



# Vassar Temple Bulletin

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## Reserve Now for "After Hours" Beer Tasting Dinner on July 14<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy the company of old and new friends while you indulge in great food, drink, and music in a relaxing atmosphere on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in our social hall. Delight your palate, starting with a cocktail hour and followed by four gourmet courses and corresponding beer flights. Our "After Hours" Beer Tasting Dinner will feature fine beers, expertly selected and presented by Temple member



Alan Daniels, the owner of Half Time Beverage. The dessert table also promises to be out of the ordinary – and all this for only \$39 per person!

Don't delay in making your plans because reservations must be made by Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> through Perla Kaufman at 914-456-7309 or [brandaliz5@optonline.net](mailto:brandaliz5@optonline.net). You won't want to miss this special evening!



## The Hineni Fund Will Support Our Education Programs

Our congregation has launched a fund raising campaign to establish The *Hineni* Fund to support the Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School of Vassar Temple. In Hebrew, the word *Hineni* means "here I am" and support for this fund says "we are here" as a community for Vassar Temple's education and youth programs.

The campaign will be comprised of major and planned gifts solicited from the Vassar Temple membership, friends, and private foundations. It will also include the net proceeds from *Bright Lights & Miracles*, a gala event planned for Saturday, December 1, 2012. The total fund raising goal for this initiative is at least \$150,000.

The honorees for *Bright Lights & Miracles* are Temple members Lou Lewis, Esq. and Dr. Arthur and Carol Menken, but every one of us can be a part of this campaign for our congregation's future. One way is to mark your calendar now for the Gala at Locust Grove on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Another way to participate is to contact Andi Ciminello (452-1190); [andi@ecosystemsstrategies.com](mailto:andi@ecosystemsstrategies.com) or Jen Dahnert (226-1158; [jedahnert@vassar.edu](mailto:jedahnert@vassar.edu)), the co-chairs of the campaign and the Gala.

## Be Part of Protein Plenty!!! 2012 in July

This summer, there will be children, teenagers and adults in our community who will not have lunch. They will go hungry.

For people of all ages, having protein during a meal can be both healthy and satisfying. Whether they are children missing the free school lunch or seniors on a limited income, all need a protein-rich meal to fuel the brain and body, build muscle, strengthen the immune system, and give rise to a sense of energy, vitality and well-being.

**How to help:** During the month of

July, Vassar Temple invites you to make a monetary donation of any amount which will be used to purchase protein-rich foods to supplement summer meals in the community: jars of peanut butter, canned tuna and other fish, canned chili and other canned meats. At the end of the month, these items will be delivered to the Community Action Partnership for distribution to their food pantry sites throughout the Dutchess County. 100% of your donation will be used to purchase protein foods for our community.

**How to donate:** Please make out a

check to Vassar Temple.

In the subject line, write PROTEIN PLENTY 2012.

Mail the check to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Money collected for Protein Plenty!!! 2012 will be exchanged (100%) for Scrip, which benefits our congregation too. The Scrip will be used to buy canned and non-perishable protein foods at Stop & Shop. It's a win/win deal!!

**Questions?** Call Nancy Samson of our Social Action Committee at 462-4828 or email [CANJAM123@aol.com](mailto:CANJAM123@aol.com)



# Rabbi's Message: READ. SPEAK.



There is speaking. And there is reading. And there is speaking about what is read.

The principal distinction between speaking and reading is one of time. Essentially, both are forms of communication employing words, grammar, syntax, etc. In speaking, however, the communication exists wholly and exclusively in the present. (It makes no difference if the speakers are face-to-face or thousands of miles apart and using some form of a telephone. The issue is time, not space.) Reading, on the other hand, is fundamentally a communication from the past to the present. What is read had to be composed and put down on paper (or a digital screen) *before* you, the reader, encounter it.

The time lag between text and reading can be quite brief – the morning newspaper, for instance – or very long – works from antiquity. Regardless of the length of the lag, the reader is in the present and the writer is in the past. Obviously, when the time between text and reading is reasonably long, the writer is probably no longer alive! Reading something written from, say, mid-twentieth century or earlier, and you are receiving a communication from beyond the grave.

And then there is speaking about what is read. The speaking is alive and in the here and now, but a third person has been introduced to the conversation – the writer. The past becomes present, and an author who might have been long dead, is brought back to life.

Sitting down with a good book can always be a pleasurable expense of time. Summer months, such as July, often give us the opportunity to engage in this activity more easily. There is, however, one thing that can be even better, and that

is talking about it. Book clubs afford the opportunity, and the Sisterhood's Book Club is an enduring institution at Vassar Temple.

Vassar Temple provides two other wonderful opportunities to talk about what is being read: the ongoing text studies of **Torah** (every **Saturday morning at 9am**) and **Talmud** (**Thursdays at 11:30am**, beginning in September.) In both cases, the writers are quite old – 1500 to almost 3000 years-old! They are, however, the heart and soul of Jewish identity, thought and practice. When we come together to talk about the texts they left for us to read, they become alive and present, turning Judaism itself into a living being.

I warmly invite you to read...and to speak.

Rabbi Paul Golomb

The president's message will return in August

## Religious School Director: I Have a Little List



"These things have no limit," begins a nearly 2,000-year-old list in the Mishnah, our earliest collection of Jewish law. The list details commandments for which more is always better.

Leaving unharvested crops (*pe'ah*) for the poor, for instance, is the first item there. Leviticus (23:22) asks farmers to leave the corners of their fields unharvested so that the poor can --- free of charge and anonymously --- gather food. The more crops left for the poor, the more people eat. Feeding some hungry people is good; feeding more is better. That's why there's no limit.

But the real point of the list is that good things come in two varieties. For some, the more you have the better. That's what we all expect. But it turns out that some good things --- perhaps even most --- are only good in moderation, and even turn detrimental with quantity. They not only stop being good, but they can actually become bad.

Food, for example, falls in this second, non-intuitive category. We think of food as a good thing because it's yummy and we need it to survive. But while 2,000 calories of food a day is twice as good as 1,000, 4,000 calories is not twice better than that. 16,000 calories a day will kill most people.

After a certain point, otherwise life-sustaining food becomes a health hazard.

Modern readers may be surprised to find that prayer is not on the ancient list of things that have no limit, because prayer is like food. You should have enough, the rabbis say, but don't overdo it. By contrast, *g'milut chasadim*, being kind, does appear. You can never be too kind or kind too often.

A related list, traditionally juxtaposed with the first, comes from the Talmud. It details things that offer inherent reward in return for doing them: honoring parents, for example, or helping people work out their differences. Honor your parents and you're more likely to be happy yourself. It's the right thing to do, but even if it weren't, it would still be a good idea, because it just so happens that it will make your own life better. Similarly, help two people stop fighting and you don't have to live amid strife.

The second list even details how these good acts will reward those who do them. Good deed doers earn interest on their investment of beneficence "in this world," and enjoy the principal "in the world to come." In other words, you get a little bit of benefit for doing the right thing now, and you get even more benefit later.

We find *g'milut chasadim* (being kind) from the first list on the second list as well. Not only can you never be too kind, but the more kindness you can show, the better things will be for others and for you as well. Karma, some people call it.

Studying Torah is also on both lists. Unlike food, whose benefits turn deleterious after a point, more learning is always better. That's why it's on the first list. Its role in the second list is more oblique. We read: studying Torah "is like" all the other things on the list. (A common translation misses the whole point, wrongly claiming that studying Torah "is equal to them all.") The list doesn't tell us in what way studying Torah might be "like" honoring parents, helping two people get along, or being kind. Perhaps one has to study Torah to find out? That's why we spend so much energy on studying Torah, giving children and adults alike a path into Jewish learning. We may not know why, but somehow, the more we study, the more we augment the world's supply of the other good things, too.

Considerable unhappiness comes from mixing up lists like these. Addition, for example, is the inability to keep things off of the first, short, list. What about money? Is more always better? Capitalism says yes, but Judaism says no. Wealth isn't on the list. Maybe, like food, after a certain point money stops improving our lives and even makes them worse.

These complex and important issues are masked in a deceptive facade of simplicity. So as we transition into the relaxing months of summer, let's also find time to reevaluate the lists of our lives.

Dr. Joel Hoffman

## Worship Services

### Friday, July 6

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Ron Rosen and Joel Kelson

### Saturday, July 7

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

### Friday, July 13

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service (Leader TBA)

### Saturday, July 14

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

### Friday, July 20

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Golomb

### Saturday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

### Friday, July 27

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by New Paths Group

### Saturday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

### Sunday, July 29

10:00 a.m. Tisha B'Av Service

### Friday, August 3

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Golomb

### Saturday, August 4

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Tara Lerman

## Scriptural Readings

### July 6 & 7 *Balak*

Numbers 22:39-23:6

Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8

### July 13 & 14 *Pin'has*

Numbers 26:52-28:15

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 -2:3

### July 20 & 21 *Matot-Ma'sei*

Numbers 32:1-33:49

Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4

### July 27 & 28 *D'varim*

Deuteronomy 2:2-30

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-27

### August 3 & 4 *Va'et-hanan*

Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-26

## Come to Shabbat Services this Summer!

This summer, as usual, some of our Friday evening services will be led by members of the congregation. The schedule of service leaders for 2012 is:

July 6: Ron Rosen and Joel Kelson

July 13: TBA

July 20: Rabbi Golomb

July 27: New Paths Group

August 3: Rabbi Golomb

August 10: Doi Cohen

August 17: Rabbi Golomb

August 24: Benjamin Krevolin

August 31: Sandra Mamis

Lay-led Shabbat worship will take

place downstairs in our cool and comfortable social hall, which is easily accessible by elevator. Each service will include music and the opportunity for congregational singing, and will reflect the unique style of the service leader(s). It will be followed by a modified Oneg Shabbat, providing the opportunity to socialize over light refreshments (often including ice cream).

Support your fellow congregants as they lead us in worship and see how each service leader makes the liturgy and music reflect their own approach. We look forward to seeing you at Shabbat services every Friday evening at 7:30 this summer!

*Vassar Temple Ritual Committee*

## New Paths Services This Summer

New Paths services are being planned for several Saturday mornings during the summer. Each service is a unique and thoughtful Shabbat morning experience, and provides an opportunity for discussion and fellowship. Some of the regular New Paths participants will also be taking part in the lay-led Friday night service on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall--please join us!

If you are interested in attending our Saturday morning New Paths services this summer, or for more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at [mschwa9882@aol.com](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com) or the Temple at [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) or 454-2570.

## Tisha B'Av Observance on July 29<sup>th</sup>

The Ninth Day of the Hebrew month of Av is the day established by tradition when Solomon's Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians, Jerusalem was captured, and the Jews were sent into exile. Its observance is highlighted by the reading of the beautiful and mournful Book of Lamentations. Hardly one of the joyous holidays, Tisha B'Av joins Yom Kippur and Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance) as the days on which Jews take stock of their hopes and failings. While Yom Kippur might call upon us to ponder what it means to be a moral individual, Tisha B'Av bids us to consider what it means to be the people Israel.

Vassar Temple will hold Tisha B'Av services on Sunday morning, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. 3



## Mazel Tov to...

...Jim and Mary Ann Robinowitz on the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Leah Robinowitz, to Dr. Emmanuel Peña. A September wedding is planned.

...Elaine Lipschutz on the birth of her first great-grandchild, Cooper Jacobson Reinfeld, on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Proud parents are Sara Jacobson and Ari Reinfeld.

...Dr. Edward and Sheila Schneider on the birth of their granddaughter, Leah Annabelle Poole-DiSalvo on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Proud parents are Betsy and Tim Poole-DiSalvo.

## Two New Shofar Blowers Prepare for the High Holy Days

Thanks to the Sandor Strauss Shofar Fund of the Community Foundation, Alison and Zoe Peritz-Greenman, students in our Religious School, are the proud owners of two *shofarot* purchased at the Vassar Temple Sisterhood Judaica Shoppe. They will be among the shofar blowers during the High Holy Days next September in our sanctuary. Alison and Zoe will also visit home-bound congregants, who will thus be able to enjoy the moving sound of the Holy Days in their own homes.



## Pulpit Flowers

June 15 In honor of Kayla Gusikoff's Bat Mitzvah with love from her family.



Anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion can do so by sponsoring the Sanctuary flowers with a donation to the Shrub Fund. Just call Sandi Rugar at 454-2570. The donation to the Shrub Fund is \$55.

## We Need Your Help!

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



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

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

## In Remembrance

Vassar Temple shares in the grief suffered by the family of  
Herbert V. Lant, father of Steven Lant

## Refuah Shelemah

...to **Richard Cantor, Philip Mahlke, Bob Feitelson** and **Lennie Wurtzel** who were recently hospitalized. Speedy recovery wishes to our Sisterhood member, **Olga Ibanez**.

## Vassar Temple Blog

Be sure to check out the Vassar Temple blog regularly at <http://vassartemple.wordpress.com/>. Keep up with the latest reflections and join the conversation!

## Vassar Temple Bulletin, published monthly

Publisher: Marianne Abrams  
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Articles for the August bulletin must be submitted to the temple office by July 2. Sorry, we cannot take Bulletin articles over the phone! Articles may be sent to Sandi Rugar via e-mail, at [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) or faxed to (845)452-5161.

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



## A Summer of Social Action at Vassar Temple

Your Social Action Committee has plenty of opportunities for you this summer. Consider this your official invitation—and don't forget to RSVP!

**CAN JAM-** Hunger does not take a vacation! Please continue to bring in non-perishables and place them in our CanJam bin. If you can deliver a monthly food collection to a local food pantry just once this year (fits easily in a car), Nancy Samson would love to hear from you at [canjam123@aol.com](mailto:canjam123@aol.com). Nancy can also offer Bar/Bat Mitzvah students assistance in doing their own mini-food collection project, as Jacob Moore did this spring.

**TALKING BOOKS-** At a time and place of your own convenience, record on tape a book for use at a local children's center. Susan Karnes Hecht will help with instructions and equipment, as well as ideas for Bar/Bat Mitzvah projects. Contact her through [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

**LUNCH BOX-** We need your help in providing a nutritious and tasty mid-day meal to 160+ of our hungry neighbors one Sunday a month during the school year. Although our religious school and Temple auxiliaries continue to be involved, we find ourselves relying more and more on mem-

bers of the general congregation and their friends to cook, serve, and provide some of the menu ingredients. Financial donations to Vassar Temple earmarked for the Community Tzedakah Fund are also vital for this project, but we cannot do it without that hands-on help on the day of the event. Also needed is "administrative assistance" in organizing our Lunch Box schedule, and captains for the monthly Lunch Boxes. Interested in helping in any way? Sign on to help plan things now and/or help with meals starting in the fall. Contact Marian at [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

**KNITTING GROUP-** The friendly Audrey Morgenstern Knitting Group meets in the air-conditioned comfort of the JCC in the Harding Room on Thursdays at 1:30 to knit and crochet items and make afghans for those in need. Beginners are cheerfully taught! Afghan squares and other items made at home are also welcome and will be distributed. Donations of washable wool, needles, or cash to purchase these items are welcome. For more information, contact Perla Kaufman at 463-2838 or [brandaliz5@optonline.net](mailto:brandaliz5@optonline.net)

**HILLCREST OVERNIGHT SHELTER-** The Jewish community provides

a dinner here one Thursday a month. Summer needs include sandwiches, salads, fresh fruit, and cookies. And during cold weather we try for soup, and a casserole, chili or lasagna as the main dish. To volunteer, contact Linda Doherty at (914) 474 0038 or [lindadoherty@myway.com](mailto:lindadoherty@myway.com). Additionally, there is a collection box in the East Chapel for new toiletries of all sizes, and men's pajamas, bath towels, pillows and bedding, all in good condition and washable. Judy Harkavy handles these donations; contact her at [judystan@verizon.net](mailto:judystan@verizon.net)

**CROPWALK-** Leadership roles are available and walkers and walking teams are needed for this annual fundraising walk to combat hunger sponsored by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. Last year we came in #1 in the Northeast! This year the needs are even greater. The 2012 CROP Walk will be held in Poughkeepsie on Sunday, October 21st, but planning has already started, so let us hear from you now through Marian Schwartz at [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

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## Cereal Counts!!! 2012 Report and Thanks

Every summer children who lack access to free school-based meals and adequate food supplies at home may miss breakfast, an essential daily meal. On behalf of Cereal Counts!!! 2012, we say it is possible to challenge breakfast hunger thanks to the generosity of this community. We say thank you to the many of you who donated boxes of cereal during our annual, county-wide spring drive, thus helping us supply a number of area food pantries with breakfast food. And we truly appreciate the generosity of people throughout

the county who dropped off boxes and organized mini-drives in support Cereal Counts!!! 2012.

Mini drives were held by faith organizations, preschool, elementary, middle and high school communities, our county sheriff's office, other government offices, local libraries, businesses, Boy and Girl Scout troops, sports teams, service and other clubs and groups. On Mitzvah Day, the final day of the drive, a magnificent team of volunteers packed the boxes into donated cartons, loaded up a rental truck and ultimately those boxes were delivered to the sites. In all, over 800 boxes collected this year



were distributed to pantries maintained by Dutchess Outreach, the Department of Social Services, Community Action Partnership, Hudson River Housing, the Beulah Baptist Church, Reach Out Church, and Interfaith Senior Housing.

In the spirit of Cereal Counts, we say **every box counts**. Every box makes breakfast real. Our thanks to you all for making breakfast happen.

*Nancy Samson  
Max Samson, County Student CC Captain*

## Lasting Legacy of the Struggle for Soviet Jewry

In March, congregants Inna and Sergey Kudria spoke at the Temple about their experiences growing up Jewish in the USSR. At that time Jews were subject to many restrictions. For instance, they were not allowed certain forms of employment nor given permission to leave the country. They were not allowed to openly gather for religious purposes or to teach their religion to their children. Therefore, although they were classified as Jewish and suffered the consequences of that label, a great many actually grew up without even a rudimentary knowledge of Judaism.

During the 1980s activists the world over were calling for basic human

rights to be extended to the Soviet Jews. This movement united Jews of many backgrounds from across our country and was the first example of how a Jewish “bloc” could influence public policy in the United States. Human rights became a factor in US diplomatic negotiations with other nations, and continues to be so to this day.

At Vassar Temple, our religious school students sent boxes of “Matza of Hope” to Soviet Jewish families. We formed a Social Action Subcommittee on Soviet Jewry that brought in knowledgeable speakers, and some Bar/Bat Mitzvah students twinned with counterparts in the Soviet Union. We filled a bus and marched at a major demonstration in Washington, D.C. The Kudrias said that the Jews trapped in the USSR heard of the demonstration and that this knowledge heartened them.

After the Soviet Jews were allowed to leave their native land, Vassar Temple, as part of our local Jewish Federation, assisted several families from the USSR in a myriad of ways to successfully settle in the Hudson Valley and to begin to rebuild their lives here.

The Kudrias first lived in Savannah, GA when they arrived in the United States in 1991 and benefited from a similar welcome. As Inna Kudria says, “We had constant support from the members of Jewish community: they drove us everywhere and made sure everybody had a place at the Seder table in a Jewish home... We are still very thankful for their help.”

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### Vassar Temple Members Volunteered on Mitzvah Day



*Rabbi Golomb led a group of children and adults in cleaning up the old Jewish cemetery on Pershing Avenue.*



*Members of the Vassar Temple Youth Group had fun while they cleaned a stream bank for the Vassar college Environmental Research Group*

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### Holidays Through a Jewish Lens- Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>

“The essence of blessing is liberty.” ~Sefat Emet on Leviticus 25:10

On Independence Day we remember our nation’s fight for freedom that occurred long ago. This holiday allows us to reflect on the blessed freedom that we personally possess, and to recognize that people all over the world still lack the most basic rights. One of the lessons of Passover is appreciation for our freedom-- and an appreciation of the often grave responsibilities that come along with that freedom. As Jews, we must remember the ancient call for liberty as we continue the call of freedom throughout the four corners of the world.

## Erlebacher Family Receives Founders Service Award



At our annual congregational meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 2012 Founders Service Award was given to the Erlebacher family by last

year's awardee, Ed Garber, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

When they first came to the community over twenty years ago, Seth and Melissa Erlebacher served as advisors to the temple's youth group. Melissa has served on the Board of Trustees and was the chairperson for the Membership, Religious School, and Tiny Temple committees. She has led Family and Sisterhood Shabbat services, served as president of the Sisterhood for three years, and been a mainstay of our Reyut (Friendship) Committee.

Their daughter Rachel, a recent

graduate of Arlington High School, has worked on many Reyut and Social Action Committee projects, including the CROP Walk, for which she has been a major fundraiser since she was 5 years old. She has been the president of the Vassar Temple Youth Group for three years and has taught third grade in our religious school for the past two years.

Brianna Erlebacher, who celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at Vassar Temple last fall, has also made major contributions to several Reyut and social action projects, and this year served as a teacher's aide in the religious school.

Seth, z"l, served as Ritual Committee Chair and on the Long-Range Planning, Religious School, and Reyut Committees, as well as the Board of Trustees. He had been the Treasurer, the First Vice President, and the President of our congregation. The Erlebacher family has conducted summer services and is a role model of involvement in temple life for

other families.

Also at the congregational meeting, Vassar Temple's religious school was renamed the Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School in memory of our late president, who firmly believed that maintaining a strong youth program is the key to ensuring a Jewish future.

In accepting the 2012 Founders Service Award, Melissa Erlebacher referred to Vassar Temple as her family's "extended Jewish home." "There was never a doubt that we would get involved and contribute – to us, that is what it means to be part of a family," she continued. Rachel thanked the congregation for the award by reading her college essay, in which she explained why she is active in the Vassar Temple and general Jewish communities, and later commented with gratitude on Facebook that "the temple has shaped my life and supported my family through...difficult times."

For more pictures of Vassar Temple activities, see the Vassar Temple website's Photo Gallery



*Students and Teachers Pose on the Closing Day of K-7 Religious Classes in May.*



## Sisterhood Shabbat 2012



*On Friday evening, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the many women pictured here participated in our annual Sisterhood Shabbat service. Organized by Sandra Mamis, the service included Torah readings from the parashah of the week by Laura Brundage, Melissa Erlebacher, and Susan Hecht, and a D'var Torah by Doi Cohen.*

## Rummage Sale Wrap-up

We call it a rummage sale, but it is so many things at once. This spring, as usual, a group of volunteers helped to organize the items for sale, which takes several days. They put out the generous donations brought by Temple members and friends. Temple volunteers got out publicity to supplement the notices from the Temple office. Three co-chairs coordinate all aspects of this event, which now includes a Wednesday night pizza get-together and a small "Sunday brunch" for volunteers. All of the preparation culminates in the actual sale day, and involves the assistance of Men's Club during closing time. Final wrap-up includes full take down of racks and tables and bagging of items by staff members (who also do set-up of racks and tables). Volunteers handle the removal of clothes and shoes, and the delivery of any leftover items to Goodwill, etc. At the end of the process comes the financial accounting by our Treasurer. After all of that is complete, we let you all know how it went. Our sale went quite well! Three co-chairs now do what Joan Reifler used to do herself.....oh my!

We always thank the group of volunteers who make this sale happen; we couldn't do it without them. Thank you to: Ann Harmuth, Emily Himelstein (who came every day!), Sue Barbash, Beth Needelman, Joyce Gally, Evan Gally, Lisa Rubenstein, Perla Kaufman, Wendy Giangrasso, Susan Needelman, Nadine Zaritsky, Joan Reifler, Linda Babas, and

Dave Wolf. Special "schlepping" thanks to Meredith Kaffowitz, Rachel Marcus, Chuck Stein, and Ron Rosen. Thanks as well to Doi Cohen for our extra publicity. Our sale also depends on the continuing efforts of George and Sandi Rugar; many thanks to them! If anyone's name has been inadvertently left out, please know we appreciate your help.

We will be doing this again in the fall and will need your gently used winter clothes and household items. (Please contact us before bringing any large items.) Keep your eye out for the date of our fall rummage sale on the temple website and in the bulletin and mid-month reminder. Your support helps us raise funds and helps the community, too!!

*Roni Stein, Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, and  
Ann Lerman  
VTS Rummage Co-Chairs*



### **JWV Plans July Luncheon**

The Jewish War Veterans, Post 625, will hold its annual luncheon on July 15, 2012 at Coppola's Restaurant on Route 9 in Hyde Park. The luncheon will begin at 1:00 p.m. and cost \$17 per person. The Post will be honoring Nelson Eddy Rivera, Director, Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services.

For further information contact Post Commander Ralph Schwartz at [RSCHWA9881@aol.com](mailto:RSCHWA9881@aol.com) or (845) 849-0025.



### **Do You Need Another Incentive to Use SCRIP Cards? Well Here It Is!**

The Darden Group of restaurants includes the following local favorites: LongHorn Steakhouse, Olive Garden, and Red Lobster.

The Darden Foundation, the charitable arm of the Darden Group, is committed to giving back to communities, to supporting sustainability of our food and energy resources. It has dedicated itself to supporting many non-profit organizations in North America by making \$1.7 million in grants nationwide to promote education, fight hunger, and preserve natural resources.

You can feel good about helping Vassar Temple by being a supporter of the SCRIP [gift card] Program. In addition, if you enjoy dining at the aforementioned restaurants in town, or at the Bahama Breeze, Eddie V's, Seasons 32, or The Capital Grill when you travel, you'll be doing an additional mitzvah by helping the Darden Foundation in its broader efforts at *tikkun olam!*

We have gift cards to these restaurants. It is another win-win!

**SCRIP: START BEING A SUPPORTER TODAY!**

**WE HAVE GIFT CARDS TO OVER 500 NATIONAL RETAILERS.**

**YOUR USE OF SCRIP IS CRITICAL TO THE TEMPLE'S FUND RAISING EFFORTS.**

Need more information to get started? Contact the SCRIP Coordinator: Sandra Mamis [[scrip@vassartemple.org](mailto:scrip@vassartemple.org); 914-456-3524].



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Sandra Mamis

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## Yahrzeits

### July 6

M. Fred Praeger  
Leonard Rapp  
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Edith Posner  
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Michael L. Solomon  
Ludwig Willner

### July 13

Lillian Edelman  
Max Uttal  
Max Kapner  
Merlin B. Lass  
Marshall Effron  
Hyman Schwartz  
Leon R. Bloom  
Gertrude Krugman  
Edward Moffit, Jr.  
Shirley Green Chertock  
Minnie Lass  
Sylvia Reifler Silberman  
Ida Cohen  
Philip Cohen  
Henry Klein  
Morton Bloch  
Cynthia R. Feldman  
Elsie Goldberg  
Sylvia Soirefman  
Sam Lessin  
Siegfried Frank  
David Krevolin

### July 20

Dr. Sidney S. Cohen  
Jerry Bass  
Elsie Lustig  
Sol Present  
Robert J. Creedon,  
Sr.  
Herbert Klein  
Dr. Alan E. Apfel  
Flora M. Hoffman  
David Clearfield  
Saul A. Lazarus  
Dr. Robert Kohan  
Cary Lutwin  
William Schrock  
Ethel Marcus  
Minnie Schudroff  
Coleman  
James Effron  
Phillip R. Moselle, OD

### July 27

Meta Altman  
Dr. Benjamin Leeds  
Fanny Bronfeld  
Gertrude Rosenthal  
Robert H. Lipschutz  
Irving Schwartz  
Cecelia Riechman  
Charlotte Wechsler  
Louis Gellert  
Julius Lazarus  
Martin L. Dreyfuss,  
MD  
Adele Stern  
Bertha Goldstein

## Memorial Board Plaques

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

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## July 2012 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 August Bulletin deadline	3 10am SEP	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed	5 10am SEP	6 CAN JAM Weekend 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by Ron Rosen & Joel Kelson	7 9am Torah Study
8	9 Flyers Deadline	10 10am SEP	11	12 10am SEP	13 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by TBA	14 9am Torah Study 6pm Vassar After Hours
15	16	17 10am SEP	18	19 10am SEP	20 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by Rabbi Golomb	21 9am Torah Study
22	23 7pm Board	24 10am SEP	25	26 10am SEP	27 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by New Paths Group	28 EREV TISHA B'AV 9am Torah Study
29 Tisha B'Av Service 10am	30	31 10am SEP				