



Vassar Temple

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Shabbat Noach Dinner and Visiting Animals: Friday, Nov. 4th

Shabbat Noach, the sabbath when we read about Noah's ark in the Torah, will be observed Friday evening Nov. 4th. Jewish ethics teach that we have a moral responsibility to provide for the welfare of animals, and Shabbat Noach provides the perfect opportunity to highlight the important role animals play in our own lives.

During this family friendly shabbat service that starts at 7:30pm, special guest speaker Neil Abramson will speak about 'The Lamed Vav, Animals and a Just Life.' Mr. Abramson is an attorney and author who does pro bono work for animal rights. Special guests at the oneg shabbat following the service will be representatives of the Dutchess County SPCA and some furry DCSPCA alum who have been adopted into forever homes.

Prior to the service, at 6:15pm, the Sisterhood is sponsoring a shabbat dinner featuring a variety of vegetarian pasta dishes accompanied by a special salad, challah, and beverages.

Cost for the dinner is:
\$10 /adult,
\$5 ages 5-12
under age 5 free

Pre-payment is requested. To be certain we have enough food available, please RSVP for the dinner to lbrundage001@gmail.com by Monday Oct. 31st.



Shabbat Noach 2015

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Dr. Miriam Cohen to Speak at Shabbaton: Nov. 12th

Vassar Temple will hold a special shabbat Saturday, Nov. 12th. Torah study with Rabbi Berkowitz will begin at 9:00am, followed by a torah service at 10:00am.

Miriam Cohen, PhD, the Evalyn Clark Professor of History at Vassar College, author, and outstanding speaker, will give a talk on the history of immigration law during the Shabbat service. Following the service, the Ritual Committee will provide a light kiddush lunch for everyone's enjoyment.

Dr. Cohen's professional specialties include twentieth-century social history, the history of American women,



and the history of social welfare. Her first book, *Workshop to Office: Two Generations of Italian Women in New York City*, was published

by Cornell University Press in 1993. Her latest book, *Julia Lathrop: Social Service and Progressive Government*, forthcoming in spring 2017, is about the first woman to head a federal agency (Lathrop was appointed Chief of the newly created U.S. Children's Bureau in 1912).

For further information about the November 12th shabbat program, please e-mail ritual@vassar temple org or call the Temple at 454-2570.

Rabbi's Message: You Are What You Eat

"When I started to consider kashrut, I asked everyone I knew who kept kosher why they did so. Most answered, 'Because it's tradition.' This didn't work for me. The tradition I grew up with placed no value on dietary restrictions; boneless spare ribs were a favorite Shabbat meal. A batch of cookies changed my mind. I realized that my observant friends couldn't eat the hamantaschen I'd prepared in my non-kosher kitchen. I began to move toward keeping kosher so that all Jews could eat in my home. This dream may never become a reality. There are ways I cannot bend and ways other people cannot bend, there are always new restrictions to consider. But whether it's cooking vegetarian, shopping locally, or working around food allergies, my goal is still the same: a table that welcomes all people, a kitchen where I can express my love for friends and family with a home-cooked meal."

- "Small Bites" in *The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic* (CCAR Press 2011).

It's been over five years since I wrote this "kashrut manifesto." Kashrut wasn't a part of my upbringing, but by the time I'd finished college, I had decided that it was important for me to consider Jewish values when I ate. Some rules I adopted were a personal spiritual discipline: I wanted to think about what I put into my body, where it came from, and how it was prepared. I



also wanted everyone to be able to eat in my house.

Fast forward to 2016. In my immediate family alone, I now have a vegetarian, two vegans (one of which is macrobiotic), a pre-diabetic, four people with high cholesterol and one with high blood pressure—not to mention that most of us are also lactose intolerant. This is to say nothing of the revolving door of nut- and gluten- allergic friends at my table, or countless items I've added to, or eliminated from, my own diet to improve my health and well-being.

Since I wrote this, I've learned that there is very little that I could do to make an Orthodox Jew comfortable eating in my home. I once went several rounds with a Conservative friend over whether I really purchased only kosher meat, while in one apartment my adherence

to kashrut was canceled out by my Shabbat-violating electronic door buzzer. Rather than give up altogether, I've expanded my goal of welcoming others to my table to include all people, not just all Jews.

The passing years have only added to the factors I consider when making decisions about food. I face not only questions of what my dinner companions and I can both digest and enjoy, but also whether the food was produced under ethical circumstances, both for the living things we consume and the human beings who prepare them. What is the environmental impact of how this food is prepared, packaged, and shipped? How do I stay true to my own principles while eating as a guest at someone else's home? And how does eating, or not eating a certain food enhance my life as a Jew?

With all of these questions still swirling around in my mind, it is an excellent time to revisit *The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic*. This anthology—which you can find in our synagogue and public libraries—addresses many different factors that Reform Jews take into consideration when we eat. We will have the opportunity to speak with the book's editor, my colleague Rabbi Mary Zamore, on November 16th at 7:00pm at the Adriaance Library. Please join us at our table!

Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

From Our Temple President: Where We Belong



It was a pleasure spending the high holy days with family and friends at Vassar Temple, worshiping, reflecting and appreciating all we have and what we

share as a congregation. Vassar Temple is truly where my family and I belong. I hope you feel that way, too.

The meaningful relationships my family and I have made during our years at Vassar Temple are significant. Our faith as Jews has been nourished and expanded. (Thank you Rabbis Golomb and Berkowitz.) We have made many new friends by participating in activities sponsored by the Temple. The bonds formed through our experiences at Vassar Temple have truly enriched our lives.

The Friday evening Shabbat service is a wonderful way to end the work week. Involvement in Temple activities, Sisterhood, Men's Club or sharing your skills as a member of one of the many committees, will be meaningful for you and the congregation. Please call me ([845-475-5070](tel:845-475-5070)) so we may discuss how you can get involved in Temple life.

I look forward to seeing you and sharing experiences with you at Vassar Temple during this new year.

L'shana tova!

Mark Metzger



November Worship Services

4th	6:15pm 7:30pm	Vegetarian Shabbat Noach Dinner Shabbat Services with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and soloist Elisa Dugatkin
5th	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service
11th	7:30pm	Family Shabbat Services with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
12th	9:00am 10:00am 11:00am	Torah Study Shabbaton (Torah service, guest speaker) Ritual Committee Kiddush Luncheon
18th	7:30pm	Men's Club Shabbat Service with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and soloist Elisa Dugatkin
19th	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service
25th	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Services with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
26th	9:00am	NO Torah Study

Scriptural Readings

- Nov. 5 *Noah* Gen. 6:9-8:14;
Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5
- 12 *Lekh L'kha* Gen. 12:1-13:18;
Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16
- 19 *Vayera* Gen. 18:1-33; II
Kings 4:1-37
- 26 *Chayei Sarah* Gen. 23:1- 4:9;
I Kings 1:1-31

New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning service Saturday, Nov.5 & Nov.19 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 at mshwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Berkowitz at rabbi@vassartemple.org, or the Temple office at 845-454-2570.

Baby Shabbat!



Mazel Tov to...

Ken & Amy Oclatis on the wedding of their son, Seth, to Nicole Marinese.

Chai Noon: Nov. 18th

On the 18th of the month, Vassar Temple Sisterhood sponsors a casual lunchtime get together at a local restaurant. We dub this "Chai Noon," and it's a time for fun, friendship and good food. At noon on Friday, Nov. 18th, we are planning to meet at the Milanese on Main Street, Poughkeepsie. They have a parking lot adjacent to the entrance and no stairs. Everyone orders from the menu and pays for her own lunch. All are welcome to join us! For further information and to RSVP, please contact Carolyn Frankel at carolynnfrankel@yahoo.com.

Thank You, Vassar Temple!

This summer Vassar Temple members donated approximately \$500 to a special tzedakah collection, which was used to purchase school supplies for children at Morse Elementary School and to make a donation to the Poughkeepsie High School Teen Closet. Here are some excerpts from a note received from Pat Solomon, the art education teacher at Morse, for whom we also provided some special supplies.



"The children of Morse Elementary are loving and talented. The students are now further enriched by your thoughtfulness and generosity! My colleagues were very excited and thankful for the supply of antibacterial wipes, highlighters, crayons, (... folders, flashcards, scissors, etc.) always needed and in high demand. I look forward to e-mailing photos of the children's art work throughout the year."

Refuah Shelemah

Vassar Temple former administrator, Sandi Rugar, hospitalized;

Gertrude Silverman, Linda Cantor's mother, hospitalized.

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.

Pulpit Flower Donations:

- November 4: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- November 11: Donated by Lewis & Hilary Wrobel in honor of U.S. military veterans
- November 18: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- November 25: Donated by Susan Budson Fink in memory of Daniel Budson

Updated October Pulpit Flower Donations:

- October 2: Rosh Hashana: donated by Harry & Sandra Mamis in memory of their parents, Eli & Katherine Mamis and Kurt & Margot Similes
- October 12: Yom Kippur: donated by Chuck & Perla Kaufman in memory of their loved ones.

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.



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From the Religious School Director

In less than a week, I will be celebrating Rosh HaShana followed a week later by Yom Kippur; you will

be reading this as our High Holiday season has been completed. The high holiday season or Days of Awe never fail to leave me with something to think about or internalize. Sometimes it's an awareness of blessings and joy I find from sharing the holidays with family that I only get a chance to see once in a while. Sometimes it is finding a new perspective from the sermon. Sometimes it's a prayer that I suddenly find especially meaningful. No matter what, the holidays always change me in some way.

This year at the Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School and the Vassar Temple Hebrew School, we are also growing and changing. Currently we are experiencing a transition into a school with a new vision. One of the first steps toward this

transition has been to introduce a new Hebrew Curriculum, Mitkadem, that allows students to work independently while still in a classroom setting. The teacher is able to spend one-on-one time with each student throughout the class as well as track students as they work their way through the lessons. One of the most attractive things about the curriculum is that students do not have to wait for others to move forward and those who need extra help or who have missed some sessions can jump in wherever they left off. In the few sessions we have had, I am impressed with the way the students have embraced the curriculum.

Our Religious School curriculum is also beginning to take shape. I am working with the teachers to determine what will work best for each class level. We are so blessed with such caring and dedicated teachers who have taken the challenge of educating our students very seriously.

One of my missions this year is to create a community of learners, teachers, parents and others in the congregation. On

Sukkot we worked towards this mission by participating in the Social Action and Ritual Committee's *Socks for Sukkot* collection. In addition, families also brought vegetables, symbolically representing Sukkot of ancient times when families would make a pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem to bring a donation of some of their harvest. Our families, with the help of some amazing volunteers, turned their harvest donations into a yummy soup for our congregation to enjoy together later that day at the dinner held prior to our festive Simchat Torah service.

In my mind, building community through this kind of programming that integrates teachable moments with ritual celebrations that include all generations is paramount to our children's education. We are told *V'shinantam L'vanecha* in our daily recitation of the *V'Ahavta* pray. The translation of this is "**You shall teach your children.**" This imperative is not directed solely at parents but at all of us!

Julie Makowsky

Vassar Temple's November Adult Ed. Offerings

Egypt and Israel: Bosom Frenemies **Thurs. Nov. 10th**

Martin Charwat, former member of the Board of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley, will lead a discussion on modern day Egypt-Israeli relations. Israel viewed Egypt as its most dangerous foe & they went to war 3 times. Then came Sadat's visit to Jerusalem and the start of a new era. Egypt and Israel now collaborate closely against Hamas in Gaza and the Islamic State in Sinai. What accounts for the change?

(All classes held 7:00pm at the Temple unless otherwise noted.)

How Reform Has Reformed Tues. Nov. 15th, Nov. 29th, Dec. 13th

A three-part series on the evolution of modern-day Reform Judaism. Rabbi Paul Golomb, Senior Scholar, will provide a 40-year perspective beginning with the San Francisco Platform, Gates of Prayer and the founding of ARZA. Session 1: Changes to liturgy; Session 2: Exploring varied approaches to outreach; Session 3: The Reform movement's relationship with Israel.

The Sacred Table: Creating a Liberal Jewish Food Ethic Wed. Nov. 16th (at Adriance Memorial Library)

Rabbi Mary L. Zamore will navigate through the choices of Jewish eating, while creating a rich dialogue about the intersection of liberal Judaism, food and food production, integrating Jewish values such as ethics, community, and spirituality. Rabbi Zamore currently serves as the Executive Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network. She is also the editor of and a contributing author to *The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic* (CCAR Press, 2011) which was designated a finalist by the National Jewish Book Awards.

Save the Date:

The Bible in the Quran: Islam's Reading of Hebrew Scriptures **Thurs. Dec. 8th**

Islam's foundational text, the Qur'an, features retellings and reimaginings of many narratives from the Hebrew Bible. Explore Islam's interpretation of our shared sacred stories with Rabbi Paul Golomb, Senior Scholar.





Turkey Trot!

During this season of thanksgiving for our bounty, you can bring sustenance of body & spirit, help & hope, and make a world of difference to a struggling local family. If you earn a free Thanksgiving turkey from supermarket points, please consider donating your free turkey and help those in need celebrate. No free turkey? We'll gladly accept purchased turkeys, checks, supermarket scrip & gift cards. Cash donations may be left in the Temple tzedakah box near the stairs.

Donations are tax deductible and should be made payable to "Vassar Temple" with "Turkeys" on the memo line. We will use your cash and checks, scrip and gift cards, to provide turkeys to families who otherwise would have none.

If you have a turkey, just trot on down to the Temple, pop it in our freezer, and we will work with local agencies to distribute the turkeys to those in need! **Please try to bring your turkeys and financial donations by Wed. Nov. 16th** Have questions? Need home pickup? Contact Marian Schwartz at socialaction@vassartemple.org or call 845-849-0025.

Thrift Shoppe: Help our Animal Friends

Paws for A Cause

Shabbat Noach's coming so it's the perfect time to think of ways we can all help our animal friends. The Dutchess County SPCA, a nonprofit agency established in 1871, operates a no-kill shelter, on-site vet clinic, pet adoption and education center, and is active in animal welfare advocacy. A portion of their income comes from their thrift shop, *Paws for a Cause*, located at 600 Violet Ave. (Route 9G), Hidden Plaza Hyde Park, NY 12538 (1 block south of the DCSPCA). The shop is open Mon-Sat from 10:00am-4:00pm. You may wish to donate items you don't need but they can sell or to check them out for an awesome selection of great buys! Merchandise includes collectibles, furniture, books, CDs, DVDs, art, kitchenware, bikes, sporting goods, clothing, jewelry, toys and more. For further info go to <https://dcspca.org/thrift-shoppe/> or call 845-240-1368

Trim-a-Thanksgiving

"Vassar Temple Cares about Hunger"

Please drop off nonperishable food items from the list below to complement the Thanksgiving meals of Dutchess County families in need. Just bring them to the Temple and place in the Can-Jam bin in the hall **by Fri., Nov.18th**

Canned yams/sweet potatoes/vegetables
Canned cranberry sauce
Canned gravy
Boxes of instant mashed potatoes & instant rice
Stove-top style stuffing mix
Juice

Vassar Temple teens will arrange them in gift baskets to be delivered to the families in time for the holiday. ***Together we can help these families now!*** Questions? Please contact Marian at socialaction@vassartemple.org or 845-



A TASTE OF JUDAISM® – for Your Unaffiliated Friends and Family

Ever wonder how you could invite your friends and family to experience a "taste" of Judaism at our Temple without undue pressure? Now there's an answer! A TASTE OF JUDAISM®: Are you curious?

A free class will be held at Vassar Temple this winter. The class is being taught by Rabbi Leah Berkowitz and is sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism. This FREE, three-session Outreach program is open to the unaffiliated *only* – Jews or non-Jews. All are welcome (unfortunately, Temple members are not eligible to enroll).

Please take advantage of this opportunity to reach out to your extended family members, future in-laws, neighbors and friends and offer them a "taste" of what makes Judaism so special right here in our own community. If you have anyone that you think may benefit from A TASTE OF JUDAISM® please have them contact Vassar Temple Office Manager, Sherrie Geisler at 845-454-2570 or email office@vassartemple.org.

Lunch Box News

Our Sisterhood is sponsoring the Lunch Box meal on Sunday, Nov. 6th. You can help them feed our neighbors in need of a warm, delicious, nutritious meal by donating:

3 lb. ground turkey or ground beef, browned with 1/2 cup onion, or
1-2 dozen pieces of fresh fruit. (Bananas, citrus fruits and grapes are favorites. Please pack grapes as individual portions in sandwich bags.)

Food may be dropped off beforehand in the Temple kitchen during hours when the temple is regularly open. Please label items "For Lunch Box." Non-perishables go in the Lunch Box bin on the counter near the kitchen door, and perishables in the fridge.

Please contact Ronni Jarvis, captain for the Sisterhood Lunch Box, at 845-797-3380 or Ronni@clcpro.com to let her know what food you are donating or if you can come to Lunch Box to help cook and serve that day between the hours of 10:30am-1:15 pm.

Financial donations are also needed to purchase other ingredients for the meal; just make your tax deductible check payable to Vassar Temple with "Lunch Box" on the memo line. Thank you for your support of this truly life-sustaining project!

Shopping with SCRIP Makes Lots of Cents!

When our members utilize SCRIP [gift cards to retailers], we earn cash that keeps the Vassar Temple running by supporting programming, staffing and for the promotion of Reform Judaism in our community.

We carry gift cards to virtually all of the regional stores! New to our offerings are cards that can be used at TOPS Supermarket, which has replaced several of the Stop & Shop stores, and ACME. We continue to carry cards to ShopRite, Price Chopper, Hannaford, Stop & Shop, Adams and of course stores like Macy's and many other stores both in our area and even those in other locations (including Amazon!).



Those members who have supported this fundraiser have raised an extraordinary amount of money for the Temple: in some years even reaching \$14,000!

If more of you participated, using cards for many of your personal and gift purchases - remember we do have cards available to nearly 400 retailers! - imagine how much more could be done.

Don't know how to be a SCRIP Program supporter? Get in touch with the coordinator or call the office (845-454-2570). You will see how easy it is! It costs you nothing and the Temple is greatly benefitted.

Sandra Mamis, Coordinator
Ssmderm78@gmail.com

Be a Book Buddy or Math Helper

Be a Book Buddy-- and ask to work specifically with students at Morse School in Poughkeepsie, who need and would really appreciate individualized help from you. The commitment is ½ hour or 1 hour per week to work with 1 or 2 students. Materials and training are provided and the program generally involves children in grades 2-4.

Volunteers are also needed to work with individual children on math. Our local Jewish social action coalition is making a special commitment to help the children of this school, which contains a very high percentage of children living in economic need. Go to <http://www.literacyconnections.org/programs-services/book-buddies/> for more information, and if interested in volunteering, please call Judy Connolly of Literacy Connections at 452-8670.

VaTY News

A BIG *Todah Rabbah* (thank you) to Haley and Aaron Kaflowitz, Alex and Matthew Sinn, Cameron and Dakota Jarvis, and Sam and Mariel Kelson for setting up the food drive bags.

Upcoming Events:

November 11-13 NAR Fall Kallah at Camp Kutz
November 20 Thanksgiving Baskets
December 16-17 Shul-in at TEMTY

Save These Dates:

January 20-23 Winter Kallah
NAR at New Rochelle
February 25 Ski/snow tubing day
March 11 Purim Hopping
March 19-20 Advocacy Day
Albany

April 21-23 NAR Spring Kallah at Camp Eisner

Email us at youthgroup@vassartemple.org if you have questions, suggestions or want to participate!

B'Shalom
Shira and Dan

Rummage Sale Success

The recent Fall Rummage sale was a great success. We would like to recognize everyone involved for their efforts which are truly appreciated. Special thanks to: Roni Stein, Judy Rosenfeld, Linda Hartman, Jasmine Russo and the Russo clan, Ann Harmuth, Susan Needelman, Barbara Cohen, Ellen Danziger, Linda Babas, Lisa Rubenstein, Nadine Zaritsky and everyone else who either worked on sale day or helped out ahead of time sorting and organizing the merchandise. We would also like to thank Alvin for setting up and breaking down the room, all of the Temple members who donated and/or shopped at the sale, and Rabbi Berkowitz and Sherrie for their support. Mark your calendars for **the Spring Rummage Sale – Sunday April 30, 2017!**

Ann Lerman
Ronni Jarvis



Yahrzeits

November 4

Alan Abraskin
Samuel Baum
Arthur Berlin
Esther Mardon Bernstein
Philip Browner
Samuel Garber
Samuel W. Gellert
Claire Gersoni
Lisette Goldemberg
Forrest Graves
Alexander W. Jacobs
Edward J. Kovacs
Dr. Herbert Kotz
Marvin Maisel
George Marcus
Brian Matson
Bridget Molloy
Henry Newman
Phillip Ritter
Herbert Schenberg
Suzanne Seligman
Alice Spitalnik
J. Ralph Stein
Molly Susser

November 11

Michael Aronson
Kathy Austin
Epifania Acevedo
Ellen Bernard
Lena L. Bloch
Solomon Charles Cantor
Frank DeGeorge
Lillian Greenman
Evelyn Heidelberger
Arthur George Henderson
Larry Kornreich
Ida S. Miller
B. Jay Newman
William Payne
L. Richard Rosenberg
Sadie Rosenberg
Henry Rosenmann
A. Louis Rubin
Samuel Saul
Albert E. Schwartz
Henrietta Burns Subkow

November 18

Bella Tyson Doppelt
Robert Feitelson
Abraham Feuerstein
Martin Gad
Tamar Grand
Rose Jacobson
Amor Levy
Shirley Richter
Helen Robinson
Rose Slate
Paul Stamer
Paul Susser
Gertrude F. Troeger
Frances A. Victor
Dr. Diane L. Weston

November 25

Ida Axelrod
John Azanco
Wallace Berkowitz
Elizabeth Bokor
Daniel Budson, M.D.
Charles Ernest
Annette Forman
Dorothy M. Haber
Maurice Horn
Jack Josias
Dr. Sidney N. Miller
Myrtle Oclatis
Maurice Olivar
Samuel Reiffer
Samuel R. Rosen
Richard H. Satz
Lily Fink Schenberg
Albert Levy Serfaty
Ada Sigalow
Marie Fischer Solomon
Arthur Stern
Solomon Tanzman
Hildegard Tuchmann
Phyllis Zack

FUND FACTS: The Grandmother's Fund

Remembering Nana and PopPop

The last Shabbat in September, Steve and I went to Temple to recite Kaddish for three members of our family, who, coincidentally, all passed away the last week of September (fortunately not all in the same year, but still in the same week): my Grandmother, Selma Lipson, and Sam and Ali's grandparents, Steve's Mom, Frances Gray Conrad Dahnert and my Father, Bob Sachs. In looking for an appropriate contribution to make to Vassar Temple in their memories, I came upon The Grandmother's Fund, which seemed most fitting.

The Grandmother's Fund was established by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Rosenberg to support programs and projects affecting the youth and children of Vassar Temple. Programs supported in the past include field trips, Shabbatons, Youth or Junior Youth Group activities. Particularly on the heels of my column last month devoted to the Seth Erlebacher Religious School, this seemed to be a perfect complement.

When you have occasion in the future to remember a grandparent, consider the Grandmother's Fund, a fund that benefits their grandchildren. Nana Selma and Grandma Frances, and Pop Pop Bob, this one's for you. Your memories remain a blessing to all of us.

Jennifer Sachs Dahnert

Jewish War Veterans Meeting: November 13th

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York at 9:30am.

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

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

Contributions

SUSTAINING FUND

In Honor of:

David Lampell on receiving the Founders Award;
Matt Lampell, Vassar Brothers Hospital
Retired Life Trustee Salute;
Linda Cantor on receiving the Arnold Award.

Bob & Judy Creedon

SUSTAINING FUND

In Memory of:

Margaret Ciminello
Paul & Andrea Ciminello
Lisette Goldemberg The Hecht Family
Sadie Rosenberg Jill Auerbach
Soloman Tanzman
Glenn & Marcia Tanzman
Annette Forman Joseph Forman
Hildard Tuchmann Doi Cohen
Licila Albinder Dan & Susan Albinder
Arthur George Henderson
Melissa Wall
Larry Paradis Ralph & Marian Schwartz
J. Ralph Stein Chuck, Roni & Joseph Stein

Cpl. Michael Kevin Oremus

Maddy Oremus-Palmer

Lawrence Slate

Rose Slate

Jerold Slate

To all who lost loved ones in 5776, may 5777 and beyond be blessed by their memories. Shana Tova

Bob & Mary Ritter

GROTEN FUND

In Honor of:

Linda Cantor receiving the Arnold Award

Doi Cohen

THE ERDREICH FUND

In Appreciation of:

All the hospitality of:
Jack & Fritzy Goodman
Martin & Ellie Charwat

Joan Kotz

LIPSCHUTZ FUND

In Memory of:

Gertrude Clarfeld

Elaine Lipschutz

MILDRED GOULD RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In memory of:

Mildred Gould

Bob & Mary Ritter

SETH ERLEBACHER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Honor of:

Our New Religious School Director,
Julie Makowsky ... May your new year be bright and successful!

Mark & Shari Roland & Family

COMMUNITY TZEDAKAH FUND

In Appreciation of:

What it stands for and does to help others.

Sam & Adriaan Finnerman

HINENI FUND

In Honor of:

Linda Cantor on receiving the Arnold Award
David Lampell on receiving the Founders Award

Paul & Andrea Ciminello

DCIC Fair Trade and Handmade Bazaar

Become an enlightened and ethical consumer by supporting local artisans on Saturday, November 5th from 11:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, November 6th from 11:00am-3:00pm at the Hellenic Center, 54 Park Ave., Poughkeepsie (next to Temple Beth El). Go to dutchesscountyinterfaith.org for more information.

Weekly Study Groups

Torah Study with our Rabbi Leah Berkowitz examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftarah, and is held every Saturday morning at 9:00am (**no class 11/26**). "*The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text*, is taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb every Tuesday at noon (**no class 11/8 or 11/22**). All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes--no previous training required, no charge to attend. Questions? Contact rabbi@vassartemple.org or (845)454-2570.

DCIC Interfaith Music Festival: "Many Faiths, Many Voices"

Support the Dutchess County Interfaith Council at its Interfaith Music Festival major fundraiser on Sunday, November 13th at 3:30pm at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls. Suggested donation is \$15. Participants for the interfaith choir and patrons for the event are also sought. More info is available at dutchesscountyinterfaith.org.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Study 6:30pm Ritual Committee	2 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher High School @ TBE	3 10am SEP	4 6:15pm Shabbat Noach Dinner 7:30pm Shabbat Service	5 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
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