



Vassar Temple

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Shabbat Happy Hour: January 11th at 7:15pm

Please join us for the first Happy Hour of 2019 on January 11th at 7:15pm. We'll enjoy food, wine and good company following 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.

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 if you would like to host an upcoming Happy Hour. Cheers!

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New Year's Day Gourmet Brunch! Tuesday, January 1st - 10:30am to 2:00pm

Vassar Temple wishes everyone a happy New Year's Eve and a safe, healthy and wonderful start to the New Year. To ring in the New Year, we invite the congregation and your friends to join us at a New Year's Day brunch at Vassar Temple from 10:30am until 2:00pm. After your New Year's Eve celebration, don't wake up early and worry about breakfast or lunch. Instead, join us at the Temple, where we will do the cooking for you, and you can relax and begin the New Year with good friends. The cost is \$45 per person, \$20 for children under 12, and children 2 and younger are free.

The menu, which is subject to change, will include:

- Bagel bar with Assorted Bagels, Cream Cheese, Butter, Jam, Lox, Tomatoes, Red Onion and Capers;
- Assorted Fruit;
- Chopped Salad of Lettuce, Goat Cheese, Avocado, Dates, Red Onion and Olives in a Champagne Vinaigrette;
- Potato Salad with Lox, Horseradish and Crème Fraiche;
- Blintzes and/or Waffles;
- Mushroom Ragu over Croissant with Fried Eggs;
- Frittata;
- Fish Chowder;
- Swordfish Stuffed with Parmesan, Breadcrumbs and Garlic in a White Wine and Mustard Reduction;
- Eggplant Parmesan;
- Assorted Bundt and Coffee Cakes; and
- Juices, Coffee, and Mimosas.

We hope you can all join us. Please RSVP to Cathy Bokor at cathy@bokorlang.com or 845-462-5862 by **December 21st** so we know how many to expect.

From the Rabbi's Desk



As we begin a new secular year, I want to thank the numerous hosts of the parlor meetings that took place in the summer and fall. Special thanks to Sandra Mamis for coordinating

it all. Called "At home with Rabbi Altman" (not my home, but the lovely homes our generous hosts!), these informal gatherings enabled all of us to get to know one another: congregants got to know me better, I got to meet and learn more about members of this congregation and, even better, congregants who didn't know one another had the opportunity to begin to do so. (Please note: if you didn't get to participate in one of these gatherings, we are happy to arrange for more.)

In addition to learning about one another, we talked a great deal about Vassar Temple: what made people join, what keeps them part of this community, and what people would like to see at the Temple. Even as I'm still processing the cards that people completed, we are working on implementing some of the immediately 'doable' suggestions.

One such idea was to bring back 'healing services.' Healing services began to take place in many Reform congregations in the 90s as part of a growing interest in spirituality and the

growth of contemporary musical settings of traditional healing prayers, such as Debbie Friedman's *Mi Sheberach*. These separate services were popular for a while and as the *Mi Sheberach* became integrated into many congregations' Shabbat services, the need for a separate service seemed to have waned, and congregations stopped offering them. I don't know that there is more illness now, but certainly the aging baby boomer population, together with the heightened anxieties many people are experiencing in the challenges of our society today, may have sparked a renewed interest in opportunities for these services that focus on healing, provide time for reflection, and offer opportunities for spiritual renewal and the strength one can draw from being in sacred community.

Therefore, we are reintroducing a Healing Service on **Saturday, January 12th at 10:30**. The service will be enriched by the musical leadership of cantorial intern, Ilana Goldman. It will be an informal experience, a service in the round, and will include prayer and reflections on healing, as well as elements of the Shabbat liturgy and Torah reading.

What does it mean to pray for healing? While some do fervently believe that our prayers can impact someone's physical healing, most progressive Jews do not understand the healing for which we pray as physical cure or recovery, though certainly we hope for that. Rather, our prayers can help us towards spiritual healing, just as the traditional *Mi Sheberach* prayer for the ill speaks of "healing of the body and healing of the soul."

Prayers can give us the strength and outlook to endure physical illness or the challenges of care giving, to find calm and hope in times of darkness. One of my favorite prayers in *Mishkan Tefillah*, adapted from the teaching of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, affirms the purpose and power of prayer:

Prayer invites

God's presence to suffuse our spirits,

God's will to prevail in our lives.

Prayer might not bring water to parched fields,

nor mend a broken bridge,

nor rebuild a ruined city.

But prayer can water an arid soul,

mend a broken heart,

rebuild a weakened will.

If you seek an opportunity for such prayers of healing, please join us on Saturday, January 18th at 10:30 in the East Chapel.

Rabbi Renni Altman

Vassar Temple Israel Trip

I am following up on the invitation I extended in my Yom Kippur sermon to organize a Vassar Temple trip to Israel in the 2019/20 temple year (most likely it would be late winter/early spring of 2020). I would like to organize an informational meeting to discuss different options for such a trip and to ascertain people's interest. If you are interested in participating in such a trip (even if you are just curious to learn more about it), please let me know (email [Rabbi@](mailto:Rabbi@vassartemple.org)

vassartemple.org) in the next week or so. Then we can find a time to meet, hopefully later this month. Even if you have mentioned something to me in passing, please let me know again of your interest.

Rabbi Renni Altman

New: Tot Shabbat

We will hold our first Tot Shabbat on Saturday, January 5th at 10:30am. This half hour introductory worship experience is geared for toddlers and their families. Rabbi Altman will lead it with Olivia DiIorio, our music teacher. Join us for singing, a story and engaging with families with young children!

January Worship Services

4 th	6:00pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
5 th	9:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Torah Study New Paths Service Tot Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman
11 th	6:00pm 7:15pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman, and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard Happy Hour
12 th	9:00am 10:30-11:45am	Torah Study Healing Service with Rabbi Altman and Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman
18 th	6:00pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantorial Intern, Ilana Goldman, and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
19 th	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service
25 th	6:00pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantorial Intern, Jenna Mark, and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
26 th	9:00am –noon	Intergenerational Shabbaton (Tu B'Shevat seder and service) (No Torah Study)

New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning services on Saturdays Jan. 5th & Jan. 19th 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, Rabbi Altman at rabbi@vassar-temple.org, or the Temple office at 845-454-2570.

Scriptural Readings

Jan.	5	<i>Va'era</i> Ex. 8:16 - 9:35; Ezekiel 28:25-29:21
	12	<i>Bo</i> Ex. 12:29-13:16; Jeremiah 46:13-28
	19	Shabbat Shirah <i>B'shalach</i> Ex. 14:26-17:16; Judges 4:4 – 5:31
	26	<i>Yitro</i> Ex. 18:1-20:23; Isaiah 6:1 – 7:6, 9:5-6

Soup & Chili Dinner: Feb. 1st

Please join us at 6:00pm on Friday, February 1st for a Soup & Chili dinner as part of a wonderful Tisch Shabbat.

Our Cantorial Intern, Ilana Goldman, will help lead a Tisch Shabbat for us in the social hall. A "Tisch" or Table Shabbat is held around the Shabbat table and features melodies and stories and highlights community. The service will include Shabbat prayer and liturgy as well as a spirit of learning and singing.

Sisterhood will provide a festive meal of homemade soups, vegetarian chili, challah, cornbread, and salad to be enjoyed during the service.

Donations for the dinner are very welcome and checks should be made payable to 'Vassar Temple Sisterhood.'

While reservations are not required, we would greatly appreciate having an idea of how much food to prepare. If possible, please let JoAnne Abraskin know you are coming by January 29th at abraskinmomma@yahoo.com or 901-0373.

NEW: Healing Service Jan. 12th

A Healing Service led by Rabbi Altman and Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman will be held Saturday, Jan. 12th at 10:30am. This service is designed for anyone praying for healing of the body, soul and spirit for themselves or others, for caregivers, and for anyone in need of spiritual strength. The service will be held in the round and will include prayers, reflections and songs that focus on healing and on Shabbat. There will also be a Torah reading. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please feel free to contact Rabbi Altman with any questions at rabbi@vassar-temple.org or (845) 454-2570.

Mazel Tov

to ...

Susan and David Hecht on the engagement of their son, Max, to Ilyssa Bloch

New Members

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

Elizabeth (Ellie) Krevolin

Maxine Finkelstein

Condolences

to:
the family of Shirley Haber Sigalow;

Joan Blanksteen on the passing of her mother, Hilda Levitan

Bertolozzi's Tower Music Debuted in Oregon!

Our organist, Joseph Bertolozzi, recently premiered his 'Tower Music Percussion Quintet' with Left Edge Percussion at Southern Oregon University.

The quintet is an adaptation for five percussionists playing 84 instruments of his opus *Tower Music* (originally written for the Eiffel Tower). He felt that live performances of Tower Music on the Eiffel Tower itself would be so rare, if ever, that he created this arrangement so it could be performed live. He was connected to Terry Longshore, director of Left Edge Percussion, by their mutual record label about a year ago.

The concert was a resounding success, deemed a "towering achievement in sound" by the Ashland Daily Tidings. It was played again at the end of November and the group is scheduled to tour California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho in the spring.

An actual live performance of Tower Music on the Eiffel Tower itself (c. 100 percussionists) is in development for the 2024 Paris Olympics. Permission was received from the Eiffel Tower Operating Co., and now Joseph awaits word from three different Olympic committees. It's a really long shot but fingers remain crossed!

You can hear the original Tower Music (#11 and #16 on the iTunes s Billboard Classical Crossover charts respectively) on iTunes, Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon, etc.

Mazel tov, Joe...we are kvelling!

"Thank You, Vassar Temple"

The following was received from Pat Solomon, the Art Educator at Morse School, after Vassar Temple gave her a gift card for art supplies as part of our summer fundraiser to benefit the school children there.

"I bought oil clay; this is a fun way to practice making clay projects before using ceramic clay. 1st graders created pumpkins and 2nd graders made pinch pots. I also purchased water color paper and watercolor pencils, again a great first step into watercolors for 1st graders just out of kindergarten. Elmer's glue bottles, they disappear like crazy since the slime craze. Pony beads and pipe cleaners. Thank you again for your continued support to my Morse kids!"



January Bimah Flowers Donations

- January 4: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- January 11: Donated by Gloria Turk
- January 18: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- January 25: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

Past Bimah Flowers Donations Updates:

December 21: Donated by Arlene & Gilbert Seligman in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary

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

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Articles for the **February 2019 Bulletin** must be submitted by **January 1st** sent via email to publicity@vassartemple.org. The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.

The Wind Chill Fund

As we relax in our warm, secure homes, let's think of those who don't share these comforts by dropping a donation in the Temple tzedakah box. This month's donations to the Temple tzedakah box (located near the staircase) will benefit Hudson River Housing's Wind Chill Fund, which supplements their emergency overnight shelter when that facility is overflowing. HRH provides the homeless not only a warm, clean, safe place to sleep, but also dinner, breakfast, a hot shower, transportation to and from the shelter, and, perhaps most importantly, referral services.

Your tax deductible checks, made out to 'Vassar Temple' with 'Wind Chill Fund' on the memo line, are also appreciated and may be dropped off or mailed to the Temple. Any and all donations

will help, and if you can see your way to donate \$36 (Chai), that amount will provide one person blessed space in a shelter for one night.

To learn more about what the amazing agency known as Hudson River Housing, Inc. does, visit <http://hudsonriverhousing.org>, and thank you for your support of the Wind Chill Fund drive at our Temple this winter.

Reminder: we also have a collection box in hallway for donation of personal hygiene items and unopened toiletries of any size for the shelter. And, if you have men's PJs, bath towels, or washable bedding/pillows in good condition to donate, or if you would like to help with one of the monthly shelter suppers, please contact Judy Harkavy of our Social Action Committee at harkavyjudy@gmail.com or 845-471-4973.

Worship Song Refresher

This year the Temple is hosting a cantorial musician roughly once a month on Friday evenings. On those other three weeks it's up to us, the congregation, to sing. So, to empower ourselves and enhance our services, Joseph Bertolozzi has offered to lead a session open to the congregation to become more familiar with various songs we use in worship.

He won't be teaching new songs but will re-inforce tunes that are known so we can sing with more confidence.

This is not a choir. Its sole purpose is to invigorate congregational singing overall. It may even have a collateral effect to those who don't attend.

The skill of reading music is not necessary, and we will use the Mishkan T'Filah prayerbook for the words.

Please let Bob Abrams (music@vassartemple.org), David Hecht (ritual@vassartemple.org) or Joe Bertolozzi (joseph.bertolozzi@gmail.com) know what days of the week are best for you and we'll try to accommodate everyone interested. We may even schedule this more than once. Available times are generally evenings Monday-Wednesday, or Sunday afternoons.

Men's Club News

We had our Annual Men's Club Shabbat on November 16, 2018. Thanks to Sisterhood for providing the Oneg after the service. Thanks to all our readers and participants who made the service special. A special thanks to Rabbi Altman for her guidance with the service and to Joe Bertolozzi and cantorial intern Ilana Goldman for the music, prayers and helping make the service seamless.

It's that time of year to renew your Men's Club Dues. Dues are \$36 for the year. Please make your check out to 'Vassar Temple Men's Club.' Your dues support our activities throughout the year including the Purim Pasta Dinner and the Sisterhood Shabbat.

Hope that you had a Happy Hanukkah and wishing you all a happy and healthy 2019.

Support LunchBox and Sisterhood: January 6th

Our Sisterhood does so much for us; now's your chance to thank them by supporting their annual stint at LunchBox on Jan. 6th. If you can donate any of the following, please contact Ronni Jarvis at ronni@clcpro.com to let her know what you can contribute.

- 3 lb. ground beef or ground turkey, browned with 1/2 c. chopped onions
- 1 to 2 dozen bananas/ pieces of fresh fruit/ or sandwich baggies of washed grapes

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 prominently 'For LunchBox.' Tax deductible checks made out to 'Vassar Temple' with 'Community Tzedakah Fund' on the memo line also help!

It's Soup Delivery Time: Jan. 13th

Come join the Religious School on Sunday, January 13th at the Route 9 Stop & Shop (in the Barnes & Noble Plaza) at 12:15pm. The process should only take about 20 minutes.

Deliveries will be made to local pantries at your leisure that week. You will be provided with a contact for your destination. To sign up to be a delivery family, please email Shaari Roland at shaari@gmail.com so that she knows how many cases each car will receive.

Thank you to all who donated towards the purchase of the soups.

Bob Abrams
Music Committee Chair

Justice, Justice Shalt Thou Pursue

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's flagship social justice conference, the Consultation on Conscience, will be held May 19-21, 2019 in Washington, D.C., and you are invited to attend any or all of those days as part of the Vassar Temple delegation! This biennial event provides a unique opportunity for education, inspiration, and leadership development. You will deepen your knowledge of critical issues and

Jewish War Veterans Meeting: Jan. 6th

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, Jan. 6th 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.

gain skills needed to advocate for social change, culminating in an afternoon lobbying on Capitol Hill. Some financial aid is available. Details will be finalized soon; you can get an idea of what happens there at <https://rac.org/what-consultation-conscience> and by speaking to Susan Hecht who attended last year (skarneshecht@gmail.com or 845-518-2687) or Howard Susser, our Advocacy Chairman at hssusser@gmail.com

Organ Donor Shabbat Follow-Up

At this recent temple event, Rabbi Altman spoke about Jewish teachings that support organ donation to save a life, and special guest Susan Senk, who successfully received a heart transplant, shared her personal story as well as the facts of organ donation and what we can do to help. You can pick up fact sheets and brochures in the Temple. For further information on this topic, please visit www.liveony.org and please consider registering as an organ donor. In the words of the sage Hillel, "He who saves a single life, it is as if he has saved the entire world."

Use SCRIP for When You Can't Get to the Store!

A great idea from Harriet Fein...

For those of us who are less mobile, or not driving anymore, having SCRIP is a boon. It means that whoever is shopping for you can have a simple card with them to pay for groceries or whatever else is on your list. You don't have to worry about having cash on hand for your shopper, and, of course not only do you benefit but Vassar Temple does also. We have been using SCRIP for a long time and it sure has worked for us. Try it, you'll like it!!

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes--no previous training required! No charge to attend. 'Torah Study' with the Temple's Rabbi Renni Altman which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftarah will be held at 9:00am every Saturday **except Jan. 26th** when it will be incorporated into the Intergenerational Shabbaton.. Questions? Contact rabbi@vassartemple.org or (845)454-2570. "The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text," taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, will be held one to two weekdays per month at noon. For this month's schedule, or if you have other questions, please contact Rabbi Golomb at pjgolomb@verizon.net or call the Temple office at 845-454-2570.

Religious School News

Joyful Hanukkah Celebrations

Vassar Temple families celebrated Hanukkah with great joy! On Sunday, December 2nd the madrichim and teachers led the children in creating paper *Hanukiot* to stand next to the ones in their homes. Parents joined the children the next week to celebrate the end of Hanukkah with fun, games and Hanukkah treats led by our madrichim. Thanks to Michele Sinn, Shaari Roland, and Beth Plotsky for their help!

This month we celebrate the holiday of *Tu B'Shevat* – the New year of Trees (also known as Jewish Arbor Day). In the book of Leviticus we learn that it was forbidden to eat the fruit of trees until the 5th year after the tree was planted (Lev. 19:23-25). In order to keep track of the age of the trees, the rabbis set one day a year (the 15th day of the month of Shevat) as the new year for trees. The kabbalists of the 16th century created the tradition of a *Tu B'Shevat Seder*, eating the native fruits of the land of Israel that are listed in the Bible. This practice created a strong bond to the land. More recently, celebrations of *Tu B'Shevat* have also focused on issues of environmentalism. We will continue the practice of a *Tu B'Shevat Seder* for our second Intergenerational Shabbaton on Saturday, January 25th (in lieu of religious school on January 26th). All religious school students and their families are expected to attend; the entire congregation is invited. More information will follow. I hope you will join us as we celebrate trees, nature and the land of Israel.

HEROES AMONG US: An Action-Oriented Hero

When this month's featured Hero Among Us decided to move to Poughkeepsie, it was a very fortunate moment, not just for Vassar Temple, but for the whole community. In many ways, he exemplifies the concept of a "hero" as defined for this series.

Indeed, **Arnie Serotsky** is a person with a bias for action who engages with his community, aiming to make a difference. Raised in an Orthodox Jewish family in Brooklyn, Arnie shifted away from his observance in college. He and his wife, Celia, raised their family in a suburb of Rochester, NY, affiliating with the Catholic church in that community, in keeping with Celia's faith. In 2005, after their kids were grown and Arnie and Celia retired from their teaching/administration jobs in public education, they moved to Poughkeepsie, closer to family and friends.

Since then, they have been very involved with Christ Episcopal Church,

while Arnie also engaged with various other activities – true to that 'bias for action' – including the Poughkeepsie Waterfront Committee (which Arnie chaired), teaching at Dutchess Community College, supporting a relocated African family sponsored by Celia's Christ Episcopal Church, serving on the Poughkeepsie City School District's Academic Affairs Committee, the Democratic Committees of Dutchess County and the City of Poughkeepsie, and recently, with Celia, attending the Lifelong Learning Institute at Vassar College. Motivated by challenges – as heroes often are – Arnie keeps busy, always focused on helping the community he inhabits.

But it wasn't until Arnie met Paul and Debbie Golomb at NY Stage & Film/Powerhouse Theater that Arnie began attending Torah Study and reconsidering his Jewish observance. That was the turning point at which Arnie reconnected with Judaism and joined Vassar Temple. Now a four-year Temple member completing a term on the Board of Trustees, Arnie has worked tirelessly, serving on the Temple Finance Committee, as the chair of the November Gala, and recently, on

the Building Committee with President Alan Kflowitz. Arnie's breadth of experience, willing spirit, and apparent inability to say 'no' have made him an especially valued congregant. And he's just getting started. . . . he has some great program ideas!

Arnie Serotsky is truly a hero to all in his midst and a great source of energy and inspiration. We hope he and Celia will remain in our community for a long time to come. Thank you, Arnie, for all that you do!

Jennifer Sachs Dahnert



Religious School students working on projects

Intergenerational Tu B'Shevat: Jan. 26th

You are invited to join the children of our Religious School and the members of the Adult Torah Study Group in celebration of Tu B'Shevat! This joyous Jewish festival honoring trees and nature will be observed at the Temple on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Festivities start at 9:00a.m. and will include an intergenerational Tu B'Shevat Seder featuring fruits which are symbolic of the holiday.

Everyone will have the opportunity to engage in interactive learning and par-

ticipate in a Shabbat morning worship service, and cantorial intern Jenna Mark will lead us in song. Stay and share a light Kiddush lunch. This special program is being held in lieu of Sunday School for the children that weekend, so there is no religious school on Jan. 27th.

For further information or to RSVP for the Tu B'Shevat seder and/or for the kiddush lunch, please contact David Hecht at vtritchair@gmail.com or 845-518-8523.



Glowing menorahs during Hanukkah service on December 7

Yahrzeits

January 4

Leo Dorn
Samuel Grand
Carl Tobias
Rose Brond
Jean Citron
Harry Fogle
Keith Warner Landau
DeWitt Fischman
Donald DeWitt
Harris Harold Groten
Alma Barbash
Bertram Katz, MD
Joseph Robinson
Greta Blaine
Betty Israel

January 11

Morris Kahn
Davida Krevolin
Bessie Trivers
John Ciminello
Marion Tierney
Monte Tate Brown
Ethel Haber
Rae Lipman
Anne Richmond
Marion Present
Beatrice Salit Horn
Gabrielle Soroka
Charles Scope, DDS
Bess Claster Kaufman
Leon Krauss
Dorothy Vogel
George Meltzer
Gloria Menken
Evelyn Tanzman
Shirley Lipschutz

January 18

Sylvia Mednick
Abraham Ginsberg
Elizabeth Satz
Sarah Cohen
Sylvia Mednick
Gerald Mamis
Andrea Sue Rabin
Guiseppe Ribbi
Bella Albert
John Garlock
Stanley Markum
Sally Collen
Hody I. Gellert
Herbert L. Strauss
Thelma Fival
Herman D. Chertock
Lois Grand
Donald L. Goldfarb, MD
Vera Maisel
Stephen Bokor
Morris S. Rosen
Joseph Solomon
Daniel Russotto
Sarah Sacharoff
Belle Baum Fein
Stanley Krell
Helen Wagner
Miriam Rosenberg
Oppenheimer

January 25

Rabbi Marcus Kramer
Andrew H. Erdreich
Joseph Effron
Ruth Haber
William Haber
Sidney Friedman
Herman Yelsky
Bessie Lipschutz
Henry Seligman
Judel Lampert
William Feinbloom, OD
Joseph Baskin
Ann J. Miller
Fred I. Siegel
Joan Golomb
Jesse Colodner
Joseph Marcus
Walter L. Mock, Jr.
Betty DeGeorge
Melvin Lesser
Shirley LaLone



Memorial Tablets

The memorial tablets in our sanctuary provide us with the means to honor and remember loved ones, not only when their names are graced by lights on their yahrzeits and on Yom Kippur, but also throughout the year as permanent reminders of our personal and congregational histories.

While we prefer that the tablets be filled as slowly as possible, the reality is that we are now in need of additional space. Although donations for the individual plaques repay the cost of the board over a long time period, the significant initial expense is prohibitive.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees wishes to acknowledge a generous gift from Sandra Mamis, which has made this purchase possible and, in turn, secured a stream of future donations as individual plaques are added. These donations go into the Temple's Sustaining Fund to support our operating costs. Sandra is donating the new board in memory of her beloved husband, Harry Mamis, MD, z'l, and it will be inscribed accordingly.

Please consider donating a plaque to honor the memory of a loved one as well as our temple home. To learn more please contact Perla Kaufman at brandaliz5@optonline.net or the Temple office.

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Rabbi Altman Oliver Mackson

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 Ruth Seegal Cohen Doi Cohen
 Helen Wrobel Lewis & Hilary Wrobel
 Kate Hecht The Hecht family
 Michael Hanigan
 James & Mary Ann Robinowitz
 Lisa Lemberger
 Barbara & Alan Lemberger
 Shirley Ernest Joan Reifler
 Solomon Berger
 Herbert & Rita Jacobson
 Rose Jacobson
 Herbert & Rita Jacobson

Lisa Heidelberg

Louis Heidelberg

Evelyn Heidelberg

Howard S. Abrams

Louis Rosen

Henry Solomonson

In Honor of:

The lives lost at the Tree of Life in Pittsburgh
 James & Mary Ann Robinowitz
 The birth of our grandson, Landon Samuel Pena
 James & Mary Ann Robinowitz
 In appreciation of Alan Kafflowitz
 James & Mary Ann Robinowitz

TZEDEKAH FUND

In Memory of:

Donald Hulnick Dave & Fern Wolf

Bob & Marianne Abrams

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Ron & Marilyn Rosen

In Honor of:

Ron Rosen's social action leadership
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 Andrea Ciminello's social action leadership
 Dave & Fern Wolf
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 The Hecht family
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January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed 10:30am New Year's Day Brunch	2 6:30pm Gesher at TBE	3 10am Senior Exercise Program (SEP) 7pm Ritual Cmte meeting	4 6pm Shabbat Service	5 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths 10:30am Tot Shabbat
6 9am Religious School 11am LunchBox	7	8 10am SEP 12 noon Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb	9 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher at TBE	10 10am SEP	11 6pm Shabbat Service, with Ilana Goldman 7:15pm Happy Hour	12 9am Torah Study 10:30am Healing Service with Ilana Goldman
13 9am Religious School	14	15 10am SEP	16 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher at TBE 7pm Finance Cmte	17 10am SEP 12 noon Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb	18 12 noon Chai Noon 6pm Shabbat Service, with Ilana Goldman	19 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
20	21 Martin Luther King Day Tu B'Shevat	22 10am SEP 12 noon Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb	23 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher at TBE	24 10am SEP 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm Board Meeting	25 6pm Shabbat Service, with Jenna Mark	26 9am Intergenerational Shabbat, with Jenna Mark
27	28	29 10am SEP	30 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher at TBE	31 10am SEP		