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Find yourself a rabbi; acquire for yourself a friend.

Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Sages) 1:6

Please join us to celebrate the installation of

Rabbi Renni S. Altman, DD

Friday, October 19, 2018

6:00 pm ~ Congregational Happy Hour

enjoy a delicious buffet, wine and non-alcoholic beverages

7:30 pm ~ Installation Shabbat Service

With Rabbi Altman, Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman
and organist Joseph Bertolozzi

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson

Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Beth-El of Great Neck

National Coordinator of Leadership Initiatives, Hebrew Union College -
Jewish Institute of Religion

Followed by festive oneg dessert reception

Happy Hour and oneg hosted by the Board of Trustees
and Rabbi Search Committee, sponsored by Vassar Temple Sisterhood

Please RSVP for Happy Hour to office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570

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SAVE THE DATE

VASSAR TEMPLE GALA 2018

POUGHKEEPSE TENNIS CLUB

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

LOOK FOR YOUR INVITATION
IN THE MAIL

From the Rabbi's Desk



This year, we can refer to October as “Jewish life after the holy days.” With October 1st our fall festivals draw to a close with the observance

of *Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah*.

We will celebrate the completion of another cycle of reading our sacred text, the Torah, and immediately begin again at the very start with the opening words of Genesis.

Each year we return to these well-known stories with new eyes. The foundational stories of creation, of Noah, of our matriarchs and patriarchs, enable us to explore the joys and challenges of human relationships that we encounter in our daily lives. As we continue to grow, as our lives change, as the world around us continues to evolve, these ancient stories continue to gain new meaning. Indeed, it is another new beginning

As is our custom at Vassar Temple, we will now move ahead to the third year of the triennial cycle of Torah

reading. I invite you to join us Shabbat mornings at 9:00am for an hour of learning and engaging discussion as we study the weekly Torah portion. No prior knowledge of the Torah is necessary; all you need to bring is yourself and an open heart!

On October 10th, we will celebrate the second month of the Jewish year, *Cheshvan*. The month *Cheshvan* has the unusual distinction of being the only month in the calendar without a holiday in it. Thus, it earned the nickname *Mar Chesvhan* (*mar* means bitter). Certainly, for rabbis and cantors (and many synagogue leaders), *Cheshvan* is anything but *mar*. We rejoice in this simple month that lets us breathe a sigh of relief from *Tishrei*, a month that was overflowing with holy days of major import. During *Cheshvan* we get down to the basics of daily Jewish life. Without other holidays, we can appreciate more deeply the sweetness of Shabbat, our weekly holiday and day of rest. The children in our religious school will be able to delve into their core studies for the year on the themes of Torah, *Avodah* (prayer) and *Gemilut Chassadim* (Acts of loving kindness). We as a congregation will have a number of opportunities to perform acts of *tzedakah* in our own community: on Oct 7th we have our first LunchBox of the new year and the next, Sunday, Oct. 14th, is the annual CropWalk for Hunger. Please

join us for these and other activities as we begin another year in the life at Vassar Temple!

During this month we will also recognize another new beginning: our relationship as rabbi and congregation. Friday, Oct. 19th will be a very special Shabbat with my Service of Installation. The installation of a new religious leader is a practice common in churches which most synagogues have adopted, as well. It is a public ritual that formalizes the selection of this rabbi as leader of this congregation; even more so, it is an affirmation of the *brit*, the sacred covenant that exists between a rabbi and her congregation. I am so honored that my mentor, Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson, with whom I worked so closely both at Temple Beth-El of Great Neck and at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, will be here to serve as the installation speaker. I do hope that many of you will be able to attend as together we celebrate this new chapter in the history of Vassar Temple which I look forward to writing with you.

Rabbi Renni Altman



L'Shana Tovah to an amazing congregation! As we move into 5779, I want to share with you my focus for this year at Vassar Temple.

I believe that we have four important priorities: Membership retention, acquisition of new members, social action and fundraising efforts. Through these priorities we generate energy, a sense of community and accomplishment for Vassar Temple. We cannot do all of the amazing things that we do without the countless number of hours that the volunteers put into the Temple and community.

We have a very strong Membership and Engagement Committee that works hard to bring in new members and has done a great job attempting to retain members that leave for various reasons. That said, we do have a strong vibrant congregation and we really need

President's Message

more people to get engaged in the various activities at the Temple and to bring other people into the mix. I believe activities will bring in new members and retain the members that we have by providing programming that meets everyone's needs. Please remember to check our Temple calendar often and watch for the weekly reminder for special events.

I begin the year with self-assurance and confidence that this year will be filled with great opportunities for us. I do recognize that our lives are jammed packed with things that we have to do, and, I am asking you to engage more if you have been distant, and if you are already on a committee, engage new and seasoned members to get involved. Please place Vassar Temple on your life's list of priorities. Every time you join a committee, volunteer on a social action project, support the Religious School, bring something in for an oneg, you will positively impact the environment at Vassar Temple that we have grown to love.

Fundraising as a priority has led us to identify that it is critically important that we recognize that we need to do effective fundraising to support the Temple. We are learning more and more the value of doing a number of smaller fundraisers throughout the year that are technically “fun-raisers.” When congregants are feeling connected and having fun at the Temple, they tend to engage others to come with them the next time around.

If you have ideas that you would like to share with me, email me at Vassartemplepresident@gmail.com or let me know on Sunday during Religious School when I am available for in person conversation.

Thank you for everything you have done to support Vassar Temple, and I am looking forward to seeing you and working with you this year. L'Shana Tovah!

See you at Temple...*Alan Kaflowitz*
845-392-8660

October Worship Services

5th	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
6th	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service
12th	7:30 pm	Shabbat Noach Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
13th	9:00am	Torah Study
19th	6:00pm 7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour Shabbat Evening Service and Rabbi Installation with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
20th	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service
26th	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Services with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
27th	9:00am	Torah Study

Meet Rabbi Altman

Rabbi Reni Altman joined Vassar Temple in July. She is continuing to look for opportunities to connect with our members at services as well as at smaller get-togethers.

So additional gatherings are being planned by the Membership/Engagement Committee to take place over the coming months at the homes of members who have agreed to host the events we are calling: "At Home with Rabbi Reni Altman". We want everyone to participate!

The next two scheduled events are both at homes in the town of Poughkeepsie

near Vassar College on:
Thursday, October 11th from 7:00-9:00pm,
and Sunday, October 21st from 1:00-3:00pm

If you want to attend one of these events, let me know. You will enjoy some quality time with the Rabbi while enjoying a bit of a nosh. Space is limited in order to allow for thoughtful interactions; we will do our best to accommodate all who are interested in attending.

Please contact me, Sandra Mamis, by email at mamis@optonline.net or phone 914-456-3524.

Scriptural Readings

Oct.	6	<i>B'reisheet</i> Genesis 5:1-6:8; Isaiah 42:5 – 43:10
	13	<i>Noah</i> Gen. 11:1-32; Isaiah 54:1-55:5
	20	<i>Lekh L'kha</i> Gen. 16:1-17:27; Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16
	27	<i>Vayera</i> Gen. 21-1-22:24; II Kings 4:1-37

Opportunities to Sponsor Our Cantorial Musicians

Cantorial students Jenna Mark and Ilana Goldman and Cantor Jacob Niemi will provide cantorial coverage for the High Holy Days and a number of Shabbat and holiday services this coming year.

- Jenna will be our cantorial intern for the Intergenerational Shabbat weekend on Jan. 25-26.
- Ilana will be our cantorial intern for a number of post-HHD Friday nights and Fri.-Sat. dates, approximately once a month. Ilana will be with us on Sukkot and Simchat Torah, Rabbi Altman's Installation service, and a number of other dates.
- Cantor Jacob Niemi will join us on the weekends of Nov. 9-10 (Bar Mitzvah) and Dec. 14-15 (Shabbaton).

Please consider helping the Temple defray interns' travel expenses by sponsoring Jenna, Ilana or Jacob for a Friday night or weekend when one of them will be at Vassar Temple. Sponsorship opportunities for many of the 16 Friday evenings and 7 weekends are available for \$200 and \$350, respectively. Please contact Bob Abrams at music@vassartemple.org.

Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School News

Our religious school year began in the midst of the holy days and our students were actively engaged in celebrating the New Year, the fall harvest festival of Sukkot and our annual celebration of Torah, Simchat Torah. Now we turn our attention more fully to our core Jewish studies and Hebrew. Our Jewish studies curriculum is based on the Reform Movement's Chai Curriculum, designed to follow the teaching "The world stands on three things: On Torah, on Avodah (worship) and on Gemilut Chassadim (acts of loving kindness). Through grade appropriate lesson plans, the students will study

different Torah stories, basic concepts of prayer and principles of tzedakah that they will also be able to put into action. Once students have achieved basic Hebrew letter recognition, they move into the Reform movement's Mitkadem Hebrew program, designed to enable students to progress at their own pace under the guidance of our Hebrew teacher. Students' education will be enriched by learning contemporary Jewish songs with our music and by tefillah each week. I encourage parents to join us for tefillah at 11:30 each Sunday morning; of course, you are most welcome to come and visit anytime (please just let me know in advance).

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

"Torah Study," which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftarah, will be led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D., at 9:00am every Saturday. "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 (Oct. 9 & Oct.23) 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? Contact Rabbi Altman at rabbi@vassar temple.org or Rabbi Golomb at pjgolomb@verizon.net.

Shabbat Noach: Oct. 12th Endangered Species



Shabbat Noach, the sabbath when we read from the Torah about Noah's ark, will be observed here on Friday, Oct. 12th with a program featuring special guest, Pola Bari. Jewish ethics teach that we have a moral responsibility to provide for the welfare of animals, and Shabbat Noach provides the perfect opportunity to highlight the important role animals play on our planet.

Pola Bari is a local artist who draws her inspiration from felines, especially big cats, and is the founder of the Cheetah Conservation Fund NY Chapter and

a trustee on the Cheetah Conservation Fund located in Namibia, Africa.

We will welcome shabbat with a 7:30pm service, and at 8:15pm, Ms. Bari will give a compelling presentation on the plight of endangered species and the implications for us all. She will share with us a unique holistic approach to conservation as the key to the future of any species...humans included. Plenty of time will be allotted for your questions and discussion, and our oneg will follow.



Help Trim-a-Thanksgiving

For the CAN JAM bin this month, our youth will be preparing Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need. We have a special need for the following non-perishables:

CANNED GOODS:
cranberry sauce
gravy
sweet potatoes/yams
vegetables



BOXED GOODS:
instant potatoes,
Stove Top-style stuffing mix

Thank you for helping!

New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning services on Saturdays, October 6th & 20th at 10:00am in the informal setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. The moving New Paths prayer book includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English, and participants may bring supplemental materials to share. We seek personal meaning in the liturgy and 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 or Rabbi Altman at rabbi@vassar temple.org or 845-454-2570.



Mazel Tov

to:
Susan & David Hecht on the engagement of their daughter, Samantha, to Travis Carpenter;

Judy & Bob Creedon on the marriage of their son, Christopher, to Sarah Handal.

Members Helping Members

NEED A RIDE? Are you missing out on activities or services at Vassar Temple because you need a ride? Please call Michelle in the office at 845-454-2570 to let her know. We will try to connect you with someone who can take you, but remember that calling far in advance greatly increases the likelihood that we will be successful.

CAN YOU OFFER A RIDE? We know you would like to help out a fellow congregant but we just don't know who you are. If on occasion you can offer a ride, please call our office and let us know.



October Bimah Flower Donations

- October 5: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- October 12: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- October 19: Donated by Nadine Zaritsky
- October 26: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

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 845-454-2570.



October LunchBox Needs Your Help!

We are sponsoring LunchBox on Sunday, Oct. 7th (Columbus Day weekend) and we need your help!

We need donations of:

- 3 lbs. all beef hot dogs
- 1 to 2 dozen pieces fresh fruit/bananas

Food donations can be dropped off at the Temple beforehand any time the building is normally open. Please LABEL all food "For LunchBox." There will be a bin on the counter just inside the entry to the kitchen for non-perishable fruits.



Please contact socialaction@vassartemple.org to let us know what food you are donating and/or if you can volunteer to cook/serve/clean up at Lunc Box that day between 10:30am-1:30pm. Temple member Ron Rosen and members of the LunchBox staff will be there to orient and supervise volunteers.

Financial contributions for this project are gratefully welcomed, at any time, for any occasion, by check made out to 'Vassar Temple' with 'Community Tzedakah Fund' on the memo line.

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

College Corner

This fall we will feature updates on Vassar Temple's 2018 college graduates. If your child graduated from undergraduate or graduate studies in 2018, please email Melissa Erlebacher at mae62@columbia.edu to let us know where they graduated from and what they are doing next! Here is an update on four of our graduates. Look for updates on additional graduates in November!

Adam Rosenfeld: Adam graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Microelectronic Engineering. He is remaining at RIT to complete his Masters in Microelectronic Engineering.

Sam Dahnert: Sam graduated from Colorado College with a BA in a self-designed major, Technical Performance, and is now working as a General Technician with the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, making his debut there in the company's 25th season.

Marissa Gally: Marissa graduated from Montclair State University with a Master's in Elementary Education and Teaching Students with Disabilities. Marissa will spend the next year teaching English outside of Mitzpe Ramon, Israel as part of the TALMA program.

Danielle Brundage: Danielle graduated from Goucher College with a Bachelor's of Arts in English Literature with a minor in creative writing. She is now employed as a Donor Relations Associate at Yeshiva University in Manhattan.

We wish Adam, Sam, Marissa and Danielle a heartfelt Mazel Tov and lots of continued success!

Sisterhood Opening Program

Join the Vassar Temple Sisterhood for good food, interesting conversation, and great company at our opening program on Sunday, October 28th from 4:00 to 6:00pm at the home of Melissa Erlebacher at 27 Patricia Drive, Pleasant Valley. Bring a finger food to share – either an appetizer or a dessert! Watch your email for program details. RSVP by calling Melissa at 635-9854 or by emailing mae62@columbia.edu.

Tiny Temple Fun for Tots: Sunday, Oct. 14th

Parents, grandparents, families and children ages infant to 5 are all warmly invited to Tiny Temple on Sunday, Oct. 14th from 10:30am-11:30am. This is the time of year grown-ups read in the Torah about Noah's Ark, and the perfect time for us to celebrate our animal friends at Tiny Temple! Join in as we learn through fun activities, story and song. Everything takes place in a relaxed and friendly setting, and a healthy snack will be served.



Spread the word! 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 Emma Arnoff and Jas Russo at tiny-temple@vassartemple.org. They will also be happy to answer any questions anyone may have about this wonderful free program and can put them on the Tiny Temple e-mail list. More information is also available at vassartemple.org or by calling the Temple office at 845-454-2570.

College Outreach: Helping Vassar Temple College Students Keep in Touch

The Vassar Temple Sisterhood's College Outreach project sends holiday packages to Vassar Temple college students. If you have a current college student, please email the following information to Melissa Erlebacher at mae62@columbia.edu so that we can send them some holiday cheer and treats:

- Student's name and address
- Year in school
- School they attend
- Parent's name and email
- Other pertinent information, such as food allergies, study abroad, or whether the school is on a trimester system.

VT Sisterhood Chai Noon Lunch Thursday, October 18th

12:00 noon, of course
At Christo's Restaurant, 155 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie
Dutch treat! Good Food! Schmoozing! Friendship!

This will be a buffet lunch. The cost is \$15 and includes the meal as well as tax, tip and soda/coffee/tea. Hope you can join us! Please call or text Perla Kaufman at (914) 456-7309 or email her at brandaliz5@optonline.net to let her know you can come. Mark your calendar now! See you there!

Fall Rummage Sale: October 28th

Start cleaning those closets of gently used items and packing your bric-a-brac; the Rummage Sale is coming very soon! We start collecting rummage items on Sunday, October 21st. **Bring all rummage to the social hall.** No rummage will be accepted after October 26th. Two evenings will be available for rummage drop-off: Wednesday, October 24th and Thursday, October 25th from 6:00-8:00 pm.



When you bring your items to the social hall, please make sure you place items on the left side of the room and keep the area in front of the stage clear, as well as the rest of the building! The sale on October 28th runs from 9:30am to 12:30pm; the bag sale starts at 2:00pm and ends at 5:00pm. For

questions or further information, you may contact rummage@vassar temple.org, or the Vassar Temple office.

***Please note:** We CANNOT accept textbooks, old TVs or old computers, or heavily damaged goods. For large items, please contact us before you bring them! Volunteers are always welcome and needed!!

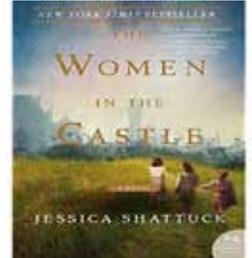
DCIC Award Gala: October 24th

Dutchess County Interfaith Council is excited to announce its first annual Gala Award Dinner, Wednesday, Oct. 24th from 6:00-10:00pm at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and Conference Center. The Rev. Dr. Kennon (Ken) Moody and Mrs. Mary Moody will be honored with the first Rabbi Erwin Zimet Humanitarian Award. Both have given exemplary service to the community, including leadership in the annual DCIC CROP Walk for Hunger, making it into the most successful CROP Walk in the Northeast.

Keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Bruce Chilton, Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Bard College, Scholar of Early Christianity and Judaism, and Director of the Institute of Advanced Theology. There are sponsorship opportunities available, and tickets are \$75 per person. For further information visit www.dutchess-countyinterfaith.org or contact the DCIC at 845-471-7333 or office@dutchesscountyinterfaith.org.

Book Club to Discuss *The Women in the Castle* on October 18th

Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss *The Women in the Castle*, an Amazon Best Book of April 2017 by Jessica Shattuck, set at the end of World War II, in a crumbling Bavarian castle that once played host to all of German high society. Three widows' lives and fates become intertwined amid the ashes of Nazi Germany's defeat in a dramatic yet nuanced portrait of war and its repercussions. Eventually, all three women must come to terms with the choices that have defined their lives before, during, and after the war—each with their own unique share of challenges. Written with the devastating emotional power of *The Nightingale*, *Sarah's Key*, and *The Light Between Oceans*, Jessica Shattuck's evocative novel offers a fresh perspective on one of the most tumultuous periods in history, exploring what it means to survive, love, and, ultimately, to forgive in the wake of unimaginable hardship.



The Women in the Castle is available through the local library system, and in paperback. The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 18th at 2:00pm in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie. 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. Your book suggestions for future meetings are always welcome.

CROPWalk Against Hunger Oct. 14th Many Ways to Help!

The annual Interfaith CROPWalk against Hunger will be held Sunday, Oct. 14th 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 Vassar Temple members, 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 3:30. Whether or not you can walk, you can help in other ways. On line, you can sponsor Rabbi Altman and Vassar Temple members who are walking at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/poughkeepsieny/Team/View/65962/Vassar-Temple>. There is also a pledge sheet for sponsoring Rabbi on the bulletin board near the staircase.

Help is also very much needed at the registration table at headquarters the day of the event. Perhaps you can bake for, or patronize, a bake sale to be held at walk headquarters.

For more information and to sign up as a walker or to bake, please contact Ron Rosen at crowpwalk@vassar temple.org or just go to the team web page listed above and sign on. To sign up to help at the registration table, please contact Marian Schwartz at socialaction@vassar temple.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. Last year our local walk raised \$60,000. Let's top that this year, when the need is so much greater!

Contributions

RABBI'S FUND

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 Rabbi Altman Bob & Judy Creedon

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 and Richard Wender

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OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

OCTOBER 5

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 Gertrude Hines Groten
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 Susan Salit Lowe
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 Harold Posner
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 Jean Strauss
 Abraham Swatlo
 Sophia S. Wolfson

OCTOBER 26

Mollie Daniels
 Leo Feinstein
 Tamar Grand
 Jacob Haber
 Bernard Himelstein
 Joshua Russell Karp
 Herman Katz
 Charlotte Konick
 Amor Levy
 Sidney Locke
 Ida S. Miller
 Monroe Robbins
 Bessie Rothauser
 Lawrence Schaffel
 Lenore Schiffman
 Nathan Schmukler
 Samuel Scope
 Murray Sigalow
 Lawrence Slate
 Ethel Solomon
 George Tofel
 Gertrude F. Troeger
 Abraham Zack

***Please note:**

Richard S. Cohen's August 8th yahrzeit was inadvertently omitted from the August Yahrzeit page in the Bulletin. The Bulletin staff apologizes for this omission.

The Community Thanks YOU!

We received a wonderful thank you note from the Community Action Partnership for our donation of high protein foods we made to their four food pantries as a result of our annual Protein Plenty fundraiser at Vassar Temple. CAP C.E.O. Elizabeth C. Spira wrote,

“There’s no way to fully express our gratitude for your donation. Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County is continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like you who answer the call to give again and again.”

Thanks to everyone in the congregation for your support, to Jonah Ritter for taking on a leadership role in this important project, and to Irene for all the special bookkeeping involved. Vassar Temple truly cares about hunger!

Marian Schwartz,
Social Action Chair

Meet Our New Youth Group Advisor

We are pleased to welcome Magdalena Schneiderman as our new Youth Group Advisor this year. Magdalena, a sophomore at Vassar College, comes from the East End of Long Island where her family is affiliated with Reform congregation Temple Adas Israel of Sag Harbor. She is the treasurer of the Vassar Jewish Union, has a strong background in summer camp and has a love of arts and crafts. Magdalena is looking forward to guiding our youth in their various activities, having fun being together and performing acts of social justice in the community.



HEROES AMONG US: A Quiet Pillar in the Community

In the months since beginning to write the “Heroes Among Us” column, I have had the privilege of highlighting some remarkable members of our congregation and already realized a common trait among all of the individuals featured thus far; and this month’s subject was no exception. The trait is modesty and Marge Groten embodies it.

If you have belonged to Vassar Temple for any period of time, engaged with Sisterhood or served on the Board, are a member of the Poughkeepsie Farm Project and/or attended the annual Soup-A-Bowl event, have participated in activities orga-

nized by Scenic Hudson, attended concerts through the Howland Chamber Music Circle, registered to vote as a citizen of our community, or enjoyed the beauty of the natural environment that surrounds us in the Hudson Valley, through the various professional and volunteer positions she has occupied with all of these organizations and projects, Marge Groten has touched your life. As unassuming as she is petite, Marge is a person who those around her can count on to have an opinion and stand solidly on her convictions, always in the most thoughtful, understated, and gracious manner.

In Marge’s presence, one feels the inevitable positive influence she has on others. But

being as modest as she is, her impact is easily missed, which is why it gives me particular joy to celebrate Marge as this month’s “Hero Among Us.” Marge, in your quiet way, you are, indeed, a hero – and a role model – to so many of us. . . Thank you for all that you do for our community!

Jennifer Sachs Dahmert

Guest Cantor Jacob Niemi

Cantor Jacob Niemi is currently completing a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, having just worked as a pastoral intern with *Dorot* (Hebrew for “generations”), an organization that serves the senior community in the Manhattan area. Jacob was ordained at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in New York City. During his time as a student, he was a cantorial intern at Port Jewish Center in Port Washington, New York, and at Congregation B’nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, New Jersey. Jacob grew up near Orlando, Florida, and through his high school and college years, he was a B’nai Mitzvah tutor at his home congregation, The Congregation of Reform Judaism. He attended Florida State University, where he was active in the Jewish Student Union, Hillel, and several choral groups. From FSU, he received a BA in Sacred Music in 2013. Jacob is an excellent guitar and ukulele player. He has a love for musical composing and arranging.



We welcome Jacob as a visiting cantor on two Shabbat weekends, in November and in December.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10am Simchat Torah Yizkor Service	2 10am Senior Exercise Program (SEP)	3 4:30pm Hebrew 6:30pm Geshet at TBE	4 10am SEP 7pm Ritual Cmte	5 7:30pm Shabbat Service	6 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
7 11am LunchBox 3pm Sisterhood Event	8 Office Closed Columbus Day	9 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb	10 4:30pm Hebrew 6:30pm Geshet at TBE	11 10am SEP	12 7:30pm Shabbat Noach Service	13 9am Torah Study
14 CropWalk 9am Religious School 10:30am Tiny Temple 7pm Sisterhood Opening Event	15	16 10am SEP	17 4:30pm Hebrew 6:30pm Geshet at TBE 7pm Finance Cmte	18 10am SEP 12pm Chai Noon 2pm VTS Book Club	19 6pm Happy Hour 7:30pm Shabbat Service—Rabbi Installation	20 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
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