



# Vassar Temple

## Where You Belong

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### Break the Fast at Temple after Yom Kippur

Plan to stay and celebrate with your temple family as the New Year begins by attending a delicious *Break the Fast* in the social hall on Wednesday evening, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, following the *Ne'ilah* (concluding) Yom Kippur service. Enjoy a traditional dairy meal of salads, kugel, eggs, cheese, vegetables, fruit, fish, bagels, sweets and more!

**Prepaid reservations are a MUST!**

**Adults - \$18**

**Children under 13 - \$5**

To facilitate our planning, all reservations confirmed by receipt of payment are needed by Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mail a check payable to Vassar Temple, with 'Break the Fast' on the memo line, to: Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please indicate the number of adults *and* children attending. Late reservations will be accommodated, if possible. For more info, or if you'd like to help with planning the event or bring a dish, please contact Polly Lewis at [bella6034@yahoo.com](mailto:bella6034@yahoo.com) or 845-476-9778.

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We look forward to seeing you at the

**Vassar Temple Gala**  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 -10:00pm**  
**Mill Creek Caterers**  
**Hopewell Junction, NY**

Gala invitations were mailed the first week of September.

If you have not received your invitation please contact

[gala@vassartemple.org](mailto:gala@vassartemple.org) or the Temple office at 845-454-2570

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Rummage Sale**  
**November 10th**

## From the Rabbi's Desk



*Yizkor Elohim et  
nishmat yakireinu....*  
O God, remember  
the souls of my dear  
ones....

These are the  
opening words of  
the core prayer of

*Yizkor*, the memorial service that is part of the liturgy of Yom Kippur and the festivals. *Yizkor* (literally, “remember”) focuses on the themes of remembrance, the meaning of life, and seeking comfort, and includes the traditional memorial prayers, *El Maleh Rachamim* and Kaddish.

Kaddish and *Yizkor* are both rituals that have evolved over time and today hold very different meaning from that of their origins. While we associate the Kaddish with death and remembrance, it speaks of neither; it is a doxology of praise of God. During the Middle Ages, Kaddish began to be said on behalf of the dead based on the mystical belief that these words would help the soul of our loved one ascend through the levels of heaven. While most Jews no longer hold such a belief, the tradition of saying Kaddish still has deep emotional meaning. Standing at a freshly dug grave, Kaddish is often the key to unlocking one’s emotions in the

face of the reality of death; saying Kaddish throughout the periods of mourning can help one move through the stages of grief; on the first *yahrzeit*, Kaddish marks the end of the painful first year of loss; annually, on this anniversary, through Kaddish we pay homage to our loved ones even as we carry their memories with us into the future.

As Jewish liturgy developed, *Yizkor*, a service devoted to remembrance, became part of the worship services of Yom Kippur and the festivals. As a day on which we fast, wear white and contemplate the meaning of our lives, Yom Kippur seems to be a natural time to include remembrance of loved ones. Sanctuaries overflow during *Yizkor* as we often open our doors to the community for this service alone. The number of people who don’t attend synagogue otherwise, but are drawn in for *Yizkor*, is a tribute to the power of remembering and the obligation that is felt to be part of this collective experience.

The association of *Yizkor* with the Festivals may be a little less clear, since their observance today is so far removed from their origins as pilgrimage festivals, celebrating the harvest by bringing offerings to Jerusalem. With the destruction of the temple and the urbanization of society bringing an end to pilgrimage, worship services were created to mark these holy days. As the tradition developed to give *tzedakah* in memory of loved ones, the inclusion of *Yizkor* in the festival liturgy became a way to fulfill the

obligation “not to appear before God empty-handed, but each with his own gift...” (Deuteronomy 16:16-17).

*Yizkor* continues to be an integral part of festival morning services. It can be a most comforting experience, as *Yizkor* invites us to remember our own loved ones while surrounded by others who are doing the same. One can draw strength from such a collective experience, even as we remember together those who were once part of Vassar Temple. Pausing to remember on these holy days, as on *yahrzeit*, enables us to reflect and remember, to appreciate the impact our loved ones had on our lives and the ways in which they continue to be part of us.

I hope that you will join with your Vassar Temple family for *Yizkor* on Yom Kippur afternoon and again on the mornings of Shmini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah, seventh day Pesach and Shavuot.

Wishing you loving memories,

*Rabbi Renni Altman*

(With thanks to Sandra Mamis, chair of our *Nachamu* committee, for her assistance with this article.)

## Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour in the Sukkah: Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>

Join your Vassar Temple community for a joyous, vegetarian/harvest themed Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour in the Sukkah on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Fern Wolf and Melissa Erlebacher are hosting this month’s Happy Hour. All Vassar Temple Happy Hours feature a variety of food from local restaurants and some of Vassar Temple’s finest chefs.

Suggested donation is \$10. We thank the Vassar Temple Sisterhood for their ongoing support of these gatherings.

Interested in hosting a future Happy Hour? Hosting is fun and easy. We have an easy step-by-step guide. If you would like to host an upcoming Happy Hour, contact Melissa Erlebacher ([maerlebacher@gmail.com](mailto:maerlebacher@gmail.com)) or Andi Ciminello ([andi@ecopkny.com](mailto:andi@ecopkny.com)).

## October Worship Services

1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am	Rosh Hashanah 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Service with Rabbi Altman & Cantor Goldmann
4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service
8 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Kol Nidre Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Yom Kippur Morning Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
	1:00pm	Yom Kippur Study Session with Rabbi Paul Golomb
	2:00pm	Yom Kippur Family Service with Rabbi Altman & Cantor Goldmann
	3:00pm	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
	5:00pm	Yom Kippur Yizkor Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
	5:30pm	Yom Kippur Ne'ilah Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Torah Study
13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Sukkot Family Service with Rabbi Altman & Cantor Goldmann
18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service
20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Simchat Torah Family Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
25 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Service

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

Vassar Temple Cemetery

Lagrange Ave., Poughkeepsie

## Scriptural Readings

Oct.	5	<b>Shabbat Shuvah</b> <i>Vayeilekh</i> Deut. 31:1-30; Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 7:18-20, Joel 2:15-27
	12	<i>Ha'azinu</i> Deut. 32:1-52; II Samuel 22:1-51
	19	Chol HaMoed Sukkot Exodus 33:12 - 34:26; Numbers 29:26-31 Ezekiel 38: 18-39
	26	Bereshit Gen 1:1 - 6:8 Isaiah: 43:5 - 43:10

## Support Our Yom Kippur Food Drive

- Please take home a grocery bag on Rosh Hashanah (or use your own).
- Please bring it back full of non-perishable foods for those in need on Yom Kippur.

## New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning service Saturdays, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 19<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), Rabbi Altman at [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org), or the Temple office at 845-454-2570.

## Religious School Update

As October this year coincides almost perfectly with the month of Tishrei, much of our focus in religious school this month will be on the fall holy days: the children learn about saying and being sorry and forgiveness for Yom Kippur; we will give thanks and celebrate the fall harvest by decorating our sukkah. Then our focus will turn to the on-going cycle of reading and study of Torah as we prepare for Simchat Torah.

I encourage religious school families to celebrate these fall festivals with the Vassar Temple family: there is a children's service for Yom Kippur at 2:00pm; our community gathers to

celebrate Sukkot on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> with a family-friendly service at 6:00pm followed by a dinner in and around the Sukkah at 7:00pm. On Simchat Torah, we will join for dinner at 6:00pm followed by the festival service at 7:00pm when we will unroll the scroll around the congregation. (See page 5 for more information)

On Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> the annual CROP-Walk will take place, raising money to help feed the hungry in Dutchess County. It is an easy walk, and I encourage families to sign up and join me in the walk (or support others who are). (See more information on p. 7).

## Lunch Box News

Thanks to all who donated to our new, officially designated 'Lunch Box Fund.' We are in very good shape financially for this project. A separate 'Community Tzedakah Fund' will support our other social action initiatives.

Paul Ciminello is now organizing our Social Action Committee's Lunch Box days. Last year Paul coordinated a pilot program with our friends of the Mid-Hudson Islamic Association who were interested in learning what we did at Lunch Box. This year the MHIA will be taking on more responsibility and will partner with us at Lunch Box most months. Please contact Paul at [paul@ecopkny.com](mailto:paul@ecopkny.com) if you would like to donate food for our Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Lunch Box, or if you can come to help at the Family Partnership Center to cook and serve that day any time between 10:30am-1:15pm. Thank you all for your continued commitment and support to Lunch Box!

## Tiny Temple: Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

### Story-Time in the Sukkah with PJ Library

Please join us for Tiny Temple and PJ Library's free Sukkot story-time at Vassar Temple on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-11:30am. The tots, along with the Religious School, will learn about Sukkot through crafts, story, and song in a relaxed and friendly setting, and a special holiday snack will be served.

Parents, grandparents, families and children ages infant to 5 are warmly invited to join in the fun. Tiny Temple is open to all regardless of temple affiliation, is always free of charge, and is sponsored by the VT 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 any questions you may have about this wonderful, free, monthly program, and to put you on the Tiny Temple e-mail list. Vassar Temple is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism, and additional information is available at [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org) or by calling the temple office at 845-454-2570.

## Volunteer at Morse School Library!

The Jewish Social Action Coalition is continuing its support of Morse Elementary School in Poughkeepsie. The school is in receivership and needs us more than ever. This year there will be professional staff coverage in the library on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Volunteers are needed on those days to help the eager students find books, check books in and out, shelve returned books, and possibly to read to groups of students.

Each shift serves 3 classes scheduled for their weekly library time. Morning shift: 9:20-11:20, afternoon shift: 12:25-2:30. You can sign up for shifts at [www.morsevolunteers.org](http://www.morsevolunteers.org). This is very rewarding work, and you can literally change lives! To have your questions answered and arrange for training, please contact Roberta Tracy ([tracyajrs@aol.com](mailto:tracyajrs@aol.com) or 914-456-5266) or Muriel Horowitz (845-464-8728).



## President's Message

As we progress into the Jewish New Year, when school is bustling on Sundays and Hebrew school on Wednesdays, new members are joining and committees are into full force, our house of worship becomes the perfect sanctuary for all.

I'm excited to report that we have many planned activities over the next few months, and I encourage all to be a part of them. Please review the calendar often for events. And, of course our Gala will be here before you know it on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mill Creek Caterers. Looking forward to seeing you at that event.

We are excited to welcome our new Cantor, Elizabeth Goldmann, to support us with reflective prayer and personal spirituality. I hope you are enjoying her cantorial experience as much as I am.

We would like to extend our gratitude for your dues and other financial support for Vassar Temple. It means so much to us to keep the mitzvah of our temple alive, and we appreciate your generosity so that we may continue to grow as a congregation providing more opportunities for all.

I would like to personally extend my appreciation to Susan Hecht for being a friend and a wonderful Vice President of Vassar Temple. She is passionate about the Temple and her social action work, and has worked tirelessly this past year. As we move into this new year, we thank both past and present Board members for everything that they did, and what the new trustees will embark

on this year.

We hope that you're going to find new and interesting ways to participate in the activities that we have planned for you, along with bringing new ideas and activities to us. We are so grateful to have a Jewish community that is creative, and we are open to suggestions for new programming or ways that we can improve our Temple. Vassar Temple operates on committees made up of a whole lot of volunteers taking care of the details that are necessary for us to be successful, and for all of that, we say thank you.

As a congregation we have an opportunity to stand together to support social action and issues that impact humanity. I encourage you to get involved and stay involved in the functions and activities that we support, that are also supported by the URJ and our ever-growing Vassar Temple community. "It is not what one says but rather what one does that makes all the difference in the world." (Pirkei Avot 1:17)

I hope your summer was fulfilling, and you had a smooth transition into early fall. Thank you for choosing Vassar Temple as your second home, one that has friendship, spirituality and a strong sense of belonging to our Jewish community. I wish you the very best in 5778!

L'Shana Tovah Tikatevu,  
*Alan Kaflowitz*  
President

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## From the Ritual Corner...

On behalf of the Ritual Committee, I'd like to wish all readers a sweet and healthy New Year! We are thrilled to have Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann leading our High Holy Day services along with Joseph Bertolozzi's musical accompaniment.

We hope you'll join us for family-friendly dinner and services on Sukkot and Simchat Torah. On Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. we celebrate **Sukkot** with the lulav and etrog in both the sanctuary and Sukkah. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Weather permitting we will have dinner (pizza, salad and dessert) in the Sukkah and on the patio.

On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate **Simchat Torah** with an amazing dinner at 6:00pm. (please check the weekly email for the menu as we get closer to that holiday). Our Simchat Torah service will begin at 7:00pm. in the sanctuary. Come help us to unroll the entire scroll around the sanctuary, hold it up as a congregation and read from the Torah.

L'Shanah Tovah,

*David Hecht*  
Ritual Committee & High Holy Day Chair

## Adult Education Brunch Discussion Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

The Adult Education Committee invites everyone to attend the Resnick Institute Lectures on Jewish American Life at SUNY New Paltz, on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. We would especially like a group to attend the October 16<sup>th</sup> lecture on Emma Lazarus and then join us for a discussion brunch on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at the Temple. Refreshments will be served. The lecture schedule is below.

Please contact Daniel Scherrer with any questions: [danielscherrer55@gmail.com](mailto:danielscherrer55@gmail.com) or (845) 532-3133

**"Jewish Communities and the Uneasy Future"**  
Wednesdays at 7:30pm in SUNY New Paltz Lecture Center, Rm. 104

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| October 2:  | David Bell, Princeton University-<br>"France and the Jews: An Entangled History"                                  |
| October 16: | Annie Polland, American Jewish Historical Society- "Emma Lazarus and the future of the American Jewish Community" |
| October 23: | Carolyn Dean, Yale University- "The Witness Avengers: Armenian and Jewish Assassins on Trial, 1921 and 1927"      |





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Federation Wiffle Ball Tournament: Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

### Mazel Tov

To:  
Our member, NYS Assemblymember  
Didi Barrett, who was honored by the  
Poughkeepsie Public Library District for  
her support over the years;

Andi and Paul Ciminello on the birth of  
their grandson, Daniel Vito Jen. Proud  
parents are Lauren Ciminello Jen and  
James Jen. Excited big sister is Eliana  
Jen;

Howard & Shirl Susser's 30<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary

This 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jewish Federation of  
Dutchess County (JFedDC) begins at  
12:20pm on Sunday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at Schomre  
Israel, 18 Park Ave., Poughkeepsie.

...Bringing together the community and cul-  
turally uniting everyone for a fun filled day  
of food, friends, & wiffle ball. Everyone is  
welcome: Children and Adults of every age!  
There will be something for everyone!  
Concession stand will include kosher ham-  
burgers/hot dogs, snacks & drinks.

Chairperson: Mark Klein  
Office: 845-896-4803  
Cell: 914-204-1190

### Condolences

To:

Perla Kaufman on the passing of her  
sister, Régina Lévy-Ribbi

### Book Club to Discuss *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*: October 17<sup>th</sup>

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, based on the real-life experience of Holocaust survivor Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov. The author Heather Morris's novel has been described by critics as "a testimonial to the human spirit and the power of love to bloom in even the darkest places."

In 1942, Lale is rounded up with other Slovakian Jews and sent to Auschwitz. When his captors learn that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a tattooist, tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. One of these prisoners is a young woman named Gita, and in spite of their plight, they fall in love. Lale's position as the tattooist gives him privileges, but does not shield him from the brutality of the camp. Time and again he risks his life to help his fellow prisoners. Despite the passing years and the ever present threat of death, Lale and Gita never stop believing in a future together.

*The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is available in paperback and through the local library system. The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Community Room of Collegeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Muriel Lampell will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at 845-473-7931 or [linda.babas.41@gmail.com](mailto:linda.babas.41@gmail.com). As always, your book suggestions for future meetings are greatly appreciated.



### October Bimah Flowers Donations:

October 4:	Donated in memory of their loved ones from Chuck and Perla Kaufman
October 11:	Sisterhood sponsored Bimah Flowers (dried arrangement)
October 18:	Sisterhood sponsored Bimah Flowers (dried arrangement)
October 25:	Donated by Nadine & Joel Zaritsky in memory of Seth Zaritsky

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 845-454-2570.

### Vassar Temple Bulletin

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Articles for the **November 2019 Bulletin** must be submitted by **October 1<sup>st</sup>** sent via email to [publicity@vassartemple.org](mailto:publicity@vassartemple.org). The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.

## CROPWalk Against Hunger: Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Many Ways to Help!



The 50<sup>th</sup> annual Interfaith CROP-Walk against Hunger will be held Sun., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, with headquarters at Temple Beth El, 118 S. Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie. Join us on what promises to be a beautiful fall day to walk all or part of a safe six-mile route to raise funds to combat hunger locally, nationally and globally. **WALK** with Vassar Temple members, walk with family, friends, or by yourself. You can also **SPONSOR** our temple's walkers on-line.

For more information and to sign up as a walker, please contact Ron Rosen at [cropwalk@vassartemple.org](mailto:cropwalk@vassartemple.org) or 845-454-4936. To sponsor a walker or sign onto our team, simply go to: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/poughkeep->

[sieny/Team/View/113067/Vassar-Temple](https://www.crophungerwalk.org/poughkeep-sieny/Team/View/113067/Vassar-Temple).

To **BAKE** for the bake sale (which helps support the DC Interfaith Council) or **TAKE A SHIFT** at the registration table on 10/20, please contact Marian Schwartz at [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org) or 845-849-0025.

Twenty-five percent of funds raised comes back to Dutchess Outreach and other agencies that combat hunger in our home community. The remainder goes to important anti-hunger projects and disaster relief efforts in the USA and abroad. Last year our local walk raised \$60,000. Let's top that this year, when the need is so much greater!

### Study Groups at VT

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, examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftorah, will be held at 9:00am Saturday. Questions? Contact [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org) or 845-454-2570.

**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text:** a monthly class taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, will meet Thurs., Oct. 24, from noon-1:30pm. For questions about the Talmud class, please contact Rabbi Golomb at [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net) or call the Temple office at 845-454-2570.

### New Windows Donation!

Our social hall has recently been further upgraded with beautiful new windows, improving not only its appearance but also its energy efficiency. The Board of Trustees wishes to express gratitude for this project, which was made possible through the generosity of our member, Anne Lescher, in loving memory of her parents, Nathan and Belle Lescher. Thank you, Anne!!!



### Jewish War Veterans Meeting: Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America will hold its monthly meeting at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie at 9:30am on Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. All person of the Jewish faith are cordially invited to attend and participate. At each meeting we host an informal coffee and cake schmooze at 9:00am. Because the congregation is strictly kosher, no food or drink may be brought into the facility. Follow our post on Facebook.

# Contributions

## RABBI'S FUND

### In Memory Of:

Matthew Lampell

Barbara & Alan Aronson

## SUSTAINING FUND

### In Memory of:

Carl Hoppermann

Charlene & Loren Rosenthal

Kyle Hoppermann

Charlene & Loren Rosenthal

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Muriel Lampell's 90th birthday

Hal & Sue Lesser

Vivian & Ed Garber

Andi & Paul Ciminello's new

grandson

Muriel Lampell

## SOCIAL ACTION FUND

### In Memory of:

Matthew Lampell

Ellen Zelig

## In Honor of:

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30th wedding anniversary

Ken & Amy Horn Oclatis

## MUSIC FUND

### In Memory of:

Zelda Swatlo

Susan & Alan Fink

Abraham Swatlo

Susan & Alan Fink

## Men's Club News

Fall is a busy season for most and Men's Club is no exception. We have a full calendar this fall beginning with providing Sukkot dinner with the Ritual Committee on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We will be assembling the Sukkah on Sunday morning, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am and taking it down on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. We need volunteers for all these activities. Please respond by contacting Glenn Tanzman at [gtr714@yahoo.com](mailto:gtr714@yahoo.com), if you can help.

The Jewish Federation will be hosting a Whiffle Ball Tournament at Sunday, October 27, 2019 at noon at Schomre Israel (see article on page 6). Men, women, and children are eligible to play and Vassar Temple would like to enter a team. You don't need a glove or athletic ability. Contact Glenn Tanzman (see above) to sign up. There is no charge to participate.

Please save the date for the Men's Club Shabbat on November 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope I can count on many of you to participate in leading a portion of the service. Please let me know whether you would like an English or Hebrew reading.

Finally, it's the time of year to appeal to members, new and old, for dues to support our activities for the year. Annual Men's Club dues are \$36. Please send you check to the temple office and put 'Men's Club Dues' on the memo line. Looking forward to expanding our activities this year and providing opportunities to build and enhance friendships.

*Glenn Tanzman*

Men's Club President





# YAHRZEITS

## OCTOBER 4

Rose S. Weigert  
Charlotte Zuckerman  
Elio Ribbi  
Joy Sumner  
Dr. Ely Rosenthal  
Robert Sachs  
Sadie Gross  
Fannie Levy  
Robin Rayfield  
Jessie Barker  
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## OCTOBER 11

Raphael Horn  
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## HEROES AMONG US: Continuing the Cycle of Jewish Learning

As I wrote this month's article, summer was winding down, the High Holy Days were just weeks away, and the youngest members of our Congregation were preparing for a new academic year. It was thinking about our Temple's youth that inspired this month's hero.

One young member stands out – and not just because he was the sole confirmand in 2018 – as a constant presence for nearly all of his years, starting in Tiny Temple and then enrolling in the kindergarten program. In this regard, our hero is, as Instagram would say, an “influencer.” Indeed, if your enthusiasm for Vassar Temple is ever waning, I suggest that you talk to Alex Sinn.

Alex's positive experiences at the Temple stem from his first religious

school teacher, Fern Wolf (shout-out to Fern, a hero-by-association for this month!). Alex describes how Fern always made it fun to learn, showing her young charges how interactive and entertaining Jewish learning can be. That rooted a journey Alex has continued to pursue, as he engaged with Vassar Temple Madrichim (Youth Engagement Leadership Program) and cultivated his love of Jewish learning.

Alex is now preparing for his senior year of high school, which will include taking AP courses, leading the varsity tennis team, exploring college programs in chemical engineering, playing percussion in the Aerophone Community Band and working at Adams. Amidst that, he also looks forward to continuing to work and volunteer at the Temple and then engage with Jewish life when he goes to college.

This month we recognize Alex as a Hero Among Us for his infectious enthusiasm and genuine inspiration to everyone who works to create a nurturing environment for our Temple's youth. As a result of these efforts, Alex is a role model for younger members of the congregation who will continue the cycle of Jewish life and learning. I'm not even his mother, and he makes me kvell. Alex Sinn will continue to make all of us proud!

*Jennifer Sachs Dahnert*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am Rosh Hashanah 2nd day service	2 4:30pm Hebrew School	3 10am Senior Exercise Program (SEP) 7pm Ritual Committee	4 7:30pm Shabbat Service	5 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
6 9am Religious School 9am Sukkah Raising, Men's Club 11am Lunch Box 1pm Memorial Service at Lagrange Ave. Cemetery	7	8 10am SEP 7:30pm Kol Nidre Service	9 10am Yom Kippur Service 1pm Yom Kippur Study Session 2pm Family Service 3pm Afternoon Service 5pm Yizkor Service 5:30 Ne'ilah Service 6:45 Break the Fast	10 10am SEP	11 7:30pm Shabbat Service	12 9am Torah Study 10:15am Learner Service
13 No Religious School 6pm Erev Sukkot Family Service with Cantor Goldmann 7pm Dinner in Sukkah	14 Columbus Day Office Closed	15 10am SEP	16 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Finance Committee	17 10am SEP 2pm VTS Book Club	18 12pm Chai Noon 6pm Happy Hour in the Sukkah 7:30pm Shabbat Service	19 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
20 9am Religious School 10am CROPwalk 10am Tiny Temple—PJ Library Sukkot 6pm Simchat Torah Dinner 7pm Erev Simchat Torah Service with Cantor Goldmann	21 Office Closed 10am Shemini Atzeret Simchat Torah Yizkor Service	22 10am SEP	23 4:30pm Hebrew School	24 10am SEP 12 noon Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm Board Meeting	25 7:30pm Shabbat Service	26 9am Torah Study 10:15pm Learner Service
27 9am Religious School 9am Sukkah Takedown—Men's Club	28	29 10am SEP	30 4:30pm Hebrew School	31 10am SEP		