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# Vassar Temple Bulletin

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## Shabbat Noach and Dinner

Our Shabbat Noach program has, over the last several years, provided a marvelous opportunity to bring awareness to the important role animals play in our lives. On Shabbat Noach this year, falling on **Friday, October 24th**, we will be privileged to have as our guest speaker Jackie Rose, who serves as the current Executive Director of the DC-SPCA.

Prior to services at 6:15pm a vegetarian buffet, including salad, challah and beverages, will be created by the Vassar Temple Sisterhood. No animals will be harmed in its making!

\$10 ages 13 and up  
\$5 ages 5-12  
Under 5 FREE

To ensure your place at a table and enough food for all attending, RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup> to Laura Brundage at [lbrundage@frontiernet.net](mailto:lbrundage@frontiernet.net).



Following services, during the oneg, local teams belonging to a national pet therapy organization will be joining us. Attendees will be able to meet and interact with wonderful animals and “their humans.”

If you have a story about a furry friend who you adopted at the Dutchess County SPCA and to whom you have given a ‘forever home,’ tell us about it! Email Sandra Mamis, Shabbat Noach Program Chairperson at [ssmdermpa78@gmail.com](mailto:ssmdermpa78@gmail.com)

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## Fall Rummage Sale

Start going through your closets now in anticipation of the Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Fall Rummage Sale! We’re looking for small appliances, household items, seasonal clothing & shoes, books and other bric-a-brac.

Larger items must be approved before bringing them to the Temple. No old TV’s, textbooks, or broken items are accepted as we cannot sell them.

- All items should be new or gently used and clean
- Someone will pick up your items and bring them here for you if you need help.

For more information contact Roni Stein at [roniagt99@aol.com](mailto:roniagt99@aol.com)

## Lunch Box Needs Your Help

- Prepare and serve food for the needy on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>
- Help plan Lunch Box coverage. (done at your convenience via e-mail)

Please contact Marian Schwartz at [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org) if you can help with either.

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## Rabbi's Message: 'OLAM HABA [THE WORLD-TO-COME]



The Biblical personality, Amos, bristled at the accusations of a challenger with the assertion *I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet!* Yet, Jewish

tradition from biblical times to today has accorded Amos the title of Prophet. It is, nevertheless, a matter of course that when an expert or pundit is asked about how things are going to play out over the next few days, weeks, months or years, they will often respond with Amos' assertion... and then go about answering the question! I think we can conclude, there is prophecy and there is Prophecy.

Making assertions about the future is not only a frequent activity, it is also morally necessary. Whenever we evaluate a course of action – should I do this, that or something else – we normally do so in the context of imagining different futures. “If I do this, then I expect such-and-such to happen.” Our determination of what is the right thing to do is so often dependent upon what sort of future we envision. Thus, not only can we not help engaging from time to time in a little prophecy, we are obligated to do so.

You can see, however, that this form of prophecy is very limited. We tend not to play the future out for too long. Although we might be aware of the “Butterfly Effect” or of Ben Franklin’s adage, “for want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe, the horse was lost,” we do not have the time or inclination to work out the ramifications of our actions into a distant future. We, therefore, mostly do “small-p” prophecy.

Mostly! Everyday actions require only short-term projections, but life occasionally demands that we imagine further. Those of you engaged in businesses know the necessity in making projections that determine supplies and inventory for months or more. Parents cannot help but imagine a future – usually many years hence – for their children. How, then, do we distinguish prophecy from Prophecy? I would suggest that it is basically a matter of degree. The latter (capital-P Prophecy) is truly inspired. It is seeing something that virtually no one else is seeing. Our more modest examination of the future is, rather, a matter of attempting to read the trends, and understanding the cunning of history. More often than not, what goes around comes around.

This is my introduction to the Bulletin columns I will be posting over the next few months. Big changes are in store. In a year’s time, Vassar Temple will have a new rabbi. The regional Jewish community (centered in Poughkeepsie) will be constructing a new Federation and also welcoming a number of new rabbis and staff. The Jewish people, in America and around the world, are constantly in ferment. And we watch Israel, especially, as it determines whether it can extricate itself from a cycle of violence; this summer is the fourth time since 2006 that it has had to respond to a shower of rockets, once from Lebanon and subsequently from Gaza.

I therefore invite you to join me in an exercise in prophecy: what will the next years bring for Vassar Temple, for the local Jewish community, for the people Israel and for the State of Israel?

Rabbi Paul Golomb

## President's Message: Gratitude and Vision



On the cusp of the New Year, we have a natural inclination to look back and REMEMBER, as we also look forward to LIFE ahead of us. That is why I

chose to write about two themes in this month’s President’s article – Gratitude and Vision.

I’ll begin with Gratitude. Among the numerous things for which I’m grateful are the people I’ve met and friends I’ve made at Vassar Temple. Working with you in a leadership position, as a volunteer, and as a congregant is a blessing.

I see gratitude as the key to happiness. There is an expression, “Happiness is not about having what you want, it is wanting what you have.” When I am at Temple welcoming Shabbat or at a holiday service, I’m reminded of this notion. Prayer and meditation have a way of centering one’s mind on reasons to be grateful. So if I can put a plug

in for going to Temple more often – it’s because it will make you more grateful, and as a result, happier!

In ancient days gratitude was traditionally shown by making a sacrifice – a Zebach Sh’lamin (Peace Offering) for G-d’s bounties and mercies. In the Talmud it states that in the age of messiah, when there is no more sin, this will be the only class of offering that is still brought to the temple. As I write my dues checks to our Temple, and make other gifts, I honestly look at payment as a sort of “sacrifice” in gratitude. It helps in more ways than one!!

On to Vision... as I look forward to LIFE and the year ahead for Vassar Temple, I am excited. We are changing. Our Temple is coping with forces that require us to change: aligning operations to economic realities, a new Rabbi when Paul Golomb retires next summer, changes in leadership. Yes, these things are difficult, and even a bit scary. But change presents opportunities and gives us a reason to prioritize – to form a new vision. We finished last year and started this year by

preparing our Temple building with many significant capital improvements. As we put these necessities behind us, we can focus our resources on enriching the lives of our members and the Jewish community through worship, study, charity, social action, life cycle events, and more.

As I look forward, my vision includes you – our members! I see you, or at least I want to see you, at Temple! Please get involved in any way you feel comfortable, doing whatever you like to do. But also challenge yourself – try something new this year. Attend an adult education class. Help out at Lunch Box feeding the hungry. Volunteer to help the Sisterhood or Men’s Club with a function. Sing louder at Shabbat. Whatever you decide will be fine.

I promise you that you will experience gratitude, and with it greater happiness. And on that note I will close my article this month with a Rosh Hashanah wish for you!

I wish you Shanah Tovah, a Happy New Year full of gratitude and a renewed vision. of and love for Vassar Temple.

Bob Ritter

## October Worship Services

- 3 6:30pm and 8:30pm Yom Kippur; Kol Nidre  
 4 10:00am Yom Kippur: , Children's Service 1:30pm,  
 4:45 pm Yizkor Service,  
 8 7:00 pm Sukkot Evening service: building the *lulav*, Torah presentations to  
 the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class  
 9 10:00 am Sukkot Morning service  
 15 7:00 pm Simchat Torah celebration and Consecration  
 10 7:30pm Shabbat evening worship with Rabbi Golomb  
 11 9:00am Torah Study; 10:00am New Paths Service  
 16 - 10:00am Yizkor service  
 17 7:30pm Shabbat evening worship with Rabbi Golomb  
 18 9:00am Torah Study; 10:00am Shabbat Service as Zoe Peritz-Greenman is  
 called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah  
 24 6:15pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner; 7:30pm Shabbat Noach  
 Service with Rabbi Golomb, Elisa Dugatkin, and guest speaker,  
 Jackie Rose, Executive Director of the Dutchess County SPCA.  
 25 9:00am Torah Study; 10:00am Shabbat Service as Sarah Acker-Kryzwicki  
 is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah  
 31 7:30pm Shabbat evening worship with Rabbi Golomb

## November

- 1 9:00am Torah Study; 10:00am New Paths Service

## Adult Education Courses

All Welcome ~ No Charge to Attend

***The Jewish Idea of Time: An Introduction and Guide to the Celebration of Festival:*** Learn about the religious foundations, liturgy, customs and practices that go into the observance of the major holidays throughout the Jewish year. (On Oct. 5 we will cover Sukkot and Simchat Torah) **Sunday mornings at 9:15am.**

***The (Un)Changing Borders:*** Socio-political history of places in the news where tensions and clashes impact Jewish communities. Russia/Ukraine with David Woolner, resident historian at the Roosevelt Institute and Professor of History at Marist. **Tuesday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

***The ABCs of the Talmud:*** An introduction to definitive book of Judaism. We will look each week at a selection that highlights classic rabbinic thinking, but also points toward insights into modern Jewish life. Readings are in English. **Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm (Oct. 14, 21, Nov. 4 and 11)**

## DCIC Music Festival

The Dutchess County Interfaith Council's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at the Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Rd., Poughkeepsie. Following this year's theme, "Peace in God's Light," the program will feature interfaith adult and children's choirs as well as outstanding choral and performance groups from area congregations of all faiths. This is the only annual fundraising event to entirely benefit our local Interfaith Council, whose goal is to promote understanding and respect among diverse faiths by offering opportunities for education, worship, fellowship and service together. Suggested donation is \$15; children under 12 are free. For further information visit [www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org](http://www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org), and do plan to attend this delightful and inspiring musical event.

## Scriptural Readings

Oct. 4 *Yom Kippur*  
 Deut. 29:9-14, 30:11-20  
 Isaiah 58:1-14

Oct. 11 *Hol HaMo'ed Sukkot*  
 Ex. 33:12 – 34:26  
 Ezek. 38:18 – 39:16

Oct. 18 **B'reisheet**  
 Genesis 2:4 – 4:28  
 Isaiah 42:5 – 43:11

Oct. 25 *Rosh Hodesh Noah*  
 Gen. 8:15 – 10:32;  
 Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5; 66:1, 24

## Tots Celebrate Sukkot

All children age infant thru 5 and their parents are warmly invited to have fun learning about the holiday of Sukkot at the free Tiny Temple program to be held at Vassar Temple on Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-noon.



Children will enjoy holiday fun activities and crafts in a relaxed and friendly setting while adults will have an opportunity to meet others raising young Jewish children. Everyone will enjoy a healthy snack in the outdoor sukkah.

Tiny Temple is open to all regardless of Temple affiliation, is always free of charge, and is sponsored by the Vassar Temple Sisterhood. To assist in our planning, please RSVP to Laura Brundage and Fern Wolf at [tinytemple@vassar temple.org](mailto:tinytemple@vassar temple.org). They will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about this wonderful free monthly program and can put you on the Tiny Temple e-mail list.

## New Paths Service Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

For a unique shabbat experience, join us at the next New Paths service, Saturday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the East Chapel. The focus is on letting the service get through you, rather than on getting through the service. The atmosphere has been described by participants as spiritual, uplifting, and thought provoking. The moving liturgy of the New Paths prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, and participants may bring supplemental materials to share. Each New Paths service, whether lay led or rabbi led (we alternate), provides a unique and thoughtful shabbat morning experience. A brief informal kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz [mschwa9882@aol.com](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com) or Rabbi Golomb [rabbi@vassar temple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassar temple.org) or call 845-454-2570.





## Mazal Tov

Marianne and Bob Abrams on the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer, to Benjamin Sprattler;

Simon Strauss, son of Carol Strauss and Sandor Strauss, of blessed memory, who is engaged to Christine Reale and will be married next May;

Steven and Margot Peter on their son, Samuel's Bar Mitzvah;

Howard and Emily Himelstein on the birth of their first granddaughter, Nigella, born to daughter, Rachel, and husband, Chris Follari;

Dr. Howard & Rochelle Friedman on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Hudson Schnell;

Dr. Evan and Julie Goldfischer on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sabrina;

Joel Kelson on receiving the "Arnold Award;"

Art and Marge Groten, on receiving the "Founders Award;"

Brian & Helen Silverman on the marriage of their daughter, Dana Rubinstein, to John McGoldrick;

Paul & Andrea Ciminello on the birth of their granddaughter, Eliana Christina, born to Lauren and James Jen.

## Refuah Shelemah

Emily Himelstein  
Joe Bertolozzi

Vassar Temple Sisterhood extends warm New Year wishes of good health and happiness for you and your family. In our busy lives it can be difficult to stop and take stock of our daily blessings, goals both personal and professional, as well as where the Sisterhood can fit in to all of this craziness!!

We hope that you will take a moment to discover that our group of dynamic and active women can complement your own family and Temple life. Are you an organizer, reader, baker or talk-on-the-phone type? Join our book club, organize and attend lectures, bake for Oneg, help members who need a little extra TLC, stuff envelopes, sell scrip, participate in a new mother's group, help out with rummage sales, and play an active role in supporting MANY other Temple activities that also benefit the wider community.

## Condolences

Mark and Bruce Kapner on the loss of their mother, Ruth Kapner;

Michelle Klein on the loss of her father, Jack Goldman; and

Brian Silverman on the loss of his father, Hyman Silverman.

## New Year Wishes from VTS

There is something for everyone. If you want to do a little or a lot, we can find a place for you and WELCOME your involvement. Please connect with us by calling the office (845-454-3570) or email us at [sisterhood@vassartemple.org](mailto:sisterhood@vassartemple.org).

L'Shana Tova

*Laura Brundage and Danah Moore*

## 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 Flowers

- October 3: Donated by Chuck & Perla Kaufman in memory of their loved ones
- October 10 : Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- October 17: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- October 24: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- October 31: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood



Anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion can do so by sponsoring the sanctuary flowers with a donation to the Shrub Fund. Just call the Vassar Temple Office at 454-2570. The donation to the Shrub Fund is \$55.

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Articles for the November Bulletin must be submitted to the Temple office by October 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 : “Playing Pool, But Not Really”



When I was six years old, my father, a rabbi whose primary job was teaching other rabbis, agreed to lead services every other week at a congregation about an hour from where

we lived. As a result, every so often my brother and I would drive out with him on Friday nights and play the public role of “rabbi’s kids.” Usually we played outside the sanctuary with the other children.

A few years ago, I was telling my father about my fond recollections of our trips to that congregation, and how during the service my brother and I would play pool with our friends.

“There was no pool table,” he said.

“Of course there was. We played pool.”

“You couldn’t have.”

“I know we did.”

“If there was a pool table there I would have seen it. The building wasn’t that big. You must be mistaken.”

“I remember it perfectly.”

We sat in silence for a moment.

Then my father smiled and said, “There might have been a TOY pool table.”

He had to have been right. Once I thought about it, I realized that there’s no way my six-year-old arms could possibly have reached anything else. The “pool table” of my childhood memories must have been one of those \$40 plastic toys that rises approximately to an adult’s knees.

Yet that’s not how I remember it. I don’t remember a toy, or a mini-pool table, or, really, anything less than the full-sized, full-glory real deal. I remember playing POOL.

My adult view of the world, like my father’s, admits that it was just a toy. Yet my six-year-old view, dutifully preserved in my adult memory of the childhood experience, insists that the table was real.

I like this episode because of two points it highlights.

The first point is that experience is only based on experience, not reality. I try to keep this in mind when I plan and supervise activities in our school. It doesn’t matter how I or the teachers perceive classes or services or special programs. What matters is how the kids perceive them. Often my training and experience will offer some guidance in this regard, but the only way to know for sure is to ask the students themselves.

The second point is that even reality might be more fluid than we’d like to believe. Who’s to say that our adult division into “toy” and “real” is any more accurate than the child’s view that admits only “smaller” and “larger”? Is it possible that that tiny toy WAS a real pool table, and we’ve misunderstood what “real” means?

*Dr. Joel M. Hoffman*

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## The Bible’s Cutting Room Floor

Do you know that there’s something missing from your Bible? On **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm** at Vassar Temple, our religious school director and internationally acclaimed author, Dr. Joel M. Hoffman, will bring to life holy scriptures that were cut from the Bible two thousand years ago. He will reveal how these missing stories can offer penetrating insight into the Bible and its teachings and provide new answers to some of the most fundamental questions people still ask about their lives today.

The Book of Genesis tells us about Adam and Eve’s time in the Garden of Eden, but not what happens to them after the expulsion, nor the lessons they have for us about good and evil. The Bible introduces us to Abraham but it doesn’t

include the troubling story of his early life, which explains how he came to reject idolatry and become the father of monotheism. These intriguing writings and more fill in significant biblical gaps and explore ancient answers to timeless questions about good and evil, right and wrong, and the ultimate meaning of our lives.

Everyone in the community is invited to hear Dr. Hoffman’s free talk, and to enjoy light refreshments. Dr. Hoffman will have copies of his latest book, *The Bible’s Cutting Room Floor*, on hand for purchase and autographing.



## Jewish Meditation Group Invites New Attendees

The Jewish Meditation Group’s first session of the New Year will be held at Vassar Temple on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30pm. Both beginners and those experienced in the practice are all warmly invited to attend. The session will include both sitting and walking meditations, chanting or a short reading, plus time for questions and sharing. The group is led by Linda Cantor (of Vassar Temple) and Ed Rosenberg (of Temple Beth El). Temple affiliation is not required and there is no charge to participate. If you plan to attend any or all of the sessions, please RSVP to [845-454-2570](tel:845-454-2570) or [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).

## Update from Rabbi Search Committee

As of September 3, 2014: The Rabbi Search Committee [RSC] has been active over the summer, reviewing resumes and interviewing some very fine candidates in thoughtful, serious discussions. As was expected, each individual brings something special to the table in terms of experience, commitments, energy, special talents and more. Committee members are approaching each candidate with open minds as we try to explore if and how our needs and their needs can find common ground. Vassar Temple has a great deal to offer, both regarding the Temple itself and the community in which we live. These will be strong selling points to the right individual.

A few additional candidates are scheduled for interview via video conferencing. Our sincere hope is that we will be able to identify Rabbis who want to visit with us in the fall, giving the congregation an opportunity to interact with them.

*Sandra Mamis, Chairperson*

## Poughkeepsie Mothers Group Update

Providing twice monthly (Wednesdays 4:30-6:00pm) group meetings held for both English and Spanish speaking women in a nice space at the Family Partnership Center, the Mothers Group continues to help new mothers share experiences and learn about parenting. An art or journal project greets the moms each time, followed by an educational segment on parenting, family health, speakers from community organizations once a month, great healthy snacks, and help with transportation which is now available to those who need it. Perhaps you saw their art work on display at the Cuneen Hackett Cultural Center throughout the summer.

**If this excellent project is to continue** to expand, more help is needed in these areas:

\* Snack Committee- buy snacks for a meeting (you will be reimbursed) and bring them at 4:15pm

\* Write grant proposals

- \* Coordinate babysitting services
- \* Publicity and social media
- \* Help with a book project, "Mom's Best Advice"(collected advice from moms in the group)

Vassar Temple is a co-sponsor of the Mothers Group and we encourage our members to consider how they might help with this truly meaningful project. If you can assist in any of the areas listed above (help *especially* needed with the first three), please contact Kay Bishop at 845-797-4834 or [kaybishop@gmail.com](mailto:kaybishop@gmail.com) .



## Weekly Adult Study

Weekly Adult Study with Rabbi Golumb includes:

- "Torah Study," which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftarah, Saturday mornings at 9:00am
- "*The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text*", which is now being held on Tuesday afternoons at 12:00 noon.

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

## Safam: the Quintessential American Band in Concert Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Safam, a Boston based six-man band that dominates Jewish music with its original songs that combine Hebrew and English, is coming to Poughkeepsie during their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Performing music that covers a wide breadth of American musical styles including Rock & Roll, Pop, Folk and Latin, while maintaining a decidedly Jewish flavor, Safam creates a tapestry of music perfect for the entire family.

The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, in collaboration with the Beacon Hebrew Alliance, Congregation Beth David in Amenia, Temple Beth El, Congregation Schomre Israel, Shir Chadash, and Vassar Temple, is sponsoring the program. Monies raised by this concert will benefit the educational programs offered by each of the six collaborating congregations.

**Mark your calendars now:**

**Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Poughkeepsie High School  
7:00-9:00pm

Advance tickets are \$18 for adults, \$54 for Priority Seating (\$36 of which is tax deductible). Students and children are free. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$22. Seating will be on a first-come basis beginning at 6:30pm.

For reservations: Call the Federation office at 845-471-9811 or [www.jewishdutchess.org](http://www.jewishdutchess.org) .

Send your check to the Federation office at P.O. Box 2525, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603. For more information about Safam, visit [www.safam.com](http://www.safam.com).

## Protein Plenty: A Big Success

Every summer, there are disadvantaged children, teenagers (and adults) in our county who cannot get lunch when their schools are closed. For some children and teenagers, they may not be able to sites where these meals may be provided. No one should be without food.

Thank you VT members for working together to reduce hunger in our community by responding to our Temple's annual summer Protein Plenty drive. As a result of your generous donations this year, \$418

worth of protein-based food, amounting to 714 meals, was purchased and delivered to the Community Action Partnership for their food pantries around the county. The delivery vehicle was so jammed with food that you couldn't even see out of the back window! Well done and many thanks!

*Nancy, Dave and Max Samson  
Social Action Committee*

### Lunch Box

Thanks to everyone who came to help or made donations for our September Lunch Box with special appreciation to Michele Brenner for being captain. Michele has joined our Lunch Box Committee and will be there to help advise our other captains year round.

Captains for our upcoming Oct. 5th Lunch Box are Andi and Paul Ciminello. The main dish they have chosen is rotini with meat sauce. Donations of the following are needed:

- 3 lb. browned ground turkey or ground beef
- 3 lb. cooked rotini pasta, lightly oiled
- one to two dozen pieces fresh fruit, bananas, or individual servings of grapes bagged in sandwich baggies
- Please label your donation: "For Lunch Box"

Food may be dropped off at the Temple kitchen beforehand during hours when the building is usually opened. If you can make a food donation, or wish to come to Lunch Box between 11:30am-2:00pm Sunday, October 5th to help cook and serve this delicious and nutritious meal to our neighbors in need, please contact the Ciminellos at: [andi@ecosystemsstrategies.com](mailto:andi@ecosystemsstrategies.com) or 845-452-1658.



### CROPWalk Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>

Dutchess County Interfaith Council will sponsor the annual community CROPWalk against hunger on Sunday, Oct. 19th to raise money to aid folks nationally and globally, with 25% of the proceeds coming back to local agencies. The primary local recipient, Dutchess Outreach, not only operates the major area food pantry and the Lunch Box feeding site, which has in recent years added evening meals in addition to lunch, but also provides nutritious snacks for children and teens who attend afterschool programs at the Partnership Center, does home delivery of meals for those debilitated by AIDS/HIV and their families, and has pitched in when meals were needed at area homeless shelters. The remainder of funds raised goes to combat hunger throughout the USA and globally, as well as in the form of agricultural improvement projects, disaster relief, and refugee aid. Sponsors have the option of designating a specific agency to receive their donation if they wish to do so.

Last year Dutchess County walkers raised \$48,000. But this year the needs have increased, particularly with rising food prices and a cutback in government aid. There are several ways you can help:

- Do all or part of the walk with family, friends, a group from the Temple, or on your own.
- Sponsor yourself, or get a few sponsors and you can help even more!
- If you cannot walk, you can sponsor Rabbi Golomb or another congregant who'll be walking
- Help at the registration table btw 9:15am-2:15pm. (contact Marian Schwartz at [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org))
- Buy treats at the Bake Sale at HVCC/JCC on the day of the Walk

**Tax deductible checks** should be made out to "CWS/Crop." (To pledge to sponsor Rabbi Golomb in the CROPWalk, watch for

## Book Club to Discuss *Fahrenheit 451* on October 9<sup>th</sup>

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss Ray Bradbury's internationally acclaimed novel, *Fahrenheit 451*, a masterpiece of twentieth century literature, set in a bleak, dystopian future. The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm, in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie.



Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, controlled by a totalitarian regime, television rules and literature is on the brink of extinction. Firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce until he meets Clarisse, an eccentric, young neighbor who introduces him to a past where people didn't live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television. He begins to hide books in his home; and when his pilfering is discovered, the fireman finds himself running for his life.

First published in 1951, *Fahrenheit 451* is the Poughkeepsie Library System's Big Read selection for 2014. It is available in paperback and through the local library system. Elaine Lipschutz will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at 473-7931 or [linda.babas.41@gmail.com](mailto:linda.babas.41@gmail.com).

a signup sheet on the tzedakah box table).

The complete walk is about 10K (6.3 mi.) on a safe, marked, monitored route in the City of Poughkeepsie, beginning and ending at the Hudson Valley Community Center (former JCC) at 110 S. Grand Ave. There are 3 rest stations along the way at local houses of worship. Walkers should start any time between 10:00am-2:00pm to assure that all the support systems will be available to them while they're walking.

Get your walker materials now so you can start signing up sponsors! If you'd like to learn more or sign up to be a walker, please contact Dave Wolf, our Vassar Temple CROPWalk recruiter, at [cropwalk@vassartemple.org](mailto:cropwalk@vassartemple.org). However you choose to help, whatever you can do, *will* make a difference!



## Very Special Book Sale

*The Five Books of Moses*, with Illustrations from the Works of Abel Pann, published by Mayanot Gallery in Jerusalem in 1997 and usually sold for \$125, is now available at Vassar Temple's **special price of \$85 with all proceeds going to the Temple.**

It is in Hebrew and English, in large format (13" x 13"), 300 pages with 82 full color plates, bound in rich cloth and gold embossed letters, presented in a colored dust jacket and slipcase. The translation is that of the London 1884 masoretic text. It is

This book is the perfect gift for Chanukah, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a Wedding or any other Special Occasion.

A copy will be on view at the Chanukah sale table and brochures are always available at the Temple office.

For further information, contact Art Groten at [agroten43@icloud.com](mailto:agroten43@icloud.com)

## An Evening with Leon Botstein Nov. 3rd

The Joint Meeting for Hadassah and the women's groups of Vassar Temple, Schomre Israel, Temple Beth-El, and Shir Chadash are teaming up for what promises to be a very memorable event that you won't want to miss! Leon Botstein, President of Bard College and a man of many talents and accomplishments, will present "An Evening with Leon Botstein."

- Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 - 9:30pm
- At Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie
- Refreshments will be served
- Reservations not required
- Free and open to the public

The organizing committee is asking attendees to participate in a community service project to provide baby supplies for needy families in our community. Please bring a package of disposable diapers and/or a small quantity of ready-to-use baby formula. These items will be collected at the event and distributed to the families of babies in need in our community.

We hope you will plan to join us for this wonderful evening with one of the Hudson Valley's most illustrious citizens, and that you will also support the accompanying community mitzvah.



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Raphael Horn  
Faye Korn  
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Bernard Pearlman  
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Sophie Schwartz  
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Bessie Rabin  
Jeanne Loth Rubin  
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Sansola  
Joseph Sparks  
Mary Stolack  
Elizabeth Troeger  
Joan E. Tulin

## OCTOBER 17

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Ida Goldberg  
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Dr. Barry G. Jordan  
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Dr. Martin Rabin  
Jean Strauss  
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## OCTOBER 24

Henry Cantor  
Mollie Daniels  
Leo Feinstein  
Morris Fertig  
Arthur Fink  
Sidney Goldberg  
Dr. Lawrence Gould  
Murray Gutnick  
Bernard Himelstein  
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## OCTOBER 31

Samuel Baum  
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Lisa Graney  
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## New DIY Kitchen at Vassar Temple

Many heartfelt thanks to the closet-Martha Stewarts and home improvement guys and gals who worked so hard over the summer to give Vassar Temple's kitchen the most wonderful overhaul! If you haven't yet been in it, it is a must-see! New countertops, cabinets, ceiling and updated wiring were important parts of this work.

Particular thanks go to the Vassar Temple Sisterhood for providing the funding for this much-needed project and to the Kitchen Committee Co-Chairs, Roni Stein and Judy Rosenfeld, for their vision and perseverance that made the project a reality. A special shout out of thanks also go to Alvin Rosen and Ron Rosen who helped guide the electrical work, the Men's Club/House Committee painters, and to some terrific kitchen helpers who helped move out and then

re-organize ALL of the contents from the cabinets: Tom Frankel, Jen Dahnert, Perla Kaufman, Nadine Zaritsky, Kamil Wisniewski and Joe Stein.

Thanks also to the members of the Vassar Temple Sisterhood, led by Laura Brundage and Danah Moore, who celebrated the completion of this project by throwing a Kitchen Shower at the Opening Dinner of the Sisterhood in September. This was a truly collective effort that has resulted in a tremendous enhancement to our Temple. Thank you



## Jewish War Veterans: October Meeting

The Private Herman T. Siegel Post #625 of The Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue in Poughkeepsie. The meeting begins 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) are cordially invited to attend and participate in the activities of this JWV Post.

As Schomre Israel is strictly Kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the Synagogue. If you need a ride or for further information, please contact Post Commander Robert L. Morrison at [ROBL56@aol.com](mailto:ROBL56@aol.com) or 845-462-3614.

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<b>Youth Group President:</b>	Rachel Marcus



## October 2014 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4:30 pm Hebrew School 6pm Religious School 8-12	2 10am SEP	3 6:30 Kol Nidre Family Service 8:30 Kol Nidre Regular service	4 9am Torah Study 10am Yom Kippur Morning Service 1:30 YK Children's Sv 2:30 YK Afternoon Sv 4:45 Yizkor 5:30 Ne'ilah 6:15 Break-Fast
5 9am R/S K-7 11am Tiny Temple 12pm Lunchbox	6 7:15pm Ritual Committee	7 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class 7pm Adult Ed—Russia, Ukraine 7:30pm Meditation	8 4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:30pm R/S Dinner 7pm R/S Grade 7, 1st year Torah presentation	9 Office Closed 10am Sukkot Service	10 7:30pm Shabbat Service	11 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths Service
12 9am NO Religious School	13 7pm Exec Committee Meeting	14 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class	15 6pm R/S Dinner 7pm Consecration	16 Office Closed 10am Yizkor Service	17 7:30pm Shabbat Service	18 9am Torah Study- 10am Bat Mitzvah— Zoe Peritz-Greenman
19 Crop Walk 9am R/S—K-7 9am Men's Club take down Sukkah	20	21 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class	22 4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Religious School 8-12	23 10am SEP	24 6:15 VT Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner 7:30pm Shabbat Noach	25 9am Torah Study 10am Bat Mitzvah— Sarah Acker-Krzywicki
26 9am R/S—K-7	27 7pm Board of Trustees	28 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Class	29 4:30 pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Religious School 8-12	30 10am SEP	31 CAN JAM 7:30pm Shabbat Service	