

# **Vassar Temple**Where You Belong

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#### Happy Hour/ Picnic & Outdoor Service: June 1st

Vassar Temple's Annual Picnic and Outdoor Service will be combined with our popular monthly Happy Hour and held on the front lawn of the Temple on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:00pm. The menu will feature wraps and salads, including a veggie wrap option, pizza for the kids, cold beverages, wine for the adults, and dessert. Please bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket. The informal kabbalat shabbat service will begin at 7:00pm. Guests are welcome, and a special invitation is extended to returning college students to join us. Everyone planning on attending the picnic/happy hour is asked to RSVP by May 28th to picnic@vassartemple.org.

Sisterhood continues to generously sponsor these events. There is no charge for the event, but donations would be appreciated to help defray expenses. In case of inclement weather, the festivities will take place inside the Temple.

# VTS Salad Supper: June 12th

Be sure to join us on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for Sisterhood's Salad Supper at Joan Posner's house, 28 Brentwood Drive, Poughkeepsie. Don't forget to bring a salad or dessert to share (no meat dishes please). Please e-mail Judy Rosenfeld at therosenfelds@hvc.rr.com to let her know you're coming or call her at 845-635-2414. We hope you can join us for this fun evening.



#### VT Sisterhood Chai Lunch: June 18<sup>th</sup>

Please join us at Shadows on the Hudson, 176 Rinaldi Blvd, Pough-keepsie, on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon (of course). Dutch treat! Good Food! Schmoozing! Friendship! We will hopefully sit on the terrace....sorry, no guarantee!

Let us know you are coming by calling or texting Perla Kaufman at 914-456-7309. Mark your calendar now! See you there!

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#### From the Bulletin Staff

The Bulletin deadline for the combined July/August issue is June 1st.

# From the Rabbi's Desk: Carrying a Sacred Tune



One of my favorite Jewish stories is, of course, a musical one. Reb Moishele gets lost

in the forest and happens upon a group of strangers singing around a campfire. Their melody is so haunting and beautiful that Reb Moishele stands at a distance, listening, until he has learned it by heart. As the story progresses, whenever someone speaks to him, he answers in song, ai gedumbadi dumbadi dai, ai gedigi digi digi digi digi dai...

This goes on for quite awhile (as stories tend to do), and it starts to get on people's nerves. Finally, Reb Moishele is about to be carted off to an asylum, because everyone thinks he's lost his mind. As the carriage pulls away, the entire village begins to sing: ai ge-dumbadi dumbadi dai, ai ge-digi digi digi digi dai...

Suddenly Reb Moishele yells, "STOP!"

Everyone stares at Reb Moishele, who hasn't spoken for weeks. "Nu?" the driver says, "Now you can talk?"

Reb Moishele responds, "When I first heard that beautiful melody, I worried that I might forget it, so I

sang it every chance I got. Now everyone in the village knows the tune, and it can never be forgotten. Now I can stop! Now you can take over!"

I have always loved this story, mostly for its silliness. But the more times I've heard it, and told it, the more I've found that it has to teach me.

First, it illustrates how easily we learn new melodies. Usually, by the time the Reb Moishele story ends, everyone listening is able to sing the *niggun*. (It is not uncommon for children to go around singing it for days afterwards, so tell it at your own risk!).

But this story also has a message about our mission as a Jewish community. Many of us are here because we found something beautiful and compelling about Judaism, whether in a synagogue, a summer camp, or a Hillel. We kept coming back because we wanted to hold on tightly to that beautiful thing, to nurture it, to share it with our friends, and to pass it on to the next generation. It isn't always easy; but like Reb Moishele, we keep on singing that sacred song.

There isn't one single melody that we can all call "Judaism." Rather, each of us sings a slightly different tune. In coming together as a community, we inevitably pick up pieces of the melodies that others are singing, adapt them, improvise upon them, and carry them with us, wherever we go.

Likewise, when rabbis and congregations come together, we cannot help but share that

which is most precious to us. We cannot help but be influenced by each other's melodies. And we cannot help but keep some of that with us, even when our time together has come to an end.

In our three years together, we have learned countless new melodies (literally and figuratively). This story reminds me that, like Reb Moishele, I can rest easy, knowing that the songs I that have shared with you are in good hands. But I am also taking with me many new melodies that I have learned from you.

This was the first community that entrusted me with the responsibilities of being a solo rabbi, and I will always be grateful for that opportunity. You listened when I shared what was most precious to me and generously offered up what was most precious to you. I have learned so much from you about honoring the traditions of our past, adapting to ever-changing circumstances, and being there for one another in times of joy and sorrow.

These are melodies that I will carry with me always. So rather than say goodbye, let us sing one more time together: ai ge-dumbadi dumbadi dai, ai ge-digi digi digi digi dai...

Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

# **HEROES AMONG US: Celebrating Our Congregants**

(...the first in a new series. . . .)

In her own quiet way, the first subject of this recast column exemplifies its purpose. When I contacted Cathy Bokor to ask if she was willing to have me write about her as the featured person in this inaugural "Heroes Among Us" article, she agreed on nearly everything except being referred to as a "hero." Cathy does not see herself as exceptional, saying, "We're all just plugging along trying to do the right thing." With that, Cathy affirmed that I had chosen the right person to feature.

Cathy is the daughter of Holocaust survivors who also endured the Russian occupation after World War II. As her parents' generation dwindles, Cathy has assumed the important task of speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves. She gives generously of her time to share the lessons of the Holocaust with succeeding generations, raising awareness about the dangers of dictatorship and the threats of fascism or communism on civilization. One of the most gratifying activities she pursues is visiting her daughter-in-law's high school to discuss these topics with students.

In addition to this, Cathy is an active helper to others, filling her schedule as a member of the Temple Finance Committee, a grader for the American Translators Association's certification exam (Cathy has language proficiency that enables her to translate five languages to English!), a mentor for women, and a regular helper at Morse School, always willing to cook for, transport or visit the sick, as needed. Her inspiration and source of moral guidance lie in her parents' experience with the small but meaningful acts of kindness in the post-WWII period that were often all people had to give one another. Cathy is motivated by those who helped others survive that very dark time in history. She is always mindful of people in need, offering gestures of kindness that, hopefully, make a difference in their life. Cathy Bokor, with all due respect, I cannot let your humility eclipse the fact that you are, indeed, a Hero Among Us. Thank you!

Jennifer Sachs Dahnert

2 (Note: Watch future Bulletins and emails for announcements about summer Shabbat Services including remarks by the "Heroes" featured in this column)

June Worship Services									
1	6:00 pm	Happy Hour and Picnic Shabbat 8:00 pm Shabbat evening service with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and Cantor Laura Stein							
2	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Shabbat morning worship							
8	7:30 pm	Shabbat evening service with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi; Installation of Officers							
9	9:00am	Torah Study							
15	7:30 pm	Shabbat evening service with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi							
16	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Shabbat morning worship							
22	7:30pm	Shabbat evening services with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi							
23	9:00am	Torah Study							
29	7:30pm	Shabbat evening service with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi							
30	9:00am	Torah Study							

#### **June Bimah Flowers Donations**

June 1: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

June 8: Donated by the Oclatis family in memory of Beatrice and David Horn

June 15: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

June 22: Donated by Dan & Molly Katz in honor of their son Oliver's Bar Mitzvah

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.

#### **Mazel Tov**

to:

Amy Horn Oclatis & Ken Oclatis on the birth of granddaughter, Ruby Bea Oclatis. Proud parents are Jeremy and Chelsea Oclatis and excited big brother is Hudson.

#### Condolences

Anne Lescher on the passing of her parents, Belle and Nathan Lescher

#### Refuah Shelemah

Sue Barbash

#### **Help Wanted**

Do you love parties and socializing with your Vassar Temple friends and family? If so, we've got a great job for you! Join the fun and host a Happy Hour... or better yet....join the planning committee. No meetings necessary – just party planning fun. You can choose the menu/theme and let the creativity flow. It has been a great year with these events so far and we need to have members join in to help plan for the coming year. Otherwise, we just can't continue to hold these monthly events. Please reach out to Andi Ciminello at andi@ecopkny.com if you can assist. See you on the patio....or in our beautiful 'new' social hall!

#### **Scriptural Readings**

June

- 2 *B'ha'lot'kha* Num. 9:15-10:34; Zechariah 2:14 4:7
- 9 *Sh'lach L'kha* Num. 14:8-15:7; Joshua 2:1-24
- 16 *Korach* Num. 16:1-17:15; I Samuel 11:14-12:22
- 23 *Chukat* Num. 20:1-21:10; Judges 11:1-33
- 30 *Balak* Num. 22:39-23:26; Micah 5:6 6:8

#### **New Paths Services**

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning services Saturdays, June 2 and June 16 in the informal 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. We take the time to let the service get through us, rather than getting through the service. Each New Paths service, whether lay led or rabbi led, provides a unique and thoughtful shabbat morning experience. A brief mini-kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Berkowitz at rabbi@vassartemple.org, or the temple office 845-454-2570.

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# 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.

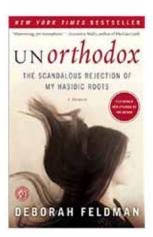
We all contribute to help many causes and fund wonderful initiatives to make our world a better place. Many of us worry about the future of Reform Judaism. It is time to see that these teens are our future. I am asking the congregation to speak up and step up to make sure that this program continues. 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

#### Book Club to Discuss Unorthodox on June 20th

Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss *Unorthodox - The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots*, a New York Times bestselling memoir by Deborah Feldman.

As a member of the strictly religious Satmar sect of Hasidic Judaism, Deborah Feldman grew up under a code of strictly enforced customs governing everything from what she could wear, what she could read, and to whom she could speak. It was secret moments reading about the empowered literary characters of Jane Austen and Louisa May Alcott that helped her to imagine an alternative way of life. Trapped as a teenager in a sexually and emotionally dysfunctional marriage to a man she barely knew, the



tension between Deborah's desires and her responsibilities as a good Hasidic wife grew more explosive, until she gave birth at nineteen and realized that for the sake of herself and her son, she had to escape.

Unorthodox is available through the local library system, and in paperback. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Irma Jacobs will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at 473-7931 or <a href="linda.babas.41@gmail.com">linda.babas.41@gmail.com</a>. Your book suggestions for future meetings are always welcome.

#### **Contributions**

RABBI'S FUND	Joseph Frankel	David & Fern Wolf	In Honor of:		
In Honor of:	Esther G. Rheingold	The birth of Sandra Mamis' first			
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Linda & Joel Babas		Sarah Raskin Chernack	The Fein's birthdays		
Marcia & Glenn Tanzman		The Chernack family	Richard & Linda Cantor		
Susan & Allen Fink	Jack Jacobson	Herb & Rita Jacobson			
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Gail D'Alessio	Leona Saltzman				
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Anna Frankel			The birth of Sandra Mamis' first		
			grandchild, Hannah		

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Lila Matlin

### **VT Plays the West Coast**

They say, "What goes around, comes around." I do subscribe to that concept. But never did I think that the musician behind that red curtain, Joseph Bertolozzi, who played beautiful organ music during my son David's religious school years, his Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation, would play (pun intended!) such an inspirational and important role in David's future!

Commissioned and then premiered and toured in 2001 by the United States Military Academy Band as well as recorded by Seattle Music, "The Contemplation of Bravery," an incredibly beautiful work for wind ensemble with a stunning (French) Horn solo, was composed by our very own, Joseph Bertolozzi.

Over the years, Joseph and David became colleagues and even worked together on a few gigs. "Contemplation" went with David to Rochester, NY and then Wichita, KS, where he had the honor of playing that beautiful solo and acquainting those audiences with Bertolozzi's magnificent work.

Last month, "Contemplation" made its debut at the Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall in Fresno, CA, soloed again by VT's own David Lesser and serendipitously conducted by another David Lesser...no relation to the Poughkeepsieborn one!

I guess I'm also a believer in "six degrees of separation!"

Sue Lesser

#### **Protein Plenty Drive 2018**

This summer, there will be children, teenagers and adults in our community who will go hungry. What can we do? Vassar Temple invites you to participate in our annual Protein Plenty food drive, June 1-30.

For people of all ages, having protein during a meal fuels the brain and body, builds muscle, strengthens the immune system, and gives rise to a sense of energy, vitality and well-being. As has been our tradition, this summer we would again like to stock food pantries with protein-based foods. At the end of the month, SCRIP will be used to purchase cases of peanut butter, canned tuna and other fish, canned chili and other canned meats. The supplies will then delivered to the Community Action Partnership for distribution to their food pantry sites in Poughkeepsie, Dover, Red Hook and Beacon.

It's easy to help. During June, send in a tax-deductible donation of any amount to the Temple. Please write your check to 'Vassar Temple' with 'Protein Plenty' in the memo line. Send the check to: Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY\_12601. 100% of money collected for Protein Plenty!! 2018 will be exchanged for SCRIP at Vassar Temple, which benefits the temple, too. Vassar Temple cares about hunger.

Ouestions? Please contact Nancy Samson or Marian Schwartz of the Social Action Committee at

socialaction@vassartemple.org.

# VT's June Study Groups

'Torah Study' with the Temple's Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftorah, will be held at 9:00am Saturdays (NO class June 30). The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text, taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, will be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month (June 5 & 19) at noon. All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes--no previous training required! No charge to attend. Questions? rabbi@vassartemple.org or (845)454-2570



Cantor Laura Stein presenting a concert, "Laura's Favorite Things," with Tom McCoy accomanying on the piano.



Vassar Temple members lending a hand on Mitzvah Day!

# Support Lunch Box and Our Board on June 3rd

Our temple Board will be preparing a frank and bean casserole at Lunch Box on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> under our able captains, Jonah Ritter and Alan Kaflowitz. The trustees work hard for us all year, and now is our chance to help them! If you can donate any of the following, please contact Jonah Ritter at bob\_ritter1@yahoo.com.

- 1 to 2 dozen bananas or pieces of fresh fruit, OR
- 3 pounds all beef franks Please place individual portions of washed grapes in sandwich baggies.

Non-perishables may be dropped off beforehand during regular temple hours in the bin on the counter just inside the kitchen door. Please leave perishables in the fridge and label everything 'For 6/3 Lunch Box.' Tax deductible checks made out to Vassar Temple with 'Community Tzedakah Fund' on the memo line also help! The trustees also welcome additional participants.





#### June Yahrzeits

#### JUNE 1 Pauline Abrams Seymour Bersak James Burns Catherine Creedon Louella Cutler Rachel Diamond Ann Feinstein Drobner Gertrude Lashinsky Ginsberg Samuel Lampell Edmond Levy Dr. Arthur Lipschutz Shirley K. Loeb Sandra LoGiudice Irma Manheim Regina Mendel Bessie T. Mock Daniel S. Schwartz Eugene Seigel

Margaret "Honey" Sylvester

Gertrude Tayss

#### JUNE 8 Samuel Berlin Gilda Charwat Sallie Cohen Anna Dunn Harriet Lipson **Edward Plimack** Jack Quackenbush Celia Ribbi Irving J. Richman Dr. Albert A. Rosenberg Robert Rosenthal Raymond Ross Moe Scheer Jack Turk Paul Warner Irene Weiner Joseph B. Weisman Joseph Wrobel

#### JUNE 15 Sylvia Arnold Rose Swatlo Budson Carol Casiero Estelle Cohen Samuel Cohen Alfred Geber Miriam Gellert Beatrice Gross Lillian Freda Gross **Emily Himelstein** Dr. Kurt Holzer Harry Kaltwasser Paul Kraut Morton B. Lehman Bertie S. Levy Margaret Poston Arthur Richter Henry Sylvester Terry Teich Sylvia K. Weisman

#### JUNE 22 Priscilla Ackerman Rabbi Robert Benjamin Benjamin Budson Svlvia Decovnick Albert J. Eisenberg Lucile Erdreich Paul Douglas Fa'gut Joseph Gross Irwin Kallman Joseph Kofman Muriel Landesman Jacob Lass Shirley B. Love Maurice Albert Margolin David Menken Ethel Saul Pauline Rosenson Slote Nathan Weiss Dr. Camilla Reznikoff Wygan

**JUNE 29** Joseph Berlin Annie Blaweiss David Budson Isador Dreishpoon Joseph Dunn Rose Feuerstein Rosalind Gellert Jean Goldman Pearl Goldstein Joseph J. Kleiner Betty Garber Lyons Fay Menken Audrey S. Morgenstern John Muehl Cornelius Saperstein Seymour Scheer Dr. Sheldon J. Solomon Sandor D. Strauss Eva Tofel Blanche Weber Dolores Weisman Fred Weiss Ludwig Willner Nay Wisdom

# Jewish War Veterans Meeting: June 10<sup>th</sup>

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, of the Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America, will be holding its monthly post meeting on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Congregation Schomre Israel in Poughkeepsie at 9:30am. There will be an informal coffee and cake 'schmooze' at 9:00am. Because Congregation Schomre Israel is strictly kosher no edibles may be brought in. All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America are cordially invited to attend and fully participate. Furthermore all persons of the Jewish faith are invited to attend and participate. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

# 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.

#### Update on VT advocacy groups

As a result of the Tikkun Olam dialog process that occurred earlier this year, groups were formed in the areas of environment and health care to advocate in areas aligned with URJ philosophy. They have been meeting regularly and welcome additional participants.

The Environment group is getting involved in supporting local climate initiatives, currently the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) at the municipal level. CCA allows towns to pool their energy purchasing power in order to contract with suppliers for renewable sources, at the same or lower cost, in lieu of those that rely on fossil fuels. This is already in process in the aggregate Renewable Highlands (Fishkill, Cold Spring, Beacon, and Philipstown) as well as in Westchester, and the effort has started in the Town and City of Poughkeepsie. Members of our group live in a variety of municipalities and are working to bring this opportunity to the attention of their governing bodies. We will also be participating in an effort to establish a conservation plan in Poughkeepsie. To learn more about this group, contact Susan Karnes Hecht at skarneshecht@gmail.com.

The Health Care group is exploring various means that could be implemented to provide more affordable and comprehensive health care to all, including improving the Affordable Care Act ('Obamacare') as well as the possibility of adopting a single payer plan such as the proposed NY Health Act. To learn more about this group, contact Marian Schwartz at <a href="kickman492@aol.com">kickman492@aol.com</a>.

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Men's Club Co-Presidents: Glenn Tanzman & Dan Teich

Roni Stein

**Immediate Past President:** Bob Ritter **Youth Group President: OPEN** 

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# June 2018 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6pm Happy Hour & Annual Picnic Shabbat	9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30am Lunch Box		10:am SEP 12pm Talmud Study 7pm VT Ritual Committee	7pm Annual Congregation Meeting	10:am SEP	7:30pm Shabbat Service with Board Installation	9am Torah Study
10	11	12 10:am SEP	13	14 10:am SEP	15 7:30pm Shabbat Service	9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
		Sisterhood Salad Supper				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30am Religious School Committee	12pm Sisterhood Chai Noon	10:am SEP 12pm Talmud Study	2pm VTS Book Club 7pm Finance Cmte Meeting	10:am SEP	7:30pm Shabbat Service with Laura Stein	9am Torah Study 10am Oliver Katz Bar Mitzvah
24	25	26 10:am SEP	27	28 10:am SEP 6pm VT Exec Meeting 7pm VT Board Meeting	7:30pm Shabbat Service	30