



Vassar Temple

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Cereal Counts! May Drive Brings Summer Breakfasts to Many

"Cereal Counts!" is an annual spring-time, Dutchess County-wide cereal box food drive aimed at reducing breakfast hunger now in its 10th year. Once again, we thank everyone at Vassar Temple who helped make the drive a success and donated boxes. Cereal Counts! indeed enjoyed widespread support this year. Preschool, elementary, middle and high school communities held wonderful school-based drives to collect boxes. Other faith organizations, businesses, libraries, county and government offices, sports teams, hobby and various interest groups collected, too. We had great newspaper and radio sponsors that encouraged box donations throughout the county. Temple Beth El of Poughkeepsie, headquarters for Mitzvah Day this year,



stored the boxes until the final day when a spirited group of volunteers, including our own members, packed the entire collection into cartons provided by Arnoff Moving Company and loaded them into trucks provided by Jacob Levian of Performance

Motors of Wappingers and UHaul. Poughkeepsie Mayor Rolison, State Senator Sue Serino, Chairwoman Lynda Biskup and County Executive Mark Molinaro brought boxes and provided their support to this incredible all county effort culminating on Mitzvah Day, May 15th.

On May 16th, 1,134 boxes and an additional load that came in overnight were delivered to food pan-

try sites hosted by Dutchess Outreach; the Community Action Partnership for their pantries in Poughkeepsie Dover, Beacon and Red Hook; Beulah Baptist Church; Hudson River Housing/Hillcrest Shelter; Hudson River Housing/Gannett House; Interfaith Senior Housing, Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Food Pantry; and Zion Episcopal Church. An additional load coming in this month will be delivered to St. Paul's Episcopal in Poughkeepsie.

Thanks to the members of our Temple and other citizens of Dutchess County, truckloads of good morning health made their way to those in need. Breakfast hunger is intolerable.

Nancy and David Samson

Homeless Shelter Needs Help!

Vassar Temple members have long been important supporters of the 60 bed shelter for homeless adults located in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Unfortunately, the years have not decreased the need for this support system because other agencies which would, in a perfect world, deal with the problems that lead to homelessness are underfunded and overwhelmed. Into this situation step volunteers. Here's how you can help.

Once a month the Jewish community of Dutchess County, with help from a lot of non-Jews who are not affiliated with

other faith-based communities, prepare and serve a meal to the shelter guests. Our night is the 4th Thursday of each month. We also have a donation box in the East chapel for toiletries, sheets, towels, and other bedding supplies for the shelter. Toiletries can be dropped off at any time

Many of you have already helped. If you are a new volunteer and want to get started with food and/or serving, please contact Judy Harkavy at

845-471-4973 or judystan@verizon.net.



Rabbi's Message: So What Do Rabbis DO in the Summer?



There's a myth that rabbis have the summers off, since some of us don't lead summer Shabbat services. But while the rhythm of Jewish life may slow down in the summer, there is always

plenty to keep a rabbi busy. What do rabbis do in the summer if they aren't on the pulpit? Here's my summer To-Do list:

Camping! I will spend a week each at URJ Eisner and Crane Lake Camps and URJ Six-Points Sci-Tech Academy. Camp is a fabulous opportunity to witness what the next generation of Reform Jews is up to firsthand. Jewish professionals throughout the region donate a week or two to run Limud (Jewish learning) for 2nd through 10th graders, tutor b'nai mitzvah, and lead daily prayers. I'm also creating electives for older campers: a social justice module called "Game of Loans," and a class on "The Science of Miracles."

Teaching! Since 2001, I have given an annual lecture to the Women's Spirituality Group at my home synagogue, Temple Sholom in Broomall, PA. This year's topic is "Fifty Shades of Play: The Rabbis' Approach to Love and Intimacy."

Special Projects! I'm on a team tasked with imagining what a High Holy Day prayer experience for young children and their families should look like, so that the CCAR can create a new *machzor* for family services.

Simchas! Summer is wedding season, and I am working with several couples to prepare for their upcoming marriages. Weddings give me the opportunity to engage with couples—often interfaith—who haven't yet found their way into synagogue life. I love learning their stories, creating rituals with them, and giving them the tools they need to make Jewish choices in the future.

Reading! My vision of a perfect summer day is reading in a beach chair. While summer can be a time to catch up on pleasure reading, I also explore materials that will help me prepare for the High Holy Days, Adult Education courses, and shaping our vision for the congregation. On my list this summer are Ron Wolfson's *Relational Judaism* and *The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate*, an anthology highlighting the triumphs and challenges of the first generations of women rabbis. The latter includes my own essay about my

search for role models in the Bible. Check it out!

Working! Summer is a time to regroup and recharge and also a time to determine our course for the coming year. Julie, Sherrie, and I, along with the Vassar Temple leadership, will spend much of the summer hard at work, getting things in order for the High Holy Days and preparing for an amazing school year!

Vacation! I travel a lot: for professional conferences, destination weddings, and to see family. But I haven't taken an honest-to-goodness vacation in over two years. While I'll mostly be around in the Hudson Valley (Look for me at Powerhouse!), I'm hoping to take a few days away to do, well, nothing. And I hope that you do, too!

In short, rabbis do just as much in the summer as they do during the year, but we're never too busy to spend time with you! I hope we'll see each other at Vassar Temple and around town. In the meantime, have a wonderful, safe, relaxing, and meaningful summer!

Rabbi Leah Rabbi Berkowitz



From Our New President, Mark Metzger

It was a tremendous honor to have been elected and installed as president of our wonderful congregation, Vassar Temple. The good wishes and offers of support are sincerely appreciated. To paraphrase Deuteronomy Rabbah 1.10, a congregation "... is too heavy for anyone to carry alone." I look forward to working with Rabbi Berkowitz, the officers and directors, committee members, congregants and Temple staff to continue to build upon the foundation laid by our predecessors.

So much was accomplished during these past few years with the leadership of our rabbis and past presidents. All one has to do is look in, and around, the beautiful synagogue to see some of the accomplishments. Many more achievements are not visible, however, and are

equally as important. The hard work and commitment of the rabbis, past presidents, board members, committee members, congregants and Temple staff have made our temple stronger and a very pleasant place to share. I thank everyone who has helped with the many holidays, Temple functions, community projects, events, outreach and numerous other activities during the past few years.

A special thanks must go to Bob Ritter for the time and love he has given to our temple. His tenure as president was extremely productive, energetic and innovative. I know we can count on Bob for his continued, valued support.

Moving forward, there is still much to do to maintain and improve upon our position as a temple. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18) That is true for a congregation as well.

To that end, in September, Rabbi and the Temple board will engage in a development workshop with a URJ facilitator. We look forward to exploring future growth of our temple. Your vision and ideas are also important--please share your thoughts with me and other board members so that our congregation may thrive and prosper. I look forward to working with the entire Vassar Temple family. It is often said by visitors that we are a warm and welcoming place, something in which we should all take pride. Thank you for this opportunity and your support and guidance.

Mark Metzger

Special Summer Worship Services

During July and August, Vassar Temple will hold weekly Friday night services led by a wonderful series of specially trained lay leaders. The services will be held at **7:30pm** in an intimate and relaxed setting in the air conditioned social hall. Each will be a complete service including kaddish, will be enhanced with special music, and will reflect the unique perspective of the leader. Afterward, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy light seasonal refreshments (often ice cream!), and, of course, to socialize and share news with friends. Be sure to join us!

If you are interested in co-leading or leading one of the services, an upcoming training session is scheduled. Music mavens, your help is especially welcome to complement the rest of the service, whether with prerecorded songs or live song leading. For further information about attending, co-leading or leading, please contact Sandra Mamis at mamis@optonline.net or 914-456-3524.

New Paths Saturday Morning Worship

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning service Saturday, July 16th at 10:00am in the informal 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, and dates of other upcoming New Paths services this summer, please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or the Temple at 845-454-2570.

Scriptural Readings

July

- 2 *Sh'lah L'kha* Num. 15:8-41;
Joshua 2:1-24
- 9 *Korah* Num. 17:25-18:32;
I Samuel 11:14 – 12:22
- 16 *Hukat* Num. 21:11-22:1;
Judges 11:1-33
- 23 *Balak* Num. 23:27-
25:9; Micah 5:6 – 6:8
- 30 *Pin'has* Num. 23:27-30:1;
Jeremiah 1:1 – 2:3

August

- 6 *Matot-Ma'sei* Num. 33:50-
36:13; Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4
- 13 **Shabbat Chazon**
D'varim Deut. 2:31-3:22;
Isaiah 1:1-27
- 20 **Shabbat Nachamu**
Va'et-hanan Deut. 5:1 – 7:11;
Isaiah 40:1-26
- 27' *Eikev* Deut. 10:12-
11:25; Isaiah 49:14 – 51:3



Mazel Tov to...

Barbara Stern celebrating her 90th birthday;

Gloria and Shelley & Steven Turk being honored for their philanthropy to The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley;

Bob & Mary Ritter on the wedding of their daughter Sarah to Michael Marino in August;

Bob & Mary Ritter who are excited to become 1st time grandparents in December;

Harry & Sandra Mamis celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary.



Refuah Shelemah

Sanford Metlis being hospitalized;

Harry Mamis recovering.

Pulpit Flowers Donors

There are no pulpit flowers during summer services, but you can appreciate the ones in the ground outside the Temple!

Anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a loved one or commemorate a special occasion can do so by sponsoring the sanctuary flowers with a donation to the Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund. The donation to the Fund is \$55. Just call the Vassar Temple Office at 454-2570.



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.

Follow Rabbi Berkowitz!

Rabbi Berkowitz is on Facebook, Twitter, Wordpress, and Instagram. Follow her and join the conversation!

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Read Rabbi Berkowitz's blog at:

<http://thisiswhatarabbilookslike.wordpress.com>



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A preSCRIPTION for Temple health





Hello from the Religious School Director: Julie Makowsky

Shalom! My name is Julie Makowsky and on July 1st, I will begin my new position as the Education Director for the Vassar Temple Religious School. Over the course of this coming school year I hope to share with you news from the Religious School as well as information about our school programs and curriculum. At this time, I would like to use this forum to tell you a little bit about myself.

I have called the Hudson Valley home for 8 years. That is a record for our family as my husband, Bob, was in the Coast Guard for the first 14 years of our marriage and we moved around a lot.

I began my career as a Jewish Educator many years ago after graduating from The Ohio State University with a Jewish

Studies degree. In the Fall of 1988 I found myself in Jerusalem where I spent the next two years studying and learning about Jewish Text and Hebrew. After returning to the States, I was awarded a Melton Fellowship at The Jewish Theological Seminary.

In 1992 I graduated with a Masters Degree in Jewish Education and also married my husband, Bob. We lived in Brooklyn and then moved to Long Island. I served a number of congregations while Bob served the United States Coast Guard as a Search & Rescue pilot at Air Station Brooklyn.

In the following years we added daughter, Talia, and son, Noah, to our family. The Coast Guard moved us frequently which gave me opportunities to work in a number of Jewish communities in a number of different capacities. We

lived and worked in Traverse City, Michigan, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, New Haven, Connecticut, Atlantic City, NJ and finally Columbus, Ohio.

We moved to Rhinebeck, NY in 2008 and promised our children that they would be able to complete High School without moving again! Since moving to the area I have served both the Woodstock Jewish Congregation and Congregation Emanuel of the Hudson Valley as Education Director.

I am excited to begin the next phase of my journey serving the Vassar Temple community as the new Education Director. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you in the coming months!

Julie Makowsky

RJVNYs Albany Advocacy Day 2016

On May 9th Reform Jews from all around New York State gathered in Albany for RJV's annual Advocacy Day. They came together to articulate a vision for tzedek (justice) in the Empire State and to share that vision with their Assembly members and State Senators as the legislature set its priorities for the waning days of the 2016 session. Participating were two members of our local community, Rabbi Berkowitz and Howard Susser.

The day began with briefings by experts on several critical issues coming up in the legislature. In the afternoon, the participants headed out to meetings in the offices of nearly 30 of the State's legislators to discuss three priority issues: support for measures curbing the growing influence of money in politics, opposition to the Education Tax Credit which would weaken public education and threaten church-state separation, and support for an upcoming proposal that would empower the Commissioner of the State Education Department to approve fiscal decisions made by the East Ramapo School Board and provide the District with much needed funds.

You are encouraged to contact your state legislators to raise your own voice on the issues, whatever your personal positions may be. If you would like to join with others in advocating to our legislators at their local offices, please contact socialaction@vassartemple.org. For more information on the RJVNYs and these issues, visit rjvnys.org.



NY Legislative Building

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Emily Brundage was one of six students to graduate from Muhlenberg College with a B.A. in Public Health, a major offered for the first time this year. She also completed a minor in political science. Emily is looking forward to furthering her love for public health and policy by finding a job within the public sector. On campus, Emily was actively involved and held leadership positions in Peer Health Advocates at Muhlenberg, Active Minds, Students for Queer Advocacy, and Alpha Phi Omega. She was also a One Love Facilitator, a Resident Advisor and researched female college students' perceptions of pregnancy and childbirth.

Molly Duvall graduated from Oberlin College with a B.A. in Musical Studies and History. She received the George G. and Carrie C. Life Scholarship award. Starting this summer she will be teaching cello at the Renaissance Arts Academy, a Los Angeles City Public School District charter school. She will be joining her older sister, Becky, who is also in LA teaching strings and performing.

Rachel Erlebacher graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Environmental and Sustainability Science with a Distinction in Research and minor in Jewish Studies. She received the CALS Academic Excellence Award for ESS and graduated Summa Cum Laude. Other honors include: Cornell University Dean's List, CALS Honor Society Ho Nun de Kah, Research Honors ("Assessing Community Support and Feasibility for Bioenergy in the Northern Rivers Region, Australia). Rachel will be moving to Washington D.C. this summer to work for the USDA Office of Budget and Program Analysis as a Program Analyst.

Ben Marcus graduated from Springfield College with a B.S. degree in Athletic Training. He passed the Board of Certification Exam. Over the summer he will be interning with NYC FC, a Major League Soccer team, again, while he applies to graduate school.

Lisa Rosenfeld graduated from the University of Rochester with a Bachelor's degree in Math and Financial Economics, a minor in Spanish, and a certificate in Mathematical Modeling in Political Science and Economics. Lisa will be working for the FDIC in their Pittsburgh office as a Financial Institution Specialist.

Ilana Wolf graduated Magna Cum Laude from Ithaca College with a B.S. in Clinical Health Studies and a minor in Nutrition. Ilana founded the Ithaca College chapter of Challah for Hunger, an organization that bakes challah to raise awareness for social justice issues and causes, and will continue being active in the national organization as an advisor next year. Ilana will be doing a clinical internship in Physical Therapy in Detroit this summer and will continue in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program for the next two years.

NEWS OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE CLASS...

Marissa Gally finished her fourth year at Montclair State University in New Jersey. In the upcoming fall semester she will be finishing her last undergraduate semester then starting her Master's Degree in Elementary Special Education. This past year Marissa was president of the Theta Kappa Chi Sorority and director of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

David Greenberg is pursuing his computer engineering degree at University at Albany. He is participating in a co-op at IBM Poughkeepsie for the summer.

Aaron Morgenstern will be finishing at SUNY New Paltz in 2017 with degrees in Accounting and Finance. He is a full-time employee at JPMorgan and Chase as a relationship banker.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Danielle Abrams recently completed the M.S. requirements of her degree at Georgia State University, working toward a PhD in Clinical Neuro-Psychology, specializing in autism.

Jennifer Greenberg finished her first year at George Washington University in Washington DC. pursuing her MPH in Epidemiology. She will be doing an internship at the District of Columbia Dept. of Health for the summer.

Julieta Gruszko will attend the [Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting](#) in Germany this June where she will be amongst Nobel laureates and the brightest young scientists from around the world. The fact that Julieta was chosen this year is especially exciting because this year's meeting is focused on physics, and the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics was just awarded in her research field of neutrino physics. Julieta continues to work on her PhD.

Mariel Gruszko finished the fourth year of the Anthropology PhD program at the University of California-Irvine, where her focus is on socio-cultural anthropology. Following a Fulbright Scholarship researching the relationship between participatory architecture and democracy this past year, she will remain in Barcelona, Spain on a Wenner-Gren Foundation grant until December 2016 completing her field work prior to working on her dissertation.

Shelby Quackenbush graduated from NYU Wagner with a Master of Public Administration, Public & Nonprofit Management & Policy with an International specialization. She is presently looking at NYC, Washington DC & internationally for employment.

Michelle Silverman is approximately midway through a doctoral program in School Psychology at Columbia Teacher's College. Her focus is on working with at-risk adolescents.

Jessica Susser has finished her 1st year of a master's degree at University of Toledo.

Rachel Susser is finishing her Fulbright research grant on Bulkan flute music. She returns to the US in July to again work for Apple for the summer. She is auditioning for grad schools.

Jennifer Wolf completed her third year at Wayne State School of Medicine where she earned clinical and academic honors. She was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society which recognizes “individuals who are exemplars of humanistic patient care and who can serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine.” Jen was also awarded a scholarship to attend the 2016 American Academy of Family Physicians

National Conference in Kansas City.

Terri Will, daughter of Ralph & Marian Schwartz, was one of 15 Queens artists selected to show her photography at the Bayside Historical Society summer pop-up exhibit. Terri retired from the U.S. Army one year ago and is currently a full-time student pursuing a career as a registered nurse.

Reminder:

If you have a student still in college/graduate school or starting in Fall 2016, please send the following to Fern Wolf

at fernw@optonline.net:

- student's name
- student's email address
- address
- college graduation year
- name of school
- parent's email address
- parent's phone number
- other pertinent info such as awards/ special activities

The Vassar Temple Sisterhood College Care Package Committee sends registered students at least two care packages during the year, one for Chanukah and one for Purim.

Let's Help the Children Learn

As you are probably aware, 87% of the children right here in Poughkeepsie come from economically disadvantaged homes. And we all know how important education is, especially to these children so that they will be able to make a brighter future for themselves and for their own children.

To help these children succeed in school, we at Vassar Temple are collecting money to help provide them with the school supplies they will need during the coming school year, and which a great many of their families cannot afford. Just bring your tax-deductible check in any amount to the Temple or mail it to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Checks should be made payable to “Vassar Temple” with “School Supplies” on the memo line.

We are currently working with Morse School, located on Mansion St. in Poughkeepsie, which has 500 students, and will assist children in additional schools if possible. Please help the children learn by donating to this project today. Money collected in the tzedakah box by the stairs during July and August will also go toward school supplies for the children.



Social Action Spring Sweep

Our Purim Pasta drive, organized by Nancy Samson, with pasta delivery expedited by Ralph Schwartz, was likely our best yet due to the overwhelming support of so many in the congregation. Thanks to everyone who helped make Dutchess County Mitzvah Day a success, especially those who worked on projects led by our Temple members such as the Birthday Project (Jasmine & Jordan), the Appalachian Trail clearing (Ron), the cemetery cleanup (Rabbi Golomb & CJ), the Teen Car Wash (Shira & Craig), and the Grace Smith House projects (Men's Club), not to omit Cereal Counts (Nancy & Dave), or Perla Kaufman who worked for months on the Mitzvah Day planning committee. And special mention goes to the Temple Board (captain Bob Ritter) and the Torah Study Class (co-captains Mary Solomon & Ron Rosen) for sponsoring their first ever group Lunch Boxes! We hope that will they become annual traditions!

Yahrzeits: July-August

JULY 1

Sallie Cohen
Rosalind Gellert
Dr. Jacob Kronman
Fay Menken
Audrey S. Morgenstern
John Muehl
M. Fred Praeger
Celia Ribbi
Cornelius Saperstein
Ethel Scheer
Seymour Scheer
Morris Silberman
Dr. Sheldon J. Solomon
Sandor D. Strauss
Eva Tofel
Blanche Weber
Dolores Weisman
Fred Weiss
Nay Wisdom
Dr. Camilla Reznikoff
Wygan

JULY 8

Estelle Cohen
Lloyd Fertig
Anne Kahn
Lillian Lampell
Lawrence L. Landau
Hillard Mann
Edith Posner
James Quackenbush
Marie Robinowitz
Dora Rosenmann
Winona Rosenthal
Michael L. Solomon
Samuel E. Trivers
Linda Fertig Waldman
Michael Wrobel
Emil M. Zullo

JULY 15

Jerry Bass
Morton Bloch
Leon R. Bloom
Shirley Green Cher-
tock
Ida Cohen
Philip Cohen
Dr. Sidney S. Cohen
Marshall Effron
Cynthia R. Feldman
Kalmen Izraelewicz
Max Kapner
Henry Klein
Gertrude Krugman
Merlin B. Lass
Minnie Lass
Edward Moffit, Jr.
Hyman Schwartz
Sylvia Reifler Silber-
man
Max Uttal

JULY 22

Meta Altman
Dr. Alan E. Apfel
Martin Brenner
David Clearfield
Minnie Schudroff
Coleman
Robert J. Creedon, Sr.
James Effron
Joshua Aaron
Himmelstein
Flora M. Hoffman
Herbert Klein
Dr. Robert Kohan
Saul A. Lazarus
Cary Lutwin
Ethel Marcus
Sol Present
Ed Stoller
Ludwig Willner

JULY 29

David Albenda
Fanny Bronfeld
Dr. Irving Dreishpoon
Martin L. Dreyfuss, MD
Hortense Feldman
Siegfried Frank
Louis Gellert
David Krevolin
Julius Lazarus
Sam Lessin
Robert H. Lipschutz
Cecelia Riechman
Gertrude Rosenthal
Irving Schwartz
Adele Stern
Charlotte Wechsler

AUGUST 5

Mae Berger
Janice Fink
Marjorie Gluck
Walter B. Goldfinger
Helen Goldman
Kurt Harlam
Florence Levitch
Melvin Matlin, MD
Hy Miller
Katherine Moffit
Phillip R. Moselle
Saul Norman Nectow
Margot Similes
Louis Temlock
Muriel Weingart
Jack Wiseman
Louis I. Worona

AUGUST 12

Howard S. Abrams
Dr. Harry Barbash
Gloria Berlin
Dr. Richard Slater
Cohen
Alexander D'Imperio
Eve Canter Goldberg
Evelyn Herman
George Izraelewicz
Ruth Kapner
Dr. Burton Katz
Lillian Lox
Jacov Markowvitch
Frances Myer
Yetta Prisansky
Aaron Reifler
Anna Saperstein
Minnie Toroker

AUGUST 19

Blanche Adler
Oscar Charwat
Dorothy Rauh Fogle
Jack Goldman
Beatrice A. Goodman
Nettie Jacobs
Norman Keiser
Edna Z. Kleiner
Marion Lieberman
MaryLouise Parke
Jeanne M. Payne
Bernard Reifler
Lee Schwartz
Zerline Lehman Simon
Clara Abraham Stein
Samuel Sumner
Mary Weiss
Emanuel Zimmer

AUGUST 26

Anna Baum
W. Carlton Bernard
Tillie Haber
Morris Kaufman
Dr. Saul R. Kelson
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FUND FACTS: Social Action Matters

I am so proud of Vassar Temple! Our congregation's recent social action initiatives are a testament to our collective commitment to Tikkun Olam. I wrote about Tikkun Olam in my October 2015 FUND FACTS article, but our Temple's recent social action-related activities – specifically the Shabbaton with Jay Michaelson, the *Complicit* program, and our commitment to supporting the resettlement of a refugee family -- have inspired me to now write about **The Groten Fund**.

As many people know, **The Groten Fund** is the backbone of our Temple's

social action efforts. This fund, established by Marge and Art Groten in memory of Art's parents, Harris and Gertrude Groten, supports social action programming and underwrites initiatives of the Social Action Committee, currently chaired by the incomparable Marian Schwartz. Projects funded in the past have included speakers for the annual joint Shabbaton, supplying audio equipment and other materials for the *Talking Books* program, and, further afield, a special effort a few years ago to purchase solar ovens to help women in sub-Saharan Africa. It is this base of support upon which we continue

our commitment through other important social action projects such as the Michaelson Shabbaton, the *Complicit* program, and the refugee resettlement project.

Projects like these are how the world is repaired; *Vassar Temple's social action matters*. You can make a distinct difference by contributing to **The Groten Fund** and sustaining it as a robust, impactful source of support to help repair the world.

Jennifer Sachs Dahnert

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Senior Scholar:	Paul Golomb
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Cantorial Soloist	Elisa Dugatkin
Organist:	Joseph Bertolozzi
President:	Mark Metzger
1st Vice-President	OPEN
2nd Vice- President:	Ron Rosen
Secretary:	Susan Karnes Hecht
Treasurer:	Len Greenberg
Sisterhood Co-Presidents:	Laura Brundage & Danah Moore
Men's Club Co-Presidents:	Dave Samson & Dave Wolf
Immediate Past President:	Bob
Youth Group President:	OPEN

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30pm Shabbat Service	2 9am Torah Study
3	4 Office Closed	5 Office Closed No SEP No Talmud Study 6:30pm Ritual Cmte	6 Office Closed	7 Office Closed	8 Office Closed 7:30pm Shabbat Service	9 9am Torah Study
10 2pm R/S Cmte BBQ Pool Party	11	12 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Study	13	14 10am SEP 7pm Exec Cmte Meeting	15 7:30pm Shabbat Service	16 10am New Paths Service
17	18	19 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Study	20 Finance Cmte Meeting	21 10am SEP	22 7:30pm Shabbat Service	23 9am Torah Study
24	25	26 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Study	27	28 10am SEP 7pm Board Meeting	29 7:30pm Shabbat Service	30 9am Torah Study
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