



Where You Belong

# Vassar Temple Bulletin

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## Time Change for Shabbat Services

On Friday, March 7th, Vassar Temple's Friday evening services will resume at the **7:30 pm** time.

## Third Annual VT First Night Seder: Pesach 2014/5776

On Monday evening, April 14, 2014 at 5:30pm, a lay-organized and led Passover Seder will take place in the Vassar Temple Social Hall.

Complementing the traditional ritual foods, a delicious 4-course dinner will be served. The menu includes: matzo ball soup, gefilte fish, entrée of either herbed roasted chicken/beef brisket and/or vegetarian loaf in mushroom sauce, vegetables, potatoes and selected Pesach dessert sweets. Chopped chicken liver with 'mock' alternative and crudités will be available for nibbling. Ritual wine, tea and soft drinks will be provided.

After the dinner, the first ever Passover Triathlon will be held with prizes for all the winners!

To cover expenses, the cost is \$30pp [adult]; \$10pp [6 - 13 yrs old]; under 6 are free. Maximum of \$70 per nuclear family [parents & children]

**RSVP BY MARCH 21, 2014.** Making payment to the Temple office secures your reservation. It would be very helpful if you can select an entree preference when making your reservation.

Contact the Seder Committee Chair Sandra Mamis at [seder@vassartemple.org](mailto:seder@vassartemple.org) or 914-456-3524 if you would like to be on our Planning Committee, have questions, or have financial concerns.



## Purim Pasta March 15th

Purim is a wonderful opportunity to provide Shalach Manot, a tradition which involves providing food to friends. Purim Pasta, a simple food-raising drive we have held at Vassar Temple each Purim for the past several years, is an extension of this great tradition of service in helping people in our wider community. This year, once again on Purim, you are invited to bring in boxes of pasta to shake as groggers when the Megillah is read and prevail with the noise of victory! After services, the boxes will be collected and, ultimately, delivered to a local food pantry.

An added, joyful note: Once again, this year Vassar Temple has reached out to other temples and synagogues throughout Dutchess County and has invited them to consider hosting Purim Pasta during their services, too. The noise that night will be spirited and ample.

So please, bring in your boxes of pasta to Purim services at Vassar Temple on March 15th. Macaroni, ziti, bowties, too - any will do! Get ready to shake them in the spirit of Shalach Manot. The opportunity to fight hunger with our Jewish brothers and sisters is just boxes away.

*Nancy Samson and Marian Schwartz  
Social Action Committee*

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## Purim Spiel March 15th!

This year's Purim Spiel (dramatic production) debuts at 6:305pm on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>! "Peter Pan Revisited," presented by Temple members for an audience of all ages, is sure to be punctuated with humor and creative special effects. This will be followed at 7:30pm by the reading of the Megillah (Book of Esther).

Bring a box of pasta to shake like a grogger when the name of Haman is mentioned. Afterward, the boxes of pasta will be collected and donated to a food pantry. Traditional hamantaschen made by the Sisterhood and religious school children will be served.

The entire community is invited to come and celebrate with us! Prior to the Megillah reading, at 5:45 pm, the Men's Club is preparing a vegetarian pasta dinner for which there is a nominal charge. Reservations are required. Please contact [mensclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:mensclub@vassartemple.org).

# Rabbi's Message: PURIM....SERIOUSLY

## Let the wild rumpus begin!



The late Maurice Sendak employed that exhortation in his classic *Where the Wild Things Are* to introduce a few pages of illustrations depicting Max (the *vilde khaya* – a Yiddish endearment for an overly energetic child)

dancing with his Wild Things [*vilde khayas*] before returning to his room and finding that his dinner was still warm. Sendak had created a love note to a childhood's imagination and enthusiasm. Occasionally it would go over the top, require a "time out," but never violate that fundamental love parents have for their children.

Purim is the child Israel's wild rumpus before the parent God. It is imaginative, enthusiastic, and a bit transgressive; but in the end, the dinner is still warm.

The Megilla's tale of Esther, Mordechai and the wicked Haman is filled with deception. Everyone is trying to hide something from someone else. Mordechai, his relationship to Esther; Esther, her Jewish identity; Haman, his real ambitions;

even Ahasuarus conceals his ultimate powerlessness. And God hides as well, never even being mentioned once throughout the story. Jewish tradition established that from sunrise to sunset on the day before Purim, one is supposed to fast, indeed should refrain from eating until the Megillah is read. It is as if God had sent us up to our rooms with no dinner, but then, as a loving parent, relents, and we stuff ourselves with strong drink and sweets (hamentashen).

So, Purim does not merely permit, it virtually *invites* silliness, inanity and impiety. Vassar Temple's annual Purim Spiel – thank you Art Menken and the mighty Vassar Temple Art Players – should not be experienced as an entertainment, but rather as an invitation to jump in. You, too, can be a star!

Purim is also a fairy tale. Bruno Bettelheim, a noted psychologist in the last century, observed that fairy tales, as a rule, described children or young adults having to confront a mortal danger, but surviving, even triumphing in the end. Thus, in the Purim story, the Jews are in danger of annihilation, but due to the plucky bravery

of Esther (our young heroine!), the danger is averted.

We are reminded by Purim that life can be hostile and dangerous. Yet we do not give in to its grimness; instead we laugh in its face. But Purim is not the ten days of repentance, the week of Sukkot, eight days of Hannukah or the week of Passover. It is just one day; a brief opportunity to let off some steam before we go back to the serious task of living.

Toward the end of the biblical Book of Esther we read: [*The Jews*] were to observe it as a day of feasting and merrymaking, and as an occasion for sending gifts to one another, and presents to the poor (9:22). Silliness gives way to sobriety. Our joy is turned into providing joy for those who do not have the wherewithal to do it for themselves.

I look forward to seeing you on Purim eve (March 15), fully prepared to join me making absolute fools of ourselves. (For some of us it is easier than for others!) And don't forget to come to the Temple with boxes of pasta or other non-perishable food – our presents to the poor.

Rabbi Paul Golomb

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## President's Message



Are you ready for one of the most joyous holidays in the Jewish calendar? Purim is coming, so watch out, Haman!

Planning for Vassar Temple's Purim Spiel is under way, once again under the guidance of Art and Carol Menken. But this year's production will be co-led by Dave Wolf and Barbara Greenberg, veteran performers in prior Purim Spiels. Remember Barbara as the wicked witch and Dave as the cowardly lion in last year's fantastic version of the *Wizard of Oz*? This year's production will sure to be punctuated with humor and creative special effects. Remember the flying house last year and the space ship the year before? What will be flying above everyone's heads this year? Following the service, freshly-baked hamantaschen will be available, prepared by the Temple Sisterhood.

Of course, Purim is truly a child-centered holiday as well. This year's Purim Carnival will once again be hosted at the former JCC building, now the Hudson Valley Community Center (HVCC). And like other years during the Purim Carnival, we will watch the Youth Group members run a number of booths and lead the children from Vassar and other temples in games and contests as they participate in the carnival. Other areas temples will also sponsor booths with fun activities for children. The carnival allows our children to build relationships with each other and with children from other community temples, as well. Parents and other Temple members will have a chance to catch up with friends from the other temples as their children have fun.

Sandra Mamis and her crew are also gearing up for our next Passover Seder! This year's seder will prove to be as good as, if not better than, prior years. Get your reservations in early!

Many thanks to Bob Ritter and his committee for organizing this year's After Hours event, featuring a Jewish-Italian theme with live music from Vassar College's "The Night Owls" and Rudy. The committee included: Perla Kaufman, Mary Ritter, Chuck & Roni Stein, Debbie & Joe Carbo, Kurt Quackenbush, Joel & Nadine Zaritsky, and Barbara & Allen Kram.

These events are a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and get to know old friends better. Attending events at Vassar Temple is a great way to build relationships, and volunteering is another one. Volunteering has always been important to the Temple; none of these events would be possible without our congregants who develop, organize, and implement them. Our Membership, Religious School, Social Action, and Adult Education committees have all held planning meetings that drew participation and input from members of our congregation.

Bob Abrams

## March Worship

### Saturday, March 1

9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am New Paths

### Friday, March 7

7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Golomb;  
Dr. Joel Hoffman will talk about *Israel: The Word on the Street*, some reflections of his most recent annual visit.

### Saturday, March 8

9:00 am Torah Study

### Friday, Mar 14

7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Golomb and Cantorial Soloist Elisa Dugatkin

### Saturday, March 15

9:00 am Torah Study  
6:30 pm: Purim Spiel and other inanities.  
7:00 pm: Purim Celebration  
7:30 pm: Megillah Reading

### Friday, March 21

7:30 pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Golomb

### Saturday, March 22

9:00 am Torah Study  
10:00 am New Paths

### Friday, March 28

7:30 pm Shabbat Service: A Celebration of Jewish Music with Elisa Dugatkin, Joe Bertolozzi and cellist Aaron Solberg

### Saturday, March 29

9:00 am Torah Study

## Scriptural Readings

### Mar. 1 P'kudei (Shabbat Shekalim)

Ex. 38:21-39:21; 40:34-38; 30:11-16  
II Kings 12:1-17

### Mar. 8 Vayikra

Lev. 1:1-2:16  
Isaiah 43:21 – 44:23

### Mar. 15 Tzav (Shabbat Zakhor)

Lev. 6:1-7:10; Deut. 25:17-19  
I Samuel 15:2-34

### Mar. 22 Sh'mini (Shabbat Parah)

Lev. 9:1-10:11; Num. 19:1-22  
Ezekiel 36:16-38

### Mar. 29 Tazria (Shabbat HaHodesh)

Lev. 12:1-13:39; Ex. 12: 1-20  
Ezek. 45-16-46:18

## New Paths Services

New Paths services will be held Saturday mornings March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am in the intimacy of our sunlit East Chapel. Moving traditional and contemporary readings illuminate the interactive service, which rotates between being lay-led and rabbi-led. A brief informal kiddush follows. Join us! For more info, contact Marian Schwartz [mschwa9882@aol.com](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com) or Rabbi Golomb [rabbi@vassar temple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassar temple.org) 454-2570.

## Tiny Temple

Preschoolers, kindergartners and their families...Come and visit Tiny Temple's booth at the Purim Carnival in the Hudson Valley Community Center (former JCC building), 110 S. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie, Sunday March 16, between 10:30am-12:30pm. For more information contact Laura at [TinyTemple@vassar temple.org](mailto:TinyTemple@vassar temple.org)



## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 18th, 4:30 pm.

Annual Fannie Berlin Lecture at Vassar Temple.

Dr. Lila Corwin Berman will discuss *The City and the Jew: Reflections on Leaving & Returning*



*Planting the seeds of learning on Tu B'Shevat at Vassar Temple's Tiny Temple program for tots and kindergartners.*





### Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Joanne and Bob Dyson on the birth of their new grandson Max, born to son Peter and his wife on January 10th.

### In Remembrance

It is with great sadness and deep sorrow that we have learned of the death of:

Leon Krause, grandfather of Shaari Roland

### Refuah Shelemah

to our Temple Member,

Gloria Turk who was injured in an accident

### Passover Sale at VTS Judaica Shoppe

Vassar Temple's Judaica Shoppe will be open special additional hours for the annual Passover Sale on Sundays, March 23, March 30 and April 6, from 9:00 to 11:30 am, in the East Chapel. Items for your Passover table including beautiful seder plates and matzo covers, haggadahs, books and fun items to bring special meaning to Passover for the children, and hostess gifts will be featured. The shop will also be opened its regular hours, Mon.-Thurs. from 9:30am- 2:30pm, and by appointment, featuring our regular selection of Jewish ritual items, mezzuzahs, tallit, gift items, jewelry, and Israeli cosmetics and art. We have a wide array of items on display and in stock and can also place special orders for you. For more information please contact Perla at 914-456-7309 or [membership@vassar-temple.org](mailto:membership@vassar-temple.org)



### 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 7: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- March 14: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- March 21: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- March 28: Donated by 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 the Vassar Temple Office at 454-2570. The donation to the Shrub Fund is \$55.



### Save the Date!

#### Sisterhood Donor Dinner

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 5pm - 8pm  
Featuring foods and wines of South America

Ladies, look for your invitation in the mail!

#### Vassar Temple Bulletin, published monthly

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# From the Religious School Director: Purim Is on Its Way



Our yearly festival of frivolity highlights silliness and masquerading, so it's easy to think of the holiday as trivial. For many people, Purim is only for children, or only

for having fun.

But the mystics who gave us Kabbalah insist that Purim is so central that it is in the same category as Yom Kippur. Those two holidays alone will continue to be celebrated after the Messiah comes. Furthermore, the mystics teach, Purim and Yom Kippur are two sides of the same coin. For one thing, the letters of the full Hebrew name of Yom Kippur --- Yom Ha-Kippurim --- also spell Yom Ha-K'Purim, which means, "the day that is like Purim." In this sense Yom Kippur

and Purim are literally similar.

In addition, both deal with food, but in opposite ways. On Yom Kippur we fast, while on Purim we feast. Both deal with dressing up, but in opposite ways. On Yom Kippur we try to face our unmasked selves as we come to terms with who we really are, while on Purim we purposely hide behind masks and costumes, pretending to be who we are not.

Both deal with reality, but in opposite ways. In Yom Kippur's studious and straightforward narrative, there are only two characters, "God" and "me." Purim's main text is a fanciful farce where no one is who they appear to be. King Ahashuerus is a decidedly un-kinglike buffoon. Vashti, who stands up for her rights, is but a bit player. The

heroine is Esther, a seemingly shallow beauty queen who sleeps her way to the top. Her leading man is her cousin, Mordecai. Both of them are named after Pagan gods, of all things, Ishtar for Esther and Marduk for Mordecai. God doesn't even have a role, or, at least, no speaking part.

Yom Kippur is full of dread, while Purim is so happy that its joy flavors all of Adar, the Jewish month in which it falls. "We are extra-happy once Adar begins," goes the traditional saying.

Yom Kippur and Purim: two sides of the same coin, two ways of looking at life, two extremes that set the boundaries between which our daily life is lived.

Happy Purim!

*Dr. Joel M. Hoffman*

## Stay Healthy



But when you are not and need prescriptions, make sure that you use SCRIP [shopping/gift cards] sold by the Temple to pay for all of your medications and non-prescription purchases.

Make sure you take care of yourself... and, if possible, take care of the Temple, too, by stocking up on cards to these local pharmacies.

We are all trying to stay well.

The Vassar Temple SCRIP Program is "good medicine" injecting much needed financial boosters to our bottom line, ensuring our strength and longevity.

Need a prescription to know how to get started on the road of being a SCRIP supporter? The "doctor is always in" to answer your questions! Sandra Mamis, "Dr. SCRIP" [914-456-3524]



**Note: All Board and Committee Meetings, except Executive Sessions, are open to all Temple members.**

## Adult Ed. Course: Judaism in the Modern Era

The impact through the Middle Ages of Jews and Judaism on the world outside their own community was relatively small. That has changed considerably with the advent of Modernity. The outlines of Jewish participation in the affairs of the world since the nineteenth century are generally well understood: Israel, the Holocaust, and the outsized impact of Jewish influence on science and culture, among others.

In four class sessions, Rabbi Golomb will discuss:

- What changed: The move from medieval to modern
- From autonomous community to religion the creation of Reform and Orthodoxy
- And back again – the rise of Zionism and the response to “the Jewish Problem”
- Today and tomorrow – Jews and Judaism in the 21st century

Classes will be held at 7:00 pm at Vassar Temple on March 6, 13, 20 and 27. For more info, please contact Rabbi Golomb at 845-454-2570 or [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org).

## Adult Learning with Rabbi Golomb

- Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9am
- *Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text* every Thursday at 11:30am

All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes--no previous training required! Questions? [\(845\)454-2570](tel:8454542570) or [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org)

## Jewish Meditation March 4th

Jewish Meditation is held the first Tuesday of every month from 7:30-8:30pm at Vassar Temple, under the leadership of Linda Cantor (of Vassar Temple) and Ed Rosenberg (of Temple Beth El). Both beginners and those experienced in the practice of meditation are warmly invited to attend. At each session there will be a sitting meditation, a walking meditation, either chanting or a short reading, plus time set aside for questions and sharing. To assist with our planning, please RSVP to the Temple office at 454-2570 or [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) if you expect to attend.



## Jewish Music Month

Jewish Music Month will be celebrated at services Friday March 28th at 7:30pm with special music selections by guest cellist Aaron Solberg, Cantorial Soloist Elisa Dugatkin, and organist Joe Bertolozzi. An oneg shabbat will follow the service and all are warmly invited to attend.

## Interfaith Story Circle March 20th

The Dutchess County Interfaith Council will hold its monthly story circle at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mansion Street, Poughkeepsie, on Thursday, March 20th at 7pm. A storyteller will tell a prepared story on the chosen theme. Then the floor will be open to those in attendance wishing to tell a story relating to the evening's theme that comes from their own faith tradition or personal experience. People of all faiths are welcome to come and share their stories or just come and listen as we learn about one another. A tour of the church will precede the storytelling. Refreshments will be served, all are warmly invited, and there is no charge to attend. For further information and to find out this month's story theme visit <http://www.gutchesscountyinterfaith.org>.

## “Torah to Go”

Drop by the East Fishkill Library Tuesday, April 8th between 5pm-6pm to get up close and personal with a 120-year-old Torah!

Invite your friends--this is sure to be an interesting experience for people of any religion. Learn about the history of the Torah which contains the first five books of the Old Testament. Rabbi Golomb will demonstrate how the ancient parchment scrolls are cared for, and you will have the opportunity to help unroll them, as is periodically done in order to preserve the Torah.

World renowned author and PhD in linguistics, our own religious school Director, Dr. Joel M. Hoffman, will explain the surprising connection between the ancient Hebrew letters of the Torah and the modern English alphabet we use today.

This event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. East Fishkill Community Library is located at 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction. This program is sponsored by the Vassar Temple Ritual Committee.



## Jewish War Veterans March Meeting

The Jewish War Veterans, Post 625, will hold its monthly meeting on March 1, 2014 at Congregation Shomre Israel on Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am. Post elections will be held.

Although you cannot see Congregation Shomre Israel from the JCC, it is just north of the rear of the JCC on Park Avenue. It also has an entrance on College Avenue. As Shomre Israel is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the Synagogue. Hamentaschen made by Shomre Israel Sisterhood will be served.

In the event of inclement weather, announcements will be made on Cumulus Radio: 101.5 WPDH, 1490 WKNY, 92.7/96.9 WRRV, 94.3/97.3, 1390/1340 OLDIES, 97.7. For further information contact Post Commander Ralph Schwartz at [Rschwa9881@aol.com](mailto:Rschwa9881@aol.com) or (845) 849-0025. If you need a ride, please contact the Post Commander.



### Lunch Box News

Thanks to our fifth graders and their families, parent co-captains Joel Kelson and Carolynn Frankel, and to every one of you who donated food, funds and/or sweat equity to help make last month's Lunch Box a success. Our next Lunch Box, **Sunday March 2nd**, is sponsored by the Men's Club whose members will be preparing and serving chili. If you can support this life-sustaining project by donating some of the following foods, let Dave Wolf know at [davewolf@optonline.net](mailto:davewolf@optonline.net) or [845-229-8038](tel:845-229-8038).

- 3 lb. ground beef, browned with 1/2 cup onion
- 1 doz. pieces of fresh fruit

Food may be left in the Temple kitchen beforehand whenever the Temple is normally opened; please label it prominently "For Lunch Box." Soft fruits like bananas, citrus fruits and grapes are favorites; please package grapes in individual sandwich-size baggies. Thank you-- we are feeding ever more hungry neighbors and cannot do this without your help.

### Mothers Group Can Use Your Help

The Poughkeepsie Mothers Group is a new volunteer program that provides new mothers in the Poughkeepsie area with education, social support, and access to local services at this important and vulnerable time in their lives. New moms are often isolated just when the support of other women can make a critical difference in their parenting skills which is where the Mothers Group comes in. Vassar Temple is one of the community organizations lending its support to this endeavor.

Both English and Spanish groups are now meeting at the Family Partnership Center two Wednesdays a month from 4:30pm-6:00pm. The meeting opens with an art project followed by discussions of the parenting curriculum, nutrition, women's health, infant care, etc. Healthy snacks are provided and time is set aside for the mothers to socialize and learn from one another. Other activities have included mothers' journals, collection of group advice into a booklet, and crochet lessons.

The group appreciates donations from local organizations and individuals for snacks and materials and plans to meet weekly and in a larger space once the volunteer team expands. No special skills are needed to volunteer to help out at meetings. If you would like further information about volunteer opportunities, making a donation, or if you know of any new moms who might benefit from being part of the group, please contact Kay Bishop at [845-797-4834](tel:845-797-4834) or [kaybishop@gmail.com](mailto:kaybishop@gmail.com). Kay, a member of our Social Action Committee at the Temple, is a nurse-midwife and is running the groups.



# Lunch Box Gallery



*Several generations team up to prepare and serve a meal at the Lunch Box*





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## MARCH 28

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<b>Religious School Director:</b>	Dr. Joel M. Hoffman
<b>Cantorial Soloist:</b>	Elisa Dugatkin
<b>Organist:</b>	Joseph Bertolozzi
<b>President:</b>	Robert Abrams
<b>1st Vice President:</b>	Bob Ritter
<b>2nd Vice President:</b>	Marge Groten
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jeff Brenner
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Brian Silverman
<b>Sisterhood Co-Presidents:</b>	Carolynn Frankel & Jennifer Dahnert
<b>Men's Club Co-Presidents:</b>	Jeff Brenner & Dave Wolf
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Sandra Mamis
<b>Youth Group President:</b>	Rachel Marcus



## March 2014 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
2 9am R/S Grades K-7 Snow Date for VTS Hamentaschen Baking 11:30am Lunchbox	3 7:15pm Ritual Committee meeting	4 7:30pm Meditation	5 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm R/S grades 8-12	6 11:30am Talmud 7pm Adult Educ— Judaism in the Modern Era	7 CAN JAM Weekend 7:30pm Shabbat Service	8 9am Torah Study
9 9am R/S Grades K-7 12pm Nachamu meeting	10	11 7pm Finance Committee	12 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm R/S grades 8-12	13 11:30am Talmud 7pm Adult Ed: Judaism in the Modern Era	14 7:30pm Shabbat Service	15 9am Torah Study 5:45pm Men's Club Pasta Dinner 6:30pm Purim Spiel 7:30pm Megillah Reading
16 9am R/S Grades K-7 10:30am-12:30pm Purim Carnival	17 7pm Exec Committee meeting	18	19 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm R/S grades 8-12	20 11:30am Talmud 7pm Adult Educ— Judaism in the Modern Era	21 7:30pm Shabbat Service	22 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
23 9am R/S Grades K-7 9am VTS Judaica Passover Sale 9:30am Sisterhood meeting at VT	24 7pm Board of Trustees meeting	25	26 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm R/S grades 8-12	27 11:30am Talmud 7pm Adult Educ— Judaism in the Modern Era	28 7:30pm Shabbat Service	29 9am Torah Study
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