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**Shabbat Service
Time Back to 7:30
on March 8th**

Beginning on Friday, March 8th, our Shabbat evening services will return to their regular time of 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Across America Dinner/Service on March 1 begins at 6:00

Vassar Temple and Temple Beth-El to Hold Joint Shabbaton, March 15-16



This year the annual Joint Shabbaton sponsored by Vassar Temple and Temple Beth-El will take place during the weekend of March 15-16. The guest speaker for the Shabbaton will be Rabbi Mychal Springer (pictured above) who is the Helen Fried Kirshblum Goldstein Chair in Professional

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Your Help and Food Donations Needed for March 3rd Lunch Box

The March 3rd Lunch Box at the Family Partnership Center will be sponsored by the 8th and 9th grades of our religious school, captained by parent Shaari Roland. You can join them in cooking and serving a hearty lunch of franks and beans by bringing 3 lbs. of all-beef franks or a dozen pieces of fruit (bananas, oranges, and green grapes are especially popular) to the temple by Friday, March 1st. If

you leave the food in the temple refrigerator, be sure it is clearly marked with your name and "Lunch Box 3/3." You can also have fun (and get community service credit) by helping at the Lunch Box that Sunday from 11:30 to 2:00.

If you can donate food or help cook and serve, please let Shaari know right away by calling her at 223-7324 or emailing shaari@optonline.net.

Reserve by March 6th for First-Night Seder at Temple on March 25th

After the great success of last year, a first-night Passover Seder, organized and led by members of the congregation, will again be held in the temple social hall on Friday evening, March 25th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The short seder service will be engaging, interactive, and fun, appealing to both adults and children. The evening will continue with a delicious four-course dinner, including the traditional ritual foods.

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"To the Best of My Abilities: A Panel of Elected Officials" after Shabbat Services on Saturday Morning, March 9th

(Due to inclement weather, the following event was rescheduled from February 9th to March 9th.)

Several members of our Jewish community have or had the honor and responsibility of serving their fellow citizens as elected officials. After our Shabbat morning Torah service on Saturday, March 9th, three current or past holders of elective office will reflect on the challenge of rec-

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Trivia Night on April 27th

Mark your calendar now for Vassar Temple's Trivia Night and plan to have fun challenging your brain and enjoying refreshments and good company on Saturday evening, April 27th at 7:30-all for the low charge of \$10 per person.

Rabbi's Message: We Have Met the Enemy...



Passover Seders (this year on Monday, March 25th and the next night, the 26th) serve many purposes. At their base, they are social occasions, drawing together family and friends for an evening of good

food and conversation. They are a connection to one's Jewish heritage: words, songs, foods, and rituals that reach back centuries. Finally, they are an opportunity to raise questions and imagine answers. Each year I put forward a challenge: what did you learn at the Seder this year that you had never thought about before? I put forward the same challenge to myself.

What particularly caught my eye this year was the Haggadah's quote of Pharaoh in the telling of the story of the Exodus from Egypt. Pharaoh observes to his court regarding the burgeoning population of Israelites now settled in Egypt: "Let us deal shrewdly with them, so that they may not increase; otherwise in the event of war they may join our enemies in fighting against us..." (Exodus 1:10) Thus begins the era of oppression and enslavement that leads to the plagues.

For many years I have recognized that Pharaoh's failing was his quick and automatic condemnation of a people who had never given any signs of being disloyal. He betrayed xenophobia, and a paranoid spirit that if you are not us (not just simply with us), then you are against us. This attitude was bad for Israelites – years of servitude – but even worse for Pharaoh – destruction and death.

The Haggadah tends to have us think about all the "Pharaohs" through history, particularly those who have malevolently oppressed Jews. The telling of the exodus ends with: *In every generation we should regard ourselves as having personally been redeemed from Egypt.* This sentiment is legitimate and historically sound. There have indeed been pharaohs through the ages that have chosen to set apart the Jews for special enmity.

The cited verse, however, can mean much more. Pharaoh's sentiment is not just the expression of the powerful. It is rather an everyday feeling. We hear it regularly in political discourse: in the debate of over immigration reform, and whether the Palestinians or Israelis will ever settle for peace. It is found in our easy willingness to resort to snap judg-

ments: he's a closet racist, she's a homophobe, they are reactionaries or socialists. In other words, if you are not us, you are against us.

One verse of Torah enjoins us to love our neighbor. Nearly fifty verses implore us to be kind to the stranger "because we were strangers in the land of Egypt." At the Passover seder, it might be worthwhile to think about Pharaoh. Was he evil, or simply morally lazy? When is the Pharaoh actually us?

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We Join Together
in Community Service

MITZVAH DAY

Save the Date

SUNDAY, MAY 5th

To help plan, contact
socialaction@vassartemple.org
or jfs@jewishdutchess.org

President's Message Vassar Temple Needs Your Help



On Yom Kippur I gave the traditional President's speech, asking everyone to donate to our annual High Holy Day pledge drive. On behalf of the congregation, I am deeply grateful to the 57

families (out of 200+) who answered that call and made donations, including 100% of our Board of Trustees. Despite our best efforts, we fell \$5,600 short of our budgeted goal. That is \$5,600 that can't be used to assist members struggling to pay their dues, to fund social action projects, to support adult education programs, or for any other useful purpose.

In the current economy, many of us are trying to make ends meet. So it is with Vassar Temple. We have no limitless source of cash to tap each time a bill comes in, no well to draw from when there are needs to be met. Virtually 100% of our almost \$500,000 budget comes from us, the members of Vassar Temple. Every dollar we have, whether

it gets spent on the electric bill, the Rabbi's salary, wine for the Shabbat onegs, the monthly bulletin, or dues assistance for our fellow members, comes from you and me. Without our generous and ongoing financial support, our congregation cannot survive.

Even though Yom Kippur is well behind us, it is not too late to make that donation. Maybe you just forgot. Maybe the letter got buried on your desk. Maybe money was a little tight that month, but things have improved since then. Maybe giving to the High Holy Day drive just doesn't make you all tingly and happy. Perhaps there are other forms of giving that are more meaningful to you. We have a number of restricted funds to which you can donate that help us offset many of our ongoing expenses. To see a list and description of these funds, go to our website, www.vassartemple.org and click on the link to Contributions on the left side.

I recognize that money is tight for many of you, and making donations

may not be in your family's budget. There are still ways to lend your support to the congregation. One of them will actually cost you nothing – the Vassar Temple SCRIP program. Have you participated lately? We sell gift cards to hundreds of different merchants including supermarkets, drug stores, restaurants, movie theaters, gas stations, and various other retailers. The cards are sold at face value, but the temple makes a profit on every card sold. Since starting the program in 2007, we have sold about \$800,000 worth of gift cards, resulting in over \$58,000 in profits ... thanks to all of you! It is a great way to help Vassar Temple at no extra cost to you.

There are plenty of other ways to help support our congregation to whatever extent you are able. No donation is too small (or too large either!). Please give what you can and when you can so that Vassar Temple can continue to flourish for many more years to come.

*L'shalom,
Bob Abrams*

Worship Services

Friday, March 1

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Across America - Shabbat Service/Dinner in Social Hall

Saturday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:00 a.m. New Paths Service

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:00 a.m. Morning Service

Friday, March 15

7:30 p.m. Joint Shabbaton with Temple Beth-El

Saturday, March 16

NO TORAH STUDY
10:00 a.m. Joint Shabbaton at Temple Beth-El

Friday, March 22

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:00 a.m. New Paths Service

Tuesday, March 26 *First Day of Passover*

10:00 a.m. Passover Morning Service

Friday, March 29

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Monday, April 1 *Last Day of Passover*

10:00 a.m. Yizkor Service

Friday, April 5

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:00 a.m. New Paths Service

Scriptural Readings

March 1 & 2 *Ki Tissa Shabbat Parah*

Exodus 33:12-34:35
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38

March 8 & 9 *VaYakhel-Pikudei Shabbat HaHodesh*

Exodus 39:22-40:38
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

March 15 & 16 *VaYikra*

Leviticus 4:27-5:26
Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23

March 22 & 23 *Tzav Shabbat HaGadol*

Leviticus 8:1-8:36
Haftarah Malakhai 3:4-24

March 29 & 30 *Shabbat Presah*

Exodus 33:12-34:26
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

April 5 & 6 *Shmini*

Leviticus 11:1-11:47
Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1-7:17

New Paths Services

Please join us in the sun-lit East Chapel on Saturdays, March 2nd and 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Each New Paths service, whether rabbi-led or lay-led, provides a unique and thoughtful Shabbat morning experience. We focus on letting the service get through us, rather than getting through the service. A brief informal light kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb at rabbi@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570.

Guest Speaker at March 8th Service

At our regular 7:30 Shabbat service on Friday, March 8th Shay Markovitch, DDS will speak about “Growing Up Jewish in Israel: It Might Not Be What You Think.” Dr. Markovitch was born and raised in Tel Aviv. He came to the US a little over ten years ago for post-graduate work in dentistry, and arrived in Poughkeepsie in 2011 from Rochester, joining Vassar Temple shortly afterward. He and his wife, Lori, also a dentist, have three young children. You won't want to miss his fascinating talk.

Joint Shabbaton (continued from page 1)

and Pastoral Skills and the director of the Center for Pastoral Education at The Jewish Theological Seminary.

The Shabbaton will begin with a joint Shabbat service at Vassar Temple on Friday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m. during which Rabbi Springer will speak about “Vulnerability as a Path to God.” Life's challenges highlight human vulnerability. Judaism teaches us the importance of lament as a response to suffering, the crying out that lets God in. Rabbi Springer will explore the ways in which human vulnerability can be a resource for journeying with the Divine. An oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

Rabbi Springer will offer a *d'var Torah* during the 10:00 a.m. joint Shabbat morning service at Temple Beth-El on

Saturday, March 16th. The service will be followed around 12:30 by a Kiddush Luncheon and a discussion of the topic “Prayer and Healing: Is Anyone Listening?” Prayers may come out of our mouths in moments of distress without our even realizing it. What is the point of prayer? What does it take for us to know that our prayers matter? Come and explore these questions with Rabbi Springer.

Please RSVP for the luncheon by March 8th by calling 845-454-0570 or emailing programs@templebethelpokny.org so the right amount of food will be prepared.

A certified supervisor in the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education and a certified Jewish chaplain, Rabbi Springer served as associate dean and director of

Field Education at The Rabbinical School of The Jewish Theological Seminary for seven years. Before coming to JTS, Rabbi Springer was the associate director of the Jewish Institute for Pastoral Care at the HealthCare Chaplaincy in Manhattan. She earned her BA at Yale College (1987), and ordination as a Conservative Rabbi and a master's degree in Judaic Studies at JTS (1992). Rabbi Springer lives in Manhattan with her husband, Jonathan Rosen, and their daughters, Ariella and Avital.

The Joint Shabbaton is being underwritten by the Lipschutz Fund of Vassar Temple and by the Sherman Fund of Temple Beth-El. All members of the community are warmly invited to attend any or all of the events.

Tiny Temple Learns About Passover

All preschoolers (age infant-5) and those who are raising them are invited to join in the fun at Tiny Temple on Sunday, March 17th from 11:00 a.m. to noon to learn about the wonderful holiday of Passover through crafts, songs, stories, and a special snack. The adults will have an opportunity to meet others raising young Jewish children.



All are welcome to this free program regardless of Temple affiliation. Tiny Temple is held once a month during the school year, is always free of charge, and is sponsored by the Sisterhood. To assist in our planning and have your questions answered, please RSVP to tinytemple@vassartemple.org.

Wheelchairs and Shower Chairs Needed

The Medical Lending Closet maintained by Jewish Family Services at the JCC is urgently in need of good quality, functional wheelchairs with footrests as well as shower chairs. If you have a wheelchair or shower chair to donate, please contact jfs@jewishdutchess.org or call Patty Weathers at 845-471-9811. JFS will be happy to provide you with a receipt for your donation.

Birthday Thanks

from Rabbi Arnold

Life begins again at 80;
So my thanks are light, not weighty,

For your thoughtful birthday fishes!
(Cods in Boston bring good wishes).

Other notes through air did sail
To Inbox of my email!

Also Facebook's friendly posts:
Cheerful greetings, heart-felt toasts!

Then your sweet and leafy gift:
On Tree of Life gave me a lift!

So, dear friends from Temple, Vassar
Mindful of "... kiddishanu, asher..."

To Community Fund, Tzedakah
I am sending out some bucks, a

Way to tell you -- open-hearted --
I may be gone; but I'm not departed

From remembrance fresh and alive
of what we've shared since '75:

Times of sadness, times of joy!
Thanks for blessing this young boy!

-- Stephen Arnold, EiE

(Emeritus-in-Exile)

In Remembrance

Vassar Temple suffers in the loss of our member:

Miriam Rosenberg Oppenheimer

mother of Jill Auerbach and Dr. Bruce Oppenheimer

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

Marjorie Rubin Brody, sister of Eleanor Charwat

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.

Pulpit Flowers



March 1 In honor of Tal & Riv's birthday month donated by Rabbi & Debbie Golomb.

March 8 In memory of Meyer Bagun and Miriam Genshaft donated by Jeff & Nan Genshaft.

March 15 Vassar Temple Sisterhood.

March 22 Vassar Temple Sisterhood.

March 29 In memory of William Rothstein donated by Angela Vala.

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 April bulletin must be submitted to the temple office by March 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.

Breezy Point/Hurricane Baby Rescue Drive - Second Run

In November 2012, in Breezy Point, Queens, over 100 homes burned to the ground as the result of fires which spread rapidly due to hurricane-fed high winds. Many families lost their homes and were economically devastated. In response, our Temple community rose to meet the needs of the babies of those families. Funds donated as a result of our Breezy Point/Hurricane Baby Rescue Drive were used to purchase essential supplies for these children: infant formula, baby food, diapers, and wipes. Our response helped feed and keep them well.

Once more, the babies of Breezy Point need our help. The devastation there has had lasting impact and there is a real necessity for us to respond again to the needs of these children. We ask you to please help just once more, during the month of March.

Please send donations for the babies of Breezy Point to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 by March 31, 2013. Write BP/HB Rescue on the memo line of your check. 100% of your donations, turned into Amazon Scrip gift cards, will be used to purchase desperately needed baby formula, baby food, diapers and wipes. The order will again be shipped free of charge to a central distribution site in Breezy Point, New York. Breezy Point hurricane babies will benefit greatly from your contribution of any amount and your willingness to hear and respond to their need.

Thank you. Questions: Contact Nancy Samson at 845.462.4828 or email CANJAM123@aol.com.

French Toast Breakfast on March 10th

Enjoy challah French toast with maple syrup, fruit, coffee and tea in the social hall on Sunday morning, March 10th from 9:00 to 11:00 for just \$2 per person, payable at the door. Relax over a delicious breakfast sponsored by our Sisterhood and Men's Club while schmoozing with your friends!

To aid in planning, please RSVP by March 7th to Perla Kaufman at 914-456-7309 or membership@vassartemple.org.

Joel Hoffman to Speak About the Hebrew Language on April 4th

On Thursday, April 4th, at 7:00 p.m. our Religious School Director, Dr. Joel M. Hoffman, will present "3,000 Years of Jewish Continuity as Seen Through 3,000 Years of Hebrew." His talk will include an exploration of the remarkable history that links the Jewish people to its historic language and identity through time: the fascinating story of how Hebrew began, why almost every written alphabet today can trace its roots to Hebrew, how Hebrew developed, where the text of the Bible comes from, the relevance of the Dead Sea Scrolls and other ancient manuscripts, and finally how modern Israeli Hebrew developed.

The entire community is invited to this fascinating free program by Dr. Hoffman, a local author, translator, and linguist. Mark your calendar now for a special evening!

Passover Workshop on March 17th

Everyone can learn how to prepare for a seder which will be both meaningful and fun by participating in Passover 101. You will be warmly welcomed at this free workshop at the temple on Sunday, March 17th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

We will sample various types of charoset and enjoy chocolate-covered matzo, as well as share seder recipes and other tips to make your seder easy and special. We will also discuss how to set a seder table and plan a schedule which will allow even the host and hostess to relax.

For more information, contact Perla Kaufman at 914-456-7309 or membership@vassartemple.org.

Passover Sale in our Judaica Shoppe

Our Sisterhood's Judaica Shoppe will hold its annual Passover Sale on Sundays, March 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the East Chapel. Featured will be seder plates, kiddush cups, Elijah's and Miriam's cups, matzo covers, and other special items to grace your Passover table, an assortment of haggadot and hostess gifts (including gift certificates to our Judaica Shoppe), as well as educational and amusing holiday items for children including Four Questions finger puppets, frogs, stickers, and sand art.

The shop is also open for business from Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and, in addition to the special Passover items, a variety of Jewish ritual items, mezuzot, tallitot, and books, and jewelry, gifts, cosmetics and art from Israel are available. If you are looking for an item which is not on display or in stock, special orders can be placed for you. For more information, contact Perla Kaufman at 914-456-7309 or membership@vassartemple.org.

Addition to Bereavement Guide Available through Our Website

Vassar Temple tries to serve our members at all times in their lives, including the challenging times we face at the end of life. *Nachamu* means "to bring comfort" and the *Nachamu* Committee's mission is to support and give comfort to our congregants and their loved ones during a terminal illness, when the removal of life support is being considered, when a funeral is being planned, and during the time immediately following a death in the family.

The *Nachamu* Committee has prepared a complete guide to Jewish mourning practices for our members which has recently been updated by the addition of new prayers and ideas for the unveiling of a memorial stone. It is easy to find the guide by going to our temple website, www.vassartemple.org, and clicking on the special link on the left side of the home page.

ANSWERS to the GREAT PURIM SURVIVAL QUIZ

1. **Kevin Youkalis** is the “Greek God of walks”. His family is actually from Eastern Europe, but managed to acquire a Greek-sounding name upon immigration.
2. The Daily Show’s **Jon Stewart** has not been shy about promoting his Jewish identity.
3. The last word of the Kaddish is **Shalom** [peace].
4. The number of Jewish delegates in the House of Representatives was reduced slightly (from 39 to 32), but still is much larger than the percentage of Jews in the electorate.
5. The first word of the Psalms (in most translations) is **Happy**.
6. And the last word is **Hallelujah**.
7. The director of *Lincoln* is **Steven Spielberg**, and its screenwriter is **Tony Kushner**.
8. The 3rd of Tishri, 10th of Tevet and 17th of Tammuz are all **Fast days** (only from sunrise to sunset) in traditional Jewish practice.
9. The two most popular Harry Belafonte songs are Banana Boat and **Hava Nagila**.
10. Joe Bertolozzi spent a portion of January in Paris, preparing to **play the Eiffel Tower** (similar to his composition on the Mid-Hudson Bridge).

Help Needed with New Temple Website

Because Richard Lowry, who has created and maintained the Vassar Temple website that we are all proud of, will be moving to Connecticut in the next few months, we need to set up a new website that does not require knowledge of HTML to create and maintain. Fortunately, the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) offers its 900 member congregations a platform with five different formats on which to base their websites. A group of temple members has begun to look into the options and decide which features from our current website we should keep, etc.



No web expertise is required to participate. We are especially seeking members who can develop and update appealing descriptions of Temple functions. If you would like to be part of this project going forward, your views and assistance will be greatly appreciated. For more information, or to express your interest, contact Bob Abrams at president@vassar temple.org.

Vassar After Hours: Truly a Wonderful Evening!

The ambiance, the food, the music, and the attendance were amazing! Even Nemo’s foot of snow couldn’t squelch the high spirits of Vassar Temple friends as we braved the cold in order to enjoy fun times together.

Our thanks to our generous contributors: Alan Daniels, temple member and owner of Half Time Beverage, for his interesting ‘talk’ and refreshing selection of beers; Bobby and Valerie Gropper who personally delivered his delicious My Brother’s Bobby Salsa; our great bakers: Perla Kaufman, Sandra Mamis, Wendy Marcus and Lisa-Sue Quackenbush; our chef extraordinaire, Kurt Quackenbush, and sous chef, Chuck Stein; our decorating committee which transformed the social hall – Debbie and Joe Carbo, Bob Ritter, and Joel Zaritsky.

We also want to thank Debbie Carbo and Barbara Kram for introducing Vassar Temple to the concept of After Hours a few years ago. Many thanks to Rudy and Laura for their wonderful music – from Jewish folk songs to the Beach Boys, we all knew the words! Mary Ritter treated us to some ethnic line dancing lessons, very ably seconded by Sarah Ritter.

Our super babysitters, Danielle Brundage, Noah Carbo, Brianna Erlebacher, Kasie Lerman, and Rachel Marcus, were much appreciated.

Last but not least, we thank all our Vassar Temple members and friends. What fun and laughs we had as we caught our breath during this special evening!

At the risk of repeating ourselves ~ it was a truly wonderful evening.

After Hours Committee



The dancing was fun for everyone



Bonnie and Ken Scheer enjoyed the evening



Kurt Quackenbush and Chuck Stein were terrific cooks

From the Religious School Director



As I write this, Ed Koch died a few days ago. A hugely influential mayor of New York City and an outspoken public figure both in and out of office, his funeral, held

at Temple Emanuel of the City of New York (a flagship Reform synagogue), was attended by dignitaries ranging from President Bill Clinton to Israel's consul general in New York, Ido Aharoni. In Ed Koch's honor, here are three lessons I think we learn from his life.

The first comes in the form of an anecdote. In 1990, during the first Muslim uprising ("Intifada") in Israel, Mayor Koch and then-mayor of Jerusalem Teddy Kollek were standing together when a stone was hurled at them, hitting Koch in the head. Koch later told reporters that the protesters must have been aiming at Teddy, because, he explained, "everyone likes me."

Mayor Koch turned an unfortunate reminder of conflict and sorrow into a lighthearted source of joy. The Hassidic masters --- Koch may or may not have known --- would have been proud. For they insist that we have an obligation to enjoy life whenever we can. The "when-

ever we can part," as anyone who has suffered knows, is tricky, but the goal is there nonetheless. We learn from Ed Koch's life that we should try to rejoice.

It was perhaps Koch's ability to smile that helped him ask his signature line: "How'm I doing?" He would shout the question to crowds of his constituents, again --- knowingly or unknowingly --- placing himself solidly within Jewish tradition. For in Judaism, what people think of what you do matters. And that's our second lesson: We should not ignore what other people think.

At first glance, this seems to run counter to the many messages of modernity that stress individuality. "Sing a song," goes the Sesame Street song, and "don't worry that it's not good enough for anyone else to hear." And that's just one example. We laud people who buck the mainstream and excel, just as we are encouraged to ignore the naysayers on our own individual paths to greatness. Sing a song that no one else likes and you might be the next Beethoven (his Ninth Symphony was panned as "cacophony") or, more likely, a harmless eccentric. But murderers and psychopaths also follow their own paths and ignore public opinion, convinced of their own superior judgment. Sometimes these outcasts even think they take their cues from God, because so superior is their perception that they alone know God's will.

But when human consensus disagrees with God's will, the Talmud teaches, God

loses out. And the highest praise, we learn from our blessing after meals, is that we should be found worthy in both God's eyes and the eyes of our fellow humans. Some things, in other words, are a matter of personal preference, but many things are not. That's why we have to ask, as Ed Koch did so often, "how are we doing?"

Our third and perhaps most important lesson comes from an epitaph that Mayor Koch wrote about himself (before he died, obviously): "He was fiercely proud of his Jewish faith." While the value of a deep grounding in Judaism seems obvious for professional Jews like rabbis and cantors, it's less immediately evident that Judaism should be central for everyone else. In fact, many people divide their lives into a "Jewish" part and a "real" part. "Jewish school" is different from "real school," for instance, just as Jewish holidays are not real holidays and Jewish laws are not real laws. And while this is true, they are certainly connected.

As a public figure, Mayor Koch lived in the mainstream world, interacting with Christians, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, and more, to say nothing of lawyers and laborers, union leaders and road pavers, teachers, students, and parents. And he did all this as a proud Jew.

Celebrate life, Mayor Koch teaches us. Listen to other people as you go where your heart takes you. And bring Judaism along.

Dr. Joel Hoffman

Organize a Mini-Drive For Cereal Counts!!! 2013



This year our annual Dutchess County-wide cereal box collection will be held at the JCC from April 3rd through Sunday, May 5th, Mitzvah Day. Cereal Counts!!! supplies food pantries throughout the county with breakfast food, which supports physical and mental health.

In advance of the actual collection, please consider hosting a mini-drive through your school, business, organization, team, and/or other groups. These mini-drives are simple to host. Just post a sign inviting people to bring in a box

of cereal by a deadline date you choose, and put out a carton in which people can leave their donated cereal. The result: a rewarding collection of cereal boxes (and great team morale). Then drop your mini-load off at the Dutchess County JCC any time between April 3rd and May 5th for delivery to food distribution sites around the county.

This spring you can multiply your contribution toward making breakfast happen this summer for hungry people of all ages. Of course, if it's not possible for you

to run a mini-drive, we absolutely welcome you to bring a box to the JCC any time during the drive period.

*Nancy Samson, Cereal Counts!!!
Coordinator
Max Samson,
County-wide Student CC Captain*

845-235-2860;
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Hostess Backup Needed – Do You Know Someone Who Could Stand By?

Sometimes our kitchen hostess, Erika, is not able to come to temple on Friday evenings and often we get only a few hours notice of this fact. We are looking for someone whom you know (perhaps you employ him or her in your home) who might be able to fill in for Erika on short notice.

The person would have to unlock the temple, do setup according to written in-

structions, clean up after the oneg or other event, and set the alarm before leaving the building. If you can recommend a reliable and discreet person who might be available to fill in for Erika occasionally, please contact Perla at Perlakaufman22@gmail.com or Sandra at ssmdermpa78@gmail.com.

*Perla Kaufman and Sandra Mamis
Co-chairs, Personnel Committee*

Meditation Group Meets on March 5th

The meditation group led by Linda Cantor and Ed Rosenberg will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 5th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the East Chapel. At each session there is a sitting meditation, a walking meditation and either chanting or a short reading. There will also be time for sharing and for questions related to the practice. Both experienced meditators and those new to the practice are warmly welcomed.

Please let office manager Sandi Rugar know if you are planning to attend some or all of the sessions (first Tuesday of each month) by contacting the temple office, 454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org.

“Modern Israel’s Greatest Poet: The Poems of Yehuda Amichai” with Rabbi Golomb

A four-session adult education course given by Rabbi Golomb at temple this winter will examine the poetry of Yehuda Amichai. The remaining two classes will be held on Thursdays, March 14th and 21st, at 7:00 p.m.

Yehuda Amichai (1924-2000) was an outstanding representative of the second generation of Hebrew poets. Born in Germany, he came to Palestine with his family in 1936 and fought in Israel’s War of Independence. Many of his poems have been translated into English (and dozens of other languages). The course participants will discuss selections from Amichai’s work, dealing with such issues as Jews, Judaism, Israel as land and nation, war, peace, and love.

The course is open to the community free of charge, and participants may attend as many sessions as they wish. For more information, call 845-454-2570 or email rabbi@vassartemple.org.

Seder (continued from page 1)

The menu will include matzoh ball soup, gefilte fish, entrée of either rotisserie chicken or boneless fish filet in a delicate lemon sauce, mixed vegetables, kugel and selected Pesach desserts. Ritual wine and soft drinks will be available; additional wine may be brought by attendees as desired.

This Vassar Temple event is open to temple members, family and friends and is priced just to cover anticipated costs. The cost for each adult is \$30 and for each child aged 5 to 13 is \$10, with no cost for children under 5 and a maximum per family of \$70.

It is essential that you make your reservation by March 6th to allow for all the preparations that need to be made. Reservations must be accompanied by payment and selection of an entrée

(rotisserie chicken or boneless fish filet in a delicate lemon sauce) for each person. To reserve your place(s), contact Alan Kafflowitz at alankafflowitz@yahoo.com or 229-1432. Checks should be mailed before March 6th to the Temple, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, with the word “Seder” on the memo line and the number of adults and children attending.

This promises to be a wonderful way to begin your Passover celebration. If you have questions, contact Sandra Mamis, Seder Event Chair, at seder@vassartemple.org or 914-456-3524.

Saturday Service (continued from page 1)

onciling the demands of one’s constituents, the pressures from one’s political party leaders, and one’s own personal philosophy. The speakers will be New York State Assembly Member Didi Barrett, Poughkeepsie City Council Member Mary Solomon, and former New York State Assembly Member Joel Miller.

Whether you are attracted by a moving Torah service, an interesting discussion, or a chance to socialize over kiddush, you are sure to get into the spirit of Shabbat at temple that Saturday. The dress code is casual and you are welcome during all or any part of the morning.

We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with our usual interactive study of the Torah portion of the week with Rabbi Golomb. A family-friendly Torah service will begin at 10:00 in the sanctuary, providing the perfect opportunity for parents to attend with their children and for adults who prefer daytime services to hear the Torah read. At 11:15 we will be treated to our panelists’ presentation, and at noon we will enjoy a kiddush lunch together. Plan to join us!

Hamantaschen Thanks

On February 3rd many of our temple members got together in an amazing group effort for the annual Sisterhood Hamantaschen Baking Day. Through the efforts of dozens of volunteers of all ages we baked about 2,000 hamantaschen to be eaten after the Megillah reading and Purim Spiel on February 23rd, delivered to the homebound members of our congregation, and mailed by Fern Wolf to very appreciative college students.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success. With so many volunteers making the dough and helping bake the hamantaschen, I'm sure that some names have been inadvertently omitted. Please know that we couldn't have done it without everyone's help, so

to anyone whose name was left off the list, please accept my apologies. The names I do have include the following: CJ Kelly, Melissa and Dolores Erlebacher, Ronni Jarvis, Michele Sinn, the Brundage family, Jen and Ali Dahnert, Susan Hecht, Amy Horn-Oclatis, Polly Lewis, Wendy and Rachel Marcus, Susan and Beth Needelman, Doi Cohen, Elena Collins, Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, the Roland family, Adam Rosenfeld, Annmarie Lerman, Julie Goldfischer, Bob and Mary Ritter, Debbie Carbo, Roni Stein, Shirl Davis-Susser, Nancy Samson, Marianne Abrams, the Stolfi family, the Wall family, the Peritz-Greenman family, and Fern Wolf. We also had extra help from Susan Hecht and Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, who delivered

some hamantaschen to our homebound congregants. In addition, I'd like to thank the people who did such a wonderful job publicizing this event: Perla Kaufman, Richard Lowry, and Doi Cohen.

The hamantaschen baking was truly a group effort, as you can see from these photos. With adult and teen help, the entire Sunday School and Tiny Temple group took turns working at tables in the social hall rolling, cutting, filling, and shaping the dough, while the kitchen was filled with more adults doing the same thing. We made an incredible number of hamantaschen in a very short time!

*Judy Rosenfeld
Hamantaschen Baking Day Chair*



Fern Wolf and Susan Hecht packed freshly baked hamantaschen for mailing to our college students.



Supervised by their teachers, our religious school students helped make hamantaschen.



Preschoolers and their parents participated in a Tiny Temple session by learning how to make tasty treats for Purim.

Lunch Box Thanks

Members of the Vassar Temple Men's Club and some special friends enjoyed each other's company (as you can tell by these photos) and helped our community by volunteering at the Lunch Box on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd.

Club members Bob Abrams, Jeff Brenner, Alan Kaflowitz, Allen Kram, Stan Marcus, Jeffrey Ollendorf, Bob Ritter, Eric Rosenfeld, Dave Wolf, and Joel Zaritsky and honorary club members for the day Michele Brenner, Aaron Kaflowitz, Hailey Kaflowitz, and Mary Ritter prepared and served rotini with meat sauce, green salad, and fruit under the guidance of chef extraordinaire Kurt Quackenbush. Men's Club also gratefully acknowledges food donations from the Abrams, Brenner, Ciminello, Cohen, Creedon, Dahnert, Garber, Kaflowitz, Kelson, Lampell, Marcus, Quackenbush, Ritter, Roland, Rosenfeld,

Samson, and Wolf families, and organizational assistance from Linda Babas and Marian Schwartz.

Volunteering at the Lunch Box is a great way to schmooze with your temple buddies while assisting people in need. It's also an excellent way for students to earn community service credit!



From left: Allen Kram, Eric Rosenfeld, Bob Abrams, Dave Wolf, Joel Zaritsky, and Bob Ritter

Servers of all ages are in place and happy to help

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B. PESACH

B-1 The *mitzvah* of observing Pesach

It is a *mitzvah* to observe Pesach for seven days, beginning on the eve of the fifteenth of Nisan. As the Torah says, “in the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, (142) you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening” (Exodus 12:18).

B-2 The *mitzvah* of removing leaven (*Chametz*)

It is a *mitzvah* to remove leaven from one’s home prior to the beginning of Pesach. Leaven refers to products made from wheat, barley, rye, oats, and spelt, which have been permitted to leaven. Ashkenazi custom adds rice, millet, corn, and legumes (like peas, beans, etc.). The removal of leaven is based on the Biblical injunction found in Exodus 12:15: “On the very first day you shall remove leaven from your house.” If one does not actually remove all the leaven from one’s home, one should place it in a closet or cabinet appropriately marked so that it will not be used during Pesach. (144)

Searching for leaven (*Bedikat Chametz*) on the night before the first *Seder* is a Pesach custom that has special appeal for children. (145) After the house has been cleaned for Pesach, a symbolic search for the last remains of leaven is made. At various places in the home, pieces of leaven are hidden. Then children, with flashlights or other illumination, search them out in the dark. The bread is gathered in a bag and burned or disposed of the next morning with the following blessing:

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tsi-va-nu al bi-ur chametz.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe Who hallows us with Mitzvot and commands us to burn Chametz.

Since leaven has been removed, one should not eat bread after breakfast on the day before the *Seder*. To heighten the appetite for *Matzah* at the *Seder* itself, *Matzah* is not eaten at least a full day before the *Seder*. (146)

B-3 The *mitzvah* of abstaining from eating leaven (*Chametz*)

It is a *mitzvah* to abstain from eating leaven (*Chametz*) during the entire seven days of Pesach. As the Torah states, “You shall eat nothing leavened...” (Exodus 12:20). Among Reform Jews, abstaining from leaven may take many forms – from not eating those foods which obviously contain leaven, such as bread or cake, to the more stringent avoidance and examination of all ingredients in a particular foodstuff. By consciously making a choice to abstain during the whole week of Pesach, one is constantly aware of the Festival and one’s identity as a Jew.

B-4 The *mitzvah* of preparing a *Seder*

It is a *mitzvah* for everyone to participate in the preparations for the *Seder*—cooking, cleaning, and setting the festive table. (147) The leader of the *Seder* has the special obligation to review the *Haggadah* in advance and decide which passages will be included. The experience of the *Seder* is enhanced when all the participants are provided with the same *Haggadah*. * In addition, the tradition encourages the use of beautiful ritual items to increase our enjoyment of the *mitzvot* (see “*Hidur Mitzvah: The Aesthetics of Mitzvot*,” pages 162-164).

Although Reform Jews do not celebrate the second day of Pesach as a holiday, many people have a second *Seder*. Sometimes they join in a communal *Seder* or gather with in-laws or relatives and friends who attended other first night *Sedarim*. The second *Seder* may follow the same pattern as the first or many have another focus, such as the liberation of specific oppressed Jewish communities. A second *Seder* may provide the opportunity to add passages omitted on the first night.

B-5 The *mitzvah* of hospitality (*Hachnasat Orechim*)

It is a *mitzvah* to invite guests to join in the *Seder*. So important is it that the invitation is included in the text of the *Haggadah*, “Let all who are hungry come and eat, let all who are in want share the hope of Passover.” (148) Arrangements should be made to see that no one has to celebrate Passover alone. Many communities make special arrangements for those who are alone, including the elderly, widows, widowers, and college students who are away from home.

B-6 The *mitzvah* of *Tzedakah*

It is a *mitzvah* to give *Tzedakah* before the beginning of Passover. (149) Tradition encourages the solicitation of special funds (*Me-ot Chitin*) to provide a proper *Seder* for the poor. (150)

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The State of Our State

The Reform Jewish Voice of NYS advocates for progressive legislation to benefit us New Yorkers and to further social justice within our state. Governor Cuomo has cited these crucial issues for attention during his new term:

Equality for Women: the Reproductive Health Act (for which RJV has been lobbying), pay equity, protecting victims of domestic violence, protection against sexual harassment in the workplace

Campaign Finance Reform: a public financing system for political campaigns and lowering the contribution limit

Minimum Wage: A call to increase in the state minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$8.75. Senate Republicans favor

tax breaks for business instead. RJV has been working tirelessly to encourage the legislature to raise the minimum wage.

Other critical issues facing our state are education reform, lack of affordable housing, Sandy recovery, hunger, and curbing gun violence.

You can call or send an email to your state legislators urging them to take action on one or more of these issues that are important to you. For more information and links to e-mail on some of these issues go to <http://rac.org/advocacy/rjv/index.cfm> where you can also get on the RJV's e-mail list. Or find out how to contact your State Assembly representative at <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/>

Assembly and your State Senator at <http://www.nysenate.gov/senators>. Also, be sure to mark your calendar for Monday, May 6th, when you can join in RJV's annual Advocacy Day in Albany and have the opportunity to speak with your state legislators on many of these issues.

Sign up to be on RJV's mailing list not only for updates on issues but also to receive information on Advocacy Day as soon as it becomes available. As a concerned New Yorker, contact RJV, become informed, and choose the specific way that you can make a difference.

Vassar Temple Teens in Washington, DC

As part of their religious school education, six high school students from Vassar Temple (Danielle Brundage, Noah Carbo, Ali Dahnert, Brianna Erlebacher, Rachel Marcus, and Kiley Quackenbush) traveled to Washington, DC in January for the transformative experience of participating in the L'Taken Seminar. Sponsored by The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, L'Taken provides students the opportunity to survey a variety of social policy issues, explore the Jewish values surrounding these issues, develop advocacy skills, and become empowered to effectively lobby governmental leaders.

Each student chose a topic from among the many issues to which they were introduced and, after several intensive days spent studying, debating, and discussing, and after a long evening of writing and re-writing, the students set out to Capitol Hill to lobby their legislators on their chosen topics.

Come and learn more from our amazing students when they address the congregation at Shabbat services on Friday,

April 5th at 7:30 p.m. For a description of their exciting long weekend at L'Taken and many more photos, visit the Vassar Temple blog at <http://vassartemple.wordpress.com/category/social-action/>. Click on Education Director on the right for more details and photos of the weekend.



Brianna, Ali, Kiley, Danielle, Rachel, and Noah



Ali, Kiley, and Brianna meet with Representative Gibson's aide



Havdalah at the Jefferson Memorial

RAC Consultation on Conscience in Washington in April

The Religious Action Center's Consultation on Conscience, will be held April 21-23 in Washington, DC. As the flagship social justice program of the Reform Movement, Consultation on Conscience convenes Jewish leaders, activists, and temple members for three days of learning and discussion with key stakeholders and decision-makers in the American political system. There are always exciting nationally known speakers on issues crucial to us all.

Early Bird registration is available: register before March 22 and the cost is only \$259 (not including transportation or overnight accommodations) with the discount code EARLY2013. Financial assistance may also be available through Rabbi Golomb.

You can learn more about the Consultation on Conscience, view highlights of past programs, and register at www.rac.org/consultation. If you are interested in attending, please contact our Social Action Chairman, Marian Schwartz at socialaction@vassartemple.org or 845-849-0025.

JWV Schedules March Meeting

The Jewish War Veterans, Post 625, will hold its monthly meeting on March 3, 2013 at Congregation Schomre Israel on Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. As Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, no food may be brought into the synagogue. Jerry Alperstein, NYS Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, will be our guest.

In the event of inclement weather, announcements will be on Cumulus Radio: 101.5 WPDH, 1490 WKNY, 92.7/96.9 WRRV, 94.3/97.3, 1390/1340 OLDIES, 97.7 The Mix Mark Bolger. (The decision about cancelation has to be made by 4:30 p.m. on Friday in order to meet the schedule of the radio stations.)

For further information contact Post Commander Ralph Schwartz at Rschwa9881@aol.com or (845) 849-0025.

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March 2013 Calendar

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10 9am-12pm RS K-7 9:30 am Passover Sale 9:00 am French Toast B/F 10:30am Men's Club Meeting	11	12 10am SEP	13 6:30-8:30pm RS 8-12	14 10am SEP 11:30 Talmud 7pm Adult ED Yehuda Amichai	15 7:30pm Shabbat Service Joint Shabbaton w/ Temple Beth-EI	16 No Torah Study 10 am Joint Shabbaton at Temple Beth-el
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24 SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ 9a-12p RS K-7	25 FIRST SEDER 5:30 pm Seder @ Temple	26 PASSOVER Office Closed 10am Morning Service	27 6:30-8:30am RS 8-12	28 10am SEP 11:30am Talmud	29 7:30pm Shabbat Service	30 9am Torah Study
31 NO RS						