



# Vassar Temple

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## Refugee Group Founder to Speak at Jan.28<sup>th</sup> Shabbaton

Vassar Temple will observe shabbat with special programming Saturday, Jan. 28th, and everyone is invited to join in any or all of the events of the day. Torah study with Rabbi Berkowitz will begin at 9:00am, followed by a torah service at 10:00am. After the program, the Ritual Committee will provide a light kiddush lunch.

During the shabbat event, distinguished Vassar College professor Maria Hohn, accompanied by some of her students, will speak on '*Lessons from History*' that illuminate the current refugee crisis. Dr. Hohn is founder of *VC Refugee Solidarity* at Vassar College, the co-founder of the *Mid-Hudson Refugee Solidarity Alliance* (together with Vassar Temple, Christ Episcopal Church, Masjid al-Noor, Vassar, Marist, Bard, SUNY New Paltz, Dutchess Community, Mount St. Mary Colleges, and the Dutchess County and Greater Newburgh Interfaith Councils) as well as the *Consortium on Forced Migration, Displacement and Education* (Vassar College, Bard College/Annandale, Bard College/Berlin, Bennington and Sarah Lawrence Colleges).

Professionally, Dr. Hohn is the Marion Musser Lloyd '32 Professor of History and International Studies at Vassar College. In her research she explores the impact of U.S. military bases on postwar West German society. Also known for her work on African American soldiers who fought against Nazi Germany and their contributions to the advancement of civil rights in the U.S., her books have been translated into German, Korean and Chinese.

## BAKERS NEEDED!

Please join us for Sisterhood's annual

### HAMANTASCHEN BAKING DAY

Make friends while making Hamantaschen for our Purim service and for outreach to congregants and our out-of-town college students.

Sunday, February 12th  
(snow date: 2/26/17)

9:00 to 1:00 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 or website, and the Sisterhood Facebook page.

Not able to come and help? Please make a batch of dough and leave it in the Temple freezer in a Ziploc bag - just let Judy know.

Maria is the recipient of prestigious grants from the Mellon Foundation, the NEH, the DAAD, and the American Philosophical Society. In 2009, the NAACP honored her during the organization's centennial convention with the *Julius E. Williams Distinguished Community Service Award* for her research and work on behalf of African American GIs. For further information about the January 28<sup>th</sup> shabbat program, please email [ritual@vassartemple.org](mailto:ritual@vassartemple.org) or call the Temple at 454-2570.

Shabbat Services winter hours (6:00) are now in effect

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 7,21 New Paths services, p3
- Jan. 28 Refugee Founder talk, p1
- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Hamantaschen Baking Day, p1 (snow date 2/26)



## Rabbi's Message: Starting the New Year as a United Community

Regardless of how we cast our ballot on November 8<sup>th</sup>, we woke up on November 9<sup>th</sup> to a completely new reality. Some of us were excited by the potential for change in our country, but unsettled by the public outcry following the election. Some of us were hoping for a different result, and we experienced feelings of shock and sadness. No matter our politics, since the election we have been struggling to process what this change would mean for us and for our community. In reacting to each other's reactions, we may have only magnified our feelings of isolation and division.

I had not planned to do anything in response to this election. We are a politically diverse community. Not everybody is experiencing this historic moment in the same way. However, I found that many in our community were turning to the synagogue as a space to process their feelings. Many wanted to reach out to their neighbors for comfort and connectedness. When people are reaching out to us, how can we not reach back?

It is beautiful to see that the synagogue can still provide a supportive and safe space for people in our community to speak of their most deeply-held values, and to share the challenges of navigating this complex new world. As we enter 2017, Vassar Temple will continue to provide that support and safety, as we struggle (and, sometimes, celebrate) together.

The key word, this coming year, is "together."



The last few months have been tumultuous and divisive. As we begin a new secular year, some of our members expressed a desire to bring the community together, to put the past behind us and express our hopes for the future.

As we discussed what shape we wanted to give to this moment, we decided to weave our thoughts about change, hope, and unity into a Havdalah service. This wouldn't be a service for the left or the right, but an opportunity for the entire Vassar Temple community to express our commitment to enter this new year as a unified whole.

Havdalah means "separation." It signals the close of Shabbat and the arrival of the new week. It is a time of centering ourselves, putting the past behind us, and looking forward.

Havdalah can also be a symbol of unity. The braided candle is composed of many wicks, but it creates one flame. Moreover, the very structure of the Havdalah candle is the result of an ancient compromise. We learn in the Mishnah that Shammai thought the blessing over the Havdalah candle should be: "Who created the light of fire," while Hillel argued that it should be, "Who creates the lights of fire" (Brachot 8:5). While the rabbis modeled the blessings after Hillel's words (Jewish customs typically follow Hillel because he was more flexible and inclusive), the candle honors them both: it is one light composed of many lights.

This Unity Havdalah will be held on **Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.** at Vassar Temple.

Through music, prayers, and readings, we hope that this service will help our community support one another as our country faces changes and challenges. **If you are interested in preparing a non-partisan reading on change, hope, or unity, please contact Emma Arnoff at [emmaf86@gmail.com](mailto:emmaf86@gmail.com).**

*Rabbi Leah Berkowitz*

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## President's Message



Celebrate Shabbat, Friday evenings at 6:00pm all winter long. What a wonderful way to end the week! Join Rabbi Berkowitz, fellow congregants, family and friends in prayer at Vassar Temple.

Enjoy the musical accompaniment. Feel the spirit. Experience the warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Shabbat at Vassar Temple is very special. Each service is a little different, yet the tradition of Friday night worship is very much the same. It is extremely meaningful and comforting. It is where I belong. It is where you belong.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

*Mark Metzger*

## Come to the Consultation on Conscience!

If you want to be part of the fight for progressive social change in our nation, this is for you! Join our rabbi and a delegation of Vassar Temple members at the Consultation on Conscience, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's biennial social justice leadership conference, to be held in Washington, D.C. March 30-April 2. Experience inspiring speakers, educational and empowering workshops, and opportunities for networking. Stay for a lobby event on Capitol Hill. There will be a special focus on issues of racial justice, including voter suppression and incarceration reform. Financial aid is available but the sooner you apply the better. For further info go to <http://www.rac.org/consultation-conscience-2017> and if interested please contact [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

## January Worship Services

6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Shabbat Services with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service
13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Shabbat Services with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and soloist Elisa Dugatkin
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Torah Study
20 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Family Shabbat Services with Rabbi Berkowitz
21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Shabbat Evening Services with Rabbi Berkowitz and soloist Elisa Dugatkin
28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am 12:00am	Torah Study Shabbaton (Torah service, guest speaker) Kiddush Luncheon

## Scriptural

Jan. 7	<i>Vayigash</i> Gen. 44:18-45:27; Ezekiel 37:15-28
14	<i>Vay'chi</i> Gen. 47:28-48:22; I Kings 2:1-12
21	<i>Sh'mot</i> Exodus 1:1-2:25; Isaiah 27:6 – 28:13, 29:22-23
28	<b>Shabbat Rosh Chodesh</b> <i>Va'era</i> Ex. 6:2-7:7; Isaiah 66:1-24

## New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning service on Saturdays, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am in the informal, intimate setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. 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 mini-kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at [mschwa9882@aol.com](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com), Rabbi Berkowitz at [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org), or the Temple office at 845-454-2570.



Members of the Vassar Temple Men's Club who participated in the annual Men's Club Shabbat service on November 18<sup>th</sup> pose on the bimah following the service. Senior Scholar Paul Golomb honored the group by continuing a recent tradition of reading for the Torah during the service.





### Mazel Tov to...

R. Jonah & Mary Ritter on the birth of their 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild, Charlotte Evelyn Ritter to son Alexander and wife Melissa.

### Chai Noon Lunch: Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>

Vassar Temple Sisterhood 'Chai' Noon lunch will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at The Palace Dinner, 194 Washington Street, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601. We enjoy the friendship, the 'schmoozing', the food in a warm and inclusive Dutch-treat gathering!

Let us know you are joining us by contacting Carolynn Frankel at [Carolynnfrankel@yahoo.com](mailto:Carolynnfrankel@yahoo.com) or Perla Kaufman at [Brandaliz5@optonline.net](mailto:Brandaliz5@optonline.net). Looking forward to seeing you!

### January's Pulpit Flower Donations

- January 6: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- January 13: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- January 20: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- January 27: Donated by Vassar Temple 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 donation to the Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund. The donation to the Fund is \$55. Just call the Vassar Temple Office at 454-2570.



*Ronni Jarvis  
Lunch Box Captain*

### 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.



Banner created by the Morse School students to thank organizations for their contributions.

### Condolences to...

Lewis, Ben, Rudy & Ellie Krevolin on the loss of their wife and mother, Jenny Krevolin

### Thanks to Lunch Box Volunteers

Thank you to the women who donated the food for the Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Lunch Box meal we served: Laura Brundage, Jen Dahnert, Amy Horn Oclatis, Ronni Jarvis, Ann Lerman, Lisa Sue Quackenbush, Elaine Lipschutz, Judy Harkavy, Danah Moore, Judy Rosenfeld and Roni Stein.

I'd also like to thank those who cooked and served: - our teens Jordan Russo, Dakota Jarvis and Cameron Jarvis and our Sisterhood members Jasmaine Russo, Danah Moore and Judy Rosenfeld. Everything went very smoothly and everyone there really appreciated our efforts.

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## From the Religious School Director

One of our priorities in this new year is to spread the word about the Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School and the Vassar Temple

Hebrew School. As with many small Reform congregations across the U.S., we are finding that demographics and the change in attitudes towards the importance of Jewish Education has painted a dismal future of Religious School enrollment and Youth Group participation.

Many of us remember the “good old days” when it was not unusual for every Jewish kid in the area to attend Religious/ Hebrew School 2-3 days a week. In fact in my neighborhood the Jewish kids met a special bus after school that took us to Hebrew School two afternoons a week. We also attended on Sundays and many of us were regulars at the Shabbat morning service. It was expected and our families met the challenge.

In the 2013 Pew Study survey about

American Jews, we learn that Jews have a high level of educational attainment (58 % of American Jews are college graduates) but only half of all Jews know the Hebrew alphabet, and much fewer understand Hebrew words that they read. Personally I find even this number inflated.

Over the past 30 years I have seen many changes. Some of the positive changes have been the innovation in educational materials and programs. The curriculum developers, especially in the Reform movement, use educational approaches taken from respected educators in the larger educational community. They have tried to address the changes in our Religious and Hebrew Schools. For example our new Hebrew curriculum, *Mitkadem*, is designed to meet the needs of the students who are regular attendees as well as provide a way for those who come to school less frequently to continue where they left off without the class being disrupted by having to stop and wait for these students to catch up. It also allows for students who are ready to move ahead to do so at a faster pace.

Even with innovations and forward thinking, the positive changes mean little if you cannot populate your school. Our

Religious and Hebrew School programs cannot hire teachers and buy educational materials without a critical mass of students. We need the community’s help in encouraging families who are unaffiliated to try our program. Vassar Temple membership is not a requirement of enrollment. (Although, it is a requirement during the Bar/Bat Mitzvah year.)

Everything we teach and encourage in our school is meant to provide our students with an understanding how to not only live a Jewish life but also how to live in the world with an understanding of our traditions applying them to their decision making.

There is nothing sadder than meeting a young person who identifies as Jewish who has no idea of Jewish life cycle events, Jewish prayer, or how to celebrate a Jewish holiday. Participation in our Religious School will help parents pass on their Jewish identity to their children while strengthening their own connections to Judaism and the Jewish community.

*Julie Makowski*

## Refugee Resettlement News

Our boundless gratitude to all who have been supporting the local refugee resettlement initiatives we are carrying out as part of the Mid-Hudson Refugee Solidarity Alliance. For those who have been asking what more they can do:

**#1: Tell your local, state and national leaders to welcome refugees.** It is more important than ever for all of our elected officials to hear that their constituents feel this way. Dutchess County residents can e-mail County Executive Marcus Molinaro at [countyexec@dutchessny.gov](mailto:countyexec@dutchessny.gov). City of Poughkeepsie residents can e-mail Mayor Rob Rolison at [Mayor@cityofpoughkeepsie.com](mailto:Mayor@cityofpoughkeepsie.com). To find e-mail addresses and phone numbers for most other state and local officials anywhere in the USA, visit <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>. Or you can phone your U.S. Senators and Representatives at 1-866-940-2439. Call the same number three times to be connected with your Representative and both of your Senators. Here’s a sample of what to write or say:

*“I am a constituent from [CITY, STATE], and I urge you to welcome refugees and support the U.S. refugee resettlement*

*program. Resettlement is a core American legacy that extends hospitality and offers a chance for refugees to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. I urge you to reflect the best of our nation by supporting refugee resettlement in the United States.”*

**#2: Financial contributions:** For those who would like to make a financial donation in any amount, we have established the Mid Hudson Refugee Welcome Fund, which is administered by Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. This central fund will help our families make the Mid-Hudson region their home. To make an on-line donation, please go to <http://bit.ly/2fo9G7>. Those thinking of holding fundraisers are asked to please contact the Steering Committee at [HUDSONREFUGEEALLIANCE@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONREFUGEEALLIANCE@gmail.com) before moving ahead.

**#3:** If you have any questions for the Vassar Temple Refugee Resettlement Team, or would like to help on one of their committees, contact Andi Ciminello & Lisa Rubenstein, Team co-captains, at [refugee@vassartemple.org](mailto:refugee@vassartemple.org). However you choose to help, please take action today to stand with refugees, and share this alert with everyone you know!

## Not That Jewish

Rhonda Spinak, a cousin of VT member, Marilyn Barlow, is producing this play off Broadway. *The Jewish Weekly* gave it a rave review: <http://www.thejewishweek.com/arts/theater/plenty-jewish>

‘*Not That Jewish*’ is Emmy Award-winning and Golden Globe nominated writer, actress and comedian Monica Piper’s autobiographical telling of a Jew...’ish’ woman’s life. From her show business family in the Bronx, to a WASP wedding, to her first step on a comedy club stage and life as a single mom, Piper shares the milestones and moments that shaped her life with the same signature wit found in her writing on *Roseanne*, *Mad About You*, and her Emmy Award winning work on *Rugrats*. Reminiscent of Billy Crystal’s *700 Sundays* with a peppering of Neil Simon’s *Lost in Yonkers*, *Not That Jewish* is a perfect blend of funny, moving, intimate and inspirational theater. For tickets and information, go to <http://notthatjewish.com/>

# Yahrzeits

## JANUARY 6

Alma Barbash  
Greta Blaine  
Monte Tate Brown  
John Ciminello  
Herman R. Gross  
Harris Harold Groten  
Mort Hollinger  
Betty Israel  
Rabbi Sigmund Israel  
Dr. Bertram Katz  
Ida Krevolin  
Evelyn Laks  
Mauricio Ribbi  
Joseph Robinson  
Ruth Stein  
Marion Tierney  
Bessie Trivers  
Cecilia Zuckerman

## JANUARY 13

Bella Albert  
John Garlock  
Irene Goldstein  
Ethel Haber  
Beatrice Salit Horn  
Yetta Horn  
Bess Claster  
Kaufman  
Leon Krauss  
Rae Lipman  
Shirley Lipschutz  
Gerald Mamis  
Stanley Markum  
George Meltzer  
Gloria Menken  
Marion Present  
Andrea Sue Rabin  
Guiseppa Ribbi  
Anne Richmond  
Louis Satz  
Dr. Charles Scope  
Harold Sherwin  
Gabrielle Soroka  
Dorothy Vogel

## JANUARY 20

Rafael Barchilon  
Stephen Bokor  
Herman D. Chertock  
Rose Dorfman  
Clara Dorn  
Joseph Effron  
Andrew H. Erdreich  
Belle Baum Fein  
Thelma Fival  
Sidney Friedman  
Hody I. Gellert  
Dr. Donald L. Goldfarb  
Lois Grand  
Ruth Haber  
William Haber  
Hy Kohan

Stanley Krell  
Bessie Lipschutz  
Miriam Rosenberg  
Oppenheimer  
Morris S. Rosen  
Daniel Russotto  
Sarah Sacharoff  
Henry Seligman  
Joseph Solomon  
Herbert L. Strauss  
Helen Wagner  
Theresa Wang  
Herman Yelsky  
Evelyn Tanzman

## JANUARY 27

Moise Barchilon  
Joseph Baskin  
Fay Scheer Chazen  
Jesse Colodner  
Betty DeGeorge  
Leo Dorn  
William Feinbloom  
Naomi Goldberg  
Joan Golomb  
Samuel Grand  
Shirley LaLone  
Eugenia Lenger  
Melvin Lesser  
Joseph Marcus  
Andrew Frederick  
Mendel  
Ann J. Miller  
Walter L. Mock  
Alan S. Rubenstein  
Mark C. Schwartz  
Carl Tobias

## FUND FACTS: Embracing Community

As I considered my options for this month's edition of "Fund Facts," I thought about recent events in our Temple, and a theme quickly emerged. It is with a heavy – yet truly inspired – heart that I dedicate this modest entry to a beloved member of our congregation whom we recently lost, Jenny Krevolin, and focus on the theme of "community."

Jenny embodied what it means to be devoted to people in your midst who are in need. Whether it was her leadership and drive that sustained Lunch Box for many years, her tireless devotion to social action programs of various types, or simply the genuine and thoughtful way she greeted her many friends at Temple, she had a special touch. As I see our Temple community's sustained dedication to the projects that Jenny propelled for so many years and, most recently, mobilized around the Refugee Resettlement Project, I see Jenny's influence. Jenny would be so proud, and, right there with us, if she could.

My first "*Fund Facts*" piece in January, 2015 focused on the Tzedakah Community Fund. Now, inspired by Jenny, I am moved to reinforce its importance and encourage support of other similarly impactful endeavors such as the Refugee Initiative. Jenny Krevolin was one of a kind who will be sorely missed by our community, but her legacy will endure through our continued commitment to these endeavors. If you are as moved as I am to remember Jenny and strengthen our community, consider the **Tzedakah Community Fund** at the Temple and the **Mid-Hudson Refugee Welcome Fund** at Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. These are gestures of Tikkun Olam that Jenny exemplified.

*Jennifer Dahnert*

## Jewish War Veterans Meeting: January 15<sup>th</sup>

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold a regular monthly meeting on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Our meetings are held at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York and begin at 9:30am.

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the United States armed forces (active, Reserve or National Guard) are invited to attend and participate in the activities of this J.W.V. Post. All persons of the Jewish faith who have family members who served in the armed forces of the United States are also invited to attend and participate. There will be an informal coffee and cake schmooze, starting at 9:00a.m. for the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members and potential members are invited to attend.

As Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the synagogue. For further information please contact the Presiding Officer, Rob Rubin, at [qbee5@optonline.net](mailto:qbee5@optonline.net) or [845-462-4773](tel:845-462-4773).

# Contributions

## RABBI'S FUND

### In Honor of:

Rabbi Berkowitz' birthday  
 Jim & Mary Ann Robinowitz  
 Steve & Jen Dahnert  
 Lisa Rubenstein  
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 Chuck & Roni Stein  
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 Richard & Linda Cantor  
 Ed & Vivian Garber  
 Paul & Andi Ciminello

## SUSTAINING FUND

### In Honor of:

Rabbi Paul Golomb and his teachings in  
 Talmud Class Ann P. Gross  
 Richard & Linda Cantor  
 Allen & Susan Fink  
 Sandra Mamis' tireless & blessed  
 leadership of VT's Ritual Committee  
 Jonah & Mary Ritter  
 Robert Creedon for being inducted into  
 Poughkeepsie School District's Hall  
 of Fame for 30 years of coaching  
 Jonah & Mary Ritter  
 Sandi Rugar, wishing her well  
 Bob & Marianne Abrams  
 Brian Silverman

### In Memory of:

Gerald Mamis Harry & Sandra Mamis  
 Stanley Markum  
 Jim & Mary Ann Robinowitz  
 Shirley Ernest  
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 Glenn and Marcia Tanzman  
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## SOCIAL ACTION FUND

### In Honor of:

The Russo Family for raising their  
 children to be "Courageous Champions"  
 for social justice  
 Jonah & Mary Ritter

## SETH A. ERLEBACHER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

### In Honor of:

Molly Katz & Kristy Grimes for the 10<sup>th</sup>  
 anniversary of Half Moon Theater  
 Jonah & Mary Ritter

## LIPSCHUTZ FUND

### In Memory of:

Bessie Lipschutz  
 Shirley Lipschutz Elaine Lipschutz

## GRANDMOTHER'S FUND

Selna Lipson  
 Frances Dahnert  
 Robert Sachs Steve & Jen Dahnert

## COMMUNITY TZEDAKAH FUND

### In Memory of:

Jenny Krevolin  
 Kathleen C. Podmaniczky  
 Doi Cohen  
 Linda Skolnik  
 Ralph & Marian Schwartz  
 Mort & Rita Alterman  
 Judith H. Minkoff-Grey  
 Marva Potter  
 Charles & Ann Fink  
 Diane & Francis Keilly

## Registration Open for Pri HaEmek CSA

Pri HaEmek CSA (Bounty of the Valley  
 Community Supported Agriculture) is taking  
 early sign ups for the 2017 distribution season.  
 Members will receive outstanding, locally grown  
 organic vegetables for a 20-week season. If you  
 are interested, contact Debbie Most at 845-454-  
 3747.

## SCRIP Gifts

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





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<b>Religious School Director:</b>	Julie Makowsky
<b>Cantorial Soloist</b>	Elisa Dugatkin
<b>Organist:</b>	Joseph Bertolozzi
<b>President:</b>	Mark Metzger
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<b>Sisterhood President:</b>	Judy Rosenfeld
<b>Men's Club Co-Presidents:</b>	Dave Samson & Dave Wolf
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Bob Ritter
<b>Youth Group President:</b>	OPEN

## January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hanukkah No Religious School	2 Winter Recess Office Closed	3 12pm Talmud Study 7pm Ritual Committee meeting	4 No Hebrew School (4:30pm) 6:30pm Gesher High School @ TBE	5	6 6pm Shabbat Service	7 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths Service
8 9am Religious School	9	10 12pm Talmud Study	11 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher @ TBE	12	13 6pm Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Elisa Dugatkin	14 9am Torah Study
15 No Religious School	16	17 12pm Talmud Study	18 12 noon Chai Noon @ Palace Diner 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher @ TBE 7pm Finance Cmte	19	20 6pm Family Shabbat Service	21 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths Service
22 Broadway Trip 9am Religious School	23	24 12pm Talmud Study	25 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher @ TBE	26 7pm Board Meeting	27 6pm Shabbat Service with Cantorial Soloist, Elisa Dugatkin	28 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbaton Service 12 noon Ritual Cmte Kiddush Luncheon
29 9am B'nai Mitzvah Pgm 7th Gr & Parents 9 am Religious School 9:30am VTS Exec 10:30am 7th Gr Run J1 thru Service	30	31 12pm Talmud Study				