



Where You Belong

# Vassar Temple Bulletin

Congregation Brethren of Israel אהים ישראל Founded 1848 Volume 160 No. 11 May 2014

*The Officers and Board of Trustees  
and the Families of the Confirmands  
cordially invite you to attend*

## **CONFIRMATION SERVICES**

*Sunday, June 1, 2014*

*10:00 a.m.*

## **CONFIRMANDS**

*2014-5774*

*Allison Brundage, daughter of Tom and Laura Bundage*

*Olivia Dilorio, daughter of Sally Rubin*

*Brianna Miriam Erlebacher, daughter of Melissa Erlebacher and  
Seth Erlebacher, z"l*

*Wayne Hartman, son of Andrew and Rose Hartman*

### Upcoming Events

- May 4 Mitzvah Day, p7  
Rummage Sale, p1
- May 6 Jewish Meditation, p5
- May 16 Generations Shabbat Dinner, p1
- May 18 Fannie Berlin Lecture, p7
- Jun 1 Confirmation Service, p1  
Deadline for July / Aug Bulletin

**VTS Rummage Sale**  
Sunday, May 4th  
9:30am to 12:30 pm  
Bag Sale 2:00 to 5:00 pm

### **VTS Family Dinner May 16th**

Please join us for Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Family Dinner on May 16th at 6:15 pm in the Temple social hall. This special dinner will precede the VTS Sisterhood Shabbat Generations service where we honor both Sisterhood and those who have been members of Vassar Temple for more than 40 years.

Dinner will include: salad, challah, roast chicken, wild rice medley, parve apple kugel, vegetable and beverages. Cost: \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 for children ages 5-12 and kids under 5 eat free. Those who have been members for over 40 years are our special guests.

Please RSVP to Laura Brundage: [lbrundage@frontiernet.net](mailto:lbrundage@frontiernet.net) or 845-227-4312 by May 12th.

### **Combined Bulletin Issue for July and August**

**Due to very busy summer schedules, the Bulletin staff is making a double issue for July and August. The deadline for this issue is June 1.**

**Please plan ahead to ensure that your article is submitted in time and included.**

# Rabbi's Message: Bit by Bit



A little over thirty years ago, I acquired my first personal computer. Its primary use at the start was for writing papers, letters, articles, etc. Thus, the first thing I learned when getting the computer was a word processing

program. Soon afterward, I took on the responsibility of creating a newsletter. As a result, I set about learning more advanced word processing techniques. I also read up on creating a data base and how to do mail merge functions. As my son moved through elementary school, I developed an ability to do some basic programming that assisted with his studying arithmetic and math. What I did *not* do upon getting that computer was read the entire manual. Rather, I worked on a 'need to know' basis. As another use of the computer presented itself, I made a point at that time to learn how to do it.

Our Jewish knowledge, I believe, tends to work the same way. Being a Jew is a comprehensive experience. It comprises historical, political, sociological, theological and ritual knowledge that could fill a number of libraries. You cannot know everything – or even a small portion of what can be known – so what should you know?

In brief, the answer has two parts. What should you know? Something... and what you need to know! Even when I picked up that first computer, there were things I knew already. For one, I knew how to type. I also knew what uses the computer fulfilled, and even had a general idea how a computer worked. Thus, I knew something.

Being a Jew, as well, requires knowing something. The set of knowledge is not specific. You might know your genealogy, where your grandparents came from, or the blessing over Shabbat candles, or the Kad-dish, or elements of Zionist history, or the difference between Torah and Talmud. It is what establishes you among the people Israel.

Then there are the acquisitions of a Jewish life: what you learn as your oldest child begins to prepare for Bar Mitzvah or having an informed opinion on the latest events impacting Israel...responding to something clearly Jewish that was said or displayed in a TV show or movie...having something to say when a non-Jewish colleague or acquaintance asks, "Just what *do* Jews believe about heaven and hell?" You might not have to know these things now – anymore than I have to know at the moment how to put together a power point presentation on my computer – but you

might! And when that moment arrives, you set about learning it. The central point about being a knowledgeable Jew is hardly knowing a great deal right now, but, rather, being open to what can be learned as the need or occasion arises.

This approach to Jewish learning is perhaps exemplified by the members of the Confirmation Class. On Sunday, June 1, Vassar Temple will honor Allison Brundage, Brianna Erlebacher, Olivia DiLorio, and Wayne Hartman as confirmands. Having completed their formal involvement in the Religious School, they certainly know something about Jewish history, texts, thought and practice. On the occasion of their Confirmation, we especially celebrate their willingness to see the world about them through Jewish eyes; to be open – now, and we pray, through the rest of their lives – to the possibilities that will come to them to further and deepen their knowledge. At the Confirmation service, we honor them as they honor us as exemplars of what it means to be growing, dynamic, learning Jews.

*Rabbi Paul Golomb*

---

## President's Message



The summer months are almost upon us! It's spring in Poughkeepsie! The tulips and daffodils have bloomed, and many of us are out enjoying the

beautiful weather, whether it's in a local park, on the Walkway Over the Hudson, or riding the local rail trails.

We wrapped up another successful Flexible Feast. Six Temple families offered dinners with a wide variety of delicious-sounding menus at their homes over two Saturday evenings in April and May. This was a variation on the Moveable Feasts of prior years, allowing us to choose more than one venue rather than being limited to one evening and one menu.

This month, Mitzvah Day falls on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a popular event where Temple members can participate in the Jewish community's efforts to make the world a

better place right here in the Hudson Valley. With many activities to choose from, we can help local agencies in Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster Counties. One popular event of Temple members is cleaning up our very old cemetery, in which many of Vassar Temple's founding families are buried with headstones dating back to the 1800's!

Most importantly, I'd like to congratulate Marge & Arthur Groten, who will receive this year's Founders' Service Award at the Annual Congregational meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The award is given annually to honor an individual, or a household, who has provided consistent and beneficial service to Vassar Temple over an extended period of time. The Groten's have been active Temple participants for several decades. Marge has given many years of service to the Temple as an officer (including past President), leader of several committees (including Music), and

a continuing Board member and officer and chair of the Nominating Committee. She participated in the volunteer choir, chaired the Gala honoring the Arnolds, and was involved in the project remodeling the lower floor, as well as the decoration of the Temple. Art has updated and revamped the Temple library, put its catalog online, and worked with Candace Lewis on preserving the Temple's historical documents and artifacts. By establishing the Groten Fund, Marge and Art have ensured continuing support for the congregation's social action projects.

So, enjoy the Spring, and be sure to mark your calendars with the great events in the coming days and weeks.

*L'Shalom,  
Bob Abrams*

## May Worship Services

2	7:30pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Golomb
3	9:00am Torah Study; 10:00 New Paths Service
9	7:30pm Vassar Temple-Temple Beth-El Shabbaton: evening service with guest scholar Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman
10	<i>NO Torah Study</i> ; 10:00am Shabbat service at Temple Beth-El, followed by Kiddush luncheon. Rabbi Hoffman will give a <i>d'var Torah</i> during the service and a presentation at lunch
16	6:15pm Shabbat Dinner; 7:30pm <i>Generations</i> Shabbat service celebrating long-standing members of Vassar Temple, led by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
17	9:00am Torah Study; 10:00 New Paths service
23	7:30pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Golomb
24	9:00am Torah Study
30	7:30pm Shabbat service with Rabbi Golomb and Elisa Dugatkin
31	9:00am Torah Study
June 1	10:00am Confirmation Service with the Class of 5774

## Rabbi Search Committee

In anticipation of Rabbi Golomb's 2015 retirement, a Rabbi Search Committee [RSC] was formed and charged with developing and executing a process that will allow a suitable successor to be recommended for hire by the Temple's Board of Trustees.

By this time all congregants should have received a letter outlining several pieces of information including the identity of the Committee members, the means by which input will be solicited from the entire congregation, and a general overview with timelines for the process.

Every attempt will be made to keep Temple members abreast of the progress being made. This column will keep you informed of relevant details and progress. Of course, there will be a bit of a delay between when information is submitted and when the Bulletin arrives either electronically or by regular mail; but this lag should not result in any significant delay in the transmission of information that you need to have.

As was stated in the letter, the RSC initiative will be reflective of the Temple members' interests and concerns, will be transparent to the extent possible, and will be an intensive, serious and enlightened effort in keeping with the importance of the task set before the Committee.

*Sandra Mamis, Chairperson Rabbi Search Committee*  
[rabbisearch@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbisearch@vassartemple.org)

## Scriptural Readings

May 3	<b>Emor</b> Lev. 21:1-22:16 Ezek. 34: 15-31
May 10	<b>Behar</b> Lev. 25: 1-38 Jer. 32: 6-27
May 17	<b>B'hukotai</b> Lev. 26:3-27:15; 27:32-34 Jer. 16:19-17:14
May 24	<b>Bamidbar</b> Num. 1:1-54 Hosea 2:1-22
May 31	<b>Naso</b> Num. 4:21-5:10 Judges 13:2-25

## Generations/Sisterhood Shabbat May 16th

Join us in honoring those in our Vassar Temple family who have been members for 40 years or more when we observe a combined Generations Shabbat and Sisterhood Shabbat Friday May 16th at 7:30pm. Members of the Sisterhood will conduct the service and Rabbi Golomb will offer a special blessing for those being recognized for their long term commitment to the Temple. The Sisterhood is sponsoring a shabbat dinner prior to the service. A festive oneg shabbat will follow the service.

## New Paths Service

This month's New Paths services will be held **Saturday mornings, May 3rd and May 17th at 10:00am** in the intimacy of our sunlit East Chapel. Most of the service is in English and includes moving traditional and contemporary readings, with the focus on letting the service get through you, rather than on getting through the service. Services rotate between being lay-led and rabbi-led. A brief informal kiddush follows.



## Mazel Tov to...

Allen Fink on his 80th birthday, to be celebrated at the Oneg on May 30th

The Bulletin staff apologizes for an error in the April Bulletin "Mazel Tov" section. Justin Moore, who recently made his Bar Mitzvah, is the son of proud parents, Danah and Jeremy Moore. Mazel Tov again to both parents. We hope they are still wearing glowing smiles!

## Judaica Shoppe



The Sisterhood Passover sale was, again, a success thanks to the support of our loyal customers. It is always a pleasure to serve you. We would like to recognize two very special ladies, Donna Loshin and Michelle Sinn. Your help and your graciousness are very much appreciated.

Looking for something special for the new B'nai Mitzvah, the new fiancé and fiancée, the newlyweds or for the new baby? Don't look any further! Come and take a look at the Shoppe windows. We have a great selection of unique gifts.

Gift certificates are also available. We are open during Temple office hours and by appointment. Contact Perla at [membership@vassartemple.org](mailto:membership@vassartemple.org)

## In Remembrance

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

Chris Brown, brother-in-law of  
Andrea Ciminello

Scott Buxbaum, nephew of Gloria Turk

Leonard Nectow, husband of Carol  
Nectow

Howard Smith, father of Judy Rosenfeld

Erica Robbins, partner of Martin Noble  
and mother of Jessica and Matthew  
Robbins

## Pulpit Flowers



- May 2: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- May 9: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- May 16: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- May 23: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- May 30: Donated by Susan Fink in Honor of Allen Fink's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a loved one or 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!

On Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00pm at Temple Beth El, a panel of three area rabbis will lead a study session on "Images of Sinai: The Meaning of the Mountain." Discussion of texts, ideas and images of the mountain in the desert will be the focus of this maariv (evening) service.

## We Need Your Help!

It's awful to be the last to know that someone has been hospitalized, needs a visit or needs some other kind of help.

We are, once again, asking that you be the eyes and ears in the lives of our congregational family. Federal patient privacy regulations limit the information that hospitals make available to clergy and volunteers.

We are encouraging you to contact the Temple office when a congregant is admitted to a hospital and wishes to have Rabbi visit during the hospital stay. Our goal is to meet the needs of all our congregants, and we can only do this with your help.

## Vassar Temple Bulletin, published monthly

Publisher: Marianne Abrams

Editors: Sue Lesser and  
Donna Loshin

Technical Support: Bob Abrams

Articles for the June Bulletin must be submitted to the Temple office by May 1st. Sorry, we cannot take Bulletin articles over the phone! Articles may be sent via email to [publicity@vassartemple.org](mailto:publicity@vassartemple.org). The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.

# From the Religious School Director



An old story tells of twin brothers born to cruel parents. One twin grew up to be just as savage as his parents, the other turned into the very embodiment of kindness. Though different in almost every regard, each twin had the same answer when asked how he became what he was: “Considering my parents, could I really be anything else?”

I was thinking about this insightful story as I heard, yet again, what might literally be the oldest joke in modern Jewish education, the one about the parents who send their children to religious school because “we hated it, and our kids are going to hate it, too!” It’s one of those jokes, though, that only some people think is funny, because other people relate to the misguided parents. The joke is based in an unfortunate reality.

And that reality extends beyond the premise of religious school to its implementation, whether regarding the students (“Children dislike secular

school, so what’s so bad if they don’t like religious school?”), the teachers (“Secular teachers are underpaid, so what’s wrong with skimping on the religious-school teachers’ salaries?”), or the synagogue structure more generally (“Lots of people hate their jobs, so why should we create a positive work environment here?”).

We might characterize the problem as one of purposely replicating failure. Or, we might call it re-characterizing failure as the unavoidable status quo. But I fear that a more honest way to look at it is re-neging on our Jewish promise to fix what is broken in the world.

You will read this in the theologically charged period between Passover and Shavuot, between our exodus from the slavery of Egypt and our binding commitment to honor God and accept the Torah. Passover’s slogan is “from degradation to dignity,” but Shavuot doesn’t have a convenient one-liner.

Perhaps that’s because the principle is easy: we have an obligation to treat every human being with dignity. But the follow-through is complex and detailed. What does dignity look like? How do we achieve it? What if my dignity conflicts with yours? For that matter, how much does it cost, and can we afford it? Yet, if we are content to mimic the status quo, we will never even ask these important answers, and we’ll certainly never answer them.

As a people, we spent our four hundred-year-long childhood in bitter slavery at the hands of the Egyptians. Like the twin brothers, we can choose to inflict slavery on others; or, as we have done ever since, work to rid the world of misfortune.

And what better place to start than our own spiritual home?

*Dr. Joel Hoffman*

---

## Jewish Meditation Group May 6th

The Jewish Meditation Group meets the first Tuesday of every month from 7:30-8:30pm under the leadership of Linda Cantor and Ed Rosenberg. The next session is May 6th. Beginners and experienced are all welcome. Sitting and walking meditation, chanting or a short reading, plus time for questions and sharing are included. There is no charge to participate but please RSVP to the Temple office at 454-2570 or [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) if you plan to attend any or all of the sessions .

## Audrey Morgenstern Knitting Group

The Audrey Morgenstern Knitting Group is a friendly interdenominational group that meets Thursdays at 1:30pm at the HVCC/JCC to knit and crochet items for those in need (beginners cheerfully taught). Knit at home? Donate afghan squares and we’ll make a blanket. We will direct your knit items to those in need around the community. The group also welcomes donations of washable yarn, knitting needles and patterns. For more information about the group, please contact Perla Kaufman [914-456-7309](tel:914-456-7309) [membership@vassartemple.org](mailto:membership@vassartemple.org)

## Cereal Counts!!! 2014 Fact Sheet

No matter what age, breakfast is essential for sound physical and mental health. Eating breakfast fuels the body and the brain. Research suggests that children who eat breakfast score better on math, reading and memory tests. According to the Food Research and Action Center (2004), kids who have breakfast show greater improvements in standardized test scores and an increased ability to concentrate in class. As we all know, achievement in turn enhances self-esteem, mood, social growth and future success! Kids who eat breakfast are also more likely to participate in physical activities, and may enjoy better overall health. Adults benefit from eating breakfast too. They report that they are more alert and concentrate far better following a breakfast meal. Both children and adults who have breakfast regularly tend to have healthier body weights than those who skip breakfast.

Some children do not have access to breakfast. In food-insecure homes - homes where financial resources available to afford food are challenged - breakfast items like cereal, averaging

about \$3.50 a box can understandably be a high price tag item and left on the grocery shelf in favor of making purchases and/or using food stamps to cover other meals. Food pantries, which have served as a resource to fall back on in hard times, are now finding themselves running short of food donations to share and tight on funding. With regard to hungry children, federal summer food programs do not operate out of all schools in the summer, and when they do operate, do not always provide free breakfast, or may not be easily accessed by kids who live a distance from their schools. Some income-eligible kids in this country are not even enrolled in supplemental meal programs at all.

That's where CEREAL COUNTS!!! comes in. CEREAL COUNTS!!! is a boxed cereal drive that happens right here in Dutchess County each spring. It's a drive to collect boxes of cereal and beat breakfast hunger. Although cereal is not the only food one can eat for breakfast, it can provide easy, morning-friendly nutrition for people of all ages. A good bowl of cereal can provide essential energy and

nutrients for everyone. Calcium, iron, fiber, B-vitamins, folate, magnesium, zinc and more!

You are invited to drop off a box of cereal to donate to CEREAL COUNTS!!! 2014. All of the boxes collected will be brought over to a major collection site in May, stacked up, counted and loaded into a truck. Boxes donated from friends like you from all over the county will then be delivered to area food distribution sites and pantries this year throughout Dutchess County. You make the magic happen. Together, we can address breakfast hunger.

**Max Samson – County Student Captain**

**Nancy and Dave Samson – Founders, Coordinators: CEREAL COUNTS!!!  
845-235-2860 or  
cerealcounts123@aol.com**



---

## Mothers Group Expanding

The group to help new mothers is planning on growing and expanding, and for that they need help in the following areas:

1. Snack Committee: buy and set up snacks
2. Volunteer Coordinator: make sure each group meeting is covered
3. Mother Coordinator: make reminder phone calls/emails/Facebook announcements
4. Community Resource Coordinator: provide up-to-date information on community resources for mothers and their families.
5. Community Resource Speaker Organizer
6. Grant Writing
7. Transportation Coordinator
8. Donations for healthy snacks and supplies

The Mothers Group (both English and Spanish sections) meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Family Partnership Center. The Group is made possible by volunteers from several organizations, including Vassar Temple. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Kay Bishop of the Vassar Temple Social Action Committee and coordinator of the Group at [kaybishop@gmail.com](mailto:kaybishop@gmail.com) 845-797-4834.

---

## Spring Tzedakah Box Collection

Please consider a donation to the tzedakah box for the Poughkeepsie Mothers Group. The Group provides both English and Spanish speaking new mothers with parenting skills, an opportunity to socialize with other new mothers, and a source of support at this vulnerable time. Your donation will help provide healthy snacks at their meetings and supplies for activities. Please give them their first Mother's Day gift! For more information about the group contact Kay Bishop at [kaybishop@gmail.com](mailto:kaybishop@gmail.com).

## Mitzvah Day Miracle: May 4th

What is the Mitzvah Day miracle? It's hundreds of volunteers from the area's Jewish community uniting as one for the wonderful goal of performing service projects to benefit 20 local non-profits. There are indoor and outdoor projects to appeal to every interest and age from tots to senior citizens, kids of all ages, teens, individuals and families, and will take place rain or shine, as we have alternate projects lined up in case of inclement weather.

The day will begin at 9:00am with a free bagel breakfast at event headquarters, the HVCC (former JCC), 110 S. Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie, where everyone will have an opportunity to register and get directions to their project sites. Most projects run from 10:00am until completed. A complimentary lunch buffet at the JCC will be

available to volunteers between 11:45am-1:00pm. Lunch will also be provided at some of the work sites.

Information about all projects accompanies the Mitzvah Day registration form in the April issue of *The Voice* and on line at [www.jewishdutchess.org](http://www.jewishdutchess.org). You can also volunteer, or get any questions answered, by calling Jewish Family Services 845-471-9817, e-mailing [jfs@jewishdutchess.org](mailto:jfs@jewishdutchess.org), or contacting me. So pick the special way you want to participate in the Mitzvah Day miracle and sign up now!

Marian Schwartz  
[\\_socialaction@vassar temple.org](mailto:_socialaction@vassar temple.org)  
845-849-0025

### New Paths Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The New Paths service celebrated its 20th anniversary in the Mid-Hudson Valley with a special interactive Torah service led in the New Paths tradition by Rabbi Golomb, Eugene Fleishman, and Marian Schwartz. The service was well attended by many current and past fans of New Paths. Special guests, via Skype and a large projection screen, were Rabbi Emeritus Stephen and Cecile Arnold. Rabbi Arnold, who originally introduced the New Paths service to our area, spoke about its beginnings and then taught a moving lesson on Jewish spirituality. The service ended on a joyous note as Cecile Arnold led everyone in song. Following the service, the worshippers continued the celebration, sharing memories and plans for the future at a festive 20th anniversary pot luck kiddush luncheon. Many thanks to Joel Kelson and Ron Rosen for their technical expertise in helping make the Skype experience happen.

Please join us for either of the May New Paths services which promise to bring you unique, interactive shabbat morning experiences! 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.

### Fannie Berlin Lecture May 18th: *The City and the Jew: Reflections on Leaving & Returning*

In modern times, Jews have emerged as the consummate urban dwellers. One might have guessed that American Jews would stop identifying with cities because they moved away from them so rapidly in overwhelming numbers after World War II, but this simply was not the case. As Jews moved away from cities, they remained invested, even if ambivalently, in urban life. And in recent years, Jews have returned to city spaces once considered inhospitable to Jewish life. In the process of leaving and returning to cities, how have Jews re-imagined urban life and Jewish life? This provocative question will be addressed by Dr. Lila Corwin Berman at the annual Fannie Berlin

Lecture on Sunday, May 18th at 4:30pm at Vassar Temple, and the community is warmly invited to attend.

Lila Corwin Berman received her B.A. from Amherst College, her Ph.D. from Yale, and is Associate Professor of History at Temple University in Philadelphia, where she holds the Murray Friedman Chair of American Jewish History. Dr. Berman is completing a new book titled *Jewish Urban Journeys through an American City and Beyond*, which has received support from the National Endowment of the Humanities and the American Council of Learned Societies. She has already published two books including *Speaking of Jews:*

*Rabbis, Intellectuals, and the Creation of an American Public Identity*, which was a finalist for the Jewish Book Council's Sami Rohr Prize. Dr. Berman directs the Feinstein Center for American Jewish History and has published articles in many Jewish and history journals, the *Forward* and *Sh'ma*. Born and raised in Poughkeepsie, she is the daughter of Sandy and Lee Corwin. The Fannie Berlin Lecture is brought to you through the generosity of Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Fannie Berlin Fund, which was established by Dr. Doris Berlin Acker, z"l to honor the memory of her mother.

## Vassar Temple on the Air

While Vassar Temple Sisterhood was at their annual Lunch Box commitment recently, community activist John Flowers happened to drop in. He was so impressed that he invited Sisterhood President Jennifer Dahnert to appear on his radio show on station WHVW. Jen went on the air and spoke about all the projects sponsored by the Temple's Social Action Committee, the many activities of the Sisterhood, and how we involve children of the congregation in mitzvah projects early on. Hearing Jen on the air made us proud to be associated with Vassar Temple and proud to have Jen as a spokesperson to the community.

## Ritual Committee Seeks Summer Volunteers

The Ritual Committee is looking for volunteers to help lead summer Friday evening services. No prior experience is needed and knowledge of Hebrew is NOT required. New summer service volunteers often partner with a more experienced person and together lead a summer service.

The Ritual Committee will provide training to anyone interested in helping out with a service this summer or some future summer. The summer services, usually held in the social hall, are informal, and volunteers have a lot of latitude in the details of the service. We also have available CD's of the service music that have been recorded by Joe Bertolozzi and Elisa Dugatkin, so the ability

to lead singing is NOT a requirement; although you can choose to lead musical selections if you wish.

If you are at all interested in leading a summer service, or would just like to attend the training program to see if this is something you might wish to do, please contact Ron Rosen at [rrosen@alum.mit.edu](mailto:rrosen@alum.mit.edu) to indicate your interest. Based on the response, we will schedule training at a time convenient to your schedule.

---

## Scenes from a Youth Group Lunch Box







Places to go  
Things to buy  
Instead of cash,  
Give SCRIP a try  
It doesn't cost you  
one cent more  
to pay with scrip when you go to the store

Call or email Sandra Mamis, SCRIP  
Coordinator (914-456-3524)  
mamis@optonline.net

---

### **Torah To Go at East Fishkill Community Library**



# Contributions

## SUSTAINING FUND

### In Honor of:

Peter & Bernice Edman's new home  
Irma Jacobs  
VT Men's Club for  
their Lunch Box efforts  
James Robinowitz  
Doi Cohen and her contributions to Vassar  
Temple  
Harry & Sandra Mamis  
Dr. Harry & Sandra Mamis on their son  
Steven's engagement  
to Michelle Davis

Jeff & Nan Genshaft

### In Memory of:

Lillian Kovacs  
Morris Kovacs  
Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Kovacs  
Esther G. Rheingold  
Herman Jacobs  
Isaac Mendel  
Annemarie Teutsch  
Tessie Turk  
Martin Turk  
Steven, Shelly, Samantha  
& Stefanie Turk  
Lila Matlin  
Dr. Louis Shub  
Bernard Faver  
Martin Lowenthal  
David & Elisa Dugatkin  
Chuck and Roni Stein

Harvey Kaflowitz  
Erwin Schischa  
Gary Schischa  
Dorothy Haber  
Jacob Haber  
Matilda Gordon  
William Rothstein  
Harvey Kaflowitz  
Alan and Meredith Kaflowitz &  
Family  
Erica Robbins  
Sadie Leiberman  
Eric Mendel  
Jeanette Ada Cohen  
Anne Lacher  
Philip Lacher  
Nathan "Toolie" Turk  
Steven, Shelly, Samantha & Stefanie Turk  
Rose Baum Kraut  
Nathan Baum  
Sidney Cohen  
Elizabeth Libby Horowitz  
Barry & Carol Horowitz  
Joshua Lowe Posner  
Eva Bley  
Cora Frances Solomon  
Roslyn Kaflowitz  
Barbara Schischa  
The Gary Haber Family  
Lewis & Hilary Wrobel  
The Friedman Family  
Lois Mendel  
Maury & Miriam Lacher  
Nick & Nina Kraut  
David & Joan Posner  
Andrew & Barbara Chernack  
Alan Solomon

## LIPSCHUTZ FUND:

### In Memory of:

Sol G. Lipschutz  
Benjamin Clarfeld  
Elaine Lipschutz

## COMMUNITY TZEDAKAH

### (Lunch Box):

#### In Memory of:

Dr. Louis Shub  
Lila Matlin

## HINENI FUND:

### In Memory of:

Christopher Brown  
Christopher Brown  
Erica Robbins  
Melissa Erlebacher  
David & Marilyn Lampell

# Yahrzeits

## May 2

Naomi Berkowitz  
Samuel Bronfeld  
Sarah Chernack  
Ruth Edna Day  
Anna Dreishpoon  
Jacob Ettenson  
Frances R. Finnerman  
Gertrude Fink  
Lillian Kapner  
Edith Kaufher  
Faye Prisansky Kaufman  
Shirley Kornhauser  
Irving D. Kraut  
Julius Laks  
Bessie Goldman Lass  
Gertrude Levene  
Betty Prussin Levitan  
Philip Mardon, MD  
Edward Moffit  
Paul Plansky  
Lloyd L. Rosenthal, Esq.  
Samuel Satz  
Stanley Shapiro  
Wilfred Sumner  
Abraham Tavss  
Robert Uttal  
Dr. Wolfgang U. Weigert

## May 9

Ida Albinder  
Samuel Blaine  
Samuel Cederbaum  
Martin Frankel  
Edna Gibell  
Eugene Jacobs  
Walter Kallman  
Helen Danilin Klein  
Mary Kovacs  
Reuben Lewis  
Louis Lipp  
Charlotte Miller  
Ruth Myer  
Toby U. Cederbaum  
Sylvia Pearlman  
Eva Revitz  
Paul Reznikoff  
Clara Levy Ribbi  
Jeanne Schwartz  
Alan Taylor  
David Lawrence Wolfson

## May 16

Bernard "Paul"  
Buchalter  
Charlotte Cohen  
Dr. Boris Czesler  
Louis Diamond  
William B. Erdreich  
Henry Feder  
David L. Golomb  
Hyman Hoffman  
Charles Kagan  
Josephine Lion Kahn  
Marjorie F. Katz  
Flora Laks  
Nathan Landau  
Kurt Lemberger  
Joseph Markoe  
Lois Metlis  
Claire Troeger Moselle  
Bernice D. Rabin  
Leonard Schuyler  
Samuel Sigalow  
Lewis Troeger

## May 23

Ruth Browner  
Martin Cohen  
Victor Collen  
Betty Fein  
Hyman Fink  
Elizabeth (Liz)  
Freedman  
Martin Gally  
Joseph H. Goodman  
David M. Horn  
Harold Jacobs  
Iris Krause  
Bernard Lesk  
Franklin H. Littell  
Leonard Margolin  
Raymond Miro  
Royden Parke  
Rose S. Podell  
Norman Prisansky  
Ken Richter  
Ellen Rosenfeld  
Eloise Ross  
Jack Rubinstein  
Selma Friedman  
Satz  
Samuel Schwartz  
Mary B. Sparks  
Leo Tauber  
Bertha Troeger

## May 30

Pauline Abrams  
James Burns  
Seymour Bersak  
Stuart Chertock  
Catherine Creedon  
Rachel Diamond  
Ann Feinstein Drobner  
Olga Gutnick  
Alvin Kaskowitz  
Samuel Lampell  
Herbert V. Lant  
Therese Lehman  
Seymour Marks  
Regina Mendel  
Bessie T. Mock  
Leo Morgenstern  
Eugenia Pearlstein  
Sam Rein  
Bernard Rheingold  
Abraham J. Salit  
Daniel S. Schwartz  
Eugene Seigel  
Goldie Simon  
Margaret "Honey" Sylvester  
Lucretia Walsh

Dear Temple Members,

Your commitment to reducing hunger in our community is astounding! Your consistent dedication to providing meals for others makes a tremendous difference in the lives of children, teenagers and adults of all ages who might otherwise go without food.

You reduce hunger every month when you donate sandwiches and other foods to Hillcrest Shelter and/or drop off canned and non-perishable foods to Temple for *Can Jam* that are regularly delivered to area pantries. You reduce hunger every month when you team up to shop, prepare and serve a hot lunch at the Lunch Box. You reduce hunger every March during Purim when you donate boxes of pasta (there were dozens this March!) and every April when you donate your chametz foods to the *Can Jam* bin before Passover. You reduce hunger every April and May when you give boxes of cereal to *Ce-*

*real Counts!!!* so that children, teens and adults can have summer breakfast meals. You reduce hunger every July when you fund *Protein Plenty* so that children and teens can have summer lunches when their schools are closed. You reduce hunger every September when you bring in bags of food for our Yom Kippur Food drive and in November when you donate turkeys and trimming foods for families in need in our community. You reduce hunger every December when you fund the *Souper Sale*, resulting in the purchase of chunky soup by the case to warm winter meals.

Year round, you are all about food, all about making a difference in our community, all about hunger action. Thanks to you, your partners, your families and significant others for your compassion and your generosity.

*Nancy Samson  
Social Action Committee*

---

### **JWV Meeting May 4th**

Post #625 of The Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Congregation Schomre Israel at 18 Park Avenue in Poughkeepsie. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am and will end in time for attendees to participate in Mitzvah Day events.

Any Jewish individual who has served on active duty with any of the armed forces of the United States during any conflict, including the Cold War, is eligible for membership in the JWV and is encouraged to attend our meetings.

As Schomre Israel is strictly Kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the Synagogue. 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.

If you need a ride or for further information, please contact the Post Commander, Robert L. Morrison, at [robl56@aol.com](mailto:robl56@aol.com).

### **Special Note of Thanks**

Each year, Purim provides us with lots of opportunity for joy, celebration, good times together, beautiful art made by our children, great plays and ... those delicious, homemade hamentashen. It also has become for all of us an annual opportunity to share with others in keeping with the tradition of shalach manot. Thank you once again for bringing in your boxes of pasta this year and using them as groggers during the Megillah reading (what a noise!). And, thank you for the abundant donation provided to this year's designated recipient, the food pantry at Reach Out Worship in Hyde Park, that was absolutely thrilled to get dozens of boxes of pasta. Much appreciated.

*Nancy Samson  
Social Action Committee*

# Vassar Temple Bulletin

140 Hooker Avenue  
 Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601  
 845-454-2570  
 www.vassartemple.org



PRSTD STD  
 U.S. Postage  
 Paid  
 Permit # 11  
 Newburgh, N.Y.

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

<b>Rabbi:</b>	Paul Golomb
<b>Rabbi Emeritus:</b>	Stephen A. Arnold
<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



## May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VTS Spring Rummage setup 11:30am Talmud	2 VTS Spring Rummage setup 7:30 Shabbat Service	3 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths Service
4 9am Mitzah Day 9:30-4pm VTS Rummage Sale	5 7pm Exec Committee Meeting	6 7pm Meditation	7 6:30pm Religious School, Grades 8-12	8 11:30am Talmud	9 7:30 Shabbaton Service ... Rabbi Hoffman D'var: Builders, Baby Boomers & Beyond	10 10am Shabbaton at Temple Beth El; Rabbi Hoffman D'var: Authentic Jewish Spirituality 12pm Shabbaton Lunch at TBE
11 No Religious School	12 7pm Temple Board of Trustees meeting	13 7pm Finance Cmte Meeting	14 6:30pm Religious School, Grades 8-12	15 11:30am Talmud	16 6:15pm Shabbat Dinner 7:30pm VTS & Generations Shabbat	17 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths Service
18 Federation Program 9am Religious School 9:30 VTS Board Mtg 4:30pm Fannie Berlin Lecture: Lila Corwin-Berman	19 7:15 Ritual Committee	20	21 7pm Congregation Meeting  6:30pm Religious School, Grades 8-12	22 11:30am Talmud	23 7:30pm Shabbat Service	24 9am Torah Study
25 No Religious School	26 VT Office Closed— Memorial Day	27	28 6:30pm Religious School, Grades 8-12	29 11:30am Talmud	30 7:30pm Shabbat Service	31 9am Torah Study