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Picnic and Outdoor Shabbat Service on June 15th Honor our Teachers and Aides

Join your Vassar Temple family in welcoming summer, and recognizing the important contributions of our Religious School teachers and aides, at a picnic and service on the temple's front lawn on Friday evening, June 15th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This year, thanks to our Sisterhood and Men's Club, a complete picnic supper, featuring wraps and pizza and including challah and beverages, will be provided for you and your family. **You must let our picnic coordinator, Laura Brundage, know by Monday, June 11th,**

how many of you are planning to attend so she can order the right amount of food. Laura can be reached at lbrundage@frontiernet.net or 227-4312.

The special Shabbat service that evening, at which our teachers and aides will be honored, will also be held outdoors on the temple lawn, beginning at 7:30. **Be sure to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on during the service, as well as at the picnic.**

In case of rain, our picnic supper will be eaten in the social hall and the service will take place in the sanctuary.

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Sisterhood Closing Dinner on June 19th

Sisterhood's annual Share-a-Salad Supper will be held this year at Joan Posner's house, 28 Brentwood Drive, Town of Poughkeepsie, on Tuesday, June 19th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian salad to share and come prepared to enjoy the good food and the company of your Sisterhood friends.

RSVP by Thursday, June 14th by emailing Perla Kaufman at brandaliz5@optonline.net or by calling her at 914-456-7309. She will be glad to give you driving directions.



Beer Tasting Dinner "After Hours" on July 14th



You will be in good "spirits" when you attend our Beer Tasting Dinner in the Temple Social Hall on Saturday, July 14th at 6:00 p.m. For \$39 per person you will enjoy a delicious meal paired with fine beers, expertly selected by Temple member and Half-Time Beverage owner Alan Daniels.

Reservations must be made by Monday, July 2nd through Perla Kaufman at 914-456-7309 or brandaliz5@optonline.net.

Enjoy the company of old friends and make new ones as we indulge in good food, drink, and live music in a relaxing atmosphere for good cause – good times!

Rabbi's Message: THE JEWISH MONTH of JUNE



In reality, June is *not* a Jewish month; at least not this year. The Jewish year tends to run from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot; that is, from September

through May. During this time, there are the observances of Yom Kippur, Sukkot/Simhat Torah, Hanukkah, Purim and Passover. There are also most of the activities of the synagogue, including Religious School, Adult Ed offerings and social and cultural events. July and August, we know, is summer. June therefore sits on the cusp between “the year” and “the summer.”

Yet, it is precisely in that sense that June is Jewish. It is between! Jews have always existed between: between Heaven (starry ideals) and Earth (pragmatic reality), between individual (primary care for self) and community (altruistic care for others), between religious (worship and ritual) and secular (the socio-political people Israel).

Between has its pressures. It is the tightrope connecting two more certain and stable poles. Yet, between also has enormous virtues. It is a space in which one can think and create.

June affords a creative Jewish opportunity. September through May presents Jewish opportunities to you. Simply by being a member of Vassar

Temple, you are brushed by the programs and events that occur no less than a few times each week through those months, even you if you rarely attend any of them. As summer approaches, you are invited to find or to create your own Jewish experience. The synagogue and the Jewish world becomes quiet, but the opportunities are there: in lay led services, travel to Israel, Jewish summer camp, a myriad of books to read, and most of all, in your relationship with your own family.

Welcome to the Jewish month of June! Here is the time and space to create the sort of Jew you wish to be.

Rabbi Paul Golomb

President's Message



By the time you get to read this column, we will have already held this year's Congregational Meeting, celebrating our accomplishments over the past year, adopting a budget

for the upcoming year, and approving a new slate of Officers and Trustees. I will soon become “official” after six months of unexpected “on the job training.”

I had a very invigorating experience at the Scheidt Seminar – the Union for Reform Judaism's leadership training seminar for new and incoming congregation presidents – at the end of April. In short, it was amazing!!

There were over 90 people in attendance, representing congregations ranging in size from a 47-family congregation in Florida to a 2,046-family congregation in Milwaukee. Of everything we discussed, it was most reassuring to see that, regardless of temple size, geography, or demographics, we are all facing the same issues. Everyone talked about dwindling membership, the high rate of attrition among post B'Nai Mitzvah families, the need to engage them as well as younger families, and of course, money! Overall, I'd say that we haven't fared any worse than most congregations, and in some cases, much better.

The URJ is well aware of our challenges and seems ready to help us meet them head on. We heard several times

from incoming URJ President, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, who was inspiring and left us all with a lot of hope for the future of Reform Judaism. While some details are still sketchy after their very recent reorganization, they seem to be a willing partner, and I heard many people in attendance say that without the help of the URJ in certain areas, they'd be in much worse shape. I think we should look to them as a resource much more than we have in the past.

As my term as President “officially” begins, I'm planning to work with the Temple Board and asking that all of us be very open minded as we take a holistic look at Vassar Temple. While we do a good job at reacting to and addressing the day to day issues and activities, as well as some longer term ones, we have an opportunity to add some strategic thinking to our process as well. We must continually adapt in order to ensure that we are providing our congregants what they need, even if their needs, and the methods to meet them, are non-traditional. We need to recognize that we're dealing with a new generation of young people and young families who have different needs, expectations, and wants from their temple.

The Scheidt Seminar was a densely packed long weekend, filled with leadership and spiritual learning. The 90 participants were split into four groups according to size (I was in the group with small congregations). Workshops covered topics that included creating a congregation culture of learning, breakthrough strategies in fund development planning (inviting investment), the congregation president as a cultural anthropologist, and being a partner in meaningful worship. All of the instruc-

tors were excellent, engaging experts in their individual fields. For instance, Anat Hoffman, the Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), gave a fascinating talk on how her organization has been effective in working for women's rights and human equality in Israel.

But the most valuable part of the seminar was a poster session (which should have been given twice as much time as it was), at which seminar participants described ideas that worked well in their congregations and could be repeated in others. There were numerous ideas on fundraising activities, ways to engage congregation youth, and engaging volunteers in general. I'm looking forward to reviewing the list of poster topics since I didn't have enough time to see all of the posters!

There were opportunities throughout to speak with other attendees, to ask questions and exchange ideas on a wide range of topics. I found it particularly amusing when I had lunch with the president of Temple Beth El in Riverside, CA. We started off saying that our temples probably had little in common being on opposite US coasts. But we later learned that we had the same number of member households, same-age building, similar age congregation and fundraising issues ... it seemed like the only difference was that his temple didn't need a furnace since it's located in the California desert!

Overall, the session was an excellent way to kick off my official term. I hope all of you will join me in our adventure together, not only in the next two years, but over the next several years as we continue to adapt, improve, and grow!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Bob Abrams

Worship Services

Friday, June 1

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service with Dr. Joel M. Hoffman and cantorial soloist, Elisa Dugatkin

Saturday, June 2

10:00 a.m. New Paths Service

Friday, June 8

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 9

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, June 15

7:30 p.m. Outdoors Shabbat Service and Teacher Recognition

Saturday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Gusikoff

Friday, June 22

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service with Rabbi Golomb and cantorial soloist, Elisa Dugatkin
Installation of Officers and Trustees
Birthday Blessings

Saturday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, June 29

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service with Rabbi Golomb and cantorial soloist, Elisa Dugatkin

Saturday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, July 6

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 7

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Summer Adult Learning

Expand your skills and friendships at the URJ's Summer Learning Institute, August 8-12, 2012 in Cincinnati. The programs include Kallah, an Adult Learning Retreat; Had'rachah II, ritual training for lay leaders; and Schindler Fellows for Interfaith Certification, to prepare lay leaders to create a welcoming environment that supports, educates and programs for interfaith couples and families. To learn more, go to <http://urj.org/learning/meetings/summer/>

Scriptural Readings

June 1 & 2 *Naso*

Numbers 5:11-6:27
Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

June 8 & 9 *B'ha'lot'kha*

Numbers 9:15-10:34
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

June 15 & 16 *Sh'lah L'kha*

Numbers 14:8-15:7
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24

June 22 & 23 *Korah*

Numbers 16:20-17:24
Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22

June 29 & 30 *Hukat*

Numbers 20:1-21:10
Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33

July 6 & 7 *Balak*

Numbers 22:-39-23:6
Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8

Adult Ed Class on Medieval Jewish History Held in April



Rabbi Golomb's 3-session course on Medieval Jewish History was very popular with people from Vassar Temple and the wider community.

New Paths Service on June 2nd and June 23rd

The New Paths service is an opportunity for Shabbat morning worship in a warm, innovative setting that encourages interactive participation in discussion and prayer. We draw upon a rich variety of both traditional prayers and contemporary readings which can provide new paths toward spiritual growth for us as Jews in our contemporary world.

Join us for New Paths in the sunlit East Chapel on Saturdays, June 2nd and June 23rd at 10:00 a.m. and stay for a brief informal kiddush afterward. For more information please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb at 454-2570 or rabbi@vassartemple.org.



Mazel Tov

...to Gloria Turk who was the honoree at the annual Salute to Donors event of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County on April 29th.

...to Barbara Mindel who was a recipient of the Town of Poughkeepsie Democratic Committee's Anna Buchholz Citizen of the Year Award.

...to the Turk family, whose Rocking Horse Ranch Resort was named one of the top three family resorts in the world by the travel website TripAdvisor.

...to Lilli Weigert and Joe Ambash who announced their engagement and plan to be married in September.

...to Loren and Charlene Rosenthal in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Miyabi Lael, on May 2nd. Proud parents are Ayako and Jared Rosenthal.

...to David and Joan Posner whose son, Michael Benjamin Posner is engaged to Katie Legomsky.

...to Andi and Paul Ciminello whose daughter Lauren is engaged to Dr. James Jen.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebrations

Everyone is welcome at the service and Kiddush as we celebrate with Bar/Bat Mitzvah families at Vassar Temple. To be called to the Torah in June:

June 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Kayla Gusikoff, daughter of Perry & Lisa Gusikoff

In Remembrance

Vassar Temple mourns the loss of its member

Leslie D. Maserjian-Schuyler

Mother of Jack and Arthur Maserjian and Lewis Schuyler

Vassar Temple shares in the grief suffered by the families of:

Ellen Ansley, daughter of Shirley Sigalow

Kenneth (Mickey) Rosenblum, father of Lesa Collen

Refuah Shelemah

...to our Temple members, **William Laks, Naomi Goldberg** and **Arthur Stern** who were recently hospitalized.

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.

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!

Pulpit Flowers



- June 1 Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- June 8 In honor of Loren Rosenthal's birthday from Charlene Rosenthal.
- June 15 In honor of Kayla Gusikoff's Bat Mitzvah with love from her family.
- June 22 In memory of Bea & David Horn from the Oclatis Family.
- June 29 Vassar Temple Sisterhood

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.

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Articles for the July bulletin must be submitted to the temple office by June 1. Sorry, we cannot take Bulletin articles over the phone!

Articles may be sent to Sandi Rugar via e-mail at office@vassartemple.org or faxed to (845)452-5161.

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

Religious School Director's Column



According to Proverbs, summer is a time for preparation: “Who gathers food by summer is wise,” we learn in Proverbs 10:5. Later on in 30:25 we read that, “Ants are

not strong, but they prepare their food by summer.”

Although summer is usually counted as the second season, it has a certain feel of finality to it. We’ve made it through another year. The winter has passed. The days are getting longer. The laziness of summer sunshine, barbecues, and summer camps awaits.

For educators in particular, summer is different from the other three seasons. Because class is not in session, it really is a time to plan. And the first stage of planning is reflection. How was the year? What went well? What worked? What needs improvement? What might need to be completely reworked? And how do we know?

I’d love to hear your thoughts on these questions (at rsdirector@vassartemple.org). To get the conversation started, here are some of my reflections on what we’ve done this year, and some hints of what to expect in the fall.

One of my strongest impressions is exemplified by last Sunday morning, when I was leading services and teaching about

Israel. After telling the religious school students who King David was and why we sing a song about him, we sang the song. In the middle, one of the kids said something particularly amusing to me, and the next thing we knew, the whole room was laughing too hard to sing. It’s that kind of joy in being Jewish that I hope to foster, and I think we’ve made a good start this year.

Another goal we pushed for was better integration between the school and the rest of Temple life. This is one reason we ran a couple of dinners before services just for the 7th-12th graders. Most of the students attended services after the dinners. They also had such a good time that they wanted to return. Last October, we had back-to-back 7th-grade Wednesday-night programs, first for Sukkot and then for Simchat Torah. The response was gratifying: the 7th graders wanted to know what we were going to do “next week,” and they were disappointed to learn that these programs wouldn’t continue throughout the year.

Depending on how we measure, we grew the school population during the course of the year by between 5 and 10 percent by attracting new members, which is also gratifying as far as it goes. My usual metric of success, though, is not how many people come to a program but rather how many feel that it was time well spent. I think we’ve done well in this regard, too.

Unfortunately, three of our teach-

ers are leaving this year. Two of them are graduating high-school seniors who did an exceptional job teaching 3rd grade, and our 5th-grade teacher is leaving to run a religious school of her own. Between that and a new 6th grade class, we’ll be hiring three new teachers for the fall.

Our biggest innovation for next year is an exciting joint post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah program, planned and hosted by us and Temple Beth-El. Thanks to the new flexibility it will afford, we’ll be able to offer the students more variety, attracting a broader segment of the young population. In addition, by involving more people we’ll be less dependent on schedule variations among the individual students. Look for more details soon.

Mostly, though, my impression of the year comes not from what we did but from who we are. It was a year of extremes, marked by celebrating and also by intense mourning. And for both, I saw Vassar Temple rise to the occasion, offering a caring community in keeping with the deepest sense of Jewish tradition.

This is the core around which everything else is built, and I’m looking forward to another year of laughing and learning, of caring and creating, of innovating and implementing. In the meantime, I hope summer brings us all a time to reflect and relax.

Dr. Joel M. Hoffman

Wonderful Presentation on Bible Translation

On May 1st over 80 people of all ages from our congregation and the community enjoyed an engaging and informative talk by our Religious School Director, Dr. Joel Hoffman, on Bible translation. The Adult Education Committee thanks Dr. Hoffman for sharing his scholarly insights with us in such a humorous way. After his presentation, he signed copies of his latest book, “And God Said: How Translations Conceal the Bible’s Original Meaning” (Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin’s Press) while the audience enjoyed special refreshments. Thanks to Perla Kaufman for making the arrangements and to all those who contributed those treats.



Interfaith Music Festival to be held on June 3rd

Another wonderful Interfaith Music Festival will take place on Sunday, June 3rd at 4:00 p.m. at Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie. Sponsored by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council (471-7333; www.dutchessinterfaithcouncil.org), the concert’s theme is “Make a Joyful Noise.” It will feature performances in song and dance from various faith traditions, children’s choirs, and the Interfaith Choir.

The suggested donation is \$10; children under 12 are free. All proceeds will help the Dutchess County Interfaith Council continue its mission of 40 years: promoting understanding and respectful relationships among the diverse religious communities of our county. This event is always uplifting so plan to attend.



Book Club to Discuss “Shanghai Girls” on June 20th

Vassar Temple Sisterhood’s Book Club will discuss “Shanghai Girls” by Lisa See, a novel about the adventures of two sisters in both China and California during

the tumultuous middle years of the 20th century, on Wednesday afternoon, June 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Ave., Poughkeepsie. (Note that we are going back to our usual time.)

The multi-layered themes and fast-moving plot of one of the author’s best books take the reader from the horrors of the Japanese occupation of China to the indignities suffered by foreigners in 1940s Hollywood, while offering a paean to the bonds of sisterhood. As the sisters try to adapt to American life while battling discrimination, Communist witch-hunts, and the old ways of Chinatown, the relationship between them is sorely tested. This thoughtful and intricate exploration of tradition, the ravages of war, and the importance of family is available in paper-

back and from the local library system.

Irma Jacobs will lead the discussion, to which everyone is welcome, and Elaine Lipschutz will provide light refreshments. To RSVP or get more information, contact Doi Cohen at 462-6193 or dcohen1230@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar Now for the 2012 Vassar Temple Gala!

A committee headed by Jen Dahnert and Andi Ciminello is planning “A Hanukkah Celebration Honoring Some Bright Lights in our Community” and you won’t want to miss it! The 2012 Gala will be held on Saturday, December 1st from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Locust Grove on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie. The program for the evening will include cocktails, a silent auction, dinner, and dancing.

Our honorees will be Seth A. Erlebacher z”l, Lou Lewis, and Carol and Art Menken. The Gala will benefit the Vassar Temple Religious School and youth programs at the Temple by supporting the 2012-2013 expenses of our Religious School and establishing a permanent fund in Seth’s memory to support the ongoing operation of the school and our programs for children and teens.

Watch for more details about this wonderful celebration and how you can be part of it!

Our Generations Shabbat was Wonderful

The “senior” temple member present as our congregation celebrated its members of forty or more years standing was Mim Oppenheimer, but many other long-time and more recent members were also at temple for our annual Generations Shabbat on April 27th, which was organized by Perla Kaufman.

Amy Horn Oclatis, our guest speaker at the service, reminisced about her childhood in the congregation, when both her parents taught in our religious school. She expressed her gratitude to temple member Bonnie Scheer who introduced Amy to husband Ken Oclatis many years ago, and her pride in the fact that both of their sons were confirmed at Vassar Temple, as Amy herself had been. Thanks to Wendy Marcus and Laura Brundage, a lovely Shabbat dinner preceded the service.

Pictured are long-time members (front row, left to right) Mim Oppenheimer, Lila Matlin, Elaine Lip-



schutz, Marge Lazarus, and Gloria Turk; (middle row, left to right) Marsha Lowry, Amy Horn Oclatis, Sue Barbash, Lillian Weigert, Mary Solomon, Muriel Lampell, and Ken Scheer; (back row, left to right) Kent Mardon, Richard Lowry, Liz Freedman, Bill Barbash, Murray Solomon, and Matt Lampell.

Lunch Box Thanks

Thanks to Robin Peritz who organized our May 6th Lunch Box, Janet Greenman who helped supervise, our fabulous 5th-graders, their parents and siblings, our amazing Temple teens and everyone else who contributed to the success of the day.

Anyone who has volunteered at the Lunch Box will attest to how meaningful this activity is, how great you will feel when you see that you have “made a difference” by giving a little time to this mitzvah.

We will resume going to the Lunch Box in September. If you are curious to learn more, or ready to sign on to help in any way, please contact Marian Schwartz NOW at (845)849-0025 or socialaction@vassartemple.org.

Poughkeepsie Plenty

Poughkeepsie Plenty is a grass roots community collaboration which is working to ensure that all residents of the City of Poughkeepsie can secure nutritious food. A survey of Poughkeepsie city residents and a series of “food forums,” funded by the FDA, have been held during the past year to seek basic information about local needs and to provide a setting for brainstorming and the formation of ideas for projects that can help reach that goal.

Some of the ideas at the forum I attended included not only the more obvious school and community gardens, but also plans for pot lucks, recipe exchanges, and Iron Chef competitions to give folks an idea of how good something that’s good for you can taste, and how easy it can be to prepare. And our local “branding” might involve using music and the arts to attract the public to our programs.

Many more ideas came from every

sector of the community, and you can gather with everyone on Saturday, June 23rd, to hear some of the best insights and innovative suggestions that came out of the forums, and begin moving to put some of the most promising ideas into action. The time and location of the June 23rd get-together will be announced soon. For more information go to <http://farmproject.org/pokcommunityfoodforum> or contact Susan Grove susan@farmproject.org.

Poughkeepsie Plenty is an activity of the Poughkeepsie Farm Project in collaboration with other local partners. Please let me know if you might want to be part of a Vassar Temple team working in partnership on a future Poughkeepsie Plenty project.

Marian Schwartz

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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. 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

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 members 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

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

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. 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

CROP WALK- 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

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Yahrzeits

June 1

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Show Your Support for Israel on June 3rd



Vassar Temple is one of the partners of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County in participating in the Celebrate Israel Parade in New York City on Sunday,

June 3rd. This year's parade is expected to include over 30,000 marchers and many more enthusiastic spectators and will feature American and Israeli community leaders, dignitaries, artists, musicians, dancers, celebrities and marching bands.

You can join the "Jewish by the Hudson" group, which includes the Jewish Federations of Orange and Ulster Counties. Round trip bus transportation will be provided, leaving at 8:00 a.m. from the parking lot of Congregation Schomre Israel, 19 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Your check for \$5 per person (maximum: \$20 per family) will reserve your seat as well as an official parade T-shirt.

Deadline for reservations is May 25th so email director@jewishdutchess.org immediately, including the number of adults and children in your family and the size of T-shirt for each person.

Jewish War Veterans Schedule Meeting

The Jewish War Veterans, Post 625, will hold its monthly meeting on June 10, 2012, at the Jewish Community Center, 110 S. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie NY. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. This no longer includes breakfast.

In the event of inclement weather, announcements will be on Cumulus Radio: 101.5 WPDH, 1490 WKNY, 92.7/76.9 WRRV, 94.3/97.3 The WOLF, 1390/1340 OLDIES, 97.7 The Mix Mark Bolger.

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



Using SCRIP: Why is it so important?



With all the publicity that SCRIP has been given over the years, every Temple member must already be familiar with the concept. But, just in case you're not, let me offer this simple review. The Temple sells SCRIP [gift cards] which we purchase at a discounted rate. When you then purchase the cards from the Temple, we earn a certain percent profit on each sale. We sell cards for over 500 national retailers and for several local businesses. While the revenue generated is greatest when you purchase cards with cash or a check, **you may now make purchases of over \$200 worth of gift cards with your credit card, so you can still earn awards or miles.**

Let me try to explain how I personally have been a SCRIP program supporter. Though I am the SCRIP program chair, with regard to my shopping habits, I am a Temple member just like each one of you. **Last year I purchased \$20,000 worth of gift cards for personal use.** Most of these cards were for **local grocery stores** where I shop for my family.

Additionally I purchase cards to use at

the **gas station**, at local **home improvement stores**, when **dining out**, for some unnecessary but very delicious **morning coffee delights**, and for some **special small purchases** at retailers such as Bed Bath and Beyond and Barnes & Noble. I also chose to give gift cards as **gifts to my children, my office staff at the holidays**, and as a **"thank you" gift** on special occasions. Overall, my purchases were really quite ordinary.

Supporting the SCRIP program in this way allowed me to **earn just over \$1,300 for the Temple!** And I didn't spend one extra penny in order to achieve this goal. Please imagine for a moment what a great revenue-generating opportunity this is. Think how much we could earn if even half of our 200 families spent half as much as I did; that is, if 100 people raised \$600 each over a year. The math is easy. **Vassar Temple could realize \$60,000 in profit!** Imagine how this could be put to use on social and educational programming, on building

improvements, and more... to make your Temple experience even better.

All that this revenue generating required of me was making Temple a priority. It was prompted by my understanding that membership dues and other forms of special giving fail to sufficiently cover Temple expenses, even when the Temple is managed most efficiently. And, unlike dues and other contributions, **it doesn't cost anything extra to shop with SCRIP!** Participating in our SCRIP program—using gift cards for every purchase possible—is a zero cost option for you and a potential gold mine for the Temple.

If you are a supporter, thank you so very much. If you aren't yet, please let me help you get started.

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3 Celebrate Israel Parade	4 7pm Board	5 10am SEP 12pm Talmud	6 5:30pm Calendar Meeting	7 10am SEP	8 Flyers Deadline 7:30pm Shabbat Service	9 9am Torah Study
10	11	12 10am SEP 12pm Talmud	13	14 10am SEP	15 6:30pm Picnic 7:30pm Outdoor Service Teacher Recognition Night	16 9am Torah Study 10am Bat Mitzvah Kayla Gusikoff
17	18 7:15 pm Ritual Meeting	19 10am SEP 12pm Talmud 6pm VTS Closing Dinner	20 2pm VTS Book Club	21 10am SEP	22 7:30pm Shabbat Service Installation of Officers & Trustees Birthday Blessings	23 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
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