



# Vassar Temple

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## Purim Shpiel and Dinner March 11th

Willkommen! Bienvenue! Shalom!  
Join us on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
for a CABARET PURIMSHPIEL! Our  
lively megillah reading will feature family-  
friendly Purim-themed parodies of the  
Tony-award-winning musical, "*Cabaret*"  
performed by our talented teens and adults.

Adults, children, everyone---come  
in costume! Prizes will be awarded to  
costume-wearers of all ages! Special  
prizes for the most creative!

And don't forget to bring unopened  
boxes of pasta to shake as noisemakers  
during the megillah reading. After Purim,  
the boxes of pasta will be delivered to a  
local food pantry.

Prior to the Purim shpiel, at 6:00pm,  
Men's Club will be serving a pasta dinner  
in the social hall. Cost for the meal is \$5  
per person. Please RSVP for the dinner to  
[mensclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:mensclub@vassartemple.org) by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Rivalry and Redemption: March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Guest speaker, Dr. Diane Sharon, is a  
scholar and teacher of the Hebrew Bible,  
Comparative Religion, and Ancient Near  
Eastern Literature. Family relationships  
in the bible are full of strife and rivalry.  
From Cain and Abel to Moses and Aaron,  
biblical family dynamics include seduc-  
tion, betrayal, and coercion, but these  
stories also offer a road map to healing  
and forgiveness. Join us on this journey  
from rivalry to redemption, to gain new  
insights and learn something about your  
own kith and kin. This program is being  
offered in partnership with Temple Beth  
El.

*Shabbat Services resume  
at 7:30pm*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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SAVE THESE DATES:  
April 30 Rummage Sale

May 7	Mitzvah Day
9	Sisterhood Donor Dinner



## Rabbi's Message: Kevah and Kavannah



The rabbis never intended for Jewish prayer to become a matter of routine.

Prayer was instituted as a replacement for the rituals of the ancient Temple: three daily services standing in for three daily sacrifices; 100 blessings a day to substitute for the 100 sockets in the *Mishkan* (Tabernacle). But while the *quotas* for daily prayer might have been fixed, the *content* was always meant to be a matter of the heart.

Soon, however, rabbis started writing down the prayers of *their* hearts, which somehow became codified as a fixed liturgy. Even the blank space for “silent prayer” was soon occupied by one rabbi’s favored meditation. Thus, it is often the case that, in our limited worship time, the prayers of our hearts are edged out by the prayers on the page.

Even as the rabbis were composing prayers to be handed down from generation to generation, they were aware of this problem. Rabbi Eliezer says in the Mishnah: “If you make your prayer a fixed task, your requests are invalid” (Berachot 4:3-4:4). Prayer, the rabbis said, was supposed to be a balance of the *kevah*—a fixed time, place, or content—and *kavan-*

*nah*—praying with intention, creativity, and spontaneity.

This is a difficult balance to strike. We crave familiarity in both words and melody; we feel discomfort when our traditions change too fast or too much. But the more familiar our service becomes, the more likely it is to become rote. We end up bored, or rush through our prayers on autopilot.

This is why it has been so important for the Reform movement to regularly introduce new liturgies, new rituals, and, once every generation, a new prayer book. I was fortunate enough to take part in the creation of our newest High Holy Day prayer book, *Mishkan HaNefesh* (Sanctuary of the Soul).

With gratitude to Gil and Arlene Seligman, who underwrote the purchase of *Mishkan HaNefesh* for our congregation, we are excited to announce that we are introducing this new prayer book in this year’s High Holy Day services.

A new prayer book gives us the opportunity to look at an ancient tradition with fresh eyes, or, as Rav Abraham Isaac Kook once said, “to make the old new, and the new sacred.” *Mishkan HaNefesh* balances the *kevah* of the traditional prayers with the *kavannah* of creative translations, poetic interpretations, and even visual art, all

of which speak to the complex and diverse modern world we inhabit.

Still, even this thoughtful new liturgy will be overwhelming if the first time we see it is on Rosh Hashana. Therefore, we are offering two opportunities to engage with the new prayer book this spring.

The first is my course entitled, “Entering *Mishkan HaNefesh*: A New High Holy Day Experience.” We will explore the new book and how many of its innovative elements came to be. The class will meet on three (non-consecutive) **Thursdays at 7:00pm on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>**.

The second opportunity to encounter our new prayer book is our *Mishkan HaNefesh Shabbat*! On **Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**, Cantorial Student Laura Stein and I will lead a Shabbat service using *Mishkan HaNefesh*, so that we can develop a familiarity with the book’s design and content.

Please also stay tuned regarding naming opportunities for these beautiful new prayer books!

We are so blessed to have the opportunity to employ *Mishkan HaNefesh* in our High Holy Day worship this year. Join us as we immerse ourselves in this new liturgy and prepare to look at our ancient *kevah* prayers with a new *kavannah*.

Rabbi Leah Beerkowitz

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## President's Message



Is there a best time for Shabbat services?

During the winter, our Shabbat services began on Friday nights at 6:00pm. Attendance

was good, however, we always hope for more congregants and visitors to attend.

**Beginning this month, Friday night services will commence at 7:30pm.**

We are hopeful that those who found the 6:00pm start inconvenient will celebrate Shabbat at this new later time and that those who were able to attend services at

the earlier time will continue to attend at 7:30pm.

We are trying to identify which time is best for the majority, while acknowledging that there is no time that is perfect for everyone. However, maybe there are times to begin Friday night services that will work better for most, generating greater attendance. Maybe moving the start time from time to time would help.

Having Shabbat services at different locations has been suggested. Would that bring more congregants and guests to worship with us on Friday evenings?

If you have suggestions, we want

to hear from you! You may email the Temple directly ([office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org)) or contact me by email ([vassar-templepresident@gmail.com](mailto:vassar-templepresident@gmail.com)) or phone, [845-475-5070](tel:845-475-5070).

We look forward to celebrating Shabbat with you for at least the time being on Fridays at 7:30pm.

Mark Metzger

## March Worship Services

3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and Cantorial student Laura Stein
4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Torah study
	10:00am	New Paths
10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Torah Study
	6:00pm	VT Men's Club Purim Pasta Dinner
	7:30pm	Megillah reading and Purimshpiel
17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and soloist Elisa Dugatkin
18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Torah Study
24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Family Shabbat Service with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Torah Study
	10:00am	Jarvis, Cameron & Dakota B'nai Mitzvah
31 <sup>st</sup>	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Services with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and soloist Elisa Dugatkin

## Scriptural Readings

Mar 4 *T'ruma* Ex. 25:1-40; I Kings 5: 26 – 6:13

### 11 Shabbat Zachor

*T'zaveh* Ex. 27:20-28:30, Deut. 25:17-19; I Samuel 15:2-34

18 **Shabbat Parah** *Ki Tissa* Ex. 30:11-31:17, Num. 19:1-22 ; Ezekiel 36:16-38

### 25 Shabbat HaChodesh

*Vayakhel-Pekudei* Ex. 35:1-37:16, Ex. 12:1-20; Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

## New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning service Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the informal, intimate setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. 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 mini-kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz [mschwa9882@aol.com](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com), Rabbi Berkowitz [rabbib@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbib@vassartemple.org), or the Temple office 845-454-2570.

## PURIM PASTA: Help Us Shake Down Hunger on March 11<sup>th</sup>



Giving Shalach Manot -- food to family, friends, neighbors -- is a delightful Jewish tradition associated with the holiday of Purim. At Vassar Temple, we believe it's important to reduce hunger in our community.

Please join us at the Purim service at Vassar Temple on March 11<sup>th</sup> and bring boxes of pasta to Temple to shake when the Megillah is read (the boxes are the groggers!) and then donate. Prevail with the noise of victory! After services, the boxes will be collected and delivered to a local food pantry. Macaroni, ziti, bow ties, too -- any will do! Get ready to shake them!

The opportunity to fight hunger with our Jewish brothers and sisters is just boxes away. Questions? Contact Nancy Samson, Social Action Committee, at [canjam123@aol.com](mailto:canjam123@aol.com).



## Mazel Tov to...

Brian & Helen Silverman on the birth of their granddaughter, Elinor Harriet Rubinstein-McGoldrick, born to Dana and John

Alan & Meredith Kflowitz on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Haley

Roni Jarvis on the B'nai Mitzvahs of Dakota & Cameron

## Judaica Shoppe Passover Sale

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Judaica Shoppe carries all your needs for a festive Passover table: seder plates, matzah plates, kiddush, Elijah and Miriam cups, table cloths, fun items for the children, and so much more. We also feature some very special Israeli artisians. Come and browse-- our prices will amaze you.....no shipping charges for special orders either!!

Special Sale Hours: Sundays, March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30-11:30am

Regular Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30-2:30; Fridays *by appointment only*

For more information contact Perla Kaufman at [brandaliz5@optonline.net](mailto:brandaliz5@optonline.net) or 914-456-7309.

## New Members at Vassar Temple

Please help welcome new members who have joined our Temple family:

Emma and Daniel Arnoff and children Miles, and Henry;

Bruce and Eve Gendron and children Hannah, Selamu, Hadami;

Karen and Mitchell Goodman;

Fern and Jon Lox-Liberman and daughter, Lana;

Kathryn Sajdak;

Arnie Serotsky;

Glenn and Marsha Tanzman;

Jodi Wolf and son, Ryan.

## Condolences to...

Ben Krevolin on the passing of his father, Lewis Krevolin

## Refuah Shelemah

Maurice Collen

## 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.

## March Pulpit Flower Donations



March 3: Donated by Michele Sinn in honor of Mary & Abe Kohl and Paul & Margaret Nemiroff, her grandparents

March 10: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

March 17: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

March 24: Donated by Roni Jarvis in honor of the B'nai Mitzvahs of Dakota & Cameron

March 31: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

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 to the Fund is \$55. Just call the Vassar Temple Office at 454-2570.

### January Pulpit Flower Update:

January 20: Donated by Chuck & Roni Stein in honor of the welcoming people of Vassar Temple

### February Pulpit Flower Update:

February 3: Donated by Muriel Lampell in memory of her mother, Evelyn Slote Kahn

February 18: Alan & Meredith Kflowitz in honor of Haley's Bat Mitzvah

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[publicity@vassartemple.org](mailto:publicity@vassartemple.org). The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.





Recently I asked one of my students if she knew her Hebrew name. She didn't and she wasn't even sure that she had received one.

In our Jewish tradition, each new baby receives a Hebrew name along with a blessing shortly after s/he is born. Most males receive their names along with the traditional blessings that are said during the Brit Milah (Bris) ceremony. The parents of baby girls have to make an effort to arrange to make this ritual happen without the impetus of a ceremony already in place. As you can already guess, there are those children, both male and female, who fall through the cracks and find themselves weeks away from their Bar or Bat Mitzvah without a Hebrew name. In addition there are also many adults who come to realize that though they have been named, they have no memory or information on what their parents had named them years earlier.

### *When do we use our Hebrew names?*

They are used when you are called to the Torah for an Aliyah, in healing prayers and as part of the Hebrew name of your children. Hebrew names always include our parents' names. For example, my Hebrew name is Shandel Malcah bat Moshe Chaim v'Zelda. Truthfully my name is a Yiddish name (Shandel Malcah) as is my

mother's (Zelda). The word "Bat" means "daughter of." When I say a healing prayer, I use the person's Hebrew name and their mother's name.

*Names are important.* Recently we read from the Torah the first Parsha of the Book of Shmot. Shmot, also known as The Book of Exodus, begins with the listing of the sons of Jacob and their offspring. These names, many already listed in the Book of Genesis, are repeated. In fact the word SHMOT means names. Those whose names appear in the Torah are individuals we look to for help in understanding our connection with the past and with God.

We learn early on in Parshat Shmot that a new Pharaoh arose in Egypt who did not "remember" Joseph the son of Jacob who had saved Egypt from a devastating famine. In fact, the Pharaoh not only conveniently forgot this national hero, but felt threatened by Joseph's people, the Israelites. He was so threatened that he subjugated the Israelites into slavery, taking the rights they had lived with for many years and even went as far as to kill the male babies in order to limit or destroy any rebellion that might rise up.

Pointedly, Pharaoh is not given a name or identity. Although he has a legacy of cruelty and stubbornness, he as an individual is forgotten to time. However, the Hebrew midwives, Shifrah and Puah who

thwart Pharaoh's edict to kill the newborn baby boys are named. Their legacy of righteousness and standing up in the face of evil is alive and they are granted the honor of remembrance through their names for their courage and action.

The Hebrew word Shmot means names. It is the plural of the word Shem – name. This word is masculine in its singular form and feminine in its plural form. For me this means that the word is balanced, equal – for when you are discussing something as important as the naming of something, it is beyond gender.

Names are important. We are given them, sometimes they are given in remembrance of a past generation; sometimes they are given as an effort to shape and influence our children. Other names are sometimes given to describe the people that we have become.

Each and every one of our children and their family members are important and deserve to be remembered as individuals. Remind yourselves of your Hebrew names and explain to your children where their Hebrew names came from. If you need help finding your name or naming your children, please contact myself or Rabbi Berkowitz and we will help you make sure that you and your children are named in the Jewish tradition.

Julie Makowski

## Weekly Study Groups

*Torah Study* with Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, which examines passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah, will be held every Saturday at 9:00am.

*The Talmud: Modern Ideas* from an Ancient Text, taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, will be held every Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

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

## Annual "From Chametz-to-Table" Food Drive

This March and April, as you clear your cabinets of chametz in preparation for the holiday of Passover, we hope you will consider dropping off these foods at our Temple and placing them in the CAN JAM bin so that we can deliver them to our local pantries and help feed the hungry.

Among other foods, our Morse students need instant mashed potatoes, rice and macaroni-and-cheese, foods that can be easily taken home from the school and consumed at home. Your donations of these foods are much appreciated in the spirit of this special holiday.

Happy Passover. Questions? Contact Nancy Samson or Marian Schwartz, Social Action Committee at 845-235-2860 or [canjam123@aol.com](mailto:canjam123@aol.com).

## "Passover 101" at Judaica Shoppe: April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Come taste samples of Passover goodies and pick up some yummy recipes, too, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 – 11:30am at Vassar Temple in the East Chapel. For more information contact Perla Kaufman at [brandaliz5@optonline.net](mailto:brandaliz5@optonline.net) or 914-456-7309.

## Beautiful Broadway Trip

Neither the cold nor the wet weather dampened the spirits of nearly 40 Vassar Temple travelers who headed to NYC and Broadway on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to see the Carole King (Klein) story, “*Beautiful*.” Loading the bus at Vassar Temple, the group then headed to Ben’s Kosher Deli for lunch on the way to the fabulous show, with much noshing and kibitzing all the way. According to the Ritter’s who organized the trip, nearly \$1000 was raised for Vassar Temple thanks to everyone’s generosity. Special thanks to the host and hostess with the mostest, Mary and Jonah, who made all the arrangements and added lots of perks (like candy and snacks) and their personal warmth to the wonderful sense of VT community on this fabulous trip.

## Jewish War Veterans Meeting: Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am, at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York.

All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in any branch of the United States armed forces (Active, Reserve or National Guard) are invited to attend and participate in the activities of this J.W.V. Post. Additionally, all persons of the Jewish faith who have family members who served in the armed forces of the United States are also invited to attend and participate.

As Congregation Schomre Israel is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the synagogue. For further information please contact our Presiding Officer Rob Rubin at [qbee5@optonline.net](mailto:qbee5@optonline.net).

## March Tzedakah Benefits Meals on Wheels

Donations made in the tzedakah box by the stairs this month will benefit Meals on Wheels of Greater Poughkeepsie. This wonderful voluntary organization provides low cost meals to people living alone who are unable to prepare their own, providing them with the proper nutrition, and just as importantly, allowing the recipients to remain living in their own homes.



## Support Lunch Box & Our Temple Teens: March 5<sup>th</sup>



Our Temple teens in grades 8-12 will be preparing and serving a hot, wholesome and tasty meal featuring franks and

beans casserole for our neighbors in need at Lunch Box on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Food Donations Needed:

- 3 lbs. all beef franks
- 1-2 dozen bananas/ pieces of fresh fruit/or sandwich baggies of washed grapes

Please contact Shira Teich, our Youth Group Advisor and captain for this Lunch Box at [teichs11@gmail.com](mailto:teichs11@gmail.com) or 781-492-1244 to let her know what you can contribute and if you want to come help cook and serve.

Non-perishables may be dropped off beforehand during regular Temple hours in the bin on the counter just inside the kitchen door. Please leave perishables in the fridge and label everything prominently "For Lunch Box." Tax deductible checks made out to Vassar Temple with "Community Tzedakah Fund" on the memo line also help!

## Save the date: Mitzvah Day, May 7<sup>th</sup>

...the day when the entire Jewish community comes together to do good deeds throughout the County—projects for all ages and interests, from tots to senior citizens—special activities planned for our RS students. Full info will be in the April *Voice*, and on line at [jewishdutchess.org](http://jewishdutchess.org) or contact [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org) now with questions, suggestions, or to help.

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## FUND FACTS: A "PreSCRIPTION" to Ease Donation Pain

It's one of those reminders that we see and hear so often that sometimes it fades into the background; yet, it remains one of the most steady streams of revenue for the Temple. **SCRIP!** This robust program is the greatest source of true "Fund Facts" I have seen in a while. Consider this:

- Since Sandra Mamis launched the SCRIP Program at Vassar Temple several years ago, more than \$800,000 worth of cards has been sold.
- Through the SCRIP program, cards can be purchased for use at more than 500 merchants.
- Profits from SCRIP support general expenses at the Temple and play a vital role toward balancing the budget.
- SCRIP card purchases have yielded nearly \$60,000 in revenue for our Temple.



Imagine being able to purchase monthly groceries or weekly gas, replace household appliances, buy a birthday gift for a special someone, or even support a Starbucks habit, *and* make a contribution to Vassar at the same time. Through SCRIP, you can do that! You will be amazed at how easy it is to make purchases using SCRIP; and rumor has it the dedicated team that maintains the program will even deliver SCRIP to your doorstep, upon request.

There is simply no easier, less painful way to support Vassar Temple. Have I gotten your attention? Take a moment and learn more about the SCRIP program at: <http://www.vassartemple.org/donate-to-vt/scrip-program>. This month, give it a try!

*Jennifer Sachs Dahner*

## Entering *Mishkan HaNefesh*: A New High Holy Day Experience

Adult Education Class: Thursdays, March 2, 16, 30 at 7:00pm. (Please note the dates are not consecutive).

This fall, Vassar Temple will introduce *Mishkan HaNefesh* (Sanctuary of the Soul), a new High Holy Day prayer book. Join Rabbi Berkowitz now to explore this beautiful new liturgy, learn how and why this prayer book is different from all other prayer books, and discuss how to make the High Holy Days meaningful for ourselves.

## Reform Jewish Voice of NYS

As the 240<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session opens, RJV will continue to advocate for progressive approaches to housing issues, homelessness, healthcare, pay equity, living wages, quality public education, human and civil rights, and the interconnectedness between them. They are already working to raise the age at which a youth can be tried as an adult in our state. NYS is one of only 2 states that treats youth as adults in its criminal justice system starting at age 16.

RJV is sponsoring a two-day program for teens (gr.9-12) in Albany, Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> & Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to learn about social justice issues that affect residents of NYS, and then lobby their state representatives on Monday. Further information on the teen event: <https://newyork.nfty.org/event/nfty-nar-albany-advocacy-day/> and [youthgroup@vassartemple.org](mailto:youthgroup@vassartemple.org).

If you would like info about joining a local group to advocate on these issues, contact [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org).

## VaTY (Youth Group)

VaTY is a great way to have fun, improve the world and connect with other Jewish teens!

Join us in our upcoming events:

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|--------------|---|
| March 5:     | Lunch Box -We will need volunteers and donations of hot dogs and fruit    |
| March 11:    | Purim hopping. Purim Carnival at TEmTY and Purim Schpiel at Vassar Temple |
| March 19-20: | Albany Advocacy Day   |
| April 21-23: | NFTY NAR Spring Kallah  |

## Shine on Vassar Temple!

Many thanks to numerous donors who gave funds this December to support our annual Souper Sale Drive. Thanks to Marian and Ralph Schwartz, volunteers were treated to hot chocolate and treats then delivered 517 large cans of chunky soups to the following pantries: Beulah Baptist Church food pantry, Dutchess Outreach, Community Action Partnership in Poughkeepsie for their pantries in Poughkeepsie, Beacon, Dover and Red Hook, Interfaith Senior Housing and the Morse Elementary School in Poughkeepsie. Once again our community has come together to nourish the bodies and souls of those around us in need. Well done Vassar Temple, well done.

*Nancy Samson*

**WARM HEARTS: THANK YOU DONORS. THANK YOU DRIVERS.**



**AFTER HOT CHOCOLATE THANKS TO MARIAN AND RALPH, VASSAR TEMPLE DELIVERS SOUPS! Perla and Chuck Kaufman , Marian and Ralph Schwartz, Ed Garber, Gil Seligman, Joel Kelson, Jonah and Mary Ritter (Mary/photography), Nancy and Max Samson. January 13 2017.**



# Contributions

## SUSTAINING FUND

### In Honor of:

The birth of Elinor Harriet Rubinstein-McGoldrick to our daughter Dana & husband, John

Brian & Helen Silverman  
Brian & Helen Silverman on the birth of their first grandchild

Sherrie Geisler  
Jim & Maryanne Robinowitz

## SUSTAINING FUND

### In Memory of:

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### In Memory of:

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# Yahrzeits

## MARCH 3

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David Friedland  
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Rose Landau  
Harry Lashinsky  
Lena Lath  
Geraldine N. Leeds  
Morris Levine  
Frances Lewis  
Saul Marks  
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Irving M. Rosenthal  
Irving Schechtman  
Joseph Schwartz  
Dr. Maurice Sitomer  
Stanley Soirefman  
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## MARCH 10

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Gertrude M. Plimack  
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Tessie Turk  
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## MARCH 17

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<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	Bob Ritter
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## March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher High School at TBE	2 10am SEP 7pm Exploring the new HHD prayer-book with Rabbi Berkowitz	3 7:30pm Shabbat Service with Cantorial Student Laura Stein	4 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
5 9am Religious School 10:30am Lunch Box	6	7 10am SEP 12pm Talmud 7pm Ritual Committee meeting	8 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher High School at TBE 7pm Purim Shpiel Rehearsal	9 10am SEP	10 7:30pm Shabbat Service	11 9am Torah Study 12:30 VaTY & VaTYjr Purim Carnival at Temple Emanuel in Kingston 6pm Purim Pasta Dinner hosted by Men's Club 7:30pm Purim Shpiel
12 9am Religious School	13	14 10am SEP 12pm Talmud	15 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher High School at TBE 7pm Finance Cmte	16 10am SEP 7pm Exploring the new HHD prayer-book with Rabbi Berkowitz	17 7:30pm Shabbat service with Cantorial Soloist Elisa Dugatkin	18 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
19 9am Religious School 9:30 VTS Exec meeting	20	21 10am SEP 12pm Talmud	22 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher High School at TBE	23 10am SEP 7pm Board meeting	24 7:30pm Family Shabbat Service	25 9am Torah Study 10am Cameron and Dakota Jarvis B'nai Mitzvah
26 9am Religious School 9am Passover Judaica Sale	27	28 10am SEP 12pm Talmud	29 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher High School at TBE	30 10am SEP 7pm Exploring the new HHD prayer-book with Rabbi Berkowitz	31 7:30pm Shabbat service with Cantorial Soloist Elisa Dugatkin	