



Where You Belong

Vassar Temple Bulletin

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Rabbi Search Committee: Update as of May 26, 2014

The Rabbi Search Committee [RSC] of Vassar Temple is completing the first phase in a nearly year long initiative to identify the best candidate to replace our retiring Rabbi who, as you know, will be leaving at the end of June 2015.

Seeking the input of the congregation in order for the Committee to be fully informed about the needs and wishes of Temple members has been critical to the process. Forums called “Conversations” gave all members an opportunity to speak openly about their vision for the Temple’s future and, given the goals and concerns, what attributes and skills the individual needs to possess in order to help us be successful. Approximately 60 people attended in total, representing a range of ages and perspectives. Thoughtful and respectful discussion occurred in the sanctuary followed by two related activities in the social hall, where attendees were asked to prioritize the qualities we should be seeking. Member opinion had been provided in other forms as well: in writing, by telephone and in personal discussions. The data captured graphically and in text

was then distributed to all Committee members.

As expected, there was a range of responses, with some members feeling more or less strongly about certain elements both of the profile being developed and of the challenges we face going forward. But there certainly were some galvanizing opinions. Virtually everyone expressed concern for securing stable membership and with that financial security. There was considerable emphasis placed on the importance of engaging our young families and children, helping them to connect more strongly with their Judaism in a positive way. And having Vassar Temple actually promote inclusivity – demonstrate sensitivity to all seeking a relationship with Judaism with our synagogue serving as a portal to that connection - was repeated at all sessions.

With regard to the profile then, a unifying message was that the next Rabbi needs to be able to: 1) fully engage with all of our families, across all age groups; 2) promote a love of Jewish learning in all who walk through our doors; 3) help mem-

bers find joyful and meaningful reasons to embrace Judaism in their daily lives. Also, our next Rabbi will need to be mindful of the diversity represented by our Temple families and embrace all members and potential members in all life cycle events that are so important to them.

The RSC will transform the input into a profile to be used as candidates are interviewed. The formal application has been submitted to the Central Conference of American Rabbis [CCAR]. Rabbi Henkin, the Director of Rabbi Placement, will in turn make it available to all eligible candidates. The interview phase, likely to begin in July, will take place over the subsequent months and involve: a review of applications, electronic means of engaging in face-to-face meetings, and ultimately on sight visits, perhaps with Committee members visiting home congregations and candidates spending time at Vassar Temple.

*Respectfully submitted by
Sandra Mamis, Chair, RSC*

Rabbi Golomb at Hospital Ceremony

Vassar Temple was honored by Rabbi Golomb’s participation in the ceremony transitioning the former St. Francis Hospital to the new MidHudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center on May 12th. The theme of the ceremony was “bridges,” not only between geographic regions, but also between communities, from past to future, and from legacy to new technology. Hospital staff and administrators were in attendance as were town, city, and county officials. Along with clergy from three other faiths, Rabbi offered a traditional blessing for the new enterprise. Following the ceremony, he also participated in a worship service in the hospital’s new interfaith chapel, for which he was asked to read from a sacred text. His choice for this occasion was the 30th Psalm, which begins with the phrase “a song for the dedication of the house.”

Rabbi's Message: What Should We Learn?



The building that is Vassar Temple was built with rather permanent walls. Actually, this is an ongoing problem. The walls are so permanent that it is very difficult to run new wiring or pipes through them. Buildings that house synagogues should be sturdy, true enough; but one would like them to be more flexible.

The Temple is constructed with rigid materials, but the congregation is built from something more dynamic and fluid. The two intertwine. At especially busy times, such as Sunday mornings, Friday evenings, and the numerous days and nights when programs are taking place, the walls literally hum with sounds, both voices and music. On quieter occasions, the numerous photos and plaques adorning the building's walls visually reflect names and faces of individuals who have become part of the very fabric of the synagogue. Inanimate walls transform into a living entity, a thriving congregation with a long history, a lively present and a hopeful

future.

For the last few years I have made a point of devoting my summer Bulletin column to acknowledging and expressing personal thanks to individuals who breathe life into the walls of the synagogue. Vassar Temple is uncommonly rich in the level of volunteer service provided by members.

I would like, however, to begin with the small paid staff: Maria Munzo, the kitchen manager whenever we have an Oneg Shabbat, Kiddush, or dinner; Alvin Rosen, the Temple's custodian; Sherrie Geisler, office manager, and; Joel Hoffman, Religious School Director. These vital members of our Temple community do not merely show up and execute their tasks, they exhibit care and concern for the congregation that includes actions and activities that go beyond the remuneration they receive. Maria, Alvin and Sherrie began their duties this year, and all have had to deal with the steep learning curve that must be navigated when dealing with new systems and circumstances. They have not only taken to their responsibilities

but also have done so with good humor, calm demeanors and overall warmth to congregants with whom they have come in contact.

Joel Hoffman is a nationally-renown speaker, author and consultant. Indeed, he is capable of receiving generous compensation for appearances before congregations (Jewish and Christian) and organizations around the country. He has, however, freely given of his scholarship and erudition to Vassar Temple as a part of the congregation itself.

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Every summer, Debbie and I make a point of attending the plays, workshops and readings presented by Vassar College's Powerhouse Theater. This annual festival is principally designed to give playwrights an opportunity to develop works for production on New York City stages or elsewhere. One of the overall producers will usually address the audience before a presentation. In addition to the usual caution about turning off your cell phones, she will tell us how important our presence is to the creative

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President's Message

It is an honor to serve you as President of Vassar Temple. This is the first thing I want to say in my very first Vassar Temple Bulletin article. What I want to say after that is more difficult to choose.

There are so many possible worthy subjects to write about. Surely, I want to express gratitude to those before me, my fellow officers, trustees, committee chairs, volunteers, and Temple staff. Their names and contributions are found throughout our newsletters, website, blog, and Facebook pages.

Naturally, I'd like to recall Vassar Temple's recent activities, and speak through my eyes about upcoming events, many of which are featured in this Bulletin. It's tempting to address a current event which relates to our temple, or Reform Jews at large, that I feel is worthy of your attention. Or, I could write to you about a need or challenge faced by Vassar Temple and/or Reform congregations at large. With two years to go in my term, I may take advantage of this space to speak on these subjects...but not in this issue.

In this issue, I want to ask all of you to join me--to be a part of my journey as your Temple President.

Let me say this about our journey: this is a journey that can add meaning to your life. It's a journey that will introduce you to new friends and strengthen or build bonds with those you may have heard of, but didn't really know. It's a Jewish journey that you can identify with and deepen or can come to rediscover an identity you lost or never had. Along the way, you will learn, question, sing, laugh, cry, and feel joy, pride, and other emotions from human experiences that give life true richness.

This is a journey that is about something bigger than ourselves. It is a journey with a purpose--to make a piece of the world we can touch better. Along the way you will have opportunities to help your neighbor, a stranger, and your community. You may help a fellow human being who is hungry, or cold, or just feeling sad or lonely. You might put your hand on someone's shoulder and reassure him. Your company might comfort one of our members when she is grieving.

This is a journey that began 160 years ago, in 1848, with the founding of Congregation Brethren of Israel (our official name). The world has changed, and Vassar Temple has adapted, while holding fast to fundamental principles of Reform Judaism. By continuing to evolve we can achieve our mission for another 160+ years! A journey also involves a destination - a goal. In future articles, I will share my vision.

This article started with a question of what I wanted to write about, and it concludes with a more important question: *What would you like to write about? What would you like to inscribe in the book of your life?*

I accepted the responsibility to be President because I want you to join me on this journey. I believe with all my heart, mind, and soul that there is a beautiful and meaningful experience for you at Vassar Temple. It is a personal experience, to be shaped and defined by you in ways you are comfortable.

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Summer Worship

This summer, as usual, some of our services will be led by congregants and other guest leaders.

All services begin at **7:30pm**.

Kaddish will be recited at all services.

July 4:	Ron Rosen
July 11:	Rachel Erlebacher, Emily Brundage, Marissa Gally, and Ilana Wolf
July 18:	New Paths group
July 25:	Rabbi Shoshana Hantman
Aug 1:	Sandra Mamis and Bob Ritter
Aug. 4:	Erev Tisha B'av
Aug 8:	TBD
Aug 15:	Rabbi Shoshana Hantman
Aug 22:	Ben Krevolin
Aug 29:	Rabbi Golomb

Erev Tisha B'Av, the 9th of Av, is primarily meant to commemorate the destruction of the Temple. We also recall at this time the many other tragedies of the Jewish people which occurred on this date.

Scriptural Readings

Jun. 7 **B'ha'alotkha**
Num. 8:1-9:14
Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Jun. 14 **Shelah L'kha**
Num. 13:1-14:7
Joshua 2:1-24

Jun. 21 **Korah**
Num. 16:1-17:15
I Sam 11:14-12:22

Jun. 28 **Hukat (Rosh Hodesh)**
Num. 19:1-20:21
Isaiah 66:1-24

New Paths Service

New Paths services will be held on several Saturday mornings during the summer at 10am in the air conditioned East Chapel, on dates TBA. Please join us for a unique and inspiring shabbat experience! A brief informal kiddush follows. Some of the New Paths "regulars" will also lead a Friday night service with a New Paths approach on July 18 at 7:30pm, in a special setting in the social hall. The evening service will be followed by ice cream, other light refreshments, and an opportunity to socialize. For more information about New Paths Services or the summer service schedule please contact Marian Schwartz mschwa9882@aol.com or call the Temple at 845-454-2570.

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process. And we thought we were there just to experience a play!

Organist Joe Bertolozzi and Soloist Elisa Dugatkin have enhanced and inspired worship at Vassar Temple for over a decade. They bring talent and expertise, to be sure, but more than that, they bring their very souls toward making services moving and meaningful. They are "on stage," so to speak.

I would personally like to acknowledge and thank the "Jews in the pews," the Shabbat evening regulars who are as important to the quality of Vassar Temple worship as the audience is to Powerhouse Theater productions. They include: Matt & Muriel Lampell, Doi Cohen (whose spirit will continue to float in from Philadelphia), Elaine Lipschutz, Ron Rosen, Melissa Wall, CJ Kelley, Mark Metzger, Eleanor Pupko, Ed & Vivian Garber, Joel Kelson and Gloria Turk. They, and many others who come often, but less frequently, are the life and spirit that pulsate through the walls of the synagogue.

May you all have a peaceful and fruitful summer.

Rabbi Paul Golomb

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How can you make your journey with Vassar Temple more meaningful? If you're new or inactive, we will help you. If you're already involved, strengthen your commitment.

We need one another.

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek. Be strong, be strong, and let us strengthen one another.

Bob Ritter

Mazal Tov

to:

Max Samson on receiving Dutchess Outreach's *Youth Volunteer of the Year* Award for his year-round volunteer activities at the Lunch Box and Cereal Counts;

Bob and Mary Ritter on the wedding of their son, Alex, to Melissa Clark;

Steven and Margot Peter on their son, Samuel's, Bar Mitzvah;

Joanne and Bob Dyson on the May 16th birth of their granddaughter, Lucrezia Tumminello, who joins parents, Pam and Joey, and big sister, Rayna.

Pulpit Flowers

August 8: Donated by the Peter Family in honor of their son Samuel's Bar Mitzvah

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 the Temple office at 454-2570. The donation to the Shrub Fund is \$55.



Condolences

to:

Sandor Margolin and Lisa-Sue Quackenbush on the death of wife and mother, Gayle Margolin.

Refuah Shelemah

to:

George Rugar

**Happy VT members
at the
June 6th
Picnic Shabbat**



We Need Your Help!

It's awful to be the last to know that someone has been hospitalized, needs a visit or needs some other kind of help.

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

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

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From the Religious School Director What Does Success Look Like?



Other things being equal, it's better if 95% of Hebrew school students master the alphabet than if only 80% do. But other things are never equal. That's

why success at a religious school is so hard to quantify.

To continue the example, what if the 80% are also successfully prodded to study Hebrew in college? What if the 95% are dissuaded from continuing any sort of Hebrew study? What if, four years after graduating, half of the 80% can speak Hebrew while three fourths of the 95% are glad that they never have to look at a Hebrew letter again? Which is more of a success?

What about a school whose graduates can name all of the Ten Commandments, but who don't feel any personal connection to what they've learned? Is such a school doing better or worse than one whose graduates only remember a few of the commandments but have made a personal commitment to live by them?

Part of the complexity behind running a religious school is the unfortunate fact that only some measures of success lend themselves to numbers. And I think a school that focuses only on the easy-to-understand metrics will always fall short of greatness.

So here are three non-numeric examples of success from the past year, along with why I think they're important. I start with our new Hebrew program. Come 6:00 on the last day of classes, when the program was over for the year, the students refused to leave. Their parents were waiting, ready to take them home, but the students stayed in the classrooms. I think this is important because it speaks to a positive emotional connection that the students formed regarding Hebrew. Hebrew for us is more than just a second language or an alternative alphabet. It's an integral part of our history and culture that is tied up with what it means to be Jewish. So this positive emotional connection is part of learning what Hebrew means in the context of Judaism.

The second example is related, and it comes from the Wednesday evening post bar/bat mitzvah program. There, too, the students reacted to the last day of school with regret that the year was over. Like the Hebrew program --- which is both a vehicle for teaching a skill and an opportunity to help students integrate Judaism into their lives --- the post bar/bat mitzvah classes have both fact-based and affect-based content. And that second aspect takes on heightened importance for the high school kids because these classes are the primary way many of them practice Judaism. They have learned that Judaism can be an important and positive part of their lives.

The third example comes from Sunday mornings. One of the classes created a graphical representation of Jewish history. Then the students created a way to

let the adults who share the room on Saturday mornings ask them questions. This bridge between the Religious School and the broader Temple community came in response to both admiration from the adults and pride from the students.

History lessons in general are notorious for convincing people, especially children, that they don't like history. Yet, our history is part of who we are. Knowing the facts and figures, the dates and details, is one part of learning our history. In the context of religious school, another part of learning history is internalizing a sense of personal relevance: coming to understand that what happened 1,944 years ago is part of what's happening today, for instance. And the Sunday morning students demonstrated success in this regard when they reached out to share what they had created.

My point is not that statistics and metrics are irrelevant. Quite to the contrary, I think they help identify important trends, quantify success, and isolate failures that need to be addressed. But I do not think that numbers tell the whole story.

At the end of each year, we try to figure out what we should keep unchanged, what we should revise, and what we should discard. As part of the process, I'm happy to observe that Hebrew has become cool, school has become its own reward, and history has come alive.

Dr. Joel M. Hoffman

Tzedakah: Poughkeepsie Mothers Group

Thanks to everyone who donated a total of over \$90 in our tzedakah box to benefit the new moms and their babies at the Poughkeepsie Mothers Group.



More from the Picnic



COLLEGE NEWS

2014 Undergraduate Degrees

Andrew Creedon graduated from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, minors in History and Creative Writing, and a concentration in Enterprise Management. Further plans were pending at press time.

Rebecca DuVall graduated “With Distinction” from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music with a Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance. In June she began teaching strings at the Renaissance Arts Academy, an arts magnet school in East Los Angeles, California.

Arthur Maserjian graduated cum laude from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, a dual concentration in Finance and Accounting, and a minor in French. He received the D’Amore-McKim School of Business Excellence in Co-op Award, the combined Jewish Philanthropies/Consulate General of Israel to New England Student Leadership Award, and was a member of the Huntington 100 “most influential juniors and seniors at Northeastern University.” Arthur served as President of Northeastern Hillel and his chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and was awarded AEP’s International’s Nehemiah Gitelson Medallion for excellence in Jewish communal service. He completed co-ops at State Street Bank, Goldman Sachs, and Wells Fargo. After a break for European travel with friends and a visit with his brother, Lewis, Arthur will start at Wells Fargo Capital Finance in the Rotational Financial Analyst program in Boston. He will also join the Northeastern Hillel Advisory Board as an alumni board member.

Graduate Student News

Danielle Abrams is completing the second year of her Master’s/PhD program in Clinical Psychology at Georgia State University, where her focus is on neuropsychology and autism research. She is currently working on her Master’s thesis on the topic, *Predictors of Diagnostic Instability of Autism Spectrum Disorder between Ages 2 and 4*.

Julietta Gruszko is concluding the second year of her PhD in Physics at University of Washington, Seattle. She works in experimental particle physics, helping to build and run an experiment at a national lab in South Dakota that will explore the nature of neutrinos. She was recently awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship in Physics.

Mariel Gruszko is finishing the second year of her Anthropology PhD at the University of California, Irvine, where her focus is on sociocultural anthropology. In addition to conducting research on practices of place-making as political resistance in Barcelona, Spain, Mariel has taught the *Fundamentals of Anthropological Theory* and *Anthropological Methods* courses to approximately 300 students in the past year. She is spending the summer in Barcelona doing field work.

Samantha Hecht is finishing the second session of a three-summer program for her Master’s in Music Education at the Ithaca College School of Music, where she has a graduate assistantship. Now a veteran of three years teaching in the public schools, she is currently the Orchestra Director at Ithaca High School, where she directs the string, symphony, and chamber orchestras; she also coaches a fiddle club and runs the school-wide annual Cabaret Night. Samantha is concertmaster of the Ithaca Community Orchestra and is developing a private lesson studio.

Dan Joy completed his second year at the Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University.

Shelby Quackenbush spent the past year as an AmeriCorps member of CityYear Los Angeles. She was a Student Assistant at Santee Regional Educational Center in South Central Los Angeles, working with underprivileged and at-need high school students. She will be attending NYU to pursue her Master’s in Public Administration with an emphasis on International Profit and Non-profit organizations.

Mallory Turk completed her second year at Brooklyn Law School, where she is on the Law Review. She will be honored with the publication of her note, *Electronic Health Records: Privacy vs. Piracy* in the coming months and competed in two prestigious trial advocacy competitions.

Samantha Turk attended the George Washington University and will receive an MS in Organizational Management, a focus within Industrial Organizational Psychology, in mid-July. She completed a one year advanced honors program. Samantha traveled to Denmark in June to study organizational communication and compare the systems and structures of business models in Denmark to those of the US in order to determine if they are replicable. She is currently interviewing in the Washington area.

Jennifer Wolf completed her first year at Wayne State School of Medicine in Detroit. She is coordinator at the Cass Clinic, which provides free care to the underserved population of Detroit. She is also group leader for the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group, working with that department at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan to put on events for students considering the specialty. Jennifer traveled to Ecuador with the World Health Student Organization on a medical mission trip and will serve as a student mentor for incoming first year medical students.

JWV Annual Installation Meeting July 13th

The Private Herman Siegal Post #625 of The Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its annual installation of officers meeting on Sunday, July 13th. This will be a dinner meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Coppola's Italian-American Restaurant on Route 9 in Hyde Park. The installing officer will be Jerry Alperstein, a member of the Jewish War Veterans National Executive Committee. The keynote speaker will be Captain William W. Lang, U.S. Navy, retired.

Attendance is by prepaid reservation only. If you need a ride or for further information, please contact the Post Commander, Robert L. Morrison, at ROBL56@aol.com.

Protein Plenty!!! 2014 Vassar Temple Cares about Hunger!

This summer many disadvantaged children, teens and adults in our county will have no food for lunch. Free and reduced-fee lunch programs are unavailable when schools are closed. Lunch is as important as any meal of the day. No one should go hungry.

What can we do?

We can purchase protein foods, ample for lunch, to be distributed to people in need in our community. Anytime from July 1-July 31, please send your tax-deductible check in any amount to Vassar Temple with "Protein Plenty" on the memo line. 100% of your donation will be turned into *Stop & Shop* scrip which will be used to purchase cases of peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, tuna fish and chili. These high-protein lunch foods will be donated to the Community Action Partnership for distribution to their food pantries in Poughkeepsie, Dover, Beacon and Red Hook.

Questions? Contact Nancy Samson, Social Action Committee, CanJam123@aol.com 845-462-4828



Picnic Fun June 6th



2013-14 Special Dues Recognition

With the conclusion of fiscal year 2013/14 (June 30, 2014) it is time, once again, to recognize and thank those members who chose to contribute dues at the Special Category levels that were established several years ago...Guardian (\$5,500+), Benefactor (\$4,000 - \$5,499), and Patron (\$2,500 - \$3,999). **These generous contributions, over the minimum dues levels, were especially welcome and are gratefully acknowledged by the entire congregation.**

Guardian

Lant, Steven & Linda
Turk, Steve & Shelley

Benefactor

Blanksteen, Charles & Joan
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In addition, we wish to thank those members who contributed dues above the minimums established, although below the special categories listed above.

Finally, our thanks to all members who paid their dues in a timely manner; contributed to the various special funds, endowment funds, Capital Fund, boiler assessment, and/or High Holy Day appeal, and supported the many fund raising events (especially our on-going retail SCRIP program) during the past year. All of these contributions help us to keep Vassar Temple running and help to fund the programs and events that we all want and expect.

The Finance Committee



Vassar Temple's Confirmation Class of 2014



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JULY 4

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	2 9:00am– Torah Study
3 11:30am Lunch Box	4 7:30pm Erev Tisha B'av service	5	6	7	8 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	9 Bar Mitzvah of Sam Peter 9:00am– Torah Study
10	11 7:00pm VT Exec Cmte mtg	12	13	14	15 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	16 9:00am– Torah Study
17	18	19	20	21	22 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	23 9:00am– Torah Study
24	25 7:00 pm VT Board of Trustees mtg	26	27	28	29 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	30 Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Frankel

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