

# **Vassar Temple**Where You Belong

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#### **BAKERS NEEDED!**

Please join us for Sisterhood's annual Hamantaschen Baking Day!

Make friends while making Hamantaschen for our Purim service and for outreach to congregants and our out-of-town college students.

Sunday, March 3rd

(snow date: 3/10/19)

9:00am to 1:00pm in the Temple kitchen

RSVP to Judy Rosenfeld

635-2414 or hamantaschen@vassartemple.org

Please bring a batch of dough (and your favorite rolling pin if you like). Remaining ingredients will be provided. The recipe is available from Judy, the Temple office or VT website, and the Sisterhood Facebook page.

Not able to come and help?
Please make a batch of
dough and leave it in the
Temple freezer in a
Ziploc bag - just let
Judy know.

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 29<sup>th</sup> at abraskinmomma@yahoo.com or

845-901-0373.

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### No Happy Hour in February

Our Happy Hours take a month off in February to make room for other excellent events. Happy Hours will return in March with an evening hosted by Melissa Erlebacher and Fern Wolf.

If you've been attending Happy Hours and enjoy these events, please consider hosting one! It's easy! We have set-up 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!

### From the Rabbi's Desk



Mi Sh'nichas Adar, nichas simcha! "When Adar begins, joy increases!" Thus taught the rabbis about the month of Adar in which the joyous, raucous holiday of Purim falls.

This year we face something of a conundrum when it comes to Adar; this is a leap year and we actually have two Adars --Adar Aleph (I) which begins on February 5<sup>th</sup> at sundown; and Adar Bet (II) which begins on the evening of March 7<sup>th</sup>. When do we celebrate Purim and what about the joy?

First, a word of explanation about the Jewish leap year or, as it's called in Hebrew, Shanah Me'uberet, literally a "pregnant year." The Jewish months follow the cycles of the moon, with Rosh Hodesh, the new month, proclaimed when the first sliver of the moon appears in the sky. If the calendar was simply a lunar one, however, it would not take into account the flow of the seasons and the holidays would float throughout the year (as in the Muslim calendar). As most of our holidays are rooted in their seasonal harvests, a Jewish calendar needs to

take the seasons into account as well. Thus, in the fourth century CE, Hillel II developed our lunisolar calendar that sets the months by the moon but adjusts the days of the year to the sun. It incorporates a 19 year cycle whereby an entire month, Adar Bet, is added each two or three years. Thus this year, 5779, began in early September and Hanukkah fell on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. With the addition of Adar Bet, Purim will be in mid-March and Passover will be pushed back until the third week in April, when it should certainly feel like spring (or so we hope!).

Starting next winter, you will note that the Jewish holidays will begin to fall "earlier" in the Gregorian calendar until the next Jewish leap year in 5782 (2021-22) which will, once again, push them later so that the holidays remain in their appropriate seasons.

Let's return to our Purim conundrum: what do we do about Purim when we have two Adars? Do we celebrate it twice? Sorry to hamantaschen or Purim shpiel lovers, we do not. We celebrate Purim once and the sages of the Talmud determined that it would be in Adar Bet, bringing the redemption of Purim closer to the redemption of Passover (Megillah 6b). So, too, are any yahrzeits or other events marked by their Hebrew date also observed in Adar Bet.

But where does that leave poor Adar Aleph,

supposedly marked by extra joy? We do not diminish the joy, say (most of) the rabbis. In fact, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Adar Aleph (beginning the evening of Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>) we have "Purim Katan" (little Purim). Though we hold off on the real holiday observances until Adar Bet, it is customary to have a special meal on this day and to do something that will bring extra joy. The rabbis find support for adding joy from the book of Proverbs (15:15): "One who is of good heart is festive always."

In addition, some say that the twelve months of the Jewish year represent the twelve tribes of Israel, Jacob's sons. Adar Aleph, added as the thirteenth month, comes to represent Dina, Jacob's only daughter. Thus for Jewish women, Adar Aleph is truly an extra month of joy and celebration.

In the midst of the dark and cold of winter, may you find opportunities to increase joy and light, as did the Jews in the Purim story, "The Jews enjoyed light and gladness, happiness and honor." (Esther 8:16). With the months of Adar, may joy increase!

Rabbi Renni Altman



Interested in being on a committee for Vassar Temple? Now is your chance. We are actively looking for new members to join the current members on various committees that do so very much to support the ongoing needs and

functions of the Temple and also the community at large. From my perspective, the best way to feel a part of our Vassar Temple community is through involvement with one or more of its various committees. It is also one of the best ways to contribute to the work of the Temple, to support its activities and programs, and, thereby, to help it flourish.

### From our President

The Board of Trustees and I hope you will be interested in volunteering to serve on one of these committees. There are tasks, small and large, to be shared, and your participation will be enthusiastically welcomed. If interested, please contact the Temple Office at (845) 454-2570 or office@ vassartemple.org, to be put in touch with the chair of any of the committees listed below. If you would like to go online and check out a description of each of the committees, you can go directly to our Vassar Temple website at https:// vassartemple.org/committees and click on the name of any committee to see a description of it. Every day our congregation seeks to fulfil the following actions to support the mission of the Temple. Successful temples have committees that do valued work every day to enhance the areas listed on page 3.

To do this effectively, we need your support! Please consider joining a committee today. Want a nudge? Call me for motivation.

Warm regards,

*Alan Kaflowitz* 845-392-8660

Please go to page 3 to see list of committees.

February Worship Services									
1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00pm	Tisch Dinner & Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and cantorial intern, Ilana Goldman, (dinner and service in the Social Hall)							
$2^{nd}$	9:00am	Torah Study							
	10:00am	New Paths Service							
8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard							
9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Torah Study							
15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard							
$16^{th}$	9:00am	Torah Study							
	10:00am	New Paths Service							
22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00pm	Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman, cantorial intern, Ilana Goldman, and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard							
$23^{\text{rd}}$	9:00am	(No Torah Study)							
	10:00am – noon	Intergenerational Shabbaton (with Tiny Tots) with Rabbi Altman and cantorial intern, Ilana Goldman							

### **New Paths Services**

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning services on Saturdays, Feb.2<sup>nd</sup> & Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the informal setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. The 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@vassartemple.org, or the Temple office at 845-454-2570.

### **Scriptural Readings**

- Feb. 2 Mishpatim Ex. 23:20-24:18; Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26
  - 9 *T'ruma* Ex. 26:31 27:19; I Kings 5:26 -
  - 16 T'tzaveh Ex. 29:19-30:10; Ezekiel 43:10-27
  - 23 Ki Tissa Ex. 33:12-34:35; I Kings 18:1-

### From the Ritual Corner...

Greetings! I want to alert all of you to be aware of a few upcoming events during February. Please attend our Tisch Shabbat dinner and service on February 1st at 6:00pm. This will occur in our Social Hall. The service will be led by Rabbi Altman and cantorial intern, Ilana Goldman. Come on out for an evening of warm, cheering song and prayer as well as hot soups and chili!

On February 23<sup>rd,</sup> at 10:00am, we will have another intergenerational Shabbaton, again led by Rabbi Altman and cantorial intern, Ilana Goldman.

Looking ahead ... on Wednesday March 20th, we will celebrate Purim with the annual Men's Club pasta dinner followed by the megillah reading. This year we need readers and singers to help us throughout the evening. We will use songs from the 1960s and early 1970s to represent each of the five main characters' roles and feelings. This will be a lot of fun! Please contact me at the email address below if you are interested in participating. I promise we will keep rehearsal time to a minimum.

> David Hecht Ritual Chair ritual@vassartemple.org

### Some of Vassar Temple's Committees (continued from President's article on page 2)

Adult Education Caring (Reyut) Cemetery Computer Finance Fund Development Fundraising (description coming soon to our website) High Holy Days House Library

Membership/Engagement

Music

Nachamu (Bereavement)

Personnel

**Publicity Committee** Religious School Ritual Social Action Tiny Temple Use of the Facilities

As a result of joining a committee, you will help

- support the worship, life cycle events, and spiritual needs of each of our members
- educate our children, fellow congregants, and the general community about Jewish history, values, beliefs, and current issues

- reach out to and welcome non-Jewish congregants and unaffiliated
- promote Jewish values by undertaking meaningful projects and actions within the community
- strengthen our bonds with fellow Jews locally, nationally, and worldwide.

### **Mazel Tov**

to ...

Bradley Quackenbush, son of Lisa-Sue and Kurt, who recently became engaged to Casey Shea.

### Thank You!

I want to thank the many people who prepared meals, visited and called me during my convalescence at home. I am naming only a few of so many, so please don't take offense if your name is omitted. It is not intentional!

The task force that Judy Rosenfeld enlisted was fabulous and heartwarming. The delicious meals that you all supplied, I really enjoyed and they were so helpful when I was incapable of moving about. Many thanks to the many who helped me, including but not only: Fern Wolf, Susan Fink, Judy Harkavy, Sandra Mamis, Roni Stein, etc and the visits of Lawrence Siegel, Judy Rosenfeld, Fern, Rabbi Altman, and so many more.

It was more healing than the physical healing having all of you in my corner. Thank you!

Ioanne Abraskin

#### **New Member**

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

Maxine Finkelstein

### New Prayer Books for Our Students

Thanks to an extremely generous donation from our member **Anne Lescher**, we have acquired a set of *Mishkan T'filah for Youth* for use during Religious School and services.

This beautifully illustrated youth edition of our prayer book is geared for students in grades 3-5 and promotes prayer literacy. It includes the Shabbat liturgy, weekday services, songs, and readings for holidays and community events.

Anne made this donation in loving memory of her parents, Nathan & Belle Lescher, and bookplates inscribed to this effect have been placed in the new volumes. Her gift not only funds our new books but also provides other needed educational materials for our Religious School. Thank you, Anne!

### Condolences

to:

the family of Shirley Haber Sigalow, long time member, mother to David Sigalow (Heather Walsh) and Ellen Sigalow Ansley, z'l;

the family of Harold Kahn, beloved brother of Muriel Lampell, Uncle to David Lampell

## Thank You(s), Vassar Temple

We received a heartfelt thank you from social worker Naomi Johnson of Hudson River Housing, on behalf of the families who were given Thanksgiving baskets and turkeys from Vassar Temple. VT teens and religious school students had a wonderful time decorating and filling the baskets! Thanks to Rabbi Altman, our religious school teachers and our Youth Group advisor, as well as to everyone who donated food and funds to make this amazing project happen.

As part of our effort to assist impoverished local students to succeed in school, we donated to the Poughkeepsie Teen Closet. This essential program has expanded to serve not only Poughkeepsie High School, but also students at the Middle School. The Teen Closet Team thanked us for enabling them to provide personal hygiene products, undergarments, and other essentials so that every student can come to school feeling healthy, secure, confident and ready to learn. And the Social Action Committee thanks each and every one of you for your support of all our monthly tzedakah projects!

### **February Bimah Flower Donations**



February 8: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

February 15: Donated by Marilyn McGaulley Lampell in memory of her sister, Julie

Ann McGaulley

February 22: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

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.

### Vassar Temple Bulletin

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#### What is Can Jam?

Can Jam is Vassar Temple's ongoing non-perishable food collection. Members can drop donations of non-perishable foods into the wooden Can Jam bin

in the hall at any time. (This bin was custom made for us by Temple member, Howard Himelstein.) Volunteers periodically bring the food collected in the bin to either the food pantry at Dutchess Outreach in Poughkeepsie or another food pantry of their choice.

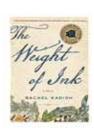
If you would like to help with a food delivery this year, please contact Joel and Claudia Kelson at canjam@vassartemple.org.

Below is a list of foods most requested by the food pantries. Please note the special need for high protein foods. (Sorry, we cannot accept opened or outdated foods.)

Canned goods:

- meat ravioli (large size), hearty soups, chili w/meat, beef stew, corn beef hash, tuna, yams/potatoes, vegetables, fruit
- Macaroni and cheese (in can or box)
- Spaghetti sauce
- · Peanut butter & jelly
- Cereal
- Pasta

### Book Club to Discuss *The Weight of Ink* on February 20<sup>th</sup>



Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss Rachel Kadish's *The Weight of Ink*, a tale of two, London women of remarkable intellect in the 1660s and the early twenty-first century.

The lives of Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who scribes for a blind rabbi just before the plague breaks out, and Helen Watt, an ailing historian who loves Jewish history, become interwoven when Helen gets involved in a project to determine the identity of the elusive "Aleph" scribe of newly discovered, 17th century Jewish documents.

This spell-binding novel of women who both make choices and sacrifices is available through the local library system in hardcover and audio format. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at 473-7931, or <a href="mailto:linda.babas.41@">linda.babas.41@</a> <a href="mailto:linda.babas.41@</a> <a href="mailto:linda.babas.41@">gmail.com</a>. All are welcome and your book suggestions for future meetings are always appreciated.

### VT Musicians Wanted!



Do you play an instrument? If so, we want you!

We are looking for folks willing to share their musical talents to enhance Friday evening services approximately once a month. We would like to gather an ensemble that could play during the service and bring more variety to our musical offerings.

Curious? Interested? Please contact music@ vassartemple.org. Be sure to note what instrument you play.

Let's mix it up!

### **Religious School Update**

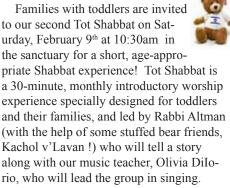
I'm writing this article as we close out 2018, thus I am reflective on the first semester of this religious school year. I am indebted to the Religious School Committee for its guidance, to our teachers for their creativity and commitment to our children and to our ten *madrichim* (teaching assistants) for their energy and enthusiasm.

The month of December brought 2018 to a fun-filled conclusion: on December 2<sup>nd</sup> we prepared for the start of Hanukkah by creating our own *Hannukiot*; on December 9<sup>th</sup> parents joined their children for a fun-filled morning of Hannukah games created and led by our *madrichim*, singing with Olivia and Hannukah treats; and on December 15<sup>th</sup> we had our first intergenerational Shabbaton where religious school families, Torah study participants and other members of the congregation came together to study the Joseph story, bring their own creative interpretations to our prayers and join in celebration of Shabbat.

We look forward to our second opportunity to bring the generations together to celebrate Tu B'shvat (The Jewish New Year of trees) in January and our final Intergenerational Shabbat on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone is invited – as one congregant said following the December shabbaton, "I now have a new 8 year old friend!"

Rabbi Renni Altman

### Tot Shabbat: Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>



Tot Shabbat is geared towards toddlers through kindergarten, their parents, grandparents, siblings and friends.

All in the community are invited to join us for singing, a story, healthy snacks, and engaging with other families with young children. RSVPs appreciated (845-454-2570); walk- ins welcome!

### **HEROES AMONG US: An Educator to the Core**

Were it not for the subject of this month's 'Heroes Among Us' column, you simply would not have the opportunity to read this piece I write each month about special members of our congregation. Indeed, behind every worthy publication is a good editor, who is ultimately responsible for the final product. In this case, I am referring to none other than Sue Lesser, this month's featured 'Hero Among Us!'

Sue is well-known to members of our community – young, old, and in between – for a myriad of reasons. A lifelong educator at heart who spent her career working in public education, Sue's work, both professional and as a volunteer, has had a profound impact on the intellectual and cultural life of the Hudson Valley.

Having served on Vassar Temple's Board of Trustees, Sue wrote at least a dozen grants, enabling Vassar Temple to offer programs we would not have been able to otherwise afford such as Salaam-Shalom, Jewish Museum lectures and Yiddish classes. Now in her "retirement," in addition to co-editing the Vassar Temple Bulletin, she is deeply involved with Poughkeepsie Library's annual Big Read program, the Hudson Valley Philharmonic String Competition (for which she is particularly well-qualified as the mother of a professional musician), developing courses for the Center for Lifetime Studies at Marist, and ongoing college advising to high school juniors and seniors. And she does all of this while balancing care and attention for her elderly mother and members of the VT community in need of loving kindness.

Everything that Sue Lesser does is an extension of a lifetime built on her commitment to education, culture, and the arts . Her path was seeded by her third grade teacher who, for every holiday, had Sue and her classmates make something to give to people in need. Those lessons have clearly inspired Sue's activities ever since, benefitting our community and the many lives that Sue has touched and influenced through them. In her unassuming, steady, conscientious way, Sue is truly a Hero Among Us. Thank you, Sue, for enriching our lives in so many ways!

Jennifer Sachs Dahnert

### Important VT Library Alert!

Vassar Temple's library (at bottom of stairs on lower level) is undergoing the major project of adding and deleting books



to and from the library and database. Many members have left books in the library that they felt would be useful. We must ask that such donations cease until further notice. We have little enough space to work in and little enough time to deal with what is currently required.

Hence, please do not make book donations until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

Michele Sinn and Art Groten, Volunteer Librarians



### Jewish War Veterans Meeting: Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America, is scheduled



to hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am (with coffee/cake schmooze at 9:00) at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York. If you are Jewish and have served in any branch of the Regular Military, Guard or Reserve, in wartime or peace, you are welcome to come and attend. Non-veterans are also welcome to attend. Questions may be directed to Rob Rubin, Presiding Officer at qbee5@optonline.net.

### Intergenerational Shabbat: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Everyone is invited to learn, pray and joyously interact together at Vassar Temple's next Intergenerational Shabbat on Saturday, February 23rd. Adults, teens, and our religious school children will all share special shabbat experiences together, followed by a family friendly kiddush lunch. The weekly Torah Study session with Rabbi Altman will be woven into the program, enhanced by the music of cantorial intern, Ilana Goldman. Come, make new friends, and let's learn with and from one another. For the children, this program will be in lieu of Religious School on Sunday, Feb. 24th, and for everyone it will be a very special shabbat morning of community, worship, and education.

### **Study Groups**

All are invited 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 haftorah, will be held at 9:00am every Saturday except Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. For that day it will be incorporated into an Intergenerational Shabbat program, to which all are welcome. 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 once a month at noon, generally on a Thursday. 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.

### February Tzedakah: Wind Chill Fund

As chilly nights continue, we are continuing to collect in our temple tzedakah box for 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 <a href="http://hudsonriverhousing.org">http://hudsonriverhousing.org</a>, and thank you for your support of the Wind Chill Fund drive at our temple this winter.

LunchBox: Feb. 3rd

Thanks to Gil Seligman and Ronni

Jarvis for captaining recent LunchBox meals. Last month our LunchBox was sponsored by Sister-



hood and we were joined by four women from the Mid-Hudson Islamic Association.

This month, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> marks our annual Temple Teen LunchBox. All temple teens through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come help cook/serve/clean up at LunchBox between 10:30am-1:15pm, and if interested should contact Danah Moore at danahmoore@hotmail.com . Also needed are donations of:

- 3 lb. all beef hot dogs
- 1 to 2 dozen bananas/ pieces of fresh fruit/ or sandwich baggies of washed grapes

Please contact Danah, as well, to let her know what you can contribute. 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.' Checks made out to Vassar Temple with 'Community Tzedakah Fund' on the memo line also help!

### **YAHRZEITS**

#### **FEBRUARY 1**

Aaron Estrin Maxwell Shapiro Andrew Frederick Mendel Mark C. Schwartz Naomi Goldberg Alan S. Rubenstein Isadore Shefts Pauline Gross Leonard H. Arnold

Virginia Newman Livingston Irving Wrobel Nancy Levinson Herbert Schiffman Alan Pack Greller Russell B. Oppenheimer, DVM

Ronah Gordon Posner Mark Rosenthal Lewis Krevolin Susan Matlin Gertrude Rothstein Paul M. Schwartz, MD Harold Devorsetz Jacqueline Sydney Colodner

#### **FEBRUARY 8**

Stanley Soirefman Harry Lashinsky Celia Frank Rose Kahn Jane Kramer Elaine Bard Jeanette Bergman Arlene Mates Martha Held Dorothy Parish Margit Horowitz M. Alden Weingart, MD Evelyn Slote Kahn Leo Livingston Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Lillian Geber Mary Hyman Evelyn Brown Samuel Warshaw Leon Alpers Reuben Wiseman Timothy Creedon

Harold Robinowitz

**FEBRUARY 15** Morris Levine Cynthia Blumenthal Hinda Lessin Armand H. Newman Owen J. Sacks Joseph Drobner Gary M. Zimmer Jon Franklin Katz Herman Kraut Lillian Feldman Evelyn Bersak Marjorie Rubin Brody William Hyman Jules H. Lippmann Lawrence Edell Sidney I. Love Jarrod Harrington Blanche Fertig Jacob Greenberg Mary R. Scheer Freda Reifler Goldie Abraskin Rosanne Weber Philip Cochran Jacob Erdreich, DMD

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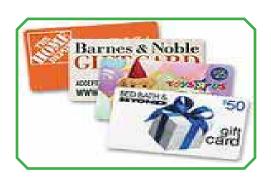




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Men's Club Co-Presidents: Glenn Tanzman & Dan Teich

Immediate Past President: Mark Metzger

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### February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9am Religious School 11am LunchBox	4	5 10am Senior Exercise Program (SEP)	6 4:30pm Hebrew School	7 10am SEP 7pm Ritual Cmte	Soup & Chili 6pm Tisch Shabbat with Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman 8 6pm Shabbat Service	2 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths 9 9am Torah Study
10 9am Religious School 9:30am R/S	11	12 10am SEP	6:30pm Gesher at Temple Beth El 13 4:30pm Hebrew School	Meeting  14  10am SEP	15 6pm Shabbat Service	16 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
Committee 17	18 President's Day	19 10am SEP	6:30pm Gesher at Temple Beth El 20 2pm VTS Book Club	21 10am SEP	22 6pm Shabbat Service with	23 10am Intergenera-
	—Office Closed  12 noon — Sisterhood Chai Noon		4:30pm Hebrew 6:30pm Gesher TBE 7pm Finance Cmte	12pm Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb	Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman	tional Shabbat with Tiny Temple, Cantorial Intern Ilana Goldman
24	25	26 10am SEP	4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Gesher at Temple Beth El	28 10am SEP 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm VT Board Meeting		