



Vassar Temple Bulletin

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Shabbat Services at 6:00 p.m.

During the winter months of January and February we continue to hold Friday evening Shabbat services at 6:00

p.m. An hour later you can enjoy crackers, cheese and nuts, as well as sweets, at an Oneg in the East Chapel.

This timing enables you to come to Shabbat services straight from work on winter evenings and arrive home in time for Shabbat dinner – or meet old and new friends at the services and then go out for supper.

“Bread and Circuses: The Race for the White House in 2012”

Vassar College political science professor, and Vassar Temple member, Sidney Plotkin will discuss the implications of the Republican primaries at two adult education sessions on Tuesday evenings, January 31st and February 14th, at 7:00 p.m. at the temple. Everyone is welcome to attend one or both classes, taught by an outstanding teacher, to learn about and discuss a subject which will affect us all.

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“The View from the Bench” after Shabbat Services on Saturday Morning, January 14th

Several of our congregants have the honor and responsibility of serving their fellow citizens in a judicial capacity. After our Shabbat morning Torah service on Saturday, January 14th, three judges from Vassar Temple will reflect on the challenge of balancing the text of the law and the reality of the courtroom. The speakers will be Dutchess County Court Judge Stephen Greller, Dutchess County Family Court Judge Joan Posner, and United States Administrative Law Judge Ken Scheer.

Whether you are attracted by a moving Torah service, an interesting discussion, or a chance to socialize over

kiddush, you are sure to get into the spirit of Shabbat at temple that Saturday. The dress code is casual and you are welcome during all or any part of the morning.

We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with our usual interactive study of the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Golomb. A family-friendly Torah service will begin at 10:00 in the sanctuary, providing the perfect opportunity for parents to attend with their children and for adults who prefer daytime services to hear the Torah read. At 11:15 we will be treated to our judges’ presentation, and at noon we will enjoy a kiddush together. Plan to join us!

Rabbi's Message: For Parents and Grandparents SUMMER'S COMING



What better time to think about summer than in the dead of winter?

Parenthetically, as an avid

skier, I usually begin in August to give thought to any ski trips I might take in the upcoming winter. At any rate, cold winds and heavy clothing are an excellent prompt for consideration of warmer times.

Besides climate, the principal feature of summer is that school's out. What to do with the kids? Even in the midst of an uncertain economy we have many choices. There is basketball/baseball/soccer/art/nature/music camp – one or two week experiences with specialized instruction. There is the few-day excursion to distant relatives.

There is also camp.

The Reform Jewish (URJ) sister camps of

Crane Lake and Eisner are in western Massachusetts, roughly 90 minutes from most Vassar Temple families. They offer the full range of summer camp opportunities: swimming, sailing and boating; team and individual sports; art, drama and music; nature and outdoor life. All of it takes place, however, within the context of a living Jewish experience. Judaism is neither forced nor spoon-fed at Eisner or Crane Lake. It is simply lived, naturally.

There are, I know, a few objections. Overnight camps are expensive. On the face of it, neither Crane Lake nor Eisner are bargains, although they are hardly among the costliest of summer experiences. Financial aid is available, including a \$1,000 subsidy for any first-time camper and support from our Sisterhood's Youth Scholarship Fund. A sec-

ond objection is that children are away from home. This is very true. Someday, however, the kids are going to leave the house. Camp is often an invaluable first stab at independent living.

Sending a nine-, ten-, eleven-, twelve- or thirteen-year-old off to a URJ camp is not a light decision. If, however, you wish to envision your children growing up to be confident and comfortable in their Jewish identity, Crane Lake or Eisner is one of the best decisions you could make.

Want to learn more? Please do not hesitate to contact me.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Paul Golomb
rabbi@vassartemple.org



Vassar Temple's monthly bulletin is put together by a dedicated group of volunteers. I think you will agree with

me as you look through the bulletin that they do a wonderful job. Since all of this work is volunteered, extra time is needed to gather all the articles, edit them as needed, and produce the bulletin in the desktop publishing package. The "official" deadline for any bulletin material is the first day of the preceding month. For the January bulletin, the deadline was December 1st so I am going to write from the point of view of the time you are reading this message, not the time when I wrote it.

I want to use this bulletin article to make sure you know about our latest entry into social media, the Vassar Temple Blog. Our blog, can be found at <http://vassartemple.wordpress.com/>. I used

our blog while I was at the URJ Biennial in Washington, DC during December to share what Bob Abrams and I were doing and learning each day with 6,000 other Reform Jews from across North America. Hopefully you had the opportunity to follow what we were doing on a daily basis. If not, you can go back and read all of the posts at <http://vassartemple.wordpress.com/category/biennial/>.

As you can see, a blog, provides an opportunity for sharing information as well as having a conversation about that information. There is a great article by our religious school director Dr. Joel Hoffman on "Holy Hanukah Lights." It can be found at <http://vassartemple.wordpress.com/2011/12/04/holy-hanukah-lights/>. There is also information about our ongoing restroom renovations (which should be completed by the time you read this) at <http://vassartemple.wordpress.com/2011/11/30/restroom-renovations/>.

Lou Lewis is posting notes from the weekly Torah study sessions with Rabbi Golomb. These can be found at <http://vassartemple.wordpress.com/category/torah-study/>. I'm sure by the time you are reading this, there is quite a bit more.

Please check out the blog. Anyone who would like to contribute articles to the blog. Just let me know if you would like to be a contributor. You can reach me at president@vassartemple.org or via phone at 635-9854. The Vassar Temple blog joins our other online homes: our website at <http://vassartemple.org/> and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/VassarTemple>.

Seth A. Erlebacher

Note: All Board and Committee Meetings, except Executive Sessions, are open to all Temple members. Community Hebrew School of Dutchess County is the Hebrew Education Division of Vassar Temple.

Worship Services

Friday, January 6

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. New Paths Service

Friday, January 13

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service with Rabbi Golomb and cantorial soloist, Elisa Dugatkin.

Saturday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 20

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. New Paths

Friday, January 27

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service with Torah Reading and Birthday Blessings with Rabbi Golomb and cantorial soloist, Elisa Dugatkin.

Friday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, February 3

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 4

10:00 a.m. New Paths Service

New Paths Services

Please join us in the sun-lit East Chapel on Saturdays, January 7th and 21st at 10:00 a.m. Each New Paths service, whether rabbi-led or lay-led, provides a unique and thoughtful Shabbat morning experience. We focus on letting the service get through us, rather than getting through the service. A brief informal light kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb at rabbi@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570.

Tiny Temple on January 29th

The next session of Tiny Temple will be held on Sunday, January 29th from 10:30 a.m. to noon. All preschoolers (age infant-5) and their parents, regardless of synagogue affiliation, are invited to have fun while learning about the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, through crafts, story and song in a relaxed and friendly setting. In modern times this holiday, known as the New Year of the Trees or the Birthday of the Trees, has also become an occasion to honor nature and practice good ecology. Healthy snacks including fruits of the trees will be served.



Tiny Temple, which is sponsored by the Sisterhood every month during the school year, gives parents an opportunity to meet others raising young Jewish children and is always free of charge. To assist in our planning, please RSVP to tinytemple@vassartemple.org.

Scriptural Readings

January 6 & 7 Vay'hi

Genesis 49:1-26, 50:23-26

Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12

January 13 & 14 Sh'mot

Exodus 3:1-4:17

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23

January 20 & 21 Va'era

Exodus 7:8-8:15

Haftarah: Exekiel 28:25-29:21

January 27 & 28 Bo

Exodus 11:4-12:28

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

February 3 & 4 B'shalah (Shabbat Shirah)

Exodus 14:15-16:10

Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

Torah Service and Birthday Blessings on Friday Evening, January 27th

The Torah will be taken out and we will all gather 'round while the portion of the week is read on Friday evening, January 27th at 6:00. Birthday blessings (and M & Ms) will be given at that service to everyone with a birthday in January. Come with your family and get close to our scrolls! Make a reservation by January 23rd so you can stay for the deli-style Shabbat dinner after services.

Deli Dinner on January 27th

At 7:15 p.m. on Friday, January 27th your whole family can enjoy a deli-style dinner in our social hall after the 6:00 Shabbat service. All the food will be provided at a cost of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child age 5-12, with children under 5 eating free. Chicken nuggets will be available for the kids and salads, challah and beverages will be provided by the Sisterhood. Bring a bottle of wine to share if you would like to.

To help us determine the right amount of food to buy, you must make your reservation for the dinner by Monday, January 23rd through Wendy Marcus at masinc223@aol.com or 226-2502. Checks made out to Vassar Temple Sisterhood with January 27th Dinner on the memo line should be mailed to 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 by January 23rd. Come and share the warmth of a cozy evening with your temple family!

News from the Sisterhood Judaica Shoppe

It is always a pleasure to salute our volunteers, Linda Babas, Olga Ibañez and Donna Loshin, for their gracious help. We also celebrate the wonderful support of our faithful customers! I hope your Hanukkah was full of candles, dreidls, gelt, songs and laughter.

We wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year ~ Come and see us in 2012! Remember: if you do not see it, ask, because we will do our best to get for you!

Perla Kaufman
VTS Judaica Shoppe Chair
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Rides to Services and Temple Events Available

One of the services offered by our Reyut (Friendship) Committee is transportation to worship services and other events and programs at the temple. If you would like a ride to temple, please call Sandi Rugar in the temple office (454-2570), giving 4 days notice if possible. She will contact Susan Hecht, our Reyut Committee chair, who will arrange a ride for you.

On the other hand, if you are willing to occasionally give a ride to a fellow congregant, please leave your name and phone number with Sandi Rugar. With your help, Vassar Temple can truly be a caring community.

In Remembrance

Vassar Temple shares in the grief suffered by the families of:

Arthur George Henderson,
grandfather of Melissa Wall

Maurice Horn, uncle of Amy
Horn Oclatis

Refuah Shelemah

...to our Temple members **Sandor Metlis**, **Helen Silverman** and Sisterhood member, **Galina Panaev** who were recently hospitalized.



Pulpit Flowers

- January 6 Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- January 13 Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- January 20 Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- January 27 In memory of Ronah Posner from David & Joan Posner.

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.

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.

Eighteen members and guests of the Vassar Temple Men's Club will be attending a hockey game on Saturday, January 21st at West Point to watch Army play Air Force. Go Men's Club!



New 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!

Thanks to parent captain Lisa Gusikoff and our seventh-grade religious school students who had fun preparing and serving lunch at the Lunch Box at the Family Partnership Center on December 4th.



Vassar Temple Bulletin, published monthly

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Articles for the February bulletin must be submitted to the temple office by Jan 3. Sorry, we cannot take Bulletin articles over the phone! Articles may be sent to Sandi Rugar via e-mail, at office@vassartemple.org or faxed to (845)452-5161.

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

Homeless Shelter Thanks and Needs

For over a decade now, the Jewish Community of Dutchess County has provided a meal for up to 60 homeless people in our community on the fourth Thursday of every month. The Hillcrest Homeless Shelter is open 365 nights of the year, blizzards included, and couldn't operate without many helping hands.

Thanks go to these members of the Vassar Temple community for their contributions and assistance during 2011: Linda and Joel Babas, Cathy Bokor, Linda Cantor, Doi Cohen, Jen Dahnert, Susan Fink, Debbie and Paul Golomb,

Judy Harkavy and Stan Israel, Muriel Lampell, Gayle Margolin, Barbara Mindel, Lynda and David Morgenstern, Esther Reisman, Marty Revitz, Ron Rosen, Marian Schwartz, Mary Solomon, Diane Sterdt, and Gloria Turk.

We can always use more helping hands, so please call or e-mail Linda Doherty (914-474-0038 or lindadoherty@myway.com) to let her know if you can make sandwiches and/or contribute food once or twice during the coming year. Linda will be taking over the job of coor-

inating the volunteers and currently needs people who can provide food for January 26th and February 23rd. (Linda points out that in winter it would be nice if people could make a hot dish like lasagna, soup or stew. She will arrange to pick up the food if you cannot come to the shelter to serve.) I plan to stay involved and will be picking up toiletries at various locations, one of them being our East Chapel. There is always a great need at the shelter for shampoo, soaps, lotions, razors, toothbrushes, etc. so any donations along these lines is greatly appreciated.

Judy Harkavy

Vassar Temple Social Action Committee

A First-Night Seder at Temple this Year – Really?

Although Hanukkah is barely over, the Ritual Committee has already been thinking about Passover. For the first time in many years, the first seder this spring will fall on a Friday evening – April 6, 2012. Regular Shabbat Services will not be held at Vassar Temple that evening.

Instead, we are considering offering a lay-organized, lay-led Passover Seder in our social hall. If there is enough interest to move forward with this idea, the seder would be open to our members, friends and families.

A planning meeting – to which everyone is welcome – will take place on Sunday, January 22nd (snow date: January 29th) at 11:00 a.m. at the Temple to discuss the structure of and menu for this event. It will be fun to work together on this project, for which no expertise is required!

If you think you might attend the seder but prefer not to be involved in the planning or are unavailable on January 22nd, please let me know so we can get an idea of the level of potential participation.

Sandra Mamis, 463-2678;

seder@vassar temple.org



CROP Walk Update

Thanks to our intrepid congregants who participated in the 37th annual



Interfaith CROP Walk Against Hunger and to all those who sponsored them. Alphabetically, our walkers were Rachel Erlebacher (youngest walker on the team and also most money raised), Rabbi Golomb, Ron Rosen, Ralph Schwartz, and Dave Wolf (who also served as Temple Recruiter). Thanks also to those who worked at the busy registration table: Joel Babas, Linda Babas, Paul Ciminello and Mar-

ian Schwartz. And we are very proud of Ilana Wolf who, for the second year in a row, organized a team of walkers from her school, F.D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park.

All monies raised for the CROP Walk are used to combat hunger globally and nationally, with 25% coming back to agencies, such as Dutchess Outreach, in our local community. All the numbers are not yet in, but it looks like the five Vassar Temple walkers will have brought in over \$2,500 and we are hoping that the local walk, sponsored by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council, will have reached its goal of raising a record total of \$55,000 in life-sustaining funds.

Our Third Annual Trim-a-Thanksgiving Program

Vassar Temple Religious School students packed Thanksgiving food baskets for local families who will be celebrating their first Thanksgiving in homes of their own this year. The food was all donated by our generous temple members. The baskets, complete with hand-made cards, were delivered as part of our congregation's year-round canned food program, CanJam, and in conjunction with Hudson River Housing.

Holidays Through a Jewish Lens: SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

The Super Bowl game is an event that many Americans celebrate on a cold wintry day, when many in our land who need the most support are ignored because of the focus on the big game. This year, as you sit comfy and warm in front of your big-screen TV, snack in hand, take a moment to think of the needy in our midst who need our help to provide them shelter and sustenance.

Our tradition says that there is nothing in the world more grievous than poverty—the most terrible of sufferings. “All the troubles of the world are assembled on one side, and poverty is on the other”. (Midrash Rabbah, Exodus 31:12) By one simple act, by donating a can or box of nonperishable food to Can Jam, by delivering our collection of Can Jam foods to the food pantry just once, by making a financial donation to The Wind Chill Fund in our Temple tzedakah box this month, you will be reaching out to those in need and performing a great service.

Vassar Temple Social Action Committee

The Jewish people were given three crowns: The crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood and the crown of sovereignty. The crown of priesthood was given to Aaron and his descendants...the crown of sovereignty was given to David and his descendants...but the crown of Torah is for every Jew. Whoever desires may come and claim it...it is the greatest crown of all.

— Maimonides

Your next opportunity to see the Torah close up and help to roll it will be on Sunday, January 29th at 11:30 a.m. This time will be especially convenient for parents of our religious school students. The students will be active participants in this “Holy Roller” activity and everyone is

welcome to join them.

Scrolls that are used and aired regularly not only last longer, but the letters retain their original quality longer. YOU can be a “Holy Roller” by helping to unroll and re-roll our scrolls!



From Our Religious School Director:



At a National Jewish Book Award ceremony not so long ago, an award recipient took the stage, smiled broadly, and told the audience that “it’s nice to get a prize.”

Then she added, “The last time I got a prize was in Religious School...” --- for what? --- “...for being quiet.”

Yes, she was awarded a prize for simply being quiet, the bar in her school sadly having been set so low that by doing nothing she was already outperforming her peers. (Rabbi Larry Milder expresses a similar sentiment in his song about his experience teaching Religious School: There’s a Riot Going On in Classroom Number Nine.) Equally unfortunately, most of the audience at the award ceremony chuckled in solidarity, probably remembering their own not-so-different experiences in Religious School. Some of them may even have thought, “so you’re the goodie-goodie who got us all in trouble when we were pasting our yarmulkes to the wall.”

How did this happen, and what can we do about it?

Many Religious Schools seem like case studies in institutional bipolar

disorder: children must attend but nothing should be required of them; or everything should be required of them and there should be no consequences for not fulfilling the requirements; or the consequences should be so severe that everyone hates being there; or loving Religious School is so important that the school is turned into a playground where nothing is taught; and so forth.

Hidden in this list of institutional-disorder symptoms are three of the elements that I believe are crucial to a productive Religious School: content, connection, and compassion.

I think we have an absolute obligation not to waste the time of the students who show up at Religious School. After all, they aren’t allowed to leave. If I go to a lecture and I’m bored, I can walk out. But we don’t give children at Religious School (or public school, for that matter) this prerogative, so I think we have to make sure that their time in class is well spent by giving them challenging and engaging content.

Having fun also seems like a good idea. And some people believe that the best way to have fun is to turn learning time into game time. But I disagree, because, fortunately, children naturally love learning. So I think that by providing a stimulating environment we will also create a place where children enjoy

themselves. Schools that dumb down their curriculum to make the place more enticing have it backwards.

Having fun also contributes to my second element of Religious School: connection. If the only point of the school were to convey information, we could distribute textbooks, offer a yearly exam, and do away with the weekly gatherings. But Judaism is not merely a collection of facts to be learned. It is also a sense of connection --- to our history, to each other, to the Jewish people, to Israel, and to the synagogue.

Thirdly, I think our school has to offer compassion to people --- children and parents --- whose lives are increasing lacking that vital component. Too many parts of our lives are uncompromising and rigid, forcing us to adapt to them rather than letting us be ourselves. Our school can offer an island of relief in the midst of this troubling trend.

Taken in isolation, any of these three aspects --- content, connection, and compassion --- can lead us astray. If we focus only on content, our Religious School will lose its soul. Connection by itself won’t work, because we have to offer something to be connected to. And compassion alone threatens to make the school irrelevant to people who are already thriving.

But in combination, I think these three goals can help provide the foundation of a school worthy of the collective energy we all invest in it.

Dr. Joel M. Hoffman

Wind Chill Fund

Our current Tzedakah Box collection benefits Hudson River Housing's Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless emergency overnight shelter known as Hillcrest House. The shelter provides a safe warm place to sleep, a shower, supper, breakfast, counseling, advocacy, and referral services to up to 60 homeless members of our community each and every night of the year.

Transportation to the shelter is provided, and a warm indoor waiting area and rest room in downtown Poughkeepsie are available to shelter applicants awaiting admission approval and transportation each afternoon. Members of the local Jewish community provide dinner to the guests at Hillcrest once a month but, with

the recent budget cuts, financial aid is needed more than ever.

Please avail yourself of the Tzedakah Box on the table in the temple lobby near the staircase, or you may mail or bring a tax deductible check made out to Vassar Temple with "Wind Chill Fund" on the memo line to the Temple.

Judy Harkavy continues to accept the donations of toiletries, pajamas and bedding which you put in the box in the East Chapel, but if you can help provide a sandwich supper or a hot dish at Hillcrest House, from now on you should contact Linda Doherty at lindadoherty@myway.com or 914-474-0038. She needs volunteers now for January 26th and February 23rd.

Meditation Group Meets During the Winter

The meditation group facilitated by Linda Cantor and Ed Rosenberg will continue its meetings during the winter. At each session there will be sitting meditation, walking meditation and either music or a short reading. There will also be time for sharing and for questions related to the practice. Both experienced meditators and those new to the practice are welcome, whether or not you were part of the group before.

The group will meet in January on Tuesdays, January 3rd and 24th, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Vassar Temple. The February meetings will take place on the 7th and 21st and the March sessions on the 6th and 20th. In case of bad driving weather, the class will be canceled. Please let office manager Sandi Rugar know if you are planning to attend some or all of the sessions by contacting the temple office, 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org.

Social Action Opportunities on the National and State Levels

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism has celebrated its 50th anniversary. It was established to give the Reform Jewish movement a voice in Washington, D.C., the major moral issue at that time being racial integration. In addition to lobbying and providing the government with consultants, the RAC provides congregations with the information and resources they need to educate their communities about social justice issues.

The Jewish call for justice is based upon the sacred texts of our tradition which guide us, teach us, and inspire us even as we confront social justice issues in the 21st century. As Jews we especially rejoice in the fact that we live in a free and democratic society, so exercise your rights as a citizen to influence the course of your community, your state, and your nation.

Particularly in this important election year, we need to inform ourselves about issues that affect not only ourselves but all Americans. Modern communications technology makes it so easy for us to be informed and active citizens! To sign up for e-mail, blogs, Facebook and Twitter updates on legislation on topics such as the economy, the environment, immigration, and hunger, pick up a brochure in the Temple lobby or go to the RAC website, <http://rac.org/>

For information on New York State issues such as hydrofracturing and marriage equality, go to The Reform Jewish Voice of NYS website, <http://rac.org/advocacy/rjv> and sign up to receive e-newsletters and action alerts. These organizations also provide convenient links through which you can communicate your thoughts on these issues to your legislators. And RJVNYS provides opportunities for you to join them for lobbying in Albany.

Go to <http://www.congress.org/newsletters> to sign up for Megavote, which will succinctly notify you about current federal legislation and how your legislators vote. To receive updates from Governor Cuomo or to let him know your opinions, contact his office at

Governor.Cuomo@nygovoffice.gov, and at <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/YourIdeas> President Obama seeks your suggestions on various issues.

Marian Schwartz, Chairman

Vassar Temple Social Action Committee

Willing to Support the Vassar Temple SCRIP Program ?

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When purchasing shoes for the family first pick up store cards to any of the following retailers; the percent indicates how much the store gives back to the temple for every dollar you spend:



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[*In 2010 SCRIP supporters raised \$12,000 for the Temple! Were you one of them? If so, thank you!]

Jewish War Veterans Schedule Meeting

The Jewish War Veterans, Post 625, will hold its monthly meeting on January 8, 2012 at the Jewish Community Center, 110 S. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie NY. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. This no longer includes breakfast.

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 or (845) 849-0025.

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Memorial Board Plaques

Honor the memory of your loved ones with a plaque on the Memorial Board in the sanctuary. For information, call Sandi at the Temple office at 454-2570.



Yahrzeits

January 6

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1 NO RS	2 February Bulletin deadline	3 10am SEP 12pm Talmud 7:30pm Meditation	4 6:30-8:30pm RS 8-10 Pizza	5 10am SEP	6 CAN JAM Week- end 6pm Shabbat Service	7 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
8 9am-12pm RS K-7	9 Flyers Deadline	10 10am SEP 12pm Talmud	11 6:30-8:30pm RS 8-10	12 10am SEP	13 6pm Shabbat Service	14 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Morning Service and Judges' panel
15 No RS	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	17 10am SEP 12pm Talmud	18 6:30-8:30pm RS 8-10	19 10am SEP	20 6pm Shabbat Service	21 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths 7pm Men's Club Event
22 9am-12pm RS K-7 9am 2013 B/B/M Parents Meeting 11am Seder Plan- ning Meeting	23 7pm Board	24 10am SEP 12pm Talmud 7:30pm Meditation	25 6:30-8:30pm RS 8-10	26 10am SEP	27 6pm Shabbat Service with Torah Reading & Birth- day Blessings 7:15pm Shabbat Dinner	28
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