



# Vassar Temple

## Where You Belong

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### BREAK THE FAST!

**Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

*following Ne'ilah,\**

*the concluding Yom Kippur service.*

Enjoy salads, kugel, eggs, cheese, vegetables, fruit,  
fish, bagels, sweets and more!

### Prepaid reservations are a MUST!

Children under 13 - \$5; Adults - \$18

(Reservations made **by September 14<sup>th</sup>** confirmed by receipt of payment)

Mail a check made payable to  
Vassar Temple,

with 'Break the Fast' on the memo line, to:  
140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Questions or assistance contact:

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### Support Vassar Temple's Yom Kippur Food Drive



*“Is this the fast I seek, a day of self-affliction...? Is not THIS the fast I look for: to unlock the shackles of injustice, to undo the fetters 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 on Rosh Hashana Sept. 9-10-11
- Please bring it back full of nonperishable foods for those in need on Yom Kippur Sept. 19



## From the Rabbi's Desk



“Wow, the holidays are really early this year!”  
OR “Why are the holidays so late this year?”

Somehow, they never seem to be on time! Of course, Rosh Hashanah is always the 1<sup>st</sup> of Tishrei but the date fluctuates on the Gregorian calendar because of the cycle of leap years on the Jewish calendar, designed to ensure that the holidays will always fall in their appropriate seasons.

The timing this year feels just about right to me. Though fall does not begin until late September, psychologically Labor Day has come to mark the end of summer. Reluctantly, we put the more carefree days of summer behind us and move back into the normal rhythm and demands of our busy lives. Thus, arriving just a week after Labor Day this year, the *Yamim Noraim* (Days of Awe) become an even more powerful point of transition. Personally, I am grateful for this timing as it means that we will celebrate the Holy Days before the full cycle of the year and temple programs begins. This first summer as your rabbi has been an important time of initiation and settling in for me, learning all about the congregation and preparing for the year to come. What better way to mark the end of that preparatory period and the beginning of this new relationship than with *Yamim Noraim*

when the entire Vassar Temple community comes together as one congregational family.

The *Yamim Noraim* are a gift we receive each year to pause and take stock of our lives through *Heshbon Hanefesh*, literally, an accounting of our souls. Through prayer and reflection, we make an honest examination of our lives, considering both where we have done well and where we could have done better. Our tradition calls upon us to take this time to try to make amends with those whom we have wronged. So, too, is it a time to consider our role in the larger community and in the on-going endeavor of *tikun olam*, repairing our broken world.

These Days of Awe are not focused on the past however; they point us toward the future with the opportunity they present to begin anew each year. I am so excited to begin anew with you, as your thirtieth rabbi and, together, to take stock of who we are as Vassar Temple, to envision who we want to be and, together, to continue to build and strengthen this sacred community.

I encourage you to join with your Vassar Temple family in prayer and learning during these *Yamim Noraim* and throughout the year. I'm so pleased to welcome cantorial students Jenna Mark and Ilana Goldman to our congregation this year (see p.5) to learn more about these inspiring cantorial students).

I extend my deepest appreciation to

President Alan Kaffowitz and Vice President Susan Hecht, who served as chairs of the Search Committee, immediate past President Mark Metzger, and the members of the Search Committee for the faith they have placed in me. I am most grateful for the warm welcome I have received from everyone over the summer. I look forward to opportunities to engage with everyone in the congregation over the course of the coming year. I encourage you to participate in “At Home with Rabbi Altman” gatherings (see below more information) and/or to contact me for the chance to meet individually.

As we prepare for a new year, I offer these words of prayer written by Rabbi David Einhorn, a leader of the early Reform movement in Germany:

*God of years, God of eternity,  
bless us now and always.  
Bless our homes and our families.  
Be with us in our dreams  
and in our hopes.  
Be with us  
through these Days of Awe,  
as we search our souls within  
and seek the lasting shelter  
of Your love.*

Olat Tamid (1858)

Rabbi Renni S. Altman

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### At Home with Rabbi Altman

Our new Rabbi, Renni Altman, is here and we are excited to have everyone meet her! Since Rabbi is leading our Friday evening summer services, as well as Saturday morning Torah study, these are great opportunities to spend a few moments chatting with her.

Gatherings are also 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 Renni Altman.” We want everyone to participate. We promise you will enjoy some delightful schmoozing and a bit of a nosh, as everyone gets to say hi to the rebbe.

If you would like to host one of these events, let me know.

If you would like to attend an event, also let me know.

Contact me, Sandra Mamis, by email at [mamis@optonline.net](mailto:mamis@optonline.net) or phone 914-456-3524.

Timing is always a challenge for busy people such as yourselves, but these gatherings will be scheduled over the course of weeks and months in an attempt to accommodate all who are interested. Don't be shy; come and say hi!

### CROP Hunger Walk!

Vassar Temple is going on the local Interfaith CROP Hunger Walk to be held Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in Poughkeepsie. You can start walking any time between 10:00am and 2:00pm. You can walk on your own, with family and friends, or you can walk with a team from the Temple at 12:30pm. Help us raise money to combat hunger locally, nationally and globally! For info on joining as a walker, contact Ron Rosen, our Temple CROPWalk recruiter, at [cropwalk@vassartemple.org](mailto:cropwalk@vassartemple.org) or 845-454-4936



# From Our President

There comes a time in one's life when you make a decision to take on a role to support something special, something greater than just the needs of oneself. I found that need in serving as President of Vassar Temple. I needed to fulfill a deep care and need for a religious institution that I have chosen to call my second home. I have a great respect for all of the committee members, Trustees and congregants who made and continue to make Vassar Temple the community that it is today. I want to support the Temple's development, congregants' interests and have new members join the Temple because they feel what others feel in their hearts, a sense of family and togetherness that you cannot always find in a fast paced and sometimes challenging world.

My family, wife Meredith and my two children, Haley and Aaron, became members in 2009. We spent our Sundays at Religious School, and soon thereafter I was chairing Religious School, serving on the Board and overseeing the infrastructure of the Temple. Yes, it happens that quickly when you are passionate about your Temple.

From a leadership perspective I do have the grit to make the tough decisions with the support of the Board, and I truly believe that leadership is about listening,

getting accurate information, trusting the wealth of knowledge around you, and sometimes calling past presidents to get advice. To start, I am truly looking forward to building the Temple membership through our Membership committee which is a very important priority for me.

I also look forward to collaborating with our Finance Committee to continue to understand the finer details as to how the budget functions. In the months to come, I intend to develop an Ethics Committee, so that when creative ideas come up, before pursuing them, we are assured that they fit within our not-for-profit status and charter. I am also fascinated with how systems work, and we intend to continue to streamline our office processes, under the direction of our Vice President, Susan Karnes Hecht.

So where did I come from? I was born in Brooklyn in 1967 to Harvey z'l and Roslyn Kaflowitz. My mother Roslyn is a current member of the Temple which gives me great joy. I have two older sisters, Nadine and Arlene, who I absolutely adore. When I was about one, we moved to LaGrange and I started my life growing up in Dutchess County. Though some time was spent away at college, I did return to the area, fell deeply in love with and married Meredith, also from LaGrange (My Gramma Raizel used to say that every pot has its cover, and, finding my cover in LaGrange at the Jewish singles dance at the former JCC was definitely magical).

Professionally, I have worked full-time with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for almost 27 years, and I am currently an Associate Director of Training responsible for the oversight of training for newly hired direct care staff for the Division of Juvenile Justice and the Opportunities for Youth. I track and support the development and delivery of Raise the Age training as required by new legislation. My undergraduate degree is from SUNY Albany in Criminal Justice, and I hold a Masters in Professional Studies from SUNY New Paltz in Education.

More importantly, I am passionate about our Temple and excited about our new Rabbi, Renni Altman and the amazing gifts that she brings to us. I am looking forward to serving as your President. I lead with passion and excitement for Vassar Temple. Please join me for Friday night services, Sundays at Religious School, special events and High Holy Days. Together we can gain new members, support programming for current members and experience each other through lifecycle events.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions and/or concerns.

Kol' Tuv,

*Alan J. Kaflowitz*  
845-392-8660

## **Put It On Your Calendar! Vassar Temple Gala Sunday, November 4, 2018**

This year's Gala, the major annual fundraiser for the Temple, will again be held at the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club. Planning is well under way to make this event not only financially successful for the Temple, but as important, an enjoyable event for all who attend. There are many wonderful volunteer congregation members working on the details, from the Silent Auction, to the Gala theme and honorees, to the menu and entertainment.

So, put this important event on your calendar and look for further announcements as details are worked out by the Gala Committee. Do you have some ideas about the Gala you would like to share, or even more importantly, would you like to volunteer to help make this event a great success? Please contact me, Arnie Serotsky, VT Fundraising Coordinator, at [arnieser@aol.com](mailto:arnieser@aol.com) or 845-702-7382.

## September Worship Services

1	9:00am 7:00pm	Torah Study Selichot Program with Cantorial Intern Jenna Mark
7	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman, and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
8	9:00am	Torah Study
9	7:30pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
14	7:30pm	Shabbat Shuvah Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
15	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service
16	1:00pm	Memorial Service at Cemetery
21	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
22	9:00am	Torah Study
23	7:00pm	Sukkot Service with Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman
28	7:30pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
29	9:00am	Torah Study
30	7:0 pm	Simchat Torah Service with Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman

## Scriptural Readings

Sept. 1 *Ki Tavo* Deut. 26:12-28:6;  
Isaiah 60:1-22

8 *Nitzavim* Deut. 29:9-30:20;  
Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9

15 Shabbat Shuva *Vayelekh* Deut.  
31:1-30; Hosea 14:2-10,  
Micah 7:18-20, Joel 2:15-27

22 *Ha'azinu* Deut. 32:1-52;  
II Samuel 22:1-51

## Tiny Temple Celebrates the New Year: Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Parents, grandparents, families and children ages infant to 5 are warmly invited to join in the fun as we usher in a sweet New Year at Tiny Temple on Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:30am-11:30am.

We will welcome back old friends and make new ones, and families will have an opportunity to meet our Rabbi Renni Altman. The tots will learn about the Jewish New Year through fun activities created especially for them. Everything takes place in a warm, relaxed and friendly setting, and a special holiday 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 [tinytemple@vassartemple.org](mailto:tinytemple@vassartemple.org). They will also be happy to answer your questions about this wonderful free program and can add you to the Tiny Temple e-mail list. More information is also available at [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org) or by calling the Temple Office at 845-454-2570.

## New Paths Service

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning service on Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am 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](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com) or Rabbi Altman 845-454-2570.

## From the Ritual Corner...

The High Holy Days will be here before we know it. Here's a quick list of what's happening during September at Vassar Temple.

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate Selichot at 7:00

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> we honor the 2018 recipient of the Arnold Award

Sept. 9-11 is Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> is Yom Kippur

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> is Sukkot

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> is Simchat Torah

Please see the VT calendar (in your Bulletin or through the website), read the weekly emails, or call the Temple office for details such as service times. You can also see the service dates and times in the letter I sent to the congregation in July. Hope to see you at services. Wishing you and yours L'Shanah Tovah!

*David Hecht*  
Ritual Committee &  
High Holy Day Chair





## Mazal Tov...

to:

Susan & Alan Colodner on the birth of their first grandchild, Maya Jane Rossin, daughter of Erica and Al Rossin;

Jonah & Mary Ritter on the birth of grandson, Jackson David Ritter, to Alexander & Melissa Ritter;

Julie Arbiter on the marriage of her son Noah Goldman to Leslie Bergson.

Bob Abrams on celebrating his 40 year anniversary at IBM

## New Members

Please welcome the following new members to our Vassar Temple family:

Beth Plotsky;

Martin and Mindy Teich, parents/in-laws of Dan & Shira Teich

## Condolences

To the families of:  
Carol Seligman, daughter in law of Gilbert and Arlene Seligman  
Eileen Rosenhaus, sister of Roslyn Kaflowitz

## Welcome VT's New Cantorial Interns

This year, Vassar Temple is excited to welcome two Cantorial Interns from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR):



**Jenna Mark**, entering her second year at the HUC-JIR, will provide music during our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. We will introduce Jenna at Selichot. Jenna recently completed her first year of cantorial school at HUC-JIR's Jerusalem campus. Prior to HUC-JIR, Jenna

spent time as a full-time educator at Central Synagogue, where she specialized in Shabbat, music, and t'filah for grades K-6. Her time in New York City also allowed her to teach religious school and assist with the youth groups of Brooklyn Heights Synagogue and Congregation Rodeph Sholom. She spent this past year in Israel as a cantorial intern at Kehilat Har-El, Israel's oldest Reform congregation. Jenna is originally from Houston, Texas and earned a BFA in Theatre Performance from Nebraska Wesleyan University. Jenna spent this past summer as a song leader at the URJ's Greene Family Camp in Bruceville, Texas. She is thrilled to be back in the States and to join the Vassar Temple community for the High Holy Days.



**Ilana Goldman**, entering her third year at the HUC-JIR, will provide music at a number of Friday night and Saturday morning services. We will introduce Ilana on Erev Sukkot. Ilana, from Asbury Park, NJ, earned a BA degree in Music and Religious Studies from Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. She

had significant music experience at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music and Interlochen Arts Academy, participating in choirs and opera productions. Ilana will be with us approximately monthly and also has a monthly Cantorial Intern engagement at Temple Micah in Washington D.C. This past summer, Ilana served as a Chaplain at Bellevue Hospital in New York. She resides in NYC with her husband, Alex.

Rabbi Altman, Joseph Bertolozzi and the Music Committee look forward to working with Jenna and Ilana over the coming months.

*Bob Abrams*  
Chair, Music Committee

## Perla Kaufman to Receive Arnold Award Sept.7<sup>th</sup>

During Shabbat evening services, on Friday Sept.7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, Perla Kaufman will be honored with the Arnold Award, in recognition of her contributions to the religious life of Vassar Temple. These contributions may be in the area of worship, education, or gemilut chasidim (act of loving kindness), and in Perla's case she most definitely qualifies in all three realms! Just a few highlights... For many years she served as High Holiday Day Chairperson, which involves months of planning to make sure we all have a meaningful and inspiring worship experience on the holiest of days. Over the years Perla has worked on

numerous social action committee projects, and is currently a Vassar Temple representative to the local Jewish Social Action Coalition. As many Temple members are gratefully aware, for decades Perla has performed the often difficult mitzvah of visiting the ill, infirm and isolated members of our congregation as part of our Reyut program. And amidst her busy life, Perla made it a priority to study to become an adult Bat Mitzvah. For all she has contributed to help make Vassar Temple our spiritual home, please come to thank and honor Perla at services on September 7<sup>th</sup> and at the celebratory oneg to follow.

## Celebrate with Us!

**Sukkot:** Saturday evening, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 6:00pm Service
- 7:00pm Dinner

**Simchat Torah:** Saturday evening, September 30<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00pm Dinner
- 7:00pm Service

Joyous festival services with Rabbi Altman & Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman

Bring the Family ~ Watch for more information to come!

## Bring the Family to Tashlich at Sunset Lake: Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

B.Y.O. breadcrumbs and join us in symbolically casting your sins upon the waters at a brief, informal family-friendly tashlich ceremony to be held Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at beautiful Sunset Lake, on the grounds of Vassar College. All in the community are welcome to attend. There will be shelter in case of inclement weather and refreshments will be served. For further information contact the Temple at 845-454-2570.

## Bimah Flowers

We've all enjoyed the beautiful fresh flowers that brighten our sanctuary every week. These flowers are often sponsored by our congregants and friends of the Temple in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. However, sometimes the flowers are not sponsored and Sisterhood then covers the cost of the arrangement. Thanks to a generous donation from Polly Lewis and the incredible talents of Sandra Mamis and Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, going forward those weeks that the flowers are not sponsored Sisterhood will be providing beautiful silk flowers to brighten our sanctuary.

Sisterhood's hope is that people will continue to sponsor the flowers to give us a variety of beautiful arrangements for our sanctuary. Please let Michelle in the office know if you would like to sponsor flowers. The cost is \$55 and your check should be made out to 'Vassar Temple Sisterhood' with the note 'Bimah Flowers' in the memo line. For more information call the Temple Office at 454-2570.

## September Bimah Flower Donations:

- September 1: Donated by Susan & David Hecht in honor of Rabbi Altman's first VT High Holy Days
- September 7-10: Rosh Hashanah Flowers donated by Lila Matlin in memory of her loved ones, & Marian & Ralph Schwartz in honor of Perla Kaufman receiving the Arnold Award
- September 18: Yom Kippur flowers donated by Chuck & Perla Kaufman in memory of their loved ones
- September 21: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- September 28: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood

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

For those times when the sanctuary flowers are not sponsored, Sisterhood will be providing a silk flower arrangement to decorate our sanctuary.

## 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.

## Vassar Temple Bulletin

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Articles for the **October Bulletin** must be submitted by **September 1<sup>st</sup>** sent via email to [publicity@vassar temple.org](mailto:publicity@vassar temple.org). The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.

## HEROES AMONG US: A Quiet, Profound Impact

There was just something about this month's featured "hero" that prompted my interest in her for this column, and after a brief conversation with her, my instincts were confirmed. For nearly all of the fifty years Linda Cantor has lived in Poughkeepsie, she has been a singularly impactful citizen of our community. Though she modestly characterizes her actions as simply "doing things here and there," Linda has, in fact, been uniquely responsive to needs of the less heard and underserved in her midst, helping to sound their voices and raise the collective consciousness of the wider population about their plight.

A teacher by profession – first in the Arlington Schools and then at Vassar College – and mother of three children (now grown), Linda has an innate ability to connect with people from a variety of backgrounds on a range of topics. Her natural talents were enriched and inspired over the years by periodic retreats at Elat Chayyim in Accord, and subsequently enabled her to touch countless people's lives in a profound and meaningful way.

Whether taking a stand in support of women in Judaism or against war, looking after beloved relatives (ranging in age from two and a half to ninety-

eight!), teaching meditation and mindfulness, tutoring children, initiating a Rosh Chodesh group, childcare co-op, wise aging or parent-child book group, or engaging with the Racial Unity Circle or in Jewish-Muslim dialogue, Linda is supremely responsive, never idle or silent when there is an important conversation that needs to happen. In her quiet way with a bias for action, Linda has been one of the most enduring voices for progress in our community, and in that way, is absolutely "a hero among us." Thank you, Linda!

*Jennifer Sachs Dahnert*

## LunchBox is Back!

Vassar Temple will resume the mitzvah of providing tasty and nutritious meals for our neighbors-in-need on Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, and on the first Sunday of the month thereafter, at Dutchess Outreach's LunchBox. Your help is greatly needed to help cook and/or serve on at least one of those Sundays between the hours of 10:30am-1:30pm. Bring friends, neighbors and family (recommended age 10 and up), and a special invitation to teens seeking credit for community service!

We also ask for donations of 1-2 dozen pieces of fresh fruit or bananas every month, in addition to other

specific items from the month's menu (for October it will be 3 lbs. all beef hot dogs), and the food may be dropped off at Vassar Temple beforehand. Cooking and serving takes place at LunchBox, entered at the rear of the Family Partnership Center, 28 N. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie. If you can help cook and serve, or would like to donate food, for the October LunchBox (or perhaps help out later in the year), or if you have any questions at all, we would love to hear from you NOW at [socialaction@vassar-temple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassar-temple.org). Financial donations to Vassar Temple's Community Tzedakah Fund also help support our LunchBox project.



# Contributions

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Welcoming Rabbi Altman  
Susan & David Hecht  
Sandra Mamis

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### In Honor of:

The birth of Sanda Mamis' granddaughter

Celebrating the birth of Maya Jane Rossin, granddaughter of Susan & Alan Colodner

Sandra Mamis' Shabbat Dinner  
Welcoming Rabbi Altman

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In gratitude to Vassar Temple and its leadership for three wonderful years of learning and growing together  
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### In Honor of:

The Ritual Committee for all of their hard work and dedication  
Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

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### In Honor of:

Cantor Laura Stein & the Music Committee for making worship uplifting and meaningful  
Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

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### In Honor of:

Julie Stein-Makowsky and the Religious School Committee for their hard work and devotion to our children  
Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

## Study Groups at Vassar Temple

'Torah Study' which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftorah 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 Tuesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at noon, and, thereafter, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at that hour. 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@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org) or Rabbi Golomb at [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net).



## 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 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.



## Crimes and Misdemeanors: Selichot Program, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Saturday before Rosh Hashanah, we will hold a Selichot program to help us spiritually prepare for the coming High Holy Days.

We'll begin in the social hall at 7:15pm with a dessert buffet and time for socializing. Meet Cantorial Intern Jenna Mark who will bring the gift of song to the evening's service as well as on the High Holy Days. Then we'll view some brief film clips from Woody Allen's movie "Crimes and Misdemeanors," moving into a discussion led by Rabbi Altman on how we can work toward becoming our better selves in the New Year.

We'll usher out the Sabbath with havdalah, and at approximately 9:00pm the moving Selichot service will begin in the main sanctuary. If you would like to contribute a dessert, please contact [ritual@vas-sartemple.org](mailto:ritual@vas-sartemple.org).

## Shabbat Happy Hour September 28<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for Happy Hour on the Patio on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, hosted by Daniel Scherrer and Jo Schaffel. We'll enjoy food, wine, and good company before services. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Guests are always invited and welcome! Happy hours are generously sponsored by Sisterhood; we suggest a \$10 per person donation to help defray expenses. In case of rain, this event will be held in the Social Hall.

If you've been attending Happy Hours and enjoy these events, please consider hosting one! It's easy to host a Happy Hour. We have setup and kitchen support as well as easy-to-follow directions. Contact Elena Collins at [bellaviol1@gmail.com](mailto:bellaviol1@gmail.com) if you would like to host an upcoming Happy Hour. See you on the patio!

## Yahrzeits

### AUGUST 3

Martin L. Dreyfuss, MD  
Irving Dreishpoon, MD  
Hortense Feldman  
Walter B. Goldfinger  
Marjorie Gluck  
Kurt Harlam  
Paul Liebman  
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Saul Norman Nectow  
Louis Temlock  
Jack Wiseman

### AUGUST 10

Mae Berger  
Gloria Berlin  
Alexander D'Imperio  
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Katherine Moffit  
Aaron Reifler  
Anna Saperstein  
Muriel Weingart  
Louis I. Worona

### AUGUST 17

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Dorothy Rauh Fogle  
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Beatrice A. Goodman  
Mildred L. Greller  
Nettie Jacobs  
Edna Z. Kleiner  
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Jeanne M. Payne  
MaryLouise Parke  
Bernard Reifler  
Lee Schwartz  
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Minnie Toroker  
Emanuel Zimmer

### AUGUST 24

Anna Baum  
Phyllis Bell  
W. Carlton Bernard  
Morris Kaufman  
Anna Dick Kronman  
Max Matlin  
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Sarah Peles Samuels  
Melvin Stolack  
Samuel Sumner  
Frederick C. Tuchmann  
Susan Vance  
Mary Weiss  
Tobias Wolfson

### AUGUST 31

Rachel Barchilon  
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Stuart Dick  
Adolph Milton Fein  
Martha Feinman  
Claire Entner Gad  
Molly Garber  
Richard M. Held  
Joseph LaLone  
Rose Markowitz  
Mary Elizabeth  
O'Donnell-Moore  
Saul Nectow  
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Sara G. Rice  
Rose Ritter  
Louis Rosen  
Elma S. Rosenberg  
Joseph Samuels  
Hyman Silverman  
Sheila Mardon Sukert  
Paul S. Waxman  
Rose Weisman

## Jewish War Veterans, Meeting: Sept. 16<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, Sept. 16<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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Torah Study 7:15pm Selichot Service
2	3	4 10am Senior Exercise Program (SEP)	5	6 10am SEP 7pm Ritual Cmte mtg	7 7:30pm Shabbat Service	8 9am Torah Study
9 Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	10 10am Rosh Hashanah Service 2pm Family Service 4pm Tashlich at Vassar College Sunset Lake	11 10am Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service	12	13 10am SEP	14 7:30pm Shabbat Shuvah Service	15 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
16 9am Men's Club Sukkah Build 9am R/S Opening Day 1pm Memorial Service at cemetery	17	18 Kol Nidre 7:30pm Kol Nidre Service	19 Yom Kippur 10am YK AM service 1pm Study Session 2pm Family Service 3pm YK PM service 5pm Yizkor service 5:30 Ne'ilah Service 6:30pm Break-Fast	20 10am SEP	21 7:30pm Shabbat Service	22 9am Torah Study
23 9am Religious School 9:30am R/S Cmte mtg 10:30am Tiny Temple 6pm Sukkot Service with Cantor Intern Ilana Goldman	24	25 10am SEP 12 noon Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb	26 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Finance Cmte	27 10am SEP 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm Board Meeting	28 6pm Happy Hour in Sukkah 7:30pm Shabbat Service	29 9am Torah Study
30 9am Religious School 7pm Simchat Torah Service						