



# Vassar Temple

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*The Officers and Board of Trustees  
and the families of the confirmands  
cordially invite you to attend  
CONFIRMATION SERVICES*

*Sunday, June 7, 2015*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Vassar Temple*

*Celebratory Kiddush to follow in the Social Hall*

## Confirmands

Charlotte Katz, daughter of Dan & Molly Katz

Jacob Kudria, son of Sergei & Inna Kudria

Tara Lerman, daughter of Seth & Ann Lerman

Jacob Moore, son of Jeremy & Danah Moore

Alison Peritz, daughter of Robin Peritz & Janet Greenman

Rachel Roland, daughter of Mark & Shaari Roland

## Upcoming Events

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## Please Note

**The deadline for the July/  
August combined Bulletin is  
June 1st**

## VTS Spring Rummage Sale: Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>



Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Rummage Sales are a critical source of support for many Temple projects. Much needed improvements to our kitchen were made possible because of Rummage Sale proceeds. Please support the upcoming rummage sale by cleaning out your closets!

### **Drop-off in Social Hall starting June 8<sup>th</sup>**

• During Temple hours - By appointment -Someone will pick up your items and bring them here for you if you need help. Items dropped off before the 8<sup>th</sup> MUST be placed in the downstairs classroom! Do NOT leave items upstairs!!!

Help is always needed and appreciated with set-up and sale day! Teens looking for community service hours are welcome!! For further information or to volunteer, please contact [rummage@vassartemple.org](mailto:rummage@vassartemple.org) or Roni Stein at 223-5804 or [roniagt99@aol.com](mailto:roniagt99@aol.com).

Rummage Co-Chairs: Roni Stein, Ann Lerman & Lisa-Sue Quackenbush

## Rabbi's Message: Legacy



There is a scene in the movie *Selma* in which Lyndon Johnson is having a conversation with George Wallace in the Oval Office of the White House.

The President is genuinely perplexed by the Alabama Governor's obstinacy regarding civil rights, since Wallace has always been outspoken on the need to raise the economic prospects of the poor. He asks the Governor if he is ever concerned about how he will be remembered a hundred years from now. Wallace merely shrugs. Johnson, however, is concerned about how he will be remembered. In virtually the next scene in the movie, we witness the President addressing Congress with the presentation of the Voting Rights Act.

So much of the discussion over afterlife involves concepts of Heaven, reincarnation, resurrection and such. All of these notions entail a concern for the continuity of one's personal identity. There is, however, a much

more fundamental – and incontrovertibly true – sort of afterlife: that is legacy. It is a fundamental reality that every human life makes an impact on the world. Some are tiny and fleeting, and touch only one or two people. Others endure for centuries.

This is my last Bulletin column as Rabbi of Vassar Temple, so obviously I am sensitive at this point to how I might be remembered. This concern, however, is one I leave to others. With this column, I would rather acknowledge a few of those individuals associated with the Temple whose legacy is strongly felt.

*The unknown individuals who contributed Torah scrolls to the Temple.* While one or two of the scrolls were clearly brought to Poughkeepsie by the original organizers of the congregation, three scrolls were acquired about 100 years ago. Who gave them – and Torah scrolls are not inexpensive – is a complete mystery. There are no records of the gift to be found in the Temple's archives.

Perhaps they were meant to be anonymous all along. The generosity and devotion to this most central element of Jewish worship and study has literally been held aloft by Bar/Bat Mitzvah children ever since.

*The many Temple members, especially Richard Satz, who gave generously and worked diligently in order to build the current building of Vassar Temple.* The building at Vassar and Mill Streets (now a Baptist Church) had been too small for the congregation for decades, but finding a new site, raising the funds and building a new facility is extraordinarily daunting. Mr. Satz forced the issue by purchasing lots on Hooker Ave. A small congregation with few deep financial resources stepped up and built the synagogue we have today. It was as much as

Rabbi's message *continued on page 6*

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## First Things First

The end of the month of June marks my one year anniversary as your temple president. But it feels longer! It feels like the continuation of a journey that began three years ago when I accepted the position of 1st VP and became part of a team effort that continues to this day. Emphasis on the word "we" throughout this article!



As I turn the corner and start marking the time to the end of my term, my focus is going to shift. I titled this article "First Things First" because in my first year I had priorities, that we have achieved for the most part, which are different than what I wish to focus on in my second year.

In the first half of my term, we have had significant building improvements, literally from top to bottom, to make. These will culminate with the restoration of our stained glass windows. (I write this about

a month in advance, so I am mentioning that on some faith.) We've implemented several operating improvements to provide for more efficient accounting, budgeting and controls, thanks in large part to our office manager, Sherrie Geisler, with the guidance of our Finance Committee. We achieved a milestone with the selection and hiring of a new rabbi, Leah Berkowitz, who will begin next month. And we held a very successful gala and fundraiser to honor and celebrate the retirement of Rabbi Golomb. We have updated the temple bylaws in order to comply with new laws governing nonprofits, as well as to adjust our constitution to current practical needs.

We have engaged members in new leadership roles with the temple, on committees, as trustees, and as officers. This is essential to the future of Vassar Temple. And as more people discover the blessings of service to their temple, the better off we will be! This is not to say that previous leadership was lacking. To the contrary, they have worked tirelessly and deserve our highest praise and appreciation! But they also need a rest and an opportunity to explore new ways to serve the temple as mentors with great wisdom to share.

In the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1, I will be joined by new officers and trustees, as well as Rabbi Berkowitz! I am sure that Rabbi will want time to get the lay of the land, and to learn the traditions we value. By the same token, the leadership will continue on a forward path.

Now, we must act on expectations for greater change. Now, we must find and develop new methods for enhancing and making more meaningful temple relationships. Now, we must explore ways to deepen our spiritual connection. Now, we must raise the bar on the expectations for our childhood education. Now, we must build on the practices which sustain our temple. Now, we have to concentrate on those things which will make us a better temple.

It is that which makes us a better temple that will attract the public. Now, we must grow. In the coming year let us all make room in our hearts for deeper relationships with one another and with Judaism.

*Bob Ritter*

## June Worship Services

- 5 7:30pm Shabbat evening service with Rabbi Golomb
- 6 9am Torah study; 10am Shabbat morning service. Joshua Friedlich will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
- 7 10am Confirmation honoring Charlotte Katz, Jacob Kudria, Jacob Moore, Tara Lerman, Alison Peritz, and Rachel Roland
- 12 6:30pm Annual Vassar Temple Picnic and outdoor Shabbat service with Rabbi Golomb and Elisa Dugatkin
- 13 9am Torah study
- 19 7:30 pm Shabbat evening service and Installation of Vassar Temple Board and Officers with Rabbi Golomb and Elisa Dugatkin
- 20 9am Torah study; 10am New Paths Shabbat morning service
- 26 7:30pm Shabbat evening service with Rabbi Golomb
- 27 9am Torah study; 10am Shabbat morning service. Hannah Glatt will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

## Scriptural Readings

### June

6 *B'ha'lot'kha*  
Numbers 9:15 – 10:34;  
Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7

13 *Sh'lah L'kha*  
Numbers 14:8 – 15:7;  
Joshua 2:1-24

20 *Korah*  
Numbers 16:20 – 17:24;  
I Samuel 11:14 – 12:22

27 *Hukat*  
Numbers 20:1 – 21:10;  
Judges 11:1-33

## New Paths Service June 20th

Join us at the next New Paths service Saturday, June 20 at 10am in the East Chapel. The focus is on letting the service get through you, rather than on getting through the service. The atmosphere has been described by participants as spiritual, uplifting, and thought provoking. 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 informal Kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Mar-ian Schwartz [mschwa9882@aol.com](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com) or Rabbi Golomb at [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org) or 845-454-2570.

## Annual Outdoor Picnic & Service June 12th (Rain or Shine!)

- On the front lawn of Vassar Temple
- on Friday, June 12.
- Religious school faculty and staff will be honored.
- Returning college students, please join us!
- Dress is casual.
- BYO lawn chair or picnic blanket.
- Picnic dinner at 6:30pm (assorted wraps, deli salads, pizza, beverages, and dessert).
- Suggested donation of \$5 per person for dinner.
- Informal Kabbalat Shabbat service at 7:30pm.

RSVP for dinner by June 5 to [picnic@vassartemple.org](mailto:picnic@vassartemple.org).

In case of inclement weather, we will be inside the temple.



**Mazel Tov to...**

Rabbi Paul Golomb on his retirement.

Barry and Elise Friedlich on their son Joshua Friedlich's Bar Mitzvah

Adam Glatt & Elizabeth Baum on their daughter Hannah Glatt's Bat Mitzvah

Chuck and Perla Kaufman on their grandson Brandon Fong's Bar Mitzvah, Brandon is the son of Elizabeth Kaufman-Fong and Michael Fong

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Help the Temple*



**Condolences to...**

The Hecht Family on the passing of David's mother Suzanne Hecht

The Kudria Family on the passing of Inna Kudria's father Mark Syrkin

**Refuah Shelemah:**

Lisa-Sue Quackenbush after being hospitalized

Debra Scheer having medical issues



**June Pulpit Flowers**

- June 5: Donated by Barry & Elise Friedlich in honor of their son Joshua Friedlich's Bar Mitzvah
- June 12: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- June 19: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- June 26: Donated by Adam Glatt & Elizabeth Baum in honor of their daughter Hannah Glatt's Bat Mitzvah

**Updated Pulpit Flowers Donations of the Immediate Past:**

April 24: Donated by CJ Kelly in Memory of Helen Jordan

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

## Religious School Director: The Way of the Land



There are at least two reasons to do something in Judaism. The first is because we must. We must welcome the stranger, celebrate the holidays, work for a better world, study Torah, even teach our children to swim, according to the Talmud. Each of these requirements is called a *mitzvah* (plural, *mitzvot*), though common usage equates that Hebrew word instead with “good deed.”

The legalistic nature of Judaism gives many of these do’s and do-not’s technical names, and then elaborates their nuances. For instance, speaking ill of someone else - gossip - gets the name *lashon hara*, and we’re not allowed to do it, whether it’s true or not, and no matter how much fun it might be. But what if you feel you need to warn a friend about something? What if you’re just so frustrated that you need to talk things out? What about earning a living as a political humorist who mocks public figures? Details like these are fleshed out in discussions, commentaries, discussions on commentaries, and (yes) commentaries on the discussions. This is what we mean by “Torah” in the broadest sense. These *mitzvot* are parallel to modern laws, which likewise dictate appropriate and inappropriate behavior.

By contrast, the second reason to do

something in Judaism is because we can. This category goes by the Hebrew name *derech erez*, literally “the way of the land.” And it refers to treating one another with the sorts of decency and propriety that can’t be legislated but are nonetheless desirable.

There’s no Jewish law against whistling mirthfully at a funeral, an addition to the Talmud explains, but that doesn’t mean it’s okay. And there’s no Jewish law that requires us to tip a waiter, but that doesn’t mean we should skimp on tips, even though, of course, we’ll get our meal even without purposely paying an extra fifteen or twenty percent for it.

Unlike the American secular approach, though, Jewish *derech erez* is on a par with Jewish law. “*Derech erez* preceded the Torah,” according to tradition, which is to say, the path to the *mitzvot* of the Torah is paved with the practice of *derech erez*. In America, “there’s no law against it” or “there’s no law making me” are often sound excuses. Not so in Judaism.

Curiously, this same term - “the way of the land” - also means “the way things

work,” for better or for worse, as it were. In our hometowns, we are judged by our reputation. But, the Talmud warns, on the road we are judged merely by our clothing. Attire is rarely a reliable indicator of anything substantial, but that’s the way it works. Get used to it. It’s not going to change. *Derech erez*.

Reading between the lines, we find a message in the way a single term refers variously to courtesy as well as reality. There’s an unspoken hope that the two concepts merge, that generosity, compassion, and civility become so ingrained in our society that we can’t even imagine things being any other way - a time when going the proverbial extra mile is so common that it’s no longer noteworthy.

Particularly at this season of Shavuot, as we acknowledge anew our acceptance of Torah, let us remember not to be satisfied merely doing the good things that we must. Let us also do the good things that we can.

Dr. Joel Hoffman

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### Book Club to Discuss “Orphan Train” on June 17<sup>th</sup>



Vassar Temple Sisterhood’s Book Club will discuss “Orphan Train” by Christina Baker Kline. This is a captivating story about two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91 year old woman with a hidden past as an orphan train rider, and a teen age girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 17, at 2:00pm, in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

Between 1854 and 1929, so called “orphan trains” ran regularly from East Coast cities to farmland of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Vivian Daly was one such child. Years later, hidden in her attic, vestiges of her past are discovered by Molly Ayer, a troubled seventeen year old in-

involved in a community service project – helping Vivian clean out her attic. The closer Molly grows to Vivian, the more she discovers parallels to her own life. A Penobscot Indian who has spent her youth in and out of foster homes, Molly is also an outsider being raised by strangers, with unanswered questions about her past. As her emotional barriers begin to crumble, Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life – answers that will ultimately free them both.

This very moving story is available in paperback and through the local library system. Muriel Lampell will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at 473-7931 or [linda.babas.41@gmail.com](mailto:linda.babas.41@gmail.com).

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twice as large as what they actually needed in 1953 when it was completed. We continue to the beneficiaries of both their efforts and their faith that Vassar Temple would grow and prosper.

*The Kahns and Lampells.* Josephine Kahn was probably the first woman to serve as President of a synagogue in the U.S. (or anywhere since the earliest days of synagogues 2000 years ago!). Her husband Max, her son Alfred, granddaughter Muriel Lampell, Muriel's husband Matt and their son David have all contributed time and devotion by being President as well. No family better represents better what it means to work for the people Israel through service and leadership.

*Rabbi Stephen Arnold.* Rabbi Arnold brought joy, caring and *ruach* [a genuine Jewish spirit] to Vassar Temple. Shimon the shul mouse still runs through the halls of the synagogue.

*The recipients of the Rabbi Arnold and Leadership Awards of the Temple.* The congregation is sustained by generosity. There are the monetary gifts that are translated in the building, its contents and programs, and many of these donors are most deservedly acknowledged with plaques and inscriptions found about the synagogue. And there are those who are generous with their time and energy. They have been honored annually by the congregation with the Rabbi Arnold and Leadership Awards. Their contributions have been felt in the activities of the Temple, but even more, they are a model for what it means to sustain the Jewish people.

*The good members of Vassar Temple, past, present and future.* Each of you, by virtue of affiliation, have made the words of Torah and the flowering of living Judaism possible.

Finally, I am grateful to my children, Tal and Rivka. They were, by definition, "RKs" [Rabbi's Kids], but they never acted that way. Thus, I was always able to keep some semblance of balance in my life between being *the Rabbi*, and just Dad.

And I am especially in debt to Debbie. Being a rabbi's spouse requires far more fortitude, patience and sacrifice than is ever imagined. Moreover, she has known all my true weaknesses and foibles, and has kindly kept them to herself. Whatever legacy I might have imparted to Vassar Temple is very much due to her.

*L'Shalom,  
Paul*

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## Sisterhood Notes

We had a busy year in Sisterhood! Please take a look at just SOME of what we did this year. We hope you can find something here that connects with you. Suggestions for activities are welcome. This year we have opened up our meetings to include any sisterhood members. We want to hear from you and we want you to know that your ideas and help are important. You can email us at [Sisterhood@vassartemple.org](mailto:Sisterhood@vassartemple.org) or call Laura Brundage at 914-489-0278.

Our opening dinner celebrated the renovated Temple kitchen with a Kitchen Shower. Our kitchen is now better organized, functional and looks great! We have recently turned our efforts to the social hall and new blinds help spruce up the look of that space.

Shabbat dinners are a wonderful way to engage with the Temple and experience the warmth and community of your Temple family. It is a relaxing way to transition from the busy week to begin the celebration of Shabbat.

Chai Tea continues to be a popular

daytime get together. Keep a look out for the venue chosen for a lunch on the 18th of the month!

Our Sisterhood Calendar is an important way to keep up with all of the goings on at the Temple and Jewish celebrations. Please support the advertisers included and take a good look at the pictures- you may be in there!

The Bimah Flower Fund provides an opportunity for anyone to sponsor the flowers adorning the Bimah. Honor a friend or family member, celebrate a mitzvah, or remember a loved one. Please remember to support this fund. Flower color choices are honored to the best of our ability! Sisterhood continues to supply goodies for our Friday evening Oneg.

The Judaica Shoppe continues to supply your gift and celebration needs. (FYI, the jewelry is beautiful!) If you don't see what you are looking for, please ask. Help support our Sisterhood gift shop.

Hamantaschen baking day was a great success! Members, college students, and those who need them delivered, all enjoy the BEST recipe ever! What a fun day for

all.

Rummage sales help the community purchase needed items, and members clear out and de-clutter! Help always appreciated. The rummage sales continue to be an important revenue stream that allows the Sisterhood to support various temple projects.

Tiny Temple helps introduce our youngest children to the holidays and Jewish ritual.

We enjoyed theater in the round by Half Moon Theatre, great food, and a signature cocktail at this year's Donor Dinner.

Stay tuned: Over the summer we plan to help welcome Rabbi Leah Berkowitz. In the year to come we hope to host a Soup to Nachos event and learn how to create traditional Jewish foods, hold social events like a Paintbrushes Party, as well as offer an educational program through the Fannie and Doris Berlin lecture fund.

*Laura Brundage and Danah Moore,  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents*

## Cereal Counts an Astounding Success

Thanks to Vassar Temple's support, Cereal Counts 2015 was an astounding success. A box of cereal provides approximately ten servings. Together we collected 770 boxes of cereal:  $770 \times 10 = 7,700$  breakfast meals available to those in need this summer. The cereal was delivered to food pantry sites hosted throughout Dutchess County. Breakfast hunger impacts communities all around us, and people of all ages. The summer can be an especially difficult time for disadvantaged children to get breakfast when their schools are closed. Thanks to your help, a truckload of good morning health will once again bring breakfast to our friends in need in Dutchess County.

*Nancy, Dave and Max Samson*

## Interfaith Council Story Circle

The Dutchess County Interfaith Council story circle season concludes on Thursday, June 18 with a warm and friendly potluck supper and a potpourri of stories. Come to share a story or just to listen. Story circle will be held, rain or shine, at the beautiful Mariopolis Luminosa, 200 Cardinal Road, Hyde Park. The potluck starts at 6:00pm with stories to follow. All welcome. Get further information at <https://www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org/> or contact [murielh@optonline.net](mailto:murielh@optonline.net) or [office@dutchesscountyinterfaith.org](mailto:office@dutchesscountyinterfaith.org).

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## Transition Committee Update

Dear Vassar Temple members,

Rabbi Leah Berkowitz was in town for a couple of days at the beginning of April looking for a place to live.

She took advantage of this opportunity to meet with the executive committee hosted by David and Susan Hecht.

We also managed to have her meet some Youth Group members, thanks to Melissa and Brianna Erlebacher's hospitality. Mark, Kate and Anna Metzger offered a wonderful dinner to ten members of the 2015-2016 Vassar Temple B'nai Mitzvah class with parents joining in for dessert. Rabbi Berkowitz also met with Rabbi Golomb, and yes, she did have a small window to find an apartment!

Rabbi Berkowitz, as we all know, is a teacher in Boston. She is busy preparing and giving final exams. Prior to her departure from Poughkeepsie, Rabbi was given a folder which included a Vassar

Temple membership list. She will be moving to our area the last week of June. Vassar Temple will welcome her on July 1. The excitement is building! We are looking forward to a BBQ, a Havdalah service and various other activities so that everyone has a chance to get to know Rabbi Berkowitz. We will give you an update on dates as soon as they are finalized.

I will be in touch...feel free to email me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Best always,

*Perla Kaufman*  
*Transition Chair*  
[Brandaliz5@optonline.net](mailto:Brandaliz5@optonline.net)

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## National Weekend of Prayer for the Freedom to Marry

"Wherever there is love, the sacred is in our midst." On Saturday, April 25, during its New Paths service, Vassar Temple participated in the National Weekend of Prayer for the Freedom to Marry. Along with several hundred congregations in the U.S.A., we expressed our hopes and prayers that our country will come to a positive resolution on this matter. We prayed that the Supreme Court justices would have the wisdom and insight to do the right thing after hearing testimony from plaintiffs from four of the thirteen states that still do not recognize same sex marriage. There are high hopes that this time the Court will decide to establish freedom of marriage in all fifty states. At the submission deadline, the Court was still hearing oral arguments. In the words of our prayer, "may true relational justice be served, and human rights safeguarded for all."

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## Jewish War Veterans Meeting

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold a regular monthly meeting on Sunday, June 7. It will be at Congregation Schomre Israel at 18 Park Avenue in Poughkeepsie. The meeting begins at 9:30am.

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the United States armed forces (Active, Reserve, or National Guard) are cordially invited to attend and participate in the activities of this JWV Post.

As Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the synagogue. If you need a ride or for further information, please contact the Post Commander, Robert L. Morrison, at [ROBL56@aol.com](mailto:ROBL56@aol.com).

## Yahrzeits

### June 5

Pauline Abrams  
Samuel Berlin  
Catherine Creedon  
Ann Feinstein Drobner  
Anna Dunn  
Evelyn Feinbloom  
Gertrude Lashinsky  
Ginsberg  
Edmond Levy  
Lynn Levy  
Dr. Arthur Lipschutz  
Shirley K. Loeb  
Sandra LoGiudice  
Irma Manheim  
Martha Reifler Myers  
Lester Petkofsky  
Jack Quackenbush  
Sam Rein  
Dr. Albert A. Rosenberg  
Hyman Sapowitch  
Gertrude Tavss  
Paul Warner  
Irene Weiner

### June 12

Gilda Charwat  
Sallie Cohen  
Miriam Gellert  
Alfred Gerber  
Beatrice Gross  
Harry Kaltwasser  
Paul Kraut  
Morton B. Lehman,  
DDS  
Bertie S. Levy  
Harriet Lipson  
Edward Plimack  
Celia Ribbi  
Irving J. Richman  
Robert Rosenthal  
Raymond Ross  
Moe Scheer  
Morris Schwartz  
Jack Turk  
Joseph Wrobel

### June 19

Priscilla Ackerman  
Sylvia Arnold  
Rose Swatlo Budson  
Carol Casiero  
Paul Douglas Fa'gut  
Joseph Gross  
Lillian Freda Gross  
Dr. Kurt Holzer  
Kalmen Izraelewicz  
Joseph Kofman  
Margaret Poston  
Arthur Richter  
Rose Rosenthal  
Donald Silberman  
Pauline Rosenson Slote  
Robert Weinberg  
Nathan Weiss  
Miriam Worona

### June 26

Joseph Berlin  
Annie Blaweiss  
Isador Dreishpoon  
Joseph Dunn  
Albert J. Eisenberg  
Lucile Erdreich  
Rose Feuerstein  
Rosalind Gellert  
Jean Goldman  
Pearl Goldstein  
Samuel Haber  
Irwin Kallman  
Joseph J. Kleiner  
Muriel Landesman  
Jacob Lass  
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Betty Garber Lyons  
Morris Albert Margolin  
David Menken  
Fay Menken  
Audrey S. Morgenstern  
John Muehl  
Ethel Saul  
Seymour Scheer  
Sandor D. Strauss  
Blanche Weber  
Dolores Weisman  
Fred Weiss  
Dr. Camilla Reznikoff  
Wygan

### Memorial Board Plaques

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

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## Social Action Thanks

We always say that every member of Vassar Temple is a member of the Social Action Committee, and that is undeniably true. We could not accomplish what we do without each person who drops a box of cereal in the Can Jam bin, walks in the CROP Walk, serves a meal at Lunchbox, makes sandwiches for the homeless shelter, records a book to cheer a hospitalized child, and/or donates a few dollars or a dozen bananas to help those in need. But we are especially grateful to those who help organize and lead our projects. To that end, a special thank you to Nancy, Dave and Max Samson, Linda and Joe Babas, Dave Wolf, Michelle Brenner,

Susan Karnes Hecht, Judy Harkavy, Perla Kaufman, Kay Bishop, Peter Groffman, and Ralph Schwartz. Thank you to Lunchbox captains Andi and Paul Ciminello, Carolynn Frankel, Wayne Hartman (and family), Rachel Marcus (and family), Brianna Erlebacher (and family); to our Wednesday night school students for so expertly stuffing the Thanksgiving baskets, and to Rachel Cohen for all her help and support of VATY (Vassar Temple Youth Group) in undertaking social action projects.

~Marian Schwartz,  
Social Action Committee Chairperson



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 The Kelson Family  
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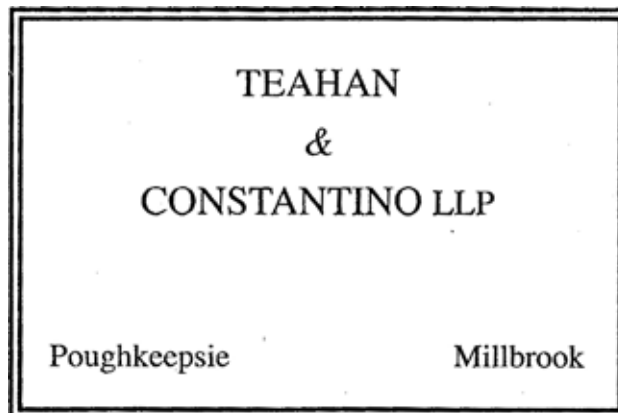
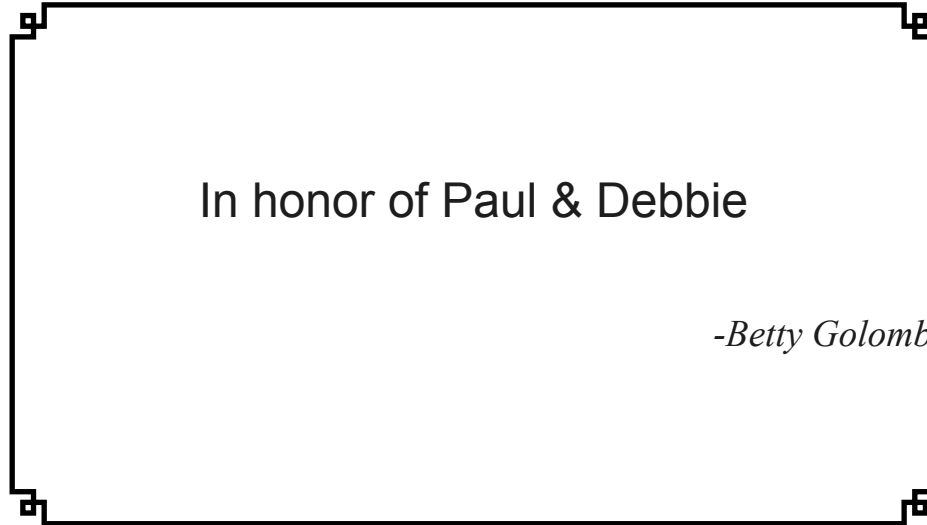
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## June 2015 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm Ritual Committee	2 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class	3	4 10am SEP 6:30pm Calendar Meeting	5 7:30pm Shabbat Service	6 9am Torah Study 10am Freidlich Bar Mitzvah
7 10am Confirmation	8 Rummage Sale Drop-off Begins 7pm Exec Cmte	9 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class	10 7pm Congregation Meeting	11 10am SEP	12 6:30pm Picnic Shabbat 7:30 service	13 9am Torah Study
14 9:30am Rummage Sale	15	16 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class  VTS Closing Dinner	17 2pm VTS Book Club 7pm Finance Cmte	18 10am SEP	19 7:30pm Shabbat Service	20 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
21	22 7pm Board Meeting	23 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class	24	25 10am SEP	26 7:30pm Shabbat Service	27 9am Torah Study 10am Glatt Bat Mitzvah
28	29	30 10am SEP				