial met and exceeded all expectations of being a source of encouragement, resources and new ideas. There were some interesting ideas that could benefit Vassar Temple, which you'll hear more about in the coming weeks and months.

*L'Shalom,
Bob Abrams*

Jewish Meditation Feb. 4th

Jewish Meditation is held the first Tuesday of every month from 7:30-8:30pm at Vassar Temple, under the leadership of Linda Cantor (of Vassar Temple) and Ed Rosenberg (of Temple Beth El). Both beginners and those experienced in the practice of meditation are warmly invited to attend. At each session there will be a sitting meditation, a walking meditation, either chanting or a short reading, plus time set aside for questions and sharing. To assist with our planning, please RSVP to the Temple office at 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org if you expect to attend.

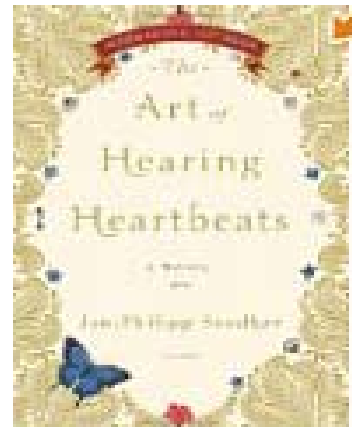
Book Club to Discuss *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* on February 19th

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats*, a poignant and inspirational love story by Jan-Philipp Sendker, on Wednesday, February 19th at 2:00 pm in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

Set in Burma, *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* spans decades between the 1950's and the present. When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter, Julia, has any idea where he might be...until they find a love letter he wrote many years ago to a Burmese

woman they have never heard of. Intent on solving the mystery and coming to terms with her father's past, Julia decides to travel to the village where the woman lived. There she uncovers a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and passion that will reaffirm the reader's belief in the power of love to move mountains.

This book is available in paperback and through the local library system. Muriel Lampell will lead the discussion, to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at 473-7931 or linda.babas.41@gmail.com.



Jewish War Veterans Meeting

The Jewish War Veterans, Post 625, will hold its monthly meeting on February 1, 2014 at Congregation Shomre Israel on Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. Although you cannot see Congregation Shomre Israel from the JCC, it is just north of the rear of the JCC on Park Avenue. It also has an entrance on College Avenue. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am. As Shomre Israel is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the Synagogue.

In the event of inclement weather, announcements will be made 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.

HAMANTASCHEN DOUGH

4 cups sifted flour	4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt	1 cup butter, softened*
2 cups sugar	2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla	4 tablespoons milk or orange juice

Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Cream butter and sugar, add egg and vanilla and beat well. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk or juice, mixing until well-blended. Refrigerate. The dough may seem a bit sticky, but chilling will solidify it, so don't add too much extra flour. This dough freezes well and can be made ahead of Hamantaschen Day. Leave it in the refrigerator to thaw overnight before baking day.

* Please use real butter - the pastries are superior and all batches cook evenly. Thank you.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
am Religious School, -7 :30am Lunchbox	3 7:15pm Ritual Committee	4 7:00pm Meditation	5 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Religious School	6 11:30 am-12:30 pm Talmud 7pm Shabbat and its Discontents	7 6pm Shabbat Dinner and Service with Visual T'filah	8 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Torah Service 11:15 College Jewish Experiences 12pm Kiddush lunch
am Religious School, -7 am Men's Club meeting	10 7pm Executive Committee meeting	11 7pm Finance Committee	12 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Religious School	13 11:30 am-12:30 pm Talmud 7pm Shabbat and its Discontents	14 6pm Shabbat Service	15 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
am Religious School, -7	17	18	19 2pm VTS Book club No Hebrew School No Religious School	20 11:30 am-12:30 pm Talmud	21 6pm Shabbat Service	22 9am Torah Study 7:30 pm After Hours Italian Night
am Religious School, -7 am Hamentaschen making :30am Lunch Box	24 7pm Board of Trustees meeting	25 7pm Meditation	26 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Religious School	27 11:30 am-12:30 pm Talmud	28 6pm-7pm Shabbat Service	