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Save the Date

This year's Hanukkah Family Potluck Dinner will take place on Friday, December 6th at 6:00pm. Look for full details in the December Bulletin.



**Sisterhood Judaica Shoppe
Hanukkah Sale:
Come Schmooze and
Shop.....Great values and
wonderful selection!!**

This year we celebrate Hanukkah and Thanksgiving together! Turkey for dinner and *Sufganiot* stuffed with pumpkin cream for dessert! The Sisterhood Judaica Shoppe gives you the opportunity on Sundays November 3rd, 17th and 24th in the East Chapel from 9:30 to 12 to shop for all your Hanukkah needs! Menorahs, candles, gift wrap, dreidels, gelt, candy, holiday items for the children, giftware, plus our usual selection of ritual items, *tallisim*, jewelry, cosmetics and art from Israel will be available.

The Shoppe will also be open as usual Monday- Thursday from 9:30am-2:30pm and by appointment. To make a special appointment or to place special orders contact Perla Kaufman at membership@vassartemple.org or 914-456-7309.

Fall Rummage Sale on Nov 3

Vassar Temple Sisterhood is accepting items for their upcoming fall rummage sale. Tax receipts are available for those who donate items. Fall/winter clothing, household items, toys, books and jewelry are bestsellers. Please only donate items that are appropriate for the season, clean and in good, new or gently used condition. **We cannot accept textbooks, computers, or TVs.** You may drop off items in the social hall Sunday October 27 between 9am-noon, from Monday, October 28 through Friday, November 1 between 9:00am and 3:00pm, on Wednesday, October 30 between 4:30pm and 8:30pm, or by appointment. When you bring your items to the social hall, please make sure you leave the area in front of the stage clear.

The Rummage Sale is Sunday, November 3 from 9:30am to 12:30pm, followed by a bag sale from 2:00 to 5:00pm. We need volunteers to help set up the week before and to work at the sale. We always have a lot of fun setting up and working the rummage sale, and it is a great way to make new friends. Teen helpers receive community service credit. This semi-annual sale is

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a major Sisterhood project that brings in funds from the community to help finance improvements to our Temple facilities and programming. For further information or to volunteer, please contact Roni Stein at 223-5804 or roniagt99@aol.com.

**Hanukkah Starts the Night Before Thanksgiving –
Don't forget to use SCRIP [gift cards]!
Vassar Temple sells cards that can be
used for Hanukkah Gifts
and for Thanksgiving Dinner**

Please use SCRIP when you shop!

**Contact the SCRIP Coordinator for
more information:**

Sandra Mamis at scrip@vassartemple.org or 914-456-3524



Rabbi's Message: Entering the House



I want to pose a series of questions for you to meditate upon, and perhaps, discuss.

First think about where you have lived; that is, both your current home and all the places

in which you resided back to childhood. When you walked through the front door, into what sort of space did you step? Was it a room or a corridor? Was it inviting or merely functional? Was it both or neither? Did it reveal or conceal what the residence was really like? Finally, what would your ideal entrance entail?

There are a lot of possibilities here, including one not explicitly stated: perhaps there was more than one entrance, each being utilized for different purposes or reasons. Famous architect, Louis Sullivan, asserted that form always follows function. Indeed, you know that whenever you have been in

a building in which something does not work (not in the mechanical sense, but rather, structurally), you can tell that the builder or designer had ignored this law.

Synagogues, as I emphasized last month, are houses. What is the function of an entrance into the Temple? Certainly it should be more than a method of getting out of the cold! One model, displayed by many historic synagogues, is a modest, even cramped entrance, very often at the bottom of a flight of stairs that takes one directly into the sanctuary. The entrance intentionally conceals the purpose of the building in order to heighten the sense of awe and reverence to be felt when going from narrow into expansive space.

Such an entrance would be ideal if the sole reason for coming into the synagogue was for purposes of worship. For most of us, however, this is not the case. In our common experience of the Temple, it serves at least two other purposes: a place to meet and a school.

Neither of these suggests an entrance that conceals its purpose. Quite the contrary! As a place to meet, we want something that is inviting and comfortable. As a school, we want something that announces itself as a place of learning, suggesting scholarship.

Ideally, then, a synagogue should have three entrances: one designed to usher a person into worship, a second that invites social contact and interaction, and a third that directs a person into learning and study.

Now, think about Vassar Temple. Does its entrance(s) point toward this ideal? I personally would hardly rate the Temple's principal doorway an absolute failure, but it certainly falls well short of the ideal. What do you think can improve the entrance into our common house?

Rabbi Paul Golomb

President's Message



Through the warmth of our congregation, we will have warmth in the building over the winter months. I'd like to thank all who attended the Congregational meet-

ing on Sept 30. Replacing the very old boiler is no simple feat. It took many weeks and hours to establish our requirements, gather estimates from qualified heating contractors, and select the recommended contractor. I'd like to particularly thank Bob Ritter, who did most of the leg-work to request estimates, answered innumerable questions about the job, and guided us through our final choice of heating contractor, Hauptman Enterprises. I'd also like to thank Brian Silverman who presented the financial plans at the congregational meeting. By the time you read this bulletin article, the boiler should be installed and producing heat in the temple building.

A major survey of American Jews was released by the Pew Research Center's Religion and Public Life

Project. The first major survey of its type in over 10 years revealed some very disturbing numbers.

While the percentage of the American public made up of Jews has remained steady for the past couple of decades at about 2.2%, the connection people have with Judaism has been steadily declining. Twenty-two percent of Jews identify themselves as having no religion and the younger the respondents, the more who claimed "no religion." For those born after 1980, the "no religion" rate was 32%. Of Jewish parents who claim no religion, two thirds are not raising their children Jewish.

The intermarriage rate is at an all time high of 58% for those who have gotten married since 2000. Certainly, our congregation includes many interfaith families, and we welcome them with open arms; but the stark reality is that unlike our member families, nationwide, Jews who marry non-Jews are much less likely to be affiliated or to raise their children Jewish. Among Jews married to Jewish spouses, 99% are raising their children Jewish. Among Jews married to non-Jewish spouses, the number

drops to 63%.

As we approach Chanukah, we are reminded of the battle fought by the Maccabees to secure the freedom to practice Judaism. Today, sadly, while we have been enjoying that very freedom, so many of our peers are choosing instead not to practice Judaism at all. If that trend continues, we will soon find ourselves struggling to survive as an institution.

What can we do about it? We can work to strengthen our own ties to Judaism... sustain and grow our membership ... invite unaffiliated friends and family members to check us out ... increase our financial support of the congregation. Make it clear to our kids that Judaism isn't a choice. Attending religious school isn't a choice. It is just what you do, and not only until Bar or Bat Mitzvah but on through to Confirmation and beyond. Don't let the freedoms that our ancestors fought so valiantly for go to waste.

May the lights of Chanukah shine upon your lives and rekindle your commitment to Judaism and to Vassar Temple.

Bob Abrams

November Worship

- Nov. 1 *Men's Club Shabbat:*
7:30pm service led by members of Vassar Temple's Men's Club with Soloist, Elisa Dugatkin, and a Torah reading with Rabbi Golomb
- Nov 2 9am Torah Study; 10:15 New Paths Shabbat service
- Nov. 8 7:30pm Shabbat service
- Nov. 9 *A Vassar Temple Shabbat:* 9am Torah Study, 10am Shabbat morning service and Torah reading, followed by a program, *How Do We Decide on Matters of Health*, and a Kiddush/lunch
- Nov. 15 7:30pm Shabbat service with Soloist Elisa Dugatkin; Stephen Ellis will speak on *Growing Up Jewish in England*
- Nov. 16 9am Torah Study; 10:15 New Paths Shabbat service
- Nov. 22 7:30pm Shabbat service and Torah reading with Soloist Elisa Dugatkin
- Nov. 23 9am Torah Study
- Nov. 29 7:30pm Shabbat service
- Nov. 30 9am Torah Study

Upcoming Shabbat Speakers and Saturday Morning Worship

Men's Club Shabbat: Friday, November 8 at 7:30pm

Men's Club members will lead the service. Rabbi Golomb will read from the Torah.

Shabbat Morning Service: Saturday, November 9 at 10:00am

Cantorial soloist Elisa Dugatkin and organist Joseph Bertolozzi will enhance our Saturday morning worship service. Following the service a panel of physicians from our congregation will discuss "How Do We Decide on Matters of Health?" A light Kiddush lunch will be served at noon.

Shabbat Evening Service Guest Speaker: Friday, November 15 at 7:30pm

Congregant Steve Ellis will speak about his experiences "Growing up Jewish in England."

Hanukkah Dinner and Service: Friday, December 6 at 7:30pm

Celebrate the "10th night of Hanukkah." Bring your menorah and 9 candles (and for those who have used up their candles for the year, we can supply extras!). Look for full details in the December Bulletin.

Scriptural Readings

November 1st & 2nd *Tol'dot*

Gen. 25:19-26:22

Malakha 1:1 – 2:7

November 8th & 9th *Vayetzei*

Gen. 28:10-30:13

Hosea 12:13-14:10

November 15th & 16th *Vayishlah*

Gen. 32:4-33:20

Hosea 11:7-12:12

November 22nd & 23rd *Vayeshev*

Gen. 37:1-37:36

Amos 2:6-3:8

November 29th & 30th *Miketz (Shabbat Hanukkah)*

Gen. 41:1-41:52,

Num. 7:30-41

Zechariah 2:14-4:7

New Paths

New Paths services will be held Saturday mornings November 2 and November 16 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 information contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb at 454-2570.

Tiny Temple

Children ages infant-kindergarten and their parents are invited to join us for Tiny Temple on Sunday, November 17 from 11am-noon. Enjoy Hanukkah crafts, stories, and songs in a relaxed informal setting. The adults will get to meet others raising young Jewish children. A healthy holiday snack will be served. Please RSVP to assist us in planning. For further information or to RSVP contact Laura Brundage at tinytemple@vassartemple.org.



Mazel Tov

Peter and Bernice Edman on their 65th Wedding Anniversary

The Gary Haber Family on their new addition to the family, Jack Haber, born February 26, 2012

David and Joan Posner on the upcoming wedding of their son, Michael Posner, to Katie Legomsky on November 16, 2013 in Washington D.C.

Adult Ed Course on American Jewish Literature

In collaboration with Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple will sponsor an adult education course called *Leaving Home* with Prof. Andrew Bush of the Jewish Studies Program, Vassar College, on November 14, 21 & December 5 at 7:00 p.m. The first two sessions will take place at Vassar Temple, the third session at Temple Beth-El.

Jews have been leaving home for promised lands since Abraham. Using American Jewish Literature, we will examine fundamental questions about such departures: If it was really home, why leave? If you buy the promise, do you pay the price in what you nonetheless leave behind? Check the Temple website for a list of suggested reading. For more information, contact rabbi@vassartemple.org.



Pulpit Flowers

- November 1: In loving memory of our parents, Bob and Marianne Abrams
- November 8: Committee Members of Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- November 15: In honor of Steven and Rachel Mamis' birthdays, Harry and Sandra Mamis
- November 22: Committee Members of Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- November 29: In memory of Seth Erlebacher, your loving family, Melissa, Rachel and Briana Erlebacher
- Please note: The flowers on September 27 were in memory of Dorothy Schmukler from Joan and David Posner

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.



Welcome New Members

Daniel and Shira Teich of Poughkeepsie

John and Laura Griffone and their son, Jonas, of Poughkeepsie

Mr. Richard Levine of Highland

Ms. Sally Rubin and her children, Olivia and Edison DiIorio, of Hyde Park

Mr. Myron Rubin of Hyde Park

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.

"NEW" Vassar Temple Sisterhood Monthly "Chai Tea"

The Vassar Temple Sisterhood is launching a new program, and we hope you will join!

On the 18th day of every month, beginning in November, we invite members of the Vassar Temple family to gather at noon for a "come as you are" casual/social lunch. Each month a "Chai Tea" host will select a different restaurant and inform congregants of the location for the month. The purpose of these gatherings is to bring people together in an informal setting to get know each other better. It will also, we hope, provide a refreshing midday break and an excuse to explore a different place to eat – an alternative to your desk at work or alone

at home at the kitchen table!

For the first "Chai Tea" in November, VTS hosts Carolynn Frankel and Perla Kaufman have picked Panera on Route 44 (across from Adams). No RSVP is required. Just bring your smile and money for your lunch. Note that family and friends are welcome; this is a great way to introduce people to our Temple community. We hope to see you at noon on November 18th at Panera!

Chai is the 18th letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and it means "life" or "living." Gifts to Jewish recipients are often given in multiples of 18, and it is considered spiritual and lucky. *L'Chaim*.

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Articles for the December Bulletin must be submitted to the Temple office by November 2. Sorry, we cannot take Bulletin articles over the phone! Articles may be sent to the temple via e-mail at office@vassartemple.org or faxed to (845)452-5161.

The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.

From the Religious School Director: A Short Torah Story



It was raining, so we started by talking about that. As it happens, one of the kids had just come back from Colorado, so the conversation naturally turned to flooding. That segued into flood damage, followed by what one might save in a flood, and, from there, saving a Torah in a flood.

It was Sunday morning, and I was teaching 7th graders.

“Would you save a Torah from drowning?” I asked the class.

“Yes,” all of the students agreed.

“Why?” I asked.

“Because,” one of the students replied, “it would do the same for me.” Tee hee.

The funny thing is that it would. I explained why.

The Torah is one of the three parts of the Bible, the other two being the “prophets” and the “writings.” The students’ Haftarah portions come from the prophets. The writings include well-known works like the Book of Esther (more commonly known as the “Megillah” and read or chanted on Purim), Psalms (such as the famous Psalm 23 that begins “The Lord is my Shepherd”), and so on.

The great Rabbis gave us two major kinds of commentary on the Bible, the first in the form of the Midrash, and the second in the form of the Talmud. It’s that second compendium that offers advice on all manner of things: when to light Shabbat candles and how to read the Torah, why some kinds of damages are like oxen while others are like pits, what kind of damage an ox owner

is responsible for, and why only dead elephants can be used as a wall for the sukkah, etc.

One passage in the Talmud section known as *Kiddushin* addresses the obligations a parent has toward a child, including the stipulation that the parents are supposed to teach their children to swim.

Without the Torah, we wouldn’t have the Bible. Without the Bible, there’d be no Talmud. And it’s the Talmud that records the importance of knowing how to swim.

It’s a round-about result, but the Torah did save us from drowning. The student had it exactly right.

This is how a conversation about the weather and our weekend plans turned into a lesson about the centrality of Torah in our lives.

Dr. Joel Hoffman

Holocaust Commemorative Events

Among the many, upcoming impressive Holocaust events included in the Poughkeepsie Public Library District’s 2013 Big Read project, these are some you will not want to miss:

- *A Survivor Speaks*: Jean Malkischer (former Vassar Temple member) talks about her years in Terezin and Auschwitz concentration camps, Saturday, November 2nd, 2:30pm at the Friends Meeting House on Hooker Avenue
- *A Survivor Speaks*: Ela Weissberger tells of her experiences at Terezin, Saturday, November 9th, 2:30pm at the Friends Meeting House on Hooker Avenue
- *Kristallnacht: A Community Commemoration*, Saturday, November 9th, 7:30pm at the Bardavon Opera House
- *Voices of Terezin*: a mixed-media musical performance, Sunday, November 17th, 2:30pm at Poughkeepsie High School auditorium

Admission is FREE for all of the events above. For more information about other fascinating Big Read events in November, go to www.poklib.org and click on the Programs menu or call Sue Lesser at 845-473-4146.

Rail Trail Bench in Memory of Seth Erlebacher

Earlier this year, members of the Temple Men’s Club and Sisterhood contributed to a fund to purchase a bench on the Dutchess Rail Trail in memory of our beloved former president, Seth Erlebacher. The bench has been placed in one of the recently opened areas of the trail. Please join us for a dedication ceremony for the bench led by Rabbi Golomb on Sunday, **November 10, 2013 at 12:00 noon**. Following the ceremony, you’re welcome to join other Temple members for a walk or bike ride on the trail.

Thank You from the Erlebacher Family

We would like to thank the Vassar Temple Men’s Club and Sisterhood for raising funds for a bench in Seth’s memory on the Dutchess Rail Trail. This is a fitting tribute as Seth loved biking on the Rail Trail and looked forward to its completion. We hope that this bench will serve as a reminder to all Temple members about the importance of physical fitness and taking care of ourselves.

With Gratitude,
Melissa, Rachel, and Brianna Erlebacher

At the Break Fast



TRIM-A-THANKSGIVING

“Can Jam,” Vassar Temple’s year round canned food donation and delivery program, and our religious school, invites you to please reach out and help local families in need. Local families, supported by Hudson River Housing, need food for their Thanksgiving celebrations.

Please drop off a canned or non-perishable Thanksgiving trimming to the Can Jam bin in the Temple lobby by Wednesday, November 20. Suggested items include: canned yams, sweet potatoes, squash, vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, rice, and juice. Donated items will be arranged in baskets by our religious school students and distributed to local

Since their discovery a half-century ago, the Dead Sea Scrolls have captured the popular imagination and created more controversy and intrigue than any other ancient find. Written in Jerusalem’s waning days of glory and reflecting the mindset into which Jesus was born, the scrolls are our oldest witness to monotheistic religion. On November 12 at 7:00pm, join Vassar Temple educator and internationally renowned author Dr. Joel M. Hoffman as he tells the fascinating story of the scrolls’ discovery and explains what they

really say. Light refreshments will be served.

Dr. Hoffman holds a Ph.D. in linguistics and for ten years served on the faculty of the School of Education at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He consults to Hebrew schools across the Americas and in Europe, and in 2008, he chaired the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education, the largest gathering of Jewish educators in the world.

Shabbat Noach – Celebrating Our Animal Friends

Thank you to all of the lovable therapy pets and their human handlers for bringing us lots of smiles at Shabbat Noach on Friday, October 4:

Carol and “Jackson”
Dora and “Leo”

Andi and “Twinkie”
Paul and “Bella”

Donna and “Shasta”
Sandra and “Peanut”

families in time for Thanksgiving. For information, contact Nancy Samson canjam123@aol.com or 462-4828 or Marian Schwartz socialaction@vassartemple.org or 849-0025.

Please note National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, co-sponsored by the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, is November 16-24, 2013. Help us make a difference in the continued fight against hunger.



Mothers’ Group Project Seeking Volunteers

Temple members and teens are invited to help with a parenting group for new moms which just began meeting two times per month from 6-8pm at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Poughkeepsie. We need people to set up, greet the moms, work on snacks, and provide childcare, so pick a date to come and help! Upcoming dates are: November 6 and 20 and December 6 and 20.

Other volunteer opportunities we hope to develop in relation to the Mothers’ Group include:

- a mother’s art project in cooperation with Cuneen Hackett Art Center
- A mother’s journal project/book project “Mom’s Best Advice”
- Guest speakers
- Fundraising
- Spanish mothers’ group

Please contact Kay Bishop at kaybishop@gmail.com 845-797-4834 with any questions and to volunteer in this exciting new social action project.

Jewish Meditation

Jewish Meditation will be held Tuesday, November 5 from 7:30-8:30pm under the leadership of Linda Cantor and Ed Rosenberg. Both beginners and those experienced in the practice of meditation are welcome. At each session there is a sitting meditation, a walking meditation, either chanting or a short reading, plus time set aside for questions and sharing. Please RSVP to the temple office at (845) 454-2570 or office@vas-sartemple.org if you plan to attend any or all of the sessions, which are held the first Tuesday of the month.

JWV SCHEDULES NOVEMBER MEETING

The Jewish War Veterans, Post 625, will hold its monthly meeting on November 3, 2013 at Congregation Shomre Israel on Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Although you cannot see Congregation Shomre Israel from the JCC, it is just north of the rear of the JCC on Park Avenue. There is also an entrance on College Avenue. The meeting will begin at 9:30am. As Shomre Israel is strictly Kosher, the only beverage they will allow you to bring into the synagogue is Dunkin Donuts coffee. Please do not bring any other food or beverage 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. For further information contact Post Commander Ralph Schwartz at Rschw9881@aol.com or (845) 849-0025.

At the Break Fast



Join the Vassar Temple Turkey Trot

If you shop at a supermarket such as Price Chopper, ShopRite, and Stop & Shop, you are likely to earn a “Free Turkey” as a result of regular purchases you make in the weeks before Thanksgiving. If you are willing to donate your free turkey, it will be delivered to a needy family in Dutchess County, helping to bring a little cheer to people counting on our generosity so their family can enjoy the holiday together. Contributions will be accepted throughout November for Thanksgiving delivery. Contributions

received in early December will be delivered in time for the holiday celebrations taking place that month.

You can drop your turkey off at the temple. It will be placed in our freezer and delivered to the appropriate agencies for distribution to the needy. It is that simple! If you wish to help but cannot bring your turkey to the temple, arrangements can be made to pick it up. If you don't have a “free turkey” but are willing to buy a turkey to donate so that you

can support this effort, it will surely be accepted with sincere thanks! Cash contributions will also be gratefully accepted and turned into Temple scrip with which turkeys will be purchased on your behalf.

May your own celebrations be made more special by knowing that you have performed a deed of loving kindness! Have questions? Contact Sandra Mamis at ssmderm-pa78@gmail.com or 845-463-2678.



A Warm Thank You from the High Holy Day Committee

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to all of those who assisted with and participated in the High Holy Day services. Our common efforts hopefully resulted in our congregation being able to engage in meaningful High Holy Day observance.

Special thanks to:

Rabbi Golomb, Elisa Dugatkin and **Joe Bertolozzi** for providing us with the spiritual and musical elements that enriched our worship with meaning and warmth.

Judy Creedon, Debbie Golomb, and Muriel Lampell for lovingly polishing our silver Roma and Torah breast plates.

Alan Kflowitz for taking over security and being my right hand man!

Cathy Bokor for editing our memorial booklet and **Ron Rosen, Brian Silverman and David Lampell** for their assistance and support.

Sherrie Geisler for working tirelessly to ensure the success of our High Holy Days.

Daniel Albinder for his generous donation of apples enjoyed by the Congregation, the Religious School and Tiny Temple.

Our thanks again to **Steven Turk** who never forgets to provide the pine branches and corn stalks that decorate and cover the roof of the Sukkah and our sanctuary.

Chuck Kaufman for his donation of honey, cookies and juice.

Marsha and Richard Lowry for their contribution that covers the rental of the truck for the Yom Kippur food drive.

Brian Silverman for picking up the truck and delivering the food collected to the Dutchess Outreach site. **Ron Rosen** for helping 'schlep'!

Danielle Brundage, Ali Dahnert, Brianna Erlebacher, Rachel Marcus,

for their help in distributing the bags at the end of Rosh Hashanah services. **Noah Carbo, Brianna Erlebacher, Stan and Rachel Marcus, Kiley Quackenbush, Rabbi Golomb** for the collecting and loading of the food in the truck.

Jen Dahnert for securing this year again the beautiful Sunset Lake on the Vassar College Campus for our *Tashlich* ceremony.

We were in the shade thanks to **Alan Kflowitz** and we enjoyed refreshments provided by **Susan Hecht, Tamara Gruzsko, Meredith Kflowitz, Sandra Mamis and Wendy Marcus.**

Susan Hecht for hosting the very special Selichot evening and for her special flair at decorating our Sanctuary and the Sukkah for the holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

Men's Club for putting up and taking down the Sukkah and **Sisterhood** for their wonderful and generous continued support.

Our **congregation** for their generosity in bringing back bags brimming with food in response to our yearly Yom Kippur Appeal!

Officers: Robert Abrams, Robert Ritter, Marge Groten, Brian Silverman, Jeff Brenner and Sandra Mamis.

Torah readers: Robert Abrams, Lisa Rubenstein, Charlotte Katz, Joel Kelson, David Wolf, Robert Ritter, Linda Lant, David Smith, Melissa Wall, Jacob Kudria, Susan Hecht, Rachel Marcus, Brianna Erlebacher, Jacob Moore, Ilana Turk.

Shofar Blowers: Benjamin Krevolin, Adam Glatt, Sandra Mamis, Steven Mamis, Ali and Zoe Peritz-Greenman.

Participants: Marianne and Bob Abrams, Rebecca Acker- Krzywicki, Susan and Bill Barbash, Jeff Brenner, Laura

and Daniele Brundage, Noah Carbo, Eleanor Charwat, Andi and Paul Ciminello, Doi Cohen, Elena Collins, Judy Creedon, Ali Dahnert, Jen Dahnert, Peter Edman, Brianna and Melissa Erlebacher, Tom, Carolyn Frankel and family, Joyce, Evan, Marissa Gally, Vivian and Ed Garber, Wendy Giangrasso, Debbie, Rivka and Tal Golomb, Leonard Greenberg, Marge Groten, Tamara and Muriel Gruszko, Susan Hecht, Emily Himelstein, Lauren and James Jen, Meredith and Alan Kflowitz, Roz Kflowitz, Charlotte and Molly Katz, Charles Kaufman, Catherine Kelly, Joel and Sam Kelson, Barbara and Alan Kram, Benjamin Krevolin, Jacob Kudria, Arielle and David Lampell, Matt and Muriel Lampell, Linda Lant, Elaine Lipschutz, Lou Lewis, Marsha and Richard Lowry, Sandra, Rachel and Steven Mamis, Wendy, Stan and Rachel Marcus, Kent Mardon, Arthur Menken, Danah, Jeremy, Jacob and Justin Moore, Sheila Newman, Amy Horn Oclatis, Alison and Zoe Peritz Greenman, Joan and David Posner, Kiley, Lisa-Sue and Kurt Quackenbush, Mary and Robert Ritter, Shaari. Sam and Rachel Roland, Ron Rosen, Paul Rosenfeld, Lisa Rubenstein, Nancy and David Samson, Ken and Bonnie Scheer, Marian and Ralph Schwartz, Arlene and Gil Seligman, Jerry Slate, Ellen and Brian Silverman, David Smith, Roni and Charles Stein, Michele Stolfi, Suzi Stoller, Gloria Turk, Ilana, Stella and Jed Turk, Shelley and Steve Turk, Melissa Wall, Fern and David Wolf, Nadine and Joel Zaritsky,

Any omission is unintentional.

Today Rabah!

Perla Kaufman, Committee Chair

November 3rd Lunch Box

Our 6th and 7th graders will sponsor the November Lunch Box on Sunday, November 3. Support them with a donation of 3 lbs. rotini pasta (cooked and lightly oiled), 3 lbs. ground beef browned with 1/2 cup chopped onion, or 1 dozen pieces fresh fruit or bananas. Grapes should be divided into individual portions in snack-size baggies. Food may be left in the Temple kitchen any time the Temple is open and should be labeled "For Lunch Box." Please contact parent captain, Carolyn Frankel at carolynnfrankel@yahoo.com or 452-8809 to let her know what you will bring. If you cannot donate food, monetary donations in any amount made out to Vassar Temple with "Community Tzedakah Fund" on the memo line are also welcome.

A Special Thank You

We would like to send a special "thank you" to Lila Matlin for her donation in honor of the September 27th Sisterhood bakers to the Tzedakah Fund to support Lunch Box.

Contributions

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In Memory of:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Can Jam Weekend 7:30p Men's Club Shabbat	2 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
3 9am No Religious School 9:30am Rummage Sale 11:30am Lunchbox	4 7:15pm Ritual Committee	5 7:30pm Meditation	6 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Religious School	7 11:30am Talmud	8 7:30 Shabbat Service	9 9am Torah Study 10am Shabbat Morning Service
10 9am No Religious School 12pm Dedication Ceremony	11 7pm Exec Committee Meeting	12 7pm Finance Cmte Meeting 7pm Lecture on Dead Sea Scrolls	13 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Religious School	14 11:30am Talmud 7pm Leaving Home Part 1	15 7:30 Shabbat Service	16 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
17 9am Religious School 9:30am Judaica Shop 11am Tiny Temple 4pm DIC Thanksgiving Program	18	19	20 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Religious School	21 11:30am Talmud 7pm Leaving Home, Part 2	22 7:30 Shabbat Service	23 9am Torah Study
24 9am Religious School 9:30am Sisterhood Meeting 9:30am Judaica Shop	25 7pm VT Board meeting	26	27 4:30pm NO Hebrew School 6:30pm NO Religious School	28 Office Closed Chanukah Thanksgiving	29 Office Closed Chanukah 7:30 Shabbat Service	30 Chanukah 9am Torah Study