



Vassar Temple

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Vassar Temple Welcomes Rabbi Renn S. Altman

30th Rabbi of Our Historic Congregation
July 2018

Sincere gratitude is extended to the members of the Rabbi Search Committee, the Officers and Trustees, and the membership for their work, support and participation in bringing the search to a successful conclusion.



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Publicity Committee Needs Help! Behind-the-Scenes Volunteer Opportunities Now Available

Members of the Publicity Committee work to produce Temple publicity on a regular schedule. We need help, particularly in the following areas.

One-on-one mentoring will be provided to all new volunteers.

Weekly congregation email: Today we collect publicity events and reminders, assemble them in a simple format (using MailChimp, an online service), and schedule delivery of the emails. This important role is not difficult. It involves gathering and assembling the information and minimal computer skills.

Bulletin Board setup: The Publicity Committee maintains the bulletin boards in the Temple hallway. Maintaining the board is easy, receiving info from committee chairs

and posting the information in a non-congested format.

Social Media coordinator: We often share photos and event information using the Temple's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/VassarTemple/>. We need someone who is comfortable with using Facebook to post important events for congregants and the community to the Temple Facebook page. The Temple Blog, YouTube and Twitter feed can also be included.

Temple Web Site admin: The Temple web site, vassar temple.org, is used to share important event and announcement information. This generally includes updating the home page and the "what's happening" page, and posting each month's Bulletin for people to view. The URJ has revamped its synagogue web site management to be based on WordPress. While we are happily using

the older base, support for that base will end on August 31. We need a member with some computer skills to learn the new WordPress approach (videos and tutorials are available) and help us setup and maintain the new Temple web pages. All of the existing static pages were already retrofitted by the URJ. Once the new web site has been set up and "made live," the individual will continue by training the rest of the team and assisting in keeping the web pages current.

Please contact Bob Abrams if interested in any of these important publicity tasks, at bobabrams1@gmail.com or 845-297-3649.

From the Rabbi's Desk



In the Ethics of the Sages, the rabbis taught that “at thirty, one attains full strength” (*Pirkei Avot* 5:21), presumably because the ancient Priests

began their service at age 30 (they literally needed strength to transport the sacred objects of the sanctuary). As I mark 30 years since my ordination I, too, am at full strength in my rabbinate and ready to begin a new service, coincidentally, as the 30th rabbi of Vassar Temple. I am most grateful to the Search Committee and to the congregation for the faith that you have entrusted in me for this sacred service. I am honored to build upon the rabbinic legacy of the past and to join your beloved Rabbis Emerita, Steve Arnold and Paul Golomb.

I am blessed to bring to this phase of my rabbinate rich and diverse experiences gleaned from having served in two dynamic and innovative congregations (Congregation Emanu-El of Houston, TX and Temple Beth-El of Great Neck, NY) and in two national institutions of our Reform movement: as Director of

Programs for Reaching the Unaffiliated for the Union for Reform Judaism and, most recently, as Associate Dean and Director of the Rabbinical Program of the New York campus of the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion.

While I cherished my years working for the Union and for HUC-JIR, I never felt as fulfilled professionally as I did when I was a congregational rabbi. I love the diversity of each and every day and the opportunities to lead worship, to preach and to teach, and to engage in acts of Tikkun Olam as part of a sacred community. I am humbled by moments of interface with people at the most vulnerable times of their lives and uplifted to rejoice with them in times of gladness. I look forward to engaging with children and young adults, their families and their teachers through my leadership of the Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School.

I believe deeply in the centrality of the synagogue. While we stand at a time of great transition in liberal Judaism in North America, the basic mission of the synagogue, as articulated so profoundly by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, remains true: “The synagogue is where Jews are made, where the individual soul and the community are joined. ... All other institutions in Jewish life are created by Jews. Only the synagogue creates Jews...”

What an exciting and, yes, challenging time to be involved in synagogue life! Together, I hope that we will build upon the

strong sense of community that is core to Vassar Temple as we explore new avenues for connection and involvement, both for those who are already part of the Vassar Temple family as well as for those who would seek a place within the Jewish community. I look forward to getting to know you through various meetings and small gatherings that will be organized for later this summer. I'm eager to listen to your stories, learn about your passions and interests, and explore your relationship with Vassar Temple. I welcome your suggestions for new ways in which we can engage the congregation and community.

My fervent prayer is that Vassar Temple will be a place where people will feel deeply connected to one another and to our faith, where we will experience the multitude of ways in which Judaism can help us navigate the most important issues, questions and challenges of our lives. Ultimately, we will seek answers to the essential question for Jewish life in our day: “Why be Jewish?” I invite you to join me on this journey.

Rabbi Renní S. Altman

From Our President



Why did I agree to be president of Vassar Temple? Two reasons are my love for the Temple and our community. Giving back, sharing common goals and bonding with temple members has made the past two years very special for me.

We have accomplished a great deal. It has been a pleasure working with Rabbi Berkowitz. The Board of Trustees, although diverse, managed to work well together and make important decisions for the betterment of the congregation. I

truly appreciate the support I received during my tenure from Rabbi Berkowitz, the members of the Board and our congregation.

A new rabbi, officers and board will now lead our congregation forward. We will continue to be a wonderful home of worship and a leader of social justice. I am very confident that Rabbi Altman, President Alan Kflowitz and Vice President Susan Karnes Hecht together with the Board, committee members and congregants will ensure that Vassar Temple will continue to be “where you belong” for another 160 years.

I thank the Vassar Temple members for the honor and privilege of serving as president. Special thanks to Alan Kflowitz and Susan Karnes Hecht for their support, wisdom and dedication in helping me to succeed. I wish them great success as they begin their leadership of our congregation.

Mark Metzger

July Worship Services

6	6:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour
	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service lay led by the Young Moms
7	9:00am	NO Torah Study
13	7:30pm	Shabbat at Home Program (watch for details) NO service at Temple
14	9:00am	NO Torah Study
20	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
21	9:00am	Torah Study with Rabbi Altman
27	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
28	9:00am	Torah Study with Rabbi Altman
	10:30am	Shabbat morning Outdoor Experience: group departs Temple or meet at Peach Hill Park
	11:00am	Service
	12:00 pm	Hike

August Worship Services

3	6:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour
	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
4	9:00am	Torah Study
10	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
11	9:00am	Torah Study
17	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
18	9:00am	Torah Study
24	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
25	9:00am	Torah Study
31	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Services with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi

Scriptural Readings

July

7 *Pinchas* Num. 26:52-28:15;
Jeremiah 1:1 – 2:3

14 *Matot-Masei* Num. 32:1-33:49; Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4

21 **Shabbat Chazon** *D'varim* Deut. 2:2-30,
Isaiah 1:1-27

28 **Shabbat Nachamu** *Va'et-chanan* Deut. 5:1-6:25; Isaiah 40:1-26

Aug

4 *Eikev* Deut. 9:4-10:11; Isaiah 49:14 – 51:3

11 **Shabbat Rosh Chodesh**
Re'eh Deut. 12:29-14:29,
Num. 28:9-15; Isaiah 66:1-24

18 *Shoftim* Deut. 18:6-19:13; Isaiah 51:12
– 52:12

25 *Ki Tetzei* Deut. 23:8-24:13; Isaiah 54:1-10



New Paths Services

For information on New Paths Sabbath morning worship during July and August, please call the Temple office at 454-2570, email office@vassartemple.org, or contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or 845-849-0025.

Shabbat Happy Hours on the Patio: July 6th & August 3rd

Please join us for summer Happy Hours on the Patio on July 6th and August 3rd at 6:00pm before services. We'll enjoy food, wine, drink and good company before services. Guests are always invited and welcomed!

If you've been attending Happy Hours this year and enjoy these events, please step up and help! It's very easy to host a Happy Hour. We have kitchen support and easy-to-follow directions. Contact Andi Ciminello at andi@ecopkny.com if you can be a host for an upcoming Happy Hour. See you on the Patio!

Shabbat in Our Homes: Sharing Our Shabbat Tables Friday, July 13th

On Friday, July 13th we will be trying something new. Rather than holding summer services at Vassar Temple, members of the Temple will be hosting Shabbat dinners in their homes. We hope you'll participate by attending one of these Shabbat dinners.

The purpose of "Sharing Our Shabbat Tables" is for members of the Temple to share a meal and the warmth of Shabbat in each other's homes, gathering around the Shabbat table to recite the blessings, welcome Shabbat, and then enjoy a casual evening in each other's company.

Please contact **Melissa Erlebacher** at maerlebacher@gmail.com or at 635-9854 if you would like to join us for this special event. Melissa will pair you and your family with members of Vassar Temple who will be opening their homes to celebrate Shabbat. Time will be determined by your hosts. **No services at Vassar Temple on July 13 – Important Information about Yahrzeits below.**

As we celebrate Shabbat together in our homes, there will be no formal services at the Temple on July 13th to allow us to relax and spend time getting to know each other better. If you are observing the yahrzeit of a loved one the week of July 13th, the name of your loved one will be read on Friday, July 20th and Kaddish can be also recited in your host's home on July 13th.

Summer Torah Study

Torah study with Rabbi Altman will be held July 21, July 28, and every Saturday morning in August. All classes start at 9:00am. (No Torah Study July 7 or July 14). All are welcome; no previous training is needed, just the desire to learn.



Have you bought

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lately??

Outdoor Morning Shabbat and Hike! Saturday, July 28th

Let's gather for a contemplative summer Shabbat experience at Peach Hill Park! We will meet at Vassar Temple at 10:30am (after the Torah Study, which you're welcome to join at 9:00am) on **Saturday, July 28th** or at the Peach Hill Park parking lot (32 Edgewood Road, Town of Poughkeepsie) at 11:00am.

We will gather at the picnic area for a sharing of thoughts and writings appropriate for an outdoor Shabbat experience. Ron Rosen will lead us, assisted by Wayne Cochran and others who wish to add their thoughts. Starting around noon, those who wish to follow up with a hike in the park can do so (Peach Hill is the highest point in the Town of Poughkeepsie). Those hiking should bring a snack or lunch, water, and comfortable clothing for the

weather. Spraying your clothing with tick repellent is suggested just to play it safe.

Heavy rain cancels both the gathering and the hike; in case of showers or light rain we will persevere--consider bringing rain gear and/or an umbrella!

Contact Ron Rosen (454-4936 or rrosen@alum.mit.edu) to reserve (RSVP's are very helpful--please indicate if you wish to participate in the 11:00am to noon contemplative experience and/or the Noon hike), or to ask any questions you may have.



Mazal Tov

to:

Molly and Dan Katz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Oliver;
Ken & Amy Oclatis on the birth of their granddaughter;
Muriel & Matt Lampell on their grandson Jonathan's wedding;
Marcia & Glenn Tanzman on the birth of their granddaughter;
Lila Matlin on her special birthday.

Social Action Thank You

Thanks to everyone...

who rejoiced at the megillah reading with Purim Pasta and then donated it to a local food pantry...

who contributed to the Emergency Fund for Jewish Families and the Morse School field trip fund...

who donated new clothing to our "Captain Underwear" collection...

who participated in Mitzvah Day, with a special shout out to Temple members who worked on the planning committee and captained projects:

Rabbi Berkowitz, Ellie Charwat, Perla Kaufman (who also served as official photographer), Ron Rosen, Jasmine Russo, the Samsons, and Gil Seligman...

and to our outgoing Temple Board, who not only cooked and served at the June Lunch Box, but also provided all the food.

What a shining example for us all!

From the Ritual Corner

By the time you are reading this, Ron Rosen will have led the June 29th Shabbat service. We look forward to many events in the near future at Vassar Temple.

July 6th: The Young Moms will be leading the Shabbat service. There will be a Happy Hour prior to that service on the same evening.

July 13th: No services at Vassar Temple. Please watch your email for more information about the Shabbat at Home Dinners Program which will occur on this date.

July 16th: VT welcomes Rabbi Renni Altman to our congregation.

July 20th going forward: Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Altman, possibly with help from various congregants.

July 28th: Outdoor service and hike 10:30 (site TBD)

August 3rd: Happy Hour 6:00pm.; Service 7:30 pm.

Summer services will all begin at 7:30pm. This year we celebrate Selichot on September 1st at 7:30pm. The Arnold Award will be presented during the September 7th Shabbat service with a special oneg in honor of this year's recipient.

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.

July and August Bimah Flowers Donations

Please consider commemorating a special occasion or honoring the memory of a loved one by sponsoring the Sanctuary Flowers. The cost is \$55. Checks should be made payable to 'Vassar Temple Sisterhood' with 'Bimah Flower Fund' in the memo line. For more information call the Temple Office at 454-2570.



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Articles for the **September Bulletin** must be submitted by **August 1st** sent via email to publicity@vassartemple.org. The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.



From the Religious School Director

This year Religious School ends with a special Maccabiah (Game Day) on the Holiday of Shavuot. To celebrate this holiday and the Siyum (end of the school year) the students will have a day filled with activities, games and Torah. These were brainstormed, prepared and facilitated by the Madrichim (our Teen Aides). The teens studied the holiday under the supervision of myself and others and, as a result, the program is a combination of learning about Torah while playing hands-on participation in activities.

This was not the first time the Madrichim have stepped up to create a positive, fun and meaningful learning experience for our students. Madrichim were essential in the planning of the Shabbat Morning Programs, studying the Torah portion to help create activities that would bring meaning to the Adult Torah Study group as well as to the Religious School Families. They were key in the creation of the Passover Experience in addition to their involvement in every aspect of the school. Our Madrichim have made a

huge difference in the Vassar Temple Religious School.

I initiated our current Madrichim program because I wanted to help Vassar Temple rebuild a Youth Group; but, in order to do that, we needed a core of teens who knew each other and wanted to be together. To become part of the Madrichim Corp, teens were asked to apply and sit for an interview. The ten that applied participated in an orientation workshop and were given specific guidelines about what was expected of them and each signed an agreement. In the past, Teen Aides were paid for their work. I offered to compensate them the same way or encouraged them to consider receiving community service hours for High School instead of payment.

The teens have performed an invaluable service for the school. This has created community with continued learning. In addition, they have become very special role models to our younger students. They are incredible members of the Vassar Temple community and I write this because the community needs to be aware of them.

This past Fall, Jen Dahnert and I wrote a

grant to help underwrite the \$25 a week that teens receive. Also, additional funding was raised with a pancake breakfast organized by Religious School Committee member, Jasmine Russo. I am told that next year we will not have the same funding or support for this program. I am deeply saddened because not only will the Teens be losing something very precious, but even more, the community will be losing an amazing asset and resource.

We all contribute to help many causes and fund wonderful initiatives to make our world a better place. Many of us worry about the future of Reform Judaism. It is time to see that these teens are our future. I am asking the congregation to speak up and step up to make sure that this program continues. Please help the Religious School find the funding needed to help us keep this program going and growing. Feel free to contact the Religious School office if you have any questions. ...or if you have any ideas or thoughts on how to make this happen.

Julie Makowsky

Lunch Box Needs You!

Vassar Temple will be cooking and serving a hot, delicious, nutritious meal for our neighbors in need at the Lunch Box in the Family Partnership Center, [29 N. Hamilton Street](#), on the first Sunday of the month from October through June. Help is needed during the hours of 10:30am- approx. 1:30pm that day.

If this sounds like something you might like to do some time in the coming year, our Social Action Chairperson, Marian Schwartz, would be happy to hear from you and answer any questions you may have. Or organize a group of family and friends to participate with you...the more the merrier!

Please contact Marian at socialaction@vassartemple.org or 845-849-0025 now, and she can contact you when help is needed to see if you are available.

P.S. Helping us at Lunch Box is also a great way for teens to fulfill community service requirements!

Jewish Heritage Night at the Renegades: August 19th

Join us on Sunday night, August 19th at 5:05pm as the Renegades play the Brooklyn Cyclones. We would love to get a group together to go. Two packages are available. For \$12 you can get one grandstand reserve ticket and a hat or for \$20 you can get one ticket and a Renegades Kippah.

This event is sponsored by the Vassar Temple Men's Club. Please respond to mensclub@vassartemple.org or gtr714@yahoo.com with your choice of ticket package, and we will purchase the tickets as a group.

You can call the Dutchess Stadium Box Office at (845) 838-0094 or go to hvrenegades.com for more information.

Hope to see you at the ballgame!

2018-19 Vassar Temple Fundraising

Over the past few years, we have learned how important fundraising is to the financial stability of Vassar Temple. The money raised allows our budget to provide the spiritual and social benefits to our congregation, making Vassar Temple the place “Where We Belong!” With input from many Temple members, many events and activities are planned to meet our budget needs, considering factors beyond the simple “how much can we profit” question for each event. Fundraisers can:

- be inviting social events;
- vary in size and in the amount of money we charge to attend;
- be entertaining, stimulating, educational, or spiritually enriching;
- appeal to unaffiliated people in our community.

2018 Fundraising Events Planned:

- A Gourmet Dinner at the Colberts
- Vassar Temple Gala (November 4, depending on venue/caterer availability);
- Fine Dining in Poughkeepsie Discount Booklets (on sale beginning mid-November);
- A catered European Jewish Style New Year’s Eve Dinner at the Temple.

2019 Fundraising Events in the Works:

- A “Golden Gelt Raffle” (shortly after the High Holy Days, more info to follow);
- A seminar and tasting: “Not Only Kosher – the Fine Wines of Israel”;
- An Evening with Abigail Pogrebin – Stars of David;

- A History of Jews in Baseball – Focus on Hank Greenberg.
- An Evening with Deborah Zecher – Rabbi and Cabaret Singer;
- The Borscht Belt – Revisiting the Remains of America’s Jewish Vacationland

We’re not finished, and comments/ideas are welcome. Contact me at armieser@aol.com.

Arnie Serotsky
Temple Trustee, Finance Committee Member, Fundraising Coordinator



VT is LGBTQ Safe Space

Following a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees at its May meeting, and in accordance with our constitution’s statement that Vassar Temple welcomes people of all genders, races, and sexual orientations, a Star of David rainbow emblem will be displayed on the Temple to identify it as an LGBTQ Safe Space. Rabbi Berkowitz has generously donated the small signs that will be placed on the front door, Religious School office door, and outdoor sign. The Trustees take great pride in our history of being inclusive.

VT Board Approves New Resolution

Keshet is a national organization that works for full LGBTQ equality and inclusion in Jewish life and is not associated with a particular Jewish denomination. At its January 2018 meeting, the Vassar Temple Board of Trustees approved the following resolution:

In keeping with our Jewish ethical obligation to sustain the dignity of all individuals, and with the inclusive policies of the Union for Reform Judaism, Vassar Temple supports Keshet’s Campaign for Trans Youth. We commit to treating transgender individuals of all ages with respect, to embracing them in all facets of synagogue life, and to exploring means of member education and community support.

For more information visit <https://www.keshetonline.org/resources/campaign-for-trans-youth/>.

Contributions

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In Honor of:

Matthew Sinn's Bar Mitzvah

Jonah Ritter



Elaine Lipschutz presents Jonah Ritter with the Founders Award on June 6th



Melissa Erlebacher received the Evelyn Kahn award on June 12th



Honorees at Generations Shabbat



Joseph Bertolozzi's Work Goes West, Again!

Our organist Joseph Bertolozzi's percussion quintet arrangement of his [Tower Music](#), originally written to be performed upon the Eiffel Tower in Paris, has been awarded a [New Music USA Project Grant](#). The work features 82 percussion instruments played by 5 performers. Bertolozzi's grant covers expenses in the extraction of parts from the full score so each member of the ensemble will be able to read his or her own part on tablet computers. [Dr. Terry Longshore](#) will lead [Left Edge Percussion](#), a contemporary percussion group in residence at the [Oregon Center for the Arts at Southern Oregon University](#) in the premiere performance on November 8, 2018 in Ashland, OR.

Kudos to Joseph!

Heroes Among Us

A Trailblazer, Hard-Wired to Serve

This month's "Hero Among Us" has likely touched your life in some way, and you probably didn't even know it. Whether you logged onto the internet at the Temple, hiked any portion of the Appalachian Trail in NY or NJ, belonged to Vassar Temple under this person's leadership as President or Board Member, connected via computer to Marist College, or purchased cookies from one of the Girl Scouts in our Congregation, our latest Hero, in his quietly capable, unassuming way, influenced your actions. I am describing none other than **Ron Rosen**, and proudly recognize him as this month's Hero!

Hailing from a fourth generation Reform Jewish family, Ron is an Eagle Scout who has kept scouting central in his and his family members' lives, an outdoor enthusiast devoting untold hours to maintaining the Appalachian Trail through NY and NJ and volunteering to lead the

Mid-Atlantic Regional Partnership Committee on the AT, the former chapter president and continuous member of Alpha Phi Omega (the service fraternity he joined as an MIT student 53 years ago), and a stalwart leader of the Technology and Social Action Committees at the Temple.

This limited space simply cannot do justice to Ron's many deeds; his impact on people in his sphere runs deep and wide. Whether hardware or software, Ron, you are a literal trailblazer, hard-wired to serve those around you. Thank you for your selfless dedication to these pursuits and the difference you make in the worlds you inhabit!

Jennifer Sachs Dahnert

Note: Watch for future announcements in Temple communications about summer Shabbat Services, featuring remarks by our Heroes Among Us.

Morse School Thanks Us

Morse School recognized the members of our Jewish community for a job well done not only at the library, but also for the food distribution, Audrey Morgenstern knitting group and other help from us.

We thank you all!

VT Social Action Committee



JULY YAHRZEITS

JULY 6

Lloyd Fertig
Siegfried Frank
Anne Kahn
Dr. Jacob Kronman
Lillian Lampell
Lawrence L. Landau
Sam Lessin
Hillard Mann
M. Fred Praeger
James Quackenbush
Marie Robinowitz
Dora Rosenmann
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Sylvia Soirefman
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JULY 13

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Phillip R. Moselle, OD
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JULY 20

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JULY 27

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Minnie Schudroff Coleman
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Louis Gellert
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Lawrence Paradis
Cecelia Riechman
Gertrude Rosenthal
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AUGUST YAHRZEITS

AUGUST 3

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AUGUST 10

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AUGUST 17

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AUGUST 24

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Susan Vance
Mary Weiss
Tobias Wolfson

AUGUST 31

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Jewish Night at the Shelter: HELP NEEDED!

Judy Harkavy of the Vassar Temple Social Action Committee is organizing dinners at the over-night homeless shelter in Hillcrest House the 4th Thursday of the month ("Jewish Night") year round. While members of the local Jewish community have taken on this monthly mitzvah, we cannot accomplish the task alone. Adult volunteers of all faiths--family, friends, neighbors, co-workers-- are gratefully welcome to help on that night!

This past winter the shelter was sometimes as much as 50% over capacity, so the need is becoming greater than ever. The volunteers prepare and provide items on that evening's menu (which might be sandwiches, soup, chili, casseroles, etc.), which someone can transport there for you, if necessary, and a few volunteers are urgently needed to serve the meal between 6:30-9:00pm.

Judy is currently booking helpers for dates from September on. Please contact her at (845) 471-4973 or Harkavyjudy@gmail.com to discuss when and how you can help.

Jewish War Veterans Summer Meetings July 15th and August 5th

Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America will meet on Sundays July 15th and August 5th.

JWV's mission: We who are both members of the Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America and of the Jewish faith, in order that we may be of greater service to

our country and to one another, associate ourselves together for the following purposes: to support the mission of the Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America and act as a focal point in the exchange of information relevant to the welfare of veterans.

July 15th: The Annual Installation of Officers/ monthly meeting combination: 1:00pm at Coppola's in Hyde Park

August 5th: Meeting begins at 9:30am at Congre-

gation Schomre Israel, [18 Park Avenue](#), Poughkeepsie, NY. At 9:00am there is an informal coffee and cake schmooze get-together.

All persons of the Jewish faith are welcome to come and fully participate. Congregation Schomre Israel is strictly kosher so no food or drink from the outside may be brought in.



August 2018

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			1	2 10am Senior Exercise Program (SEP) 7pm Ritual Cmte	3 6pm Happy Hour 7:30pm Shabbat Service	4 9am Torah Study
5	6	7 10am SEP	8	9 10am SEP	10 7:30 Shabbat Service	11 9am Torah Study
12	13	14 10am SEP	15 7pm Finance Cmte Meeting	16 10am SEP	17 7:30 Shabbat Service	18 9am Torah Study
19	20	21 10am SEP	22	23 10am SEP 7pm Board Meeting	24 6pm Shelter Meal 7:30 Shabbat Service	25 9am Torah Study
26 Religious School Teacher Orientation	27	28 10am SEP	29	30 10am SEP	31 7:30 Shabbat Service	

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