



Vassar Temple

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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. 9th, 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. 4th. 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 or 845-476-9778.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Vassar Temple Gala

November 2, 2019

6:00-10:00pm

Mill Creek Caterers

Hopewell Junction

*In memory and appreciation of
a lifetime of giving by Mary Moody*

Mary Moody's leadership influenced our congregation significantly when working cooperatively on initiatives to benefit the larger community, particularly the CROP Walk, in which Vassar Temple has played an important role for many years. Her lasting gifts to the community go far beyond that single event and provide a model for social action for the future. As a member of the Union for Reform Judaism and charter member of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council, we are committed to continuing this collaborative work. It is our privilege to honor her legacy as we celebrate our commitment to *tikkun olam*, healing the world.

Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour: Sept. 13th

Join your Vassar Temple community for a joyous Kabbalat Shabbat Happy hour on Friday, September 13th at 6:00pm. We'll toast the year 5779 before we welcome 5780. Watch the calendar for weekly announcements for information about this month's hosts and the theme. All Vassar Temple Happy Hours feature a variety of food from local restaurants and some of Vassar Temple's finest chefs.

We will gather on the patio weather permitting. 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) or Andi Ciminello (andi@ecopkny.com).

From the Rabbi's Desk



Each morning of Elul (the last month of the year), Jews traditionally sound the shofar, its call beckoning us to take note and prepare for the days of judgment that will soon be

upon us. The *Yamim Noraim* (Days of Awe) are a time for *heshbon hanefesh* (an accounting of the soul): serious, sometimes painful self-reflection as we judge our actions over the past year: Of what are we proud? Where did we miss the mark? Where and how can we improve? As our liturgy for the Holy Days will remind us, simply by being human we will make mistakes: *we have gone astray, we have sinned; we have transgressed.* It is the brilliance of Jewish tradition that we have the opportunity to begin each year anew, with a clean slate, if we just do our best to do *teshuvah*, (literally: to return) by atoning for past mistakes, asking forgiveness of those whom we have wronged, and committing to try to do better in the future.

Even as we reflect on our actions over the past year, the *Yamim Noraim* do not dwell on the past; they encourage us to look ahead and plan for the year that will soon begin anew. They remind us that while there is much that will happen to us that is not in our control, we can take responsibility for that which is in our control, most especially our response to the events around us. The haunting *Unetanatokef* prayer reminds us that *Repentance, prayer and acts of justice temper judgment's severe decree.*

We are accountable for our words and our deeds. The eleventh century Jewish philosopher Bahya Ibn Pakuda taught: "Days are scrolls: write on them only what you want remembered." This then is the message of these Days of Awe: strive to be your best self; be thoughtful and deliberate in word and deed; admit mistakes; give time and attention to relationships; ask forgiveness of those whom you have wronged and be open to those who seek forgiveness from you; do something to help heal our broken world; make a positive contribution to the Jewish people.

Heshbon Hanefesh is, indeed, a daunting task. The good thing is that we do not undertake this journey alone; we are accompanied by the Vassar Temple community and we join with the entire Jewish people. Even as each of us undergoes our own personal preparation for

Rosh Hashanah, we will join in collective preparation that is the tradition of *Selichot* (see article on p.6) I hope you will join us for the Arnold Award presentation and *Selichot* program followed by the moving service with its taste of the beautiful holy day liturgy.

I look forward to welcoming Cantor Goldmann to the bema for the *Yamim Noraim* and to the beauty and grace that her song will add to our worship, uplifting our spirits and raising up our prayer. If you weren't able to join us in August when she was here, you will have the opportunity to meet her before Rosh Hashanah for Shabbat services on September 13th and then for *Selichot*.

L'shanah Tovah Tikateivu – may you and your loved ones be written for blessing in the New Year. May it be a sweet year for our Vassar Temple family!

Rabbi Renni Altman

A Note of Thanks...

to Sandra Mamis for her generous contribution of beautiful new "Peace Lily" plants for the sanctuary.

From the Treasurer

To the Congregation,

As we turn towards the High Holy Days, we want to take a moment to talk to the Congregation about the importance of giving back to the Temple. First, I want to thank the Congregation. Last year the Temple raised more than \$100,000.00 in fundraising, with most of that money coming from the Congregation. Thank you! We cannot run the Temple without your support.

Moving forward, the Temple will continue to depend on your generosity in order to operate. Many of you will have noticed that we're asking for your support throughout the year: in the fall before High Holy Days, in the winter

at the Gala, in the spring with Golden Gelt and other events, and in the summer at the Antique Fair. For the years to come, we intend these annual events to be the pillars of our fundraising. We hope that every member of the Temple finds something of value in each event, or, at the least, that the Temple as a whole is of value and worthy of your support. We hope that every member can find an event they can look forward to every year, whether it be the Gala, or the New Years Brunch, or one of the many other events we sponsor.

We also want very much to extend the reach of the Temple to the wider Poughkeepsie community. Several of our events are designed to appeal not just to the congregation but to anyone who wishes to support us or just likes the

event. The Gala, the Golden Gelt Raffle and the Antique Fair, in particular, are designed to appeal to local businesses and members of the wider community. We hope that Temple members themselves will invite the people in their lives to join us. The more we receive the support of the wider community, the less the burden of sustaining the Temple falls on our wonderful and giving Congregation.

I want to thank each of you for your support last year and in the years to come. It is our community that makes being a part of Vassar Temple so special.

Shanah Tovah,
Brett Colbert, Treasurer

Tiny Temple Celebrates Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 30th



Children and toddlers through first grade, parents and grandparents, come gather to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year and birthday of the world, in the Vassar Temple Social Hall on Monday, Sept. 30th from 9:00-9:30am.

Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann will tell a holiday story and lead us in song. We will march with the Torah, hear the sounding of the shofar, and celebrate with apples and honey for a sweet New Year! For more information, or if you would like to RSVP, please contact us at tinytemple@vassar temple.org.



Membership: We need You!

The Vassar Temple Membership Committee needs you! Don't worry – that doesn't mean more meetings. We need your energy, enthusiasm and dedication to Vassar Temple. Our committee (Andi Ciminello, Emma Arnoff, Elena Collins, Murray Solomon, Glenn Tanzman, Fern Lox, Melissa Erlebacher, Jen Dahnert and Sandra Mamis) is excellent. However, the work of Membership & Engagement is all of us. We need you to focus on engaging our current members with new projects, education and worship opportunities, and to identify friends, neighbors and colleagues who might be interested in learning about Vassar Temple. Thank you for helping to create a warm and welcoming community.

Some highlights of the past year:

- **11 new member** families/individuals
- **Happy Hours:** A monthly social event, featuring fun, food, drink and casual company before services. We

Bring the Family to Tashlich at Sunset Lake: Sept. 30th

B.Y.O. breadcrumbs and join us in symbolically casting your sins upon the waters at a brief, informal family-friendly tashlich ceremony to be held Monday Sept. 30th at 4:00pm at beautiful Sunset Lake, on the grounds of Vassar College. All in the community are welcome to attend. There will be shelter in case of inclement weather and refreshments will be served. For further information contact the Temple at 845-454-2570.

Mum's the Word at Vassar Temple

Welcome High Holidays to your home with mums!

Vassar Temple is selling mums for the High Holidays @ \$10 for each 9-inch pot. Locally grown. September arrival to be announced for pick up. Reserve now by emailing Polly Lewis at Bella6034@yahoo.com. Send or drop off check for the quantity you want payable to Vassar Temple with 'Mums' on the memo line. Questions? Call 845-476-9778.

thank Sisterhood for their ongoing support for Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour and Melissa Erlebacher for serving as Chair.

- **The Y'Ladim Team** (Task Force on Engaging Young Families) focuses on monthly worship, events, and activities for families with infants to 1st grade. We thank Emma Arnoff, Shira Teich, Jas Russo, Beth Plotsky and, of course, Rabbi Altman for their leadership in this important effort.
- **New Member Mentor:** We pair new members with existing members as "buddies" to provide a welcome and ongoing connection to Temple events and programs. Let us know if you want to be a mentor.
- **Heroes Among Us:** A monthly feature in the VT Bulletin our own VT Community Heroes. Upcoming events will spotlight these individuals – stay tuned! Jen Dahnert is leading this project.

If you have ideas, please contact us at membership@vassartemple.org.

New! Learners' Services at Vassar Temple

If you would like to learn more about our prayers – what they mean, why we stand up and sit down or bow, how they are organized – then please join Rabbi Altman for "Learners' Services," a new worship experience on select Saturday mornings, to be held in the East Chapel from 10:15-11:45am, after Torah Study class. Learners' Services will integrate teaching and discussion within an actual service, including Torah reading. Everyone is welcome to any or all of the services, whether or not you attend Torah Study or other Vassar Temple services.

- Session I (Fall): Sept. 7 & 21
- Session II (Late Winter): Feb. 15, 29 and Mar. 14, 28

Chai Noon Lunch: Wednesday, September 18th

Vassar Temple Sisterhood Chai Noon lunch will be held at noon on September 18th at the Rocking Horse Ranch, 600 US Route 44, Highland. Join us as we enjoy the friendship, the schmoozin' and the food.

Let us know you are joining us by contacting Perla Kaufman at brandaliz5@optonline.net.

Also, let Perla know if you would like to carpool.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Sisterhood Opening Dinner: Sept. 24th

Join us on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00 pm at Marilyn Lampell's house for our Sisterhood opening dinner with Sephardic flair.

We will be making an assortment of vegetarian and dairy Sephardic dishes beginning at 3:00. If you would like to come early to Marilyn's house to help cook, just let her know. Also, if you can't come early but have a special Sephardic dish you'd like to make at home and bring with you instead, that would be fabulous too.

RSVP by September 20th to Marilyn Lampell, 9 Earlwood Drive, Poughkeepsie, mmcgaulley@gmail.com. (845) 473-0032 or (914) 489-2817.

We hope everyone can join us!

September Worship Services

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| 6 th | 7:30pm | Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard |
| 7 th | 9:00am 10:15am | Torah Study Learner Service |
| 13 th | 7:30pm | Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard |
| 14 th | 9:00am 10:00am | Torah Study New Paths Service |
| 20 th | 7:30pm | Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard |
| 21 st | 9:00am 10:15am 7:30pm 9:15pm | Torah Study Learner Service Selichot Program (Social Hall) with Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann Selichot Service (Sanctuary) with Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann |
| 27 th | 7:30pm | Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard |
| 28 th | 9:00am | Torah Study |
| 29 th | 7:30pm | Erev Rosh Hashanah Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard |
| 30 th | 9:00am 10:00am 2:00pm 4:00pm | Tiny Temple Rosh Hashanah Service with Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann Rosh Hashanah Morning Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard Rosh Hashanah Family Service with Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann Tashlich at Vassar College's Sunset Lake with Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann |

Scriptural Readings

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| Sept. | 7 | <i>Shoftim</i> Deut. 19:14-21:9; Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12 |
| | 14 | <i>Ki Tetzei</i> Deut. 24:14-25:19; Isaiah 54:1-10 |
| | 21 | <i>Ki Tavo</i> Deut. 27:11-29:8; Isaiah 60:1-22 |
| | 28 | <i>Nitzavim</i> Deut. 29:9-30:20; Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9 |

New Paths Service

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning service on Saturday, Sept. 14th 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 or Rabbi Altman at 845-454-2570.

Support Our Yom Kippur Food Drive

"Is this the fast I seek, a day of self-affliction?...Is not THIS the fast I look for: to unlock the shackles of injustice, to undo the fetters of bondage, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every cruel chain? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and to bring the homeless poor into your house?" (Isaiah 58:5-7).

- Please take home a grocery bag on Rosh Hashana, Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1
Bring it back full of non-perishable foods for those in need on Yom Kippur, Oct. 9

Celebrate 50 Years of CROP Hunger Walk! OCT. 20th

This is the 50th birthday of our local Interfaith CROPWalk to End Hunger, and the 50th year that Vassar Temple will be participating. Help us raise money to combat hunger locally, nationally and globally!

There are many ways to help. You can be a walker---walk as much of the route in Poughkeepsie as you are comfortable with (total is about 6 mi.). Start any time between 10:00am and 2:00pm, walk alone, with family or friends, or with a team from the Temple at 12:30pm. Getting sponsors is easy! By e-mail or on social media, you can ask family and friends to donate online to sponsor you, and that way you don't have to collect the

money.

For info on being a walker, contact Ron Rosen, our Temple CROP-Walk recruiter at cropwalk@vassartemple.org or 845-454-4936.

You can also sponsor any of our walkers (including our rabbi) or our whole team. You can sponsor a walker and/or sign on as a walker at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/poughkeepsieny/Team/View/113067/Vassar-Temple>

You can also bake for the CROPWalk Bake Sale that benefits the DCIC and/or help at the registration table that day. If interested in helping with baking or registration, please contact Marian Schwartz at socialaction@vassartemple.org or 845-849-0025.

Religious School Starts Soon!

The Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School year begins on Sunday, September 8th and Hebrew School begins on Wednesday, September 11th.

I am pleased to announce that Betsy Poole-DiSalvo and Beth Plotsky will take over the Religious School Committee leadership from Shaari Roland, who served so capably in this role for many years. Thank you, Shaari, for your dedicated leadership! And thank you to Betsy and Beth for stepping up in this way; I look forward to our partnership in guiding the religious education of our Vassar Temple children. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 22nd at 9:30am. All parents are welcome and encouraged to participate and be part of our planning for the year.

We are so fortunate that our incredible team of teachers from among our membership will continue to bring their love, dedication and creativity to our children:

Fern Wolf will continue teaching our youngest students, now a combined 1st/2nd grade class; Gail D'Alessio will teach the 5th grade; and Marcia Tanzman will teach a combined Judaica and Hebrew class for the 6th grade on Wednesdays. We will welcome another Vassar student to our faculty this year: Jacob (Jake) Miller, a double major in Judaic Studies and Biology, will teach Hebrew to 5th grade on Wednesdays and all grades on Sundays. Our own Olivia DiIorio will return to teach music.

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I look ahead to another year with our children and their families. May it be a fulfilling year of growth and learning, of holiday celebrations and tzedakah projects, of hands-on experiences of Jewish life and of being part of the sacred community that is Vassar Temple.

September Religious School schedule:

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| Sunday, 9/8 | Opening day |
| Wed., 9/11 | First session |
| Sunday, 9/15 | No RS (Trip to Jewish Heritage Museum for upper grades) |
| Wed. 9/18 | HS |
| Sunday, 9/22 | RS (RS Committee Meeting at 9:30) |
| Wed. 9/25 | HS |
| Sunday, 9/29 | No RS |
| | Erev Rosh Hashanah |

HEROES AMONG US: "Because He's Bob. . ."

Writing this Bulletin article has been an enlightening and humbling experience. It has taught me so much about how things get done at the Temple and repeatedly deepened my respect for the dedicated individuals who are behind those completed tasks. This month's hero exemplifies that, as an individual who has basically done everything there is to do as a Temple volunteer.

This 41-year IBM Software Engineer has lent his time and talent without question or fail whenever there was a job to be done at the Temple. His volunteer resume includes Bulletin publishing (done more recently by his wife, Marianne), Trusteeship during which he served at various times as Board Secretary, Treasurer, Religious School Committee Chair, 1st Vice President and President,

bringing new structure to the Religious School, systems to the Temple's finances and renewed activity to the Men's Club (including projects such as Lunch Box, attic cleaning, Sukkot building and organized field trips). He served on two rabbinical search committees (Rabbis Golomb and Berkowitz) and is currently chairing the Music and Publicity Committees.

His involvement with the Music Committee was especially instrumental (no pun intended) in acquiring the electric piano and amplifier we now enjoy through Maestro Bertolozzi, and hiring our cantorial interns and, most recently, the part-time cantor, Elizabeth Goldmann. He stepped in to lead the congregation with sensitivity and strength at a most challenging time after Seth Erlebacher's z"l untimely passing, among other things propelling efforts to raise funds that named the Religious School in Seth's memory. And, I would be remiss if I didn't add that he has done

all of this while also teaching part-time at Marist College, volunteering as a judge for the Wappingers Schools Science Fair and being an avid bicyclist (who has completed the Five-Boro Bike Tour in NYC for the past eight years!).

Why does he do this? In the words of his good friend, Richard Levien, our hero does what he does, not for any recognition, credit or accolades, but rather "because he cares and because he's Bob." Yes, this month's hero is Bob Abrams. Deepest thanks, Bob, for sharing your gifts of leadership, wisdom and dedication that benefit our Temple in innumerable ways.

Jennifer Sachs Dahnert

Mazel Tov

To:
Elena Collins on her marriage to
Steven Solberg;

Muriel Lampell on her 90th birthday;

Marcia & Glenn Tanzman on the birth of
their newest granddaughter, Zara Naomi,
born to Noah and Adrienne Tanzman



Men's Club Update

I hope that you've had an enjoyable summer.
We need volunteers to help erect the sukkah on
Sunday, October 13th at 9:00am and disassembling
it on Sunday, October 27th, also at 9:00am.

Our Men's Club Shabbat is scheduled for No-
vember 15th. Please contact me at gtr714@yahoo.com
if you are interested in participating.

I am trying to update our email list so if you
haven't been getting Men's Club emails and would
like to receive them, please send me an email at
gtr714@yahoo.com.

Finally, I want to thank Dan Teich for being my
co-president the last two years, as he has decided
not to continue in that capacity

Glenn Tanzman
Men's Club President

Condolences

Alan Coldoner, husband of Susan
Colodner; father of Erica Colodner, Alex
Colodner, and Carrie Colodner.

Joseph W. Scherrer, father of Daniel
Scherrer, father-in-law of Jo Schaffel;

Matthew Lampell, husband of 70 years
to Muriel Lampell;

Mary Lou Goldfarb, wife of
Dr. Donald Goldfarb, "z'l", mother of
Michael, Robert (Dierdre) and James

Honor David Hecht at Selichot Program: Sept. 21st

Come honor David Hecht, this year's Arnold Award recipient, during our Selichot program, Sat. Sept. 21st at 7:30pm. A temple member for 30 years, David will be honored for his many contributions to our religious life, from singing in the choir and sounding the shofar at the New Year, to arranging for the restoration of our four Torahs, to the mammoth task of chairing the High Holy Day Committee.

Following a dessert reception in the social hall, Havdalah, and the award presentation, we will spend some time in personal reflection as we prepare spiritually for the coming Holy Days. At about 9:00pm we will go upstairs to the sanctuary for a moving Selichot service, prayers of repentance and forgiveness and holiday melodies, led by Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann. If you would like to provide a dessert, please contact ritual@vassartemple.org

Bimah Flowers Donations



- September 6: Sisterhood-sponsored bimah flowers
(dried arrangement)
- September 13: Donated by Roni & Charles Stein in honor of their 40th anniversary
- September 20: Sisterhood-sponsored bimah flowers (dried arrangement)
- September 27: Donated by Joan & David Posner in memory of Nathan Schmukler;
Lila Matlin in memory of her loved ones

Past Bimah Flowers Donations Update:

- July 26: Donated by Jim Robinowitz in honor of MaryAnn's birthday
- August 30: Donated by Susan Karnes Hecht & David Hecht in honor of
the upcoming wedding of Samantha Hecht and Travis
Carpenter

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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style, accuracy and length.

Founder's Award 2019

The following is the text from the June 2019 Founder's Award presentation:

"It is my honor to introduce the person that the Vassar Temple's Board of Trustees has selected for this year's Founder's Award. Through this award we honor an individual who has given exceptional service to Vassar Temple and been a model who inspires others to help sustain our beloved Temple.

Judy Rosenfeld has been a blessing to Vassar Temple for decades. Judy Ann grew up in Kingston NY, but she found her way to Vassar Temple together with her husband Eric. Behind every great woman there is a great man.

Judy and Eric's search for a Hebrew school for their son, Adam, led them to Vassar Temple; but it was their love for Vassar Temple and friends that kept them here. After Adam and their daughter, Lisa, completed their bar and bat mitzvahs and confirmations and set off as adults, at a point when many parents drift away from a temple, Judy and Eric stayed active in the Jewish community as members of Vassar Temple. Barux hashem!

It couldn't be more fitting that Judy is this year's recipient. Judy's humble, kind and compassionate heart served our temple as the chair of our Reyut Committee for several years. Reyut mean's friendship and Vassar Temple's Reyut Committee plays a crucial role in caring for our members. One way is our annual L'dor V'dor (Generations) Shabbat to honor 40+ year members, which only last week

Judy was still busy doing.

Judy has provided a great service to our Temple as President of the Vassar Temple Sisterhood. With Sisterhood, care often means addressing the tangible needs of our temple. Our temple is grateful for Judy's leadership role in maintaining and refurbishing the kitchen for so long.

It's what Judy has done with our kitchen that is so beautiful and important to our temple. It wouldn't be Purim at Vassar Temple without so many members and their children coming together to bake hamantaschen, an activity that Judy has organized here for over 10 years. Together our Temple produces over 1,200 hamantaschen to deliver to homes and college students, so our temple can bring the feeling of the holiday and the love of Vassar Temple to them.

Hannukah Dinners, Soup & Chili Tish's, Generations Shabbat Dinners, Sisterhood Salad Suppers, these things can only happen if our member's volunteer their time, service and leadership. Judy's done them all and much more! By doing so, Judy has strengthened Vassar Temple. She's given us so many opportunities to care for one another by her caring for all of us. It takes a strong woman to do this - one that is praiseworthy. Her name is Judy. And so, on behalf of the Vassar Temple Board of Trustees and our Temple at large, we present this year's Founder's Award to Judy Rosenfeld. Yasher Koach!"

Jonah Ritter

Hadassah Card, Game & Dessert Party

Thursday Sept 5th at 1:00-4:00pm

Temple Beth El, 118 S. Grand Ave.,
Poughkeepsie
18 per person.

Canasta, Bridge, Mah Jongg
Make up your group and bring your sets, cards etc.

Reserve by Aug 25th:
914-475-3263
Barbara Cohen

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

Torah Study, which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftorah, will be led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, 9:00-10:00am every Saturday.

The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text, taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, once a month from noon to 1:30. Next class is Thurs. Sept. 12th.

All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at all classes--no previous training required! Questions? Contact Rabbi Altman at rabbi@vassar temple.org and/or Rabbi Golomb at pjgolomb@verizon.net.

2019 URJ Biennial in Chicago

Envision this: celebrating Shabbat with 5,000 Reform Jews; problem-solving with members of congregations from North America, Israel, and around the world; hearing from leaders of our movement and other prominent individuals; sharing in decisions about the policies of the Reform movement; learning in intensive sessions about social justice, engagement, leadership, or membership; losing yourself in study or joyous music; exploring a world of Judaica.

Whatever aspect of Judaism or temple life speaks to you, it will be enhanced

when you attend the URJ 2019 Biennial, which will take place in Chicago from December 11-15. We are building a Vassar Temple delegation and applying for a small congregation grant to offset travel and registration costs. 'Early bird' registration runs through mid-October, and you can attend for any or all of those dates.

For more information, visit www.urjbiennial.org. You can also speak to Rabbi Altman or Susan and David Hecht, who are all planning to attend and have participated in past conventions.

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September 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 1 11am Lunch-Box | 2 Office Closed— Labor Day | 3 10am Senior Exercise Program (SEP) | 4 4:30pm R/S Teacher Orientation 6pm Madrichim Orientation | 5 10am SEP 7pm Ritual Commit- tee Meeting | 6 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 7 9am Torah Study 10:15am Learner Service |
| 8 9am Opening Day of Religious School | 9 | 10 10am SEP | 11 4:30pm Hebrew School starts | 12 10am SEP 12 noon Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb | 13 6pm Happy Hour 7:30pm Shabbat Service with Cantor Goldmann | 14 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths |
| 15 Congregation trip to Museum of Jewish History, Auschwitz exhibit No R/S due to trip | 16 | 17 10am SEP | 18 12 Noon Chai Noon 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Finance Cmte | 19 10am SEP 12 noon Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb | 20 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 21 9am Torah Study 10:15am Learner Service 7:30pm Selichot program and service with Cantor Gold- mann |
| 22 9am Men's Club fall hike 9am Religious School 9:30am R/S Committee meeting | 23 | 24 10am SEP 6pm Sisterhood Opening Dinner | 25 4:30pm Hebrew School 6:30pm Geshet at Vassar Temple | 26 10am SEP | 27 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 28 9am Torah Study |
| 29 No R/S 7:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service with Cantor Gold- mann | 30 9am Tiny Temple Rosh Hashanah 10am Rosh Hasha- nah Morning Service 2pm Family Service 4pm Tashlich | | | | | |