



Vassar Temple

Where You Belong

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Annual *Break-the-Fast*: Join Us!

Join us at VT's annual Break-the-Fast on Wednesday, Oct. 12th in the social hall, following the concluding Yom Kippur Service.

Homemade kugels, fish, eggs, cheese, bagels, salads, fruit, sweets and more!

- Children under 13: \$5
- Adults: \$15
- Maximum per nuclear family: \$36

Please RSVP & pre-pay by Oct. 5th with checks made payable to Vassar Temple ("Break the Fast" on memo line).

Checks should be left at or mailed to: "Vassar Temple", 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Questions? Call the Temple office at [845-454-2570](tel:845-454-2570).

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CROPWalk Against Hunger: Oct. 16th

The annual Interfaith CROPWalk against Hunger will be held Sunday, Oct. 16th with headquarters at Temple Beth El, 118 S. Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie. Join us on what promises to be a beautiful fall day to walk all or part of a safe 6-mile route to raise funds to combat hunger locally, nationally and globally.

Walk with the Vassar Temple team led by Rabbi Berkowitz, walk with family, friends, or by yourself. You may start any time between 10:00am and 2:00pm, and all walkers should plan to finish by 3:30pm.

Whether or not you can walk, you can help in other ways. Perhaps you can bake for, or patronize, a bake sale to be held at walk headquarters. You can watch for information on how to sponsor Rabbi Berkowitz and our other Temple walkers on line. Or

you could also sign up to sponsor Rabbi Berkowitz on the bulletin board near the staircase, and donate at the Temple to sponsor the Rabbi with a tax deductible check made out to "CWS/Crop." Help is also very much needed at the registration table at headquarters the day of the event.

For more information and to sign up as a walker or to bake, please contact Howard Susser at cropwalk@vassartemple.org and to sign up to help at the registration table please contact Marian Schwartz at socialaction@vassartemple.org. 25% of funds raised comes back to Dutchess Outreach and other agencies that combat hunger in our home community. The remainder goes to important anti-hunger projects and disaster relief efforts in the USA and abroad.

Support Vassar Temple's Yom Kippur Food Drive

"Is not this the fast I look for: to unlock the shackles of bondage, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every cruel chain? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and to bring the homeless poor into your house?" (Isaiah 58:5-7)

- Please take home a grocery bag from Temple on Rosh Hashanah
- Please bring it back full of nonperishable foods on Yom Kippur for those in need

Rabbi's Message: Stay With Me a Little Longer



As the Jewish calendar hurtles towards the month of Tishrei, it gets difficult to imagine life after Yom Kippur. But only four days after our *Ne'ilah* service, we celebrate an eight-day festival: the harvest festival of Sukkot.

While we love decorating our *sukkah* and shaking the lulav and the etrog, Sukkot is sometimes the victim of post-High Holy Day burnout. It is hard to imagine that, in ancient times, Sukkot loomed so large in the Jewish calendar that it was known simply as *he-Hag*, "the festival."

In temple times, Sukkot was one of the *shalosh regalim*, the three festivals when Israelites made the pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Unlike Pesach and Shavuot, whose sacrifices were modest, on Sukkot these sacrifices multiplied: over the course of week, we offered a total of 70 bulls!

Why was Sukkot so important? For our ancestors, the significance of the festival was twofold. It was a time for giving thanks for the earth's abundance at the end of the harvest season, and a time to pray for rain to nurture the earth for the coming year.

Sukkot celebrates the past and prays for the future, but it is also

celebrates the present. When we celebrate Sukkot, we are not only giving thanks and praying for rain, but also remembering our ancestors' experience of wandering in the desert, living in booths, as Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin writes in *The Tapestry of Jewish Time*:

"If Pesach is about departures (for it recalls the Exodus from Egypt) and Shavuot is about arrivals (for it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai), Sukkot is about the journey. It is the holiday that best symbolizes where most of us are most of the time: somewhere in between, midway, sometimes moving, sometimes stuck, always heading—we hope—in the right direction. It reminds us that the way we get somewhere, what we do and learn along the way, where we detour and where we pause, whom we meet and whom we travel with, are as essential to the journey as the arrival."

Just when we think the holidays are over, Sukkot culminates in the celebration of Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Shemini Atzeret is a puzzler. It literally means, "The eighth day of assembly," but aside from the sacrifices offered in the ancient Temple, it has no rituals of its own.

Given this lack of distinction, the Reform movement combined Shemini Atzeret with Simchat Torah, our celebration of completing the cycle of Torah readings. Why would we need a festival at the end of a festival?

Rashi asks us to imagine God as a king throwing a seven-day feast. As the feasting dies down, the king begs his children to stay one day longer for a simple meal, before heading on their way, "so that I may derive pleasure from you, for it is difficult for me to part from you." Shemini Atzeret, and later Simchat Torah, became the day that God asks the Jewish people, "Stay close to Me, for just one more day."

Vassar Temple has a beautiful tradition of throwing branches on the roof of the *sukkah* as we leave the synagogue on Yom Kippur. This is a reminder that we aren't finished celebrating together quite yet. As we wish one another *g'mar hatimah tova*, "may you sealed in the Book of Life," we also say to one another: Stay with us, and celebrate with us a little longer.

Shana Tovah, G'mar Hatimah Tovah, and Chag Sameach!

Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

From Our Temple President



The high holy days are here. An incredible amount of preparation during part of the summer and all of September has made it possible for us to worship together. Sandra Mamis and other members of the Ritual Committee have met and planned to ensure the services and Temple will be ready for us. Elisa Dugatkin, cantorial soloist, and Joseph Bertolozzi, organist, have been working together coordinating the high holy day music. And of course, Rabbi Berkowitz has been working long stressful days getting ready for the "Rabbi's High Holy Days Marathon." Thanks so much to all of those who have worked so hard.

September had many successful events. Sunday, September 11th was a very busy day at Vassar Temple. Vassar Temple Sisterhood's rummage sale brought many people to our temple. Those who came to buy were happy with the beautiful bargains

they bought and took home. Thank you to our hard-working sisterhood volunteers.

Julie Stein-Makowsky, our new religious school director, held an orientation for new and returning teachers on September 11th. Also on that Sunday, the Temple's officers, board members and committee chairs participated in a seven hour-long workshop facilitated by Michael Laufer of the URJ. Varying views were expressed, discussions took place and substantive plans were made. During the forthcoming months and years, we hope to implement some of the plans to benefit our congregation.

During September The Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School and the Vassar Temple Hebrew School got off to great starts. The VaTY (Vassar Temple Youth) and Geshar programs were well attended by our teens who are strengthening their temple friendships, connections to Judaism and making new friends with

other teens from Temple Beth-El and Shir Chadash. Our youth group director, Shira Teich, has helped formulate a program that is enjoyable and meaningful for our teens.

The Selichot service and the presentation of the Arnold Award were very special as were the three September B'nai Mitzvahs. September was a wonderfully busy month at Vassar Temple. October brings the high holy days, Sukkot and many other meaningful days. I hope you will join Rabbi Berkowitz and your fellow congregants at Vassar Temple during the new year. I wish you all a good fast and a happy and healthy new year.

Mark Metzger
President

October Worship Services

1	9:00am 10:30am	Torah Study Outdoor Contemplative service
2	Rosh Hashana 7:30pm	Erev Rosh Hashana service with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and cantorial soloist Elisa Dugatkin
3	10:00am 2:00pm 3:30pm	Rosh Hashana morning service Rosh Hashana family service Tashlich at Vassar Lake
4	10:00am	Rosh Hashana morning service
7	7:30pm	Shabbat Shuvah with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
8	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths service
11	7:30 pm	Kol Nidre with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi, cantorial soloist Elisa Dugatkin, and guest cellist
12	Yom Kippur 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 4:45pm 5:30pm	High Holy Day study Family service Afternoon service Memorial service Ne'ilah
14	7:30pm	Shabbat services with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
15	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study Metzger Bat Mitzvah
16	Sukkot 7:00pm	Sukkot service and Kabbalat Siddur
21	7:30pm	Family Shabbat services with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and cantorial soloist Elisa Dugatkin
22	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study Russo Bat Mitzvah
23	Simchat Torah 5:30pm 7:00pm	Dinner in Sukkah Service and Consecration of new students
28	7:30pm	Shabbat services with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
29	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths service

Scriptural Readings

- Oct 1 *Nitzavim* Deut. 29:9 – 30:20; Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9
- 8 **Shabbat Shuvah**
Vayelekh Deut. 29:9-30:20; Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 7:18-20, Joel 2:15-27
- 15 *Ha'azinu* Deut. 32:1-52; II Samuel 22:1-51
- 22 **Shabbat Sukkot** Ex. 33:12 – 34:26, Num. 29:26-31; Ezek. 38:18 – 39:16
- 29 *B'reisheet* Genesis 1:1-2:3; Isaiah 42:5 – 43:10

Sukkot and Simchat Torah Festivities: Oct. 16th & Oct. 23rd

Vassar Temple is the place to celebrate Sukkot and Simchat Torah with worship, fun, food and special events. On Sunday, Oct. 16th at 7:00pm, a Sukkot service will be held in the specially decorated sanctuary. During the service, all the seventh graders will be presented with siddurs to use as they study and prepare to lead their upcoming bar and bat mitzvah services. And everyone is invited to bring an offering of “Socks for Sukkot” to be donated to those in need in our community.

On Sunday, Oct. 23rd at 5:30pm, we will gather for a meal in the Temple sukkah. The evening continues with Israeli folk dancing, a 7⁰⁰pm service featuring seven, joyful hakafots (parades with the torahs), the unrolling of the torah scroll around the sanctuary for all to view, and the blessing (consecration) of children new to our religious school this year.

Come and celebrate these holidays with your Temple family this year!

Mazel Tov to...

Mark & Kate Metzger on the celebration of their daughter Anna's Bat Mitzvah;

Mark & Jasmine Russo on the celebration of their daughter Jordan's Bat Mitzvah;

David Lampell & Marilyn McGaulley-Lampell on the marriage of David's son Zachery Lampell to Niki Dasarathy;

David Lampell & Marilyn McGaulley-Lampell on the birth of identical twins, Derek and Finn, born to Marilyn's daughter, Erin, and husband, Evan Kelsey.



October's Pulpit Flower Donations

- October 7: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
October 14: Donated by Mark & Kate Metzger in honor of Anna's Bat Mitzvah
October 21: Donated by Mark & Jasmine Russo in honor of Jordan's Bat Mitzvah
October 28: Donated by Bob & Marianne Abrams in memory of their parents

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.

New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning services Saturdays, Oct. 8th & Oct. 29th at 10:00am in the informal, intimate setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. The moving liturgy of the New Paths prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English, and participants may bring supplemental materials to share. Each New Paths service, whether lay led or rabbi led, provides a unique and thoughtful shabbat morning experience. A brief mini-kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Berkowitz rabbi@vassar temple.org, or the Temple office 845-454-2570.



Condolences to...

Richard & Harriet Fein & family on the loss their son-in-law, Larry Paradis;

Rebecca Krzywicki & family on the loss of her mother-in-law, Sarah Faith Krzywicki.

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.

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From the Religious School Director



*"...Now, the
time to let the
mind search
backwards like the
raven loosed to
see what can feed*

*us. Now, the time to cast the mind forward
to chart an aerial map of the months..."*
(Marge Piercy, excerpted from the poem,
"Coming up on September")

As I write this Bulletin article, Rosh Chodesh Elul looms around the corner. Elul is the Jewish Month that comes right before the High Holidays. I try every year to make myself aware of the start of the month of Elul and attempt throughout this month to take time to contemplate the year that has just past and to try to set some goals for the coming year.

I am sure that I am not alone when I admit that I had no idea of how this year would play out when looking forward last Elul. It never crossed my mind that I would be serving the Vassar Temple community as their Education Director. What I did know is that no matter where I would be, you would find me following the Jewish calendar with its celebrations, holy days, times to remember and observances to follow.

Although I have been an active and practicing Jew for my entire life, it was

only after working in a Jewish day school that I became very conscious of how important the rhythm of the Jewish calendar is to my life. It's not just simply a calendar reminding me of upcoming holidays; rather, it is a road map for living "Jewishly." From it, I know where we are in the year of Torah Readings; I am reminded to remember my loved ones' Yahrzeits; I understand the importance of agriculture and how it shaped and molded our Jewish heritage and, most importantly, I learn that there are times to take a deep breath and look back as well as forward.

Why do I find this so important?

One of the things that Vassar Temple has entrusted me with is to help to educate our young people about their Judaism. One of the basic things that our children learn about in Religious School classes is Jewish holidays and observances, including, of course, baking hamentaschen and dressing up for Purim or learning about blowing the Shofar on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Pesach, Tu B'shvat, Chanukah, Lag B'Omer are just a handful of holidays that our students have opportunities to learn about and participate in.

Part of understanding Jewish holidays and observances is to understand how they fit in our calendar. In the past I have found that many students only know about a holiday because it's celebrated in school. So the learning about

the holiday becomes the celebration of the holiday. Students sometimes have not had any opportunity to participate and learn by doing outside of school. Unfortunately this does not allow for students and their families to truly get the full understanding of the holiday. I have encountered so many parents in the past who are intimidated by celebrating with their children outside of the classroom because they never were given the opportunity to celebrate outside of their classrooms. Judaism is a religion that encourages holiday celebrations in our homes. It is important to learn about our heritage, but it is just as important to "do" Jewish in Jewish time.

I want to encourage all of our families with children in the school and families without school aged children to make an effort to bring the holidays into their homes as well as bring yourself and your family to holiday services. Please let myself or Rabbi Berkowitz know if you would like some ideas on how to make the holidays meaningful to your family this year.

Shanah Tovah, I wish you all a meaningful holiday season full of celebration, family time, contemplation and joy!

Julie Makowsky



Tots to Celebrate Sukkot: Oct. 16th

All children age infant-5 years 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. 16th from 11:00am-noon. The children will enjoy holiday fun activities and crafts in a relaxed and friendly setting. The adults will have an opportunity to meet others raising young Jewish children and we will all have 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 Sisterhood. To assist in our planning, please RSVP to Laura Brundage and Fern Wolf at tinytemple@vassar temple.org. They will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about this wonderful free monthly program, and to put you on the Tiny Temple e-mail list.

Firm in my beliefs

"Firm in my Beliefs, Vague and Indifferent as They Are: Experiences of Early Jewish Students at Elite Women's Colleges"

Thursday, October 20th, 7:00pm

Drawing on the charming letters and engaging memoir of two young Wellesley students, Cynthia Francis Gensheimer will help us understand the pull toward complete assimilation experienced by young Jewish women attending elite women's colleges early in the 20th century. She will also discuss her ongoing research into the earliest Jewish students at Vassar and Smith Colleges.

Cynthia Francis Gensheimer is currently an independent scholar specializing in the history of 19th century Jewish American women, was a fellow at the American Jewish Archives in 2015-2016, and co-authored a talk for the biennial scholars' conference of the American Jewish Historical Society held in June in NYC. Don't miss the opportunity to hear Dr. Gensheimer speak right here at Vassar Temple about this fascinating topic!

Weekly Study Groups

Torah Study with Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftarah, is held every Saturday morning at 9:00am. *"The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text"*, is taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb every Tuesday at noon (NO class Oct. 4th). All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes--no previous training required! Questions? rabbi@vassartemple.org or (845)454-2570.



Yahoo!!

There's a new SCRIP card available!

Denominations of @50 and \$100

Socks for Sukkot

As we dwell in the sukkah, we realize how fortunate we are to be warm. As we celebrate this joyous holiday, we unite to think of those less fortunate.

This year at this season, we at Vassar Temple are collecting new socks for children, men and women. You are invited to bring a new pair of socks of your choosing in to the collection box at the Temple and we will deliver the socks to those in need in our community.

Financial donations to the tzedakah box near the stairs, and tax deductible checks made out to Vassar Temple with "socks" on the memo line, will also be used for this purpose.

Suggestion: If you get and do not use the frequent \$10 coupons from JCPenney that appear in our mail flyers, why not use it to buy a pair of warm socks to donate!

We thank you and invite you to contact socialaction@vassartemple.org with any questions about this project, which is co-sponsored by the Religious School, the Ritual Committee, and the Social Action Committee.

VaTY (Youth Group) News

Upcoming Events:

October 1
October 12
November 11-13
November 20
Havdalah at The Walk way Over the Hudson
Yom Kippur Food Drive
NAR Fall Kallah at Camp Kutz
Thanksgiving Baskets

Save These Dates:

December 16-17
January 20-23
February 25
March 11
March 19-20
April 21-23
Shul-in at TEMTY
NAR Winter Kallah at New Rochelle
Ski/Snow Tubing Day
Purim Hopping
Albany Advocacy Day
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

Yahrzeits

OCTOBER 7

Jessie Barker
Alfred J. Bogad
Gertrude C. Clarfeld
Daniel L. Cohen
Bonnie Gordon
Ira Greenberg
Minnie Israel
Michael Oremus
Arthur Peritz
Bessie Rabin
Elio Ribbi
Jeanne Loth Rubin
Aleeyah Yankajtis
Sansola
Mary Stolack
Joan E. Tulin
Rose S. Weigert
Charlotte Zuckerman

OCTOBER 14

Bernat Ackerman
Lucilla Albinder
Margaret Ciminello
Howard Cohen, MD
Jean W. Dampf
Charles Finnerman
Gertrude Hines Groten
Lisa Heidelberger
Raphael Horn
Norman Kramer
Evelyn Locke
Marion Miller
Aaron Parish
Susan Doppelt Pearlman
Harold Posner
Dr. Martin Rabin
Sophie Schwartz
Joseph Sparks
Jean Strauss
Elizabeth Troeger

OCTOBER 21

Morris Bronfeld
Henry Cantor
Morris Fertig
Arthur Fink
Ida Goldberg
Dr. Lawrence Gould
Dr. Barry G. Jordan
Howard Kapner
Joshua Russell Karp
Leo Klausner
Charlotte Konick
Max Eli Kosstrin
Dr. William J. Lazarus
Lisa Lemberger
Susan Salit Lowe
Rose Maisel
Ruth Muraskin
Samuel Scope
Murray Sigalow
Frank Spilke
Ethel Solomon
Abraham Swatlo
George Tofel
Sophia S. Wolfson

OCTOBER 28

Mollie Daniels
Leo Feinstein
Benjamin Genshaft
Lisette Goldemberg
Lisa Graney
Jacob Haber
Louis Heidelberger
Bernard Himelstein
Herman Katz
Sidney Locke
Benjamin Michel
Max H. Richter
Haim Ribbi
Monroe Robbins
Bessie Rothauser
Lenore Schiffman
Lawrence Slate
Adele Lerman Warshaw
Abraham Zack
Mark Zatzkis

FUND FACTS: Say “Yes!” to Millie Gould!

With our batteries recharged from the summer, we have turned our focus to the start of a new academic year. This is an especially exciting time in the Seth Erlebacher Religious School as we recently welcomed our new Education Director, Julie Makowsky. Inspired by her arrival, I am devoting this month’s FUND FACTS to the Mildred Gould Religious School Fund.

This fund was established in memory of beloved, long-time Temple member, Mildred “Millie” Gould, to recognize her passionate dedication to children and youth programs and many years of service on the Religious School Committee. The fund provides resources to purchase books

and materials deemed necessary by the Education Director. Donors to the Fund can designate their gift to purchase a specific item connected with the Religious School or make a contribution for general purposes.

Those who were fortunate to know Millie will remember that when she asked you to do something, it was difficult to say “no.” As we begin the school year and welcome Julie to our community, it is a perfect time to celebrate both events – and say “Yes!” to Millie -- with a contribution to the fund that bears her name and sustains her legacy in religious education.

Jennifer Sachs Dahnert



Contributions

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Elaine Lipschutz
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Marjorie Lazarus
Judy Harkavy

Egypt and Israel: Bosom Frenemies: Oct. 25 & Nov. 10

Egypt, a leader of the Arab world, was at the forefront of efforts to prevent the creation of the State of Israel in 1948. Its active opposition continued after Israel's creation, with support of Fedayeen raids from Gaza, economic warfare, and invasion in 1973. Israel viewed Egypt as its most dangerous foe, and went to war against it in 1956, 1967, and 1973. Then came Sadat's visit to Jerusalem and the start of a new era: state-to-state relations. While relations were cool, Egypt and Israel now collaborate closely against Hamas in Gaza and the Islamic State in Sinai. What accounts for the change?

Part 1: Tuesday, October 25th 7:00pm at Vassar Temple

An historical perspective on this odd and intricate relationship that goes back 3,000 years with Rabbi Paul Golomb, Senior Scholar

Part 2: Thursday, November 10th, 7:00pm at Vassar Temple

Modern Day Egypt and Israel with Martin Charwat, former member of the board of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley

VTS College Care Packages

If you have a student still in college/graduate school or starting in Fall 2016, please send the following to Fern Wolf at fernwf@optonline.net:

- student's name
- student's email address
- address
- college graduation year
- name of school
- parent's email address
- parent's phone number
- other pertinent information such as non-traditional semesters (Trimester, 4-1-4, short term, study abroad, etc.)

The Vassar Temple Sisterhood College Care Package Committee sends registered students at least two care packages during the year, one for Chanukah and one for Purim.

Book Club to Discuss *Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women*, October 13th

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss *Nine Parts of Desire: the Hidden World of Islamic Women* by Geraldine Brooks, prize winning foreign correspondent for the Wall Street Journal. The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 13th at 2:00pm in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

During her six years covering the Middle East, through wars and insurrections, the author sought to find out how Muslim women feel about their societies' attitudes toward women. Wearing the black veil worn by Muslim women (the "hijab"), Brooks talked with women throughout the Islamic world, reexamined the Koran, spent time with fundamentalists and feminists alike, and emerged with a

deeper understanding of the religion that once empowered but now cripples women. Her acute analysis of the world's fastest growing religion illustrates how Islam's holiest texts have been misused to justify repression of women and how male pride and power have warped the original message of a once liberating faith.

Nine Parts of Desire 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. Please continue to send your suggestions for future readings.

Summer Service Thank You

During the summer, our Shabbat services were lay lead, giving Rabbi an opportunity to devote time to spiritual growth, supporting the URJ camps and being with family. We had a wonderful group of individuals, each of whom brought their own flavor to the liturgy, the music and d'var, giving summer service attendees warm and welcoming worship experiences. Our appreciation is extended to these members who agreed to be service leaders, investing time and energy preparing for the service as well as making sure the onegs were very special.

Many, many thanks to: Ron Rosen, Rabbi Golomb [who served twice], Sandra Mamis together with Richard Levien, Marian Schwartz together with Wayne Cochran, Joel Kelson, Jane Lalone, Richard Levien, and Ralph Schwartz, Linda Cantor together with Ed Rosenberg, Julie Makowsky, Leonard Greenberg, and Ben Krevolin.

Outdoor Contemplative Shabbat at Quiet Cove Park Saturday, October 1st

VT's Ritual Committee is sponsoring an outdoor shabbat experience at Quiet Cove Riverfront Park on Saturday, October 1st. This is the final shabbat in the contemplative month of Elul, a day prior to the arrival of Erev Rosh Hashanah. We will use the gathering to help us get in the spirit of Teshuvah (turning) and contemplation. However, we won't be entirely solemn. Wayne Cochran will be reading a children's tale he authored, and other members of the Ritual Committee have prepared some appropriate readings (plus you're always invited to bring something of your own to read!). We will finish up with a small kiddush and a pot-luck snack, so feel free to bring something to share with others (e.g., fruit, nuts, crackers, cheese).

- Meet at Temple at 10:30am to carpool, or
- Meet us at the park at 10:45 (parking is limited to about 20 cars)
- Return to Temple by noon
- Questions? rosen@alum.mit.edu or 845-454-4936

Quiet Cove is a beautiful setting with spectacular views of the river and the mountains. For more about the park and directions, please visit <http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/DPW-Parks/PPquietcove.htm>. (In the event of light rain, bring an umbrella and rain gear--we'll enjoy nature in moist mode. If the forecast is for heavy rain, we'll stay at the Temple and use the covered front portico so we're partly outdoors.

Jewish War Veterans Meeting: October 9th

The next meeting of the Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America, Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, will take place at 9:30am on Sunday, October 9th, 2016 at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York.

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Torah Study 10:45 Outdoor Shabbat Experience 5pm VaTY & VaTYjr Havdalah @ Walkway over Hudson
2 No R/S 7:30 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	3 Office Closed 10am Rosh Hashanah Service 2pm Family Service 3:30pm Tashlich at Vassar Lake	4 10am Rosh Hashanah 2nd day service No SEP No Talmud Study	5 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Geshet at VT	6 10am SEP 6:30pm Ritual Cmte	7 7:30pm Shabbat Shuvah	8 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
9 No R/S 9am Sukkah Building—VT Men's Club 1pm Memorial Service at Lagrange Ave Cemetery	10	11 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Study 7:30pm Kol Nidre Service	12 10am Yom Kippur 1pm HHD Study 2pm Family Service 3pm Afternoon Svc 4:45pm Memorial Svc 5:30pm Ne'ilah Svc	13 10am SEP 2pm VTS Book Club	14 7:30pm Shabbat Service	15 9am Torah Study 10am Metzger Bat Mitzvah
16 Crop Walk 9am R/S 11am Tiny Temple 7pm Sukkot Service— Siddur for 7th Grade	17 Office Closed—Sukkot	18 10am SEP 12pm Chai Noon 12pm Talmud Study	19 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Geshet at TBE 7pm Finance Cmte	20 10am SEP 7pm Cynthia Genscheimer Lecture	21 7:30 Shabbat Service w/ Elisa	22 9am Torah Study 10am Russo Bat Mitzvah 12pm 7th Grade Mini- Shabbaton Lunch
23 9am R/S 9:30am B'nai Mitzvah :date selection 5:30pm Sukkot Dinner 7pm Simchat Torah Service	24 Office Closed 10am Shmini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah service	25 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Study 7pm Adult Ed— Egypt & Israel, Bosom Enemies, part 1	26 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Geshet at TBE	27 10am SEP 7pm Board Meeting	28 7:30pm Shabbat Service	29 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
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