



# Vassar Temple

Where You Belong

Congregation Brethren of Israel

Founded 1848

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## BAKERS NEEDED!

Please join us for Sisterhood's annual

## HAMANTASCHEN BAKING DAY

Make friends while making hamantaschen



for our Purim service,  
for Outreach to congregants  
and our out-of-town college  
students.

Sunday, February 8th  
(snow date: 2/22/15)

9:00am-1:00pm in the Temple  
kitchen

RSVP to  
Judy Rosenfeld 635-2414 or  
hamantaschen@vassartemple.org

Please bring one batch of dough  
and a rolling pin.

Remaining ingredients will be  
provided.

The recipe is available from Judy,  
the Temple office /website, and  
the Sisterhood Facebook page.

## Chai Tea

Chai Tea is a relaxed and informal get together with Sisterhood friends that takes place around the area on the 18<sup>th</sup> (chai) of the month. Keep an eye out for announcements about when and where Chai Tea will take place- it may be a lunch and/or happy hour get together. Thank you to Carolynn Frankel who is helping to coordinate these events!

## How observant are you?

Somewhere in this bulletin is some text that doesn't belong. Can you find it? If so, e-mail us at [publicity@vassartemple.org](mailto:publicity@vassartemple.org), and let us know where and what it is. You'll be entered in a drawing for a prize.

*The Bulletin Staff*

## Upcoming Events

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
Vassar Temple GALA  
Honoring  
Rabbi Paul Golomb  
&  
Bernard & Shirley Handel  
April 18, 2015  
Villa Borghese  
Wappingers Falls, NY

## Rabbi's Message: Israel and You, Part I



*Why is there a modern State of Israel?*

This question can be taken in two distinct ways. There is a recorded history that entails the Ottoman Empire, British Mandate, and the UN Resolution on partition of Palestine. In this way, we answer how a particular political entity was established on land that had been previously controlled by major world powers.

The second way of answering is by attending to the philosophical and theological issues that propelled certain Jews into embarking on a mission that ultimately resulted in the founding of the State. Needless to say, this is the sort of question I wish to pose, because, in answering this question, we can then determine just what type of State we wish Israel to be.

Let us start at the beginning. In 586 BCE, Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian forces put an end to the Israelite kingdom. Although the Jews were able to return from exile about fifty years later, and rebuild a Temple in Jerusalem, and even experience about a century of political independence after the Maccabean revolt, in reality, the nation of Israel never recovered from Nebuchadnezzar. For the next 2,500

years, a Jewish identity built on living within a particularly national entity had disappeared.

It did not, however, fully disappear! One of the most important reasons for the divergent theological paths of Judaism and Christianity was the Jewish insistence on maintaining its historical-national character. While Christianity developed fully as a religion, Judaism continued to be the guiding thought and practice of a people. Throughout the Middle Ages, Jews were scattered in small communities from China to Spain. They spoke dozens of different languages and developed variations in practice, yet still felt bound by a sense of their common history and their common fate. That fate was articulated by a prayed-for return to the Land God had promised them.

In the nineteenth century, the Jewish concept of community merged with the modern concept of nationalism, and Zionism was born. At its heart, nationalism creates a group identity that is grounded in land and language. As British, then French, then German nationalism coalesced, some Jews, rather than seeking civil equality as citizens of these States, concluded that Jews could never be British, French or German, precisely because

as Jews they were part of a different nation. They therefore needed a different land and a different language. The land was Israel, and the language Hebrew. With diligence, a clear vision, and a great deal of political and economic groundwork, the State of Israel emerged.

Nationalism remains to this day perhaps the most powerful force shaping human organization. It can be a platform on which one engages with the rest of humankind, or it can be a fortress for the protection of identity. Immigration debates – both in the US and in much of Europe – are good examples of the competition between different national visions. Do newcomers from other lands and cultures enhance or dilute a country's "national character?"

Zionism, even in the year 2015, is a form of nineteenth century European nationalism. It is also a fundamental expression of Jewish thought reaching back to the days of the Bible. In one form or another, it is an inescapable element of Jewish identity today. The critical question to pose is, "What form?"

With your indulgence, I will take up this question next month.

*Rabbi Paul Golomb*

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## President's Message: What We Say Matters



One of the most fascinating things about becoming Vassar Temple's President is how it has helped me to focus on the question of growth -- growth

of the Temple, and my own personal growth. The irony I am discovering is how much they are tied to one another. Personal growth starts with self-awareness and leads to personal struggle. So it is for the congregation, too.

Growth isn't always measured in numbers. One way to measure growth is by how you feel. Do you feel better or worse than before? How can you and I feel better about Vassar Temple? I am sure there are many ways, but this letter is about one in particular.

As President, I feel a greater sense of responsibility for what I say, which

has made me more conscious of what others say as well. Both have brought me to consider a very Jewish concept about speech.

There is a Hebrew term - *lashon hara* (לשון הרע or "evil tongue") - otherwise known as derogatory speech, which is considered a very serious sin in the Jewish tradition (see Leviticus 19:16). Spreading a bad name or gossiping (*hotzaat shem ra*) is considered an even worse sin. The distinction between the two terms is that the former is based on true remarks and the latter on untrue remarks.

As interesting as all this halakhic discussion can be to some, it also gets very heavy. So I will make my point. We have to watch our tongues. We can say things that build others up, or we can say things that tear people down. We can find the good, or we can find the bad. We can speak of growth, or we can speak of destruction.

When you walk into Vassar Temple, literally, or conceptually when you think of Vassar Temple, I want you to feel accepted, safe and loved; no matter what, regardless of your problems, faults, or fears. Do you? I believe one way to accomplish this is for us to speak in ways that build people up, to say things which build OUR Temple up. Vassar Temple will grow by creating an environment where people can grow.

Fortunately, there is much to speak about positively because many good things are happening at Vassar Temple ... even more than we can squeeze into the limited pages of our Bulletin, which is filled with the ways Vassar Temple is building up people's lives. Being a part of that is a wonderful feeling - a feeling of belonging.

*Bob Ritter*

## January Worship Services

- 2 – 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat service with Rabbi Golomb  
3 – 9:00am Torah Study; 10:00am New Paths Shabbat service
- 9 – 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat service with Rabbi Golomb and Elisa Dugatkin  
10 – A Vassar Temple Shabbat *And You Shall Teach Your Children*  
9:00am Torah Study; 10:00am Shabbat morning worship and Torah reading;  
11:15am Panel featuring public school teachers, followed by Kiddush/lunch
- 16 – 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat service with Rabbi Golomb  
17 – 9:00am Torah Study; 10:00am New Paths Shabbat service
- 23 – 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat service and Torah reading with Rabbi Golomb and Elisa Dugatkin  
24 – 9:00am Torah Study
- 30 – *Shabbat Shirah* A Jewish Musical Celebration  
6:15pm Dinner; 7:30pm A Shabbat service in song, featuring Elisa Dugatkin, Joe Bertolozzi and guests  
31 – 9:00am Torah Study

## Scriptural Readings

- Jan. 3 *Vay'hi*  
Gen. 49:1-26, 50:23-26;  
I Kings 2:1-12
- Jan. 10 *Sh'mot*  
Exodus 3:1 – 4:17;  
Isaiah 27:6 – 28:13, 29:22-23
- Jan. 17 *Va'era*  
Ex. 7:8 – 8:15;  
Ezekiel 28:25 – 29:21
- Jan. 24 *Bo*  
Ex. 11:4 – 12:28;  
Jeremiah 46:13-28
- Jan. 31 **Shabbat Shirah** *B'shalah*  
Ex. 14:15 – 16:10;  
Judges 4:4 – 5:31

## New Paths Services for January

Join us at the next New Paths services Saturdays, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the sunlit East Chapel. The focus is on letting the service get through you, rather than on getting through the service. The atmosphere has been described by participants as spiritual, uplifting, and thought provoking. The moving liturgy of the New Paths prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English, and participants

may bring supplemental materials to share. Each New Paths service, whether lay led or rabbi led, provides a unique and thoughtful shabbat morning experience. A brief informal kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at [mschwa9882@aol.com](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com) or Rabbi Golomb at [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org) or 845-454-2570.

## ***And You Shall Teach Your Children: A Vassar Temple Shabbat***

Join us for any or all of these special shabbat events on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:00am Torah Study
- 10:00am Torah service
- 11:15am Panel discussion featuring public school teachers
- Light kiddush lunch at noon

## **Family Shabbat Shira Dinner & Service, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>**

Vassar Temple Sisterhood will serve a family-friendly dinner at 6:15pm preceding the January 30th Shabbat Shira service. Shabbat *Shira*, the Sabbath of Song, is named so because the Torah portion read on this Shabbat contains the “Song of the Sea,” which Moses and the Israelites sung in awe and joy at the parting of the Red Sea.

- 6:15pm Family Dinner
- \$10 adults
- \$5 ages 5-13
- under 5 free
- Pre-payment is requested

Come and enjoy wintertime comfort foods: beef or vegetarian chili, hot dogs for the kids, challah, salad and drinks. Please RSVP to Laura at [lbrundage@frontiernet.net](mailto:lbrundage@frontiernet.net) by Monday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Shabbat Services with cantorial soloist, Elisa Dugatkin, and organist, Joe Bertolozzi, and a special musical celebration for Shabbat *Shira* will start at 7:30pm!

We look forward to seeing you at the dinner, the joyous musical service, or both, on Shabbat Shira!

## A Message to the Congregation

Let us be thankful that, because our children have never had to go to bed hungry, we have to explain to them that there are some people who cannot afford enough food to eat. Let us be thankful that we all have something we can share with others and still have enough for ourselves.

Five years ago, Hudson River Housing asked if VT could provide any Thanksgiving food baskets for their clients. At first I thought, "We already do Lunch Box every month, provide meals for the homeless shelter, and collect for CanJam; gee, we ask so much of our congregation already." Well, maybe we can do just a *little* bit more; hence, Trim-a-Thanksgiving was born. You have responded so generously that we've gone from originally making 5 baskets to 10 this year!

Three years ago, we started Turkey Trot. This year we donated 1,525 lbs. of Thanksgiving turkeys to local food pantries and Lunch Box, 10 turkeys to accompany the Trim baskets, and 4 additional turkeys (one kosher) for local Jewish families in need on Thanksgiving. This is all due to your unflagging generosity.

And again I'm thinking, "We ask so much of our congregation already, but can we ask for a *little* bit more?" 30,280 Dutchess residents are food insecure (either struggle to eat a decent meal on a

regular basis or even have to go without food for a day or days at a time). Of that number, 15,000 cannot get food stamps and have to rely on emergency help. This puts tremendous strain on food pantries and Lunch Box, which have lost 50% of the financial assistance NYS had been providing.

**The need is greater than ever.** That is why I am especially asking you to please consider bringing in support from the broader community. We at Vassar Temple are empowered, so let's share our giving spirit with others. Hold a mini food drive amongst your friends, your neighbors, your book club, your workout buddies, your bridge group, your co-workers. For ideas and practical pointers about holding mini-drives we have a wonderful resource person you can contact, Nancy Samson, founder of our own CanJam program, and a national consultant on combating hunger ([canjam123@aol.com](mailto:canjam123@aol.com) or 845-462-4828).

To hungry families, *every* box of cereal, *every* jar of peanut butter matters. At Vassar Temple we care about hunger.

Marian Schwartz  
Social Action Chairperson  
[socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

## Pulpit Flowers

January 2:	Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
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**Please note this correction to the December Bulletin:** Pulpit flowers for December 19<sup>th</sup> were donated by Richard Levien in honor of the Hanukkah dinner and Hanukkah celebration Shabbat.



The Shrub Fund has changed its name to the **Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund**. 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 \$55 donation to this fund. Just call the Vassar Temple Office at 454-2570.



## Mazel Tov

to:

Allison Pearlman, daughter of our member Howard Pearlman and the late Susan Pearlman, and Jim Ravener who are engaged and planning a July wedding;

Inna and Sergey Kudria on the birth of their granddaughter, Nadezhda Naomi Salman, daughter of Tatyania Kudria and Raid Salman;

Matthew Lampell who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## Condolences to...

Rebecca and Sarah Acker-Krzywicki on the passing of their father-in law and grandfather, Anthony A. Krzywicki.

## Refuah Shelemah

Richard Cantor who is recovering from surgery

## We Need Your Help!

We are, once again, asking that you be the eyes and ears in the lives of our congregational family. Federal patient privacy regulations limit the information that hospitals make available to clergy and volunteers.

We are encouraging you to contact the Temple office when a congregant is admitted to a hospital and wishes to have Rabbi visit during the hospital stay. Our goal is to meet the needs of all our congregants, and we can only do this with your help.

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Articles for the February Bulletin must be submitted to the Temple office by January 1st. Sorry, we cannot take Bulletin articles over the phone! Articles may be sent via email to [publicity@vassartemple.org](mailto:publicity@vassartemple.org). The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.

# From the Religious School Director



“Please do not bury me in Egypt,” Jacob begs of his son, Joseph, in the first Torah reading of 2015.

Why not? Rashi tells us.

Rashi, whose full name was Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki, was born about 1,000 years ago in Troyes, France. A vintner, he traveled to Germany to study with the great Jewish minds of his day. After he returned to his home in France, Crusaders killed his teachers, leaving Rashi as one of the best sources of nearly a millennium of accumulated Jewish teachings.

This is why traditional Torah study always includes Rashi. And this is why we care what Rashi says about why Jacob pleads with son, Joseph, not to be buried in Egypt.

The reason, according to this greatest of Jewish commentators, is that the Egyptian soil is destined to turn into lice, which would crawl beneath Jacob’s body were he to be buried there. The lice, of course, are the third of the Ten Plagues of Exodus. Jacob, anticipating this entomological eventuality, Rashi says, prefers to be buried elsewhere.

The reason, according to this same Jewish commentator, is also that Jacob doesn’t want the Egyptians to deify him. That’s in turn because worshipping false gods is a sin not just for the worshipers but also for the worshippers. Jacob has no desire to contribute to paganism in any form.

The reason, still according to Rashi, is furthermore that the dead will eventually be resurrected inside Israel when the Messiah comes. Those who are buried outside of Israel will, obviously, need some way to get to the Holy Land. It turns out that they will travel in underground tunnels, a process which may involve considerable discomfort. And Jacob, quite reasonably, wishes to avoid this messianic inconvenience.

Though all three of these reasons may strike the modern reader as odd, they each convey something. The first one connects Jacob to a key theme of the Jewish people: slavery and freedom. The second emphasizes the centrality and importance of monotheism. And the third reminds the reader that we are marching steadily toward better days.

More important than the reasons themselves, however, is the very fact that

there are three of them. That’s how Torah works. We ask, “What does this mean?” or “Why does it say this?” or “How am I to understand the text?” The questions seem like other, similar, questions about other, daily things. But the questions are, in fact, fundamentally different than what most of us are used to, precisely because we welcome diverse and even contradictory answers.

In our case, Rashi gives us three different answers to a pretty simple question. The answers are not connected by “or,” as if to indicate oh the wonderful things the Cat in the Hat can do. alternatives from which we must choose. Nor are they connected by “and,” as if to suggest that they only work in concert. Rather, they exist side by side in a way that demands further scrutiny.

So, alongside Rashi’s three answers, I’d like to suggest a fourth: Maybe Jacob asked not to be buried in Egypt so that Rashi would give us three bits of commentary, in order that I should write about them, and that you would wonder what in the world I’m talking about, and then in turn, dig a little deeper into Torah as a first

*Dr. Joel Hoffman*



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## Adult Education

### *The How and Why of Jewish Mysticism*

Dr. Ronald Robbins, author, psychologist and student of Kabbalah and other mystic traditions, will not only introduce the principal texts and concepts of Jewish mysticism, but also discuss the extraordinary and enduring lure of Kabbalah. This course meets: Tuesday evenings, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10 and 17 at 7:00pm. Feel free to attend some or all of the sessions.

### *Judaism 101*

A 12-week introduction to Jewish history, religion and practice, led by Rabbi Golomb and many guest speakers who will share their own knowledge and experience about specific topics. Participants are encouraged to attend all twelve classes, but each class is separate and can be taken individually. The first class, “What is a

Jew,” will be held Feb. 4. Classes will be on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00pm. For the complete twelve class schedule, visit [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org)

A complete listing of *all* adult education courses and the schedule for the year is available on Vassar Temple’s website. Go to the “Learning” drop-down menu or <http://vassartemple.org/learning/adult-education>.

## Thanks from the House Committee

Many thanks to all those who made our classroom renovations possible: Bob Abrams, Paul Ciminello, Maurice Collen, Tom Frankel & son, Lenny Greenberg, Howard Himelstein, Alan Kaflowitz, CJ & Butch Kelly, David Lampell, Kamil Lewis, Kurt Quackenbush, Bob Ritter, Eric Rosenfeld, Jerry Slate, and finally... Chuck Stein, our project manager.

A huge THANK YOU also goes to the following businesses: Heritage Carpet (Mark & Elaine Plansky), HG Page & Sons (Stan Marcus), Good Hands Contracting (Alvin Rosen).

## SCRIP for Fairway Markets Now Available!

We now have SCRIP for Fairway Markets, located in many parts of NY and NJ. Stop by and pick up a shopping card from the Vassar Temple Gift Card Store!

Monies raised from the sale of SCRIP - \$14,000 in some years – help fund all that makes Vassar Temple the place “Where You Belong!”

For more information about this important fund raising initiative, contact the SCRIP Chair, Sandra Mamis, at [scrip@vassartemple.org](mailto:scrip@vassartemple.org) or 914-456-3524.

## Emergency Fund for Jewish Families

Members of the local Jewish community who are struggling with a financial emergency and have nowhere else to turn can get help with grants and honor loans of up to \$800 from the Emergency Fund for Jewish Families. Typical grants are given to help with a utility payment, rent, essential medicines, an insurance premium, job-search expenses, etc. All requests are handled in a highly confidential manner and are processed quickly.

Established by Jewish Family Services of Dutchess County in 2010, the Emergency Fund is solely supported by donations from individuals in the local

Jewish community, and this fund does *not* receive any finances from the Jewish Federation.

Applicants can seek help confidentially by scheduling an in-person meeting with Lenora Koffman, Director of Jewish Family Services, and submitting supplemental documentation. Contact her at [jfs@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:jfs@jewishdutchess.org) or 845-471-9817 if you need to apply for assistance, if you would like to donate to the fund, or if you have any questions at all about the fund or the other programs, referral services, support groups and counseling provided by JFS.

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### January Lunch Box

Our hard working Men’s Club is sponsoring the January 4<sup>th</sup> Lunch Box. They will be preparing a hearty meal featuring delicious, nutritious chili and they need your help. Please consider donating one of the following:

- 3 lbs. ground beef or turkey, browned with 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 to 2 dozen pieces of fresh fruit (bananas are a favorite; please wash grapes and package in individual servings in baggies)

Food may be dropped off at the Temple beforehand (when the building is open) and should be labeled “For Lunch Box.” Non-perishables such as bananas should be left in the clear plastic bin on the counter along the kitchen wall (near the door). Please contact Men’s Club ASAP if you can help: [mensclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:mensclub@vassartemple.org)

Thank you for helping Men’s Club and for supporting the life sustaining work of Lunch Box!

### A Special Note from Rabbi Golomb

Since the publication of the December Bulletin, I have learned that the Jewish Family Service has, indeed, re-established its involvement in the *Lunch & Learn* program being held at the HVCC. I am pleased to note this development and thank those of you who informed me of my mistake.

### Sisterhood Meeting Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>

Sisterhood will have an Executive Committee meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at Vassar Temple. All Sisterhood members and those interested in hearing about committee work and plans for future events are invited to join us at 10:00 am.

### January Tzedakah Collection

Funds collected in the Temple tzedakah box during the month of January will be used to purchase warm hats, gloves and scarves for those in need in our community. This project was thoughtfully formulated by our 6<sup>th</sup> graders, so let’s support them by donating generously to this worthy cause.

### Jewish War Veterans January Meeting

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of The Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie. The meeting begins at 9:30 am.

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the United States armed forces (Active, Reserve, or National Guard) are cordially invited to attend and participate in the activities of this JWV Post.

As Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the Synagogue. If you need a ride or for further information, please contact the Post Commander, Robert L. Morrison, at [ROBL56@aol.com](mailto:ROBL56@aol.com).

# Contributions

## RABBI'S FUND

Rabbi Golomb's speedy recovery  
 William & Susan Barbash  
 Doi Cohen

## SUSTAINING FUND

### In Honor of:

Rabbi Golomb's speedy recovery  
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 Jeff & Nan Genshaft  
 Matthew Lampell's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 Lila Matlin

## SUSTAINING FUND

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 Philip Browner  
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 Beverly Metlis  
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 Rose Slate  
 Jerold Slate  
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 Susan Sommerfield  
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 Sylvia Mishel Nectow  
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## HINENI FUND

### In Honor of:

Elaine Lipschutz's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 Eleanor Pupko  
 Richard Cantor's speedy recovery  
 Lila Matlin  
 Rabbi Golomb's speedy recovery  
 Lila Matlin

### In Memory of:

Molly Susser  
 Doi Cohen

## SETH ERLEBACHER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### In honor of :

Anne Kesselman 97<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 Mark & Shari Roland

# Yahrzeits

## JANUARY 2

Alma Barbash  
 Julius Bloch  
 Rose Brond  
 Jean Citron  
 Donald DeWitt  
 Morris Effron  
 DeWitt Fischman  
 Harry Fogle  
 Roberta Weiss Gordon  
 Herman R. Gross  
 Harris Harold Groten  
 Mort Hollinger  
 Bertram Katz  
 Keith Warner Landau  
 Meyer Miller  
 Joseph Robinson  
 Frances Rosen  
 Ruth Stein  
 Nicholas Stern

## JANUARY 9

Greta Blaine  
 John Ciminello  
 Clara Dorn  
 Irene Goldstein  
 Ethel Haber  
 Beatrice Salit Horn  
 Yetta Horn  
 Betty Israel  
 Mordecai "Shep"  
 Jackson  
 Bess Claster Kaufman  
 Leon Krauss  
 Evelyn Laks  
 Rae Lipman  
 Dr. John Y. Notkin  
 Marion Present  
 Anne Richmond  
 Mauricio Ribbi  
 Mrs. Ben Rosenstein  
 Louis Satz  
 Dr. Charles Scope  
 Harold R. Sherwin  
 Gabrielle Soroka  
 Marion Tierney  
 Bessie Trivers  
 Pauline Wolfson

## JANUARY 16

Bella Albert  
 Stephen Bokor  
 Richard Bram  
 Herman D. Chertock  
 Leo Dorn  
 Thelma Fival  
 John Garlock  
 Hody I. Gellert  
 Dr. Donald L. Goldfarb  
 Lois Grand  
 Samuel Grand  
 Mary Lass Hoffman  
 Joseph Norman Katz  
 Hy Kohan  
 Pearl Levick  
 Shirley Lipschutz  
 Gerald Mamis  
 Stanley Markum  
 George Meltzer  
 Gloria Menken  
 Andrea Sue Rabin  
 Robert Reinhart, Jr.  
 Guiseppe Ribbi  
 Morris S. Rosen  
 Jeffrey Sisselman  
 Herbert L. Strauss  
 Dorothy Vogel

## JANUARY 23

Moise Barchilon  
 Rafael Barchilon  
 Joseph Baskin  
 Fay Scheer Chazen  
 Rose Dorfman  
 Joseph Effron  
 Andrew H. Erdreich  
 Belle Baum Fein  
 William Feinbloom,  
 Sidney Friedman  
 Joan Golomb  
 Ruth Haber  
 William Haber  
 Stanley Krell  
 Bessie Lipschutz  
 Philip Lustig  
 Ann J. Miller  
 Miriam Rosenberg  
 Oppenheimer  
 Daniel Russotto  
 Sarah Sacharoff  
 Pola Schek  
 Henry Seligman  
 Joseph Solomon  
 Carl Tobias  
 Helen Wagner  
 Theresa Wang  
 Herman Yelsky

## JANUARY 30

Leonard H. Arnold  
 Betty DeGeorge  
 Pedro Gitler  
 Henry Goldstein  
 Alan Pack Greller  
 Pauline Gross  
 Davida Krevolin  
 Shirley LaLone  
 Eugenia Lenger  
 Melvin Lesser  
 Joseph Marcus  
 Sylvia Mednick  
 Walter L. Mock, Jr.  
 Nancy Levinson  
 Virginia Newman Livingston  
 Andrew Frederick Mendel  
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<b>Rabbi Emeritus:</b>	Stephen A. Arnold
<b>Religious School Director:</b>	Dr. Joel M. Hoffman
<b>Cantorial Soloist:</b>	Elisa Dugatkin
<b>Organist:</b>	Joseph Bertolozzi
<b>President:</b>	Bob Ritter
<b>1st Vice President:</b>	Jen Dahnert
<b>2nd Vice President:</b>	Susan Karnes Hecht
<b>Secretary:</b>	Len Greenberg
<b>Treasurer:</b>	OPEN
<b>Sisterhood Co-Presidents:</b>	Laura Brundage & Danah Moore
<b>Men's Club Co-Presidents:</b>	Dave Samson & Dave Wolf
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Bob Abrams
<b>Youth Group President:</b>	Brianna Erlebacher

**DATED MAIL  
PLEASE RUSH**

## January 2015

**Due to a technical issue, the Temple calendar for January is not available as of press time.**

**Please refer to the Temple website for up-to date information on events.**

**Reminders:** <http://vassartemple.org/whats-happening>

**Calendar:** <http://vassartemple.org/monthly-calendar>

**Sorry for any inconvenience.**