



Vassar Temple

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Make Merry on Purim March 9!

Celebrate the joyous holiday of Purim on Monday, March 9 at 7pm with a lively megillah reading, interspersed with hilarious songs based on a Disney theme. Adults, children, everyone--come in your favorite costume or in one representing your favorite Disney character! Join in the Great Costume Parade! And don't forget to bring unopened boxes of pasta to shake as noisemakers to drown out the name of Haman during the megillah reading. After Purim, the boxes of pasta will be delivered to a local food pantry by the Social Action Committee. Prior to the megillah reading, at 5:30pm, Brotherhood will be serving a delicious homemade pasta dinner in the social hall. A donation of \$5 per adult to help cover the cost of the meal would be appreciated; children under 16 eat for free. Please RSVP for the dinner to gtr714@yahoo.com.

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Purim Pasta What is Purim Pasta?

Purim Pasta, a simple food drive we have held each Purim for a number of years now, is a special tradition at Vassar Temple and you are invited to participate! On March 9, please bring in boxes of pasta to Temple and shake them when wicked Haman's name is mentioned during the Megillah reading (the boxes are the groggers)! Drown out evil and prevail with the noise of victory! After services, the boxes will be collected and delivered to a local food pantry. Macaroni, ziti, bowties too -- any will do! Get ready to shake, shake, shake! The opportunity to fight hunger with our Jewish brothers and sisters is just boxes away. Questions? Contact Marian & Ralph at socialaction@vassar temple.org or 845-849-0025.

Save the date!

*A Taste of Vassar Temple
(formerly the Movable Feast)*

*June 13-14, 2020
July 11-12, 2020*

From the Rabbi's Desk



What is it about Jews and food? It is hard to think of a successful Jewish communal gathering in which food is not an integral component – certainly, that is the case at

Vassar Temple. Of course, we are not alone! “Breaking bread” is a powerful communal bonding experience. Our holidays and festivals are built around special meals that bring families and friends together. Life cycle events are accompanied by a *seudat mitzvah*; a celebratory meal in honor of fulfilling the mitzvah of *brit*, bar/bat mitzvah or marriage. And no Shabbat service is complete without either a “pre-neg” or Oneg where we can share a bite and connect with one another.

Food has always played a role in our religious life. Eating was transformed into a religious experience by our ancestors through the sacrificial offerings; kiddush and challah are vestiges of that ancient practice. The permission to eat specific foods was codified in Torah in the laws of *kashrut*. Although Torah does not articulate a specific purpose behind these laws, through them eating becomes part of what it means to be

a “holy people.” Most certainly, the laws of *kashrut* were instrumental in forging an identity as a people and separating us from the nations surrounding us. Since the time of the emancipation, when Jews were given the opportunity to live as part of modern society, practices around *kashrut* have varied.

Soon after my arrival at Vassar Temple, I asked for clarification regarding a congregational policy regarding *Kashrut*. Ultimately, I brought the question to the Ritual Committee and we embarked upon a short period of study, using the book *The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic* as a guide. We learned about the traditional laws of *Kashrut*, changing attitudes within the Reform movement, and contemporary interpretations of *Kashrut* that consider the environment, treatment of the laborer and other elements that go into food production.

If *Kashrut* is about bringing holiness to our lives through eating, how might we as a congregation want to shape a policy that reflects our values? The Ritual Committee recommended that we create an opportunity for the congregation to study these issues and give input to the ritual committee who will then formulate a policy to bring to the Board of Trustees. Thus, our spring adult education series, “Sacred Eating: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic,” was born. Thanks to our hard-working adult education committee for putting together what I know will be

an educational and thought-provoking series (see page 7 for details). I urge you to be part of this process. The final session will be designed to engage everyone in conversation and reflection; it is open to all, even if you aren’t able to attend all of the other sessions.

Speaking of food.... food actually plays a significant role in the holiday of Purim. Did you know that the word banquet appears more times in the book of Esther than in the rest of the entire Bible?! It is with food and drink, via invitations to her banquets, that the wily Esther manipulates King Ahashuerus into believing her over his prime minister Haman, thereby saving her people. This year, our dedicated group of lyricists put their talents to the test integrating top Disney melodies into the Purim story. I hope you will join your Vassar Temple family for our “banquet,” Brotherhood’s annual Purim Pasta Dinner, to be followed by the raucous, irreverent Purim service, Megillah reading and Disney themed Purimspiel. **COSTUMES AND FUN ARE NOT FOR CHILDREN ONLY!!!** And don’t forget to bring boxes of pasta to shake as your groggers; after Purim they will be donated to a local food pantry.

Rabbi Renni Altman

Religious School Update

March will be a busy month in the religious school as we focus on our two big spring holidays: Purim and Passover. Purim is our joyous celebration of the victory of Queen Esther and Mordecai against the evil Haman. All families are urged to join the Vassar Temple Purim celebration on Monday, March 9, beginning with the Purim Pasta Dinner (at 5:30) followed by Megillah reading and our Disney-themed *Purimspiel*, beginning at 7. **PLEASE BRING BOXES OF PASTA TO USE AS GROGGERS**

THAT WILL THEN BE DONATED TO A FOOD PANTRY. Come in any Disney related costume (or something close to it) and be prepared to sing along! The children will learn about Purim in their classrooms and the various mitzvot associated with the holiday, including *Shalach Manot* (giving gifts to friends) and tzedakah for the poor.

On Sunday, March 15, Vassar Temple will join with our neighboring synagogues and Federation for the annual community Purim Carnival, to take

place at Temple Beth-El from 10:00am – 12:30pm. Our teens will be running one of the booths and there will be live entertainment, games, bounce houses, a costume parade and contest – fun for all ages!

On Sunday, March 29 parents will be invited to join their children for a Passover workshop as we prepare to celebrate this great holiday of freedom!

Rabbi Renni Altman

March Worship Services

6	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
7	9:00am 10:15am	Torah Study New Paths Service
9	7:00pm	Purim Service with Rabbi Altman & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
13	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
14	9:00am 10:15am	Torah Study Learners' Service
20	7:30am	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
21	9:00am	National Refugee Shabbat service and program No Torah Study
27	7:30pm	Community Shabbaton Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard (Vassar Temple will be hosting congregants from Shir Chadash & Temple Beth El)
28		No Torah Study or Learners' Service at VT due to Community Shabbaton Service followed by Kiddush Lunch with speaker at TBE

Scriptural Readings

March	7	Shabbat Zachor <i>T'tzaveh</i> Ex. 27:20-30:10; Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-17 or I Samuel 15:2-34
	14	Shabbat Parah <i>Ki Tisa</i> Ex. 30:11-34:35; Ezekiel 36:22-36
	21	Shabbat HaChodesh <i>Vayak'heil/P'kudei</i> Ex. 35:1-40:38; Ezekiel 45:16-25
	28	Shabbat HaGadol <i>Vayikra</i> Lev. 1:1-5:26; Isaiah 43:21-44:23

New Paths Service

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning service Saturday March 7 at 10:15am 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 mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Altman rabbid@vassartemple.org, or the temple office 845-454-2570.

Community Seder at Vassar Temple April 8

Vassar Temple's 9th annual lay-led seder will be held in the social hall Wed. Apr. 8 (the first night of Passover), and everyone in the community is warmly invited to attend. A short, meaningful Seder service, appealing to all ages, will begin at 6pm, followed by a delicious kosher-style dinner.

Space is limited, so please reserve early. Fees have been set to cover expenses: Adult \$40; Age 5-13 \$12; Under age 5 free. If you cannot afford that fee, support funds are available.

The RSVP deadline is Tues. March 31,

and your payment is considered your reservation. Make out checks to Vassar Temple; in the memo area please note "Seder" and the number of adults and children, and include your e-mail address on the check. Checks should be brought or mailed to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 so that they are *received by March 31*. For questions, if you have any special dietary requirements, or if you would like financial assistance, please email seder@vassartemple.org or call Polly Lewis 845-476-9778 or Sandra Mamis 914-456-3524.

Learners' Service March 14

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 unique worship experience held on select Saturday mornings in the East Chapel from 10:15-11:45am. Learners’ Services integrate teaching and discussion within an actual Shabbat morning service, including a Torah reading. Our next Learners’ Service will be held March 14. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you attend Torah Study at 9am before the service.

Community Shabbaton: March 27-29 Lessons of Elie Wiesel

Rabbi Ariel Burger, life-long student, teaching assistant, and protégé of Elie Wiesel, will be the guest presenter at a Community Shabbaton March 27-29, co-sponsored by Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth El, and Vassar Temple. Burger’s recently published memoir, *Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel’s Classroom*, offers intimate first-hand moments and lessons from Wiesel’s life and teachings. Wiesel, the universally revered Nobel Laureate, author, human rights activist, and Holocaust survivor, saw himself first and foremost as a teacher. The recollections that Burger shares are, in and of themselves, a moral education from Wiesel’s life: acting against indifference, the urgency of memory, individual responsibility, humility, and turning the experience of suffering into a commitment to humanitarianism. At a time in our country when antisemitism has reached unprecedented levels, hate crimes have become commonplace, racism abounds and the language of hate and division dominate our culture, the profound teachings of Elie Wiesel can uplift and inspire us. Through his writings and educational and speaking engagements, Burger is keeping Wiesel’s messages alive and relevant to the challenges we face today. *Witness* was a recipient of the National Jewish Book Award for biography.

Rabbi Burger will speak during the 7:30pm Friday night service at Vassar Temple, during the Saturday morning services at Temple Beth El (which start at 9:30am) as well as during the kiddush lunch to follow, and his concluding presentation will be during a Sunday Brunch to be held at Congregation Shir Chadash at 1pm. Watch for further program details closer the date. The entire community is invited to come learn, worship, socialize and enjoy, at any or all of the weekend’s events. In order to assist with our planning, please RSVP for any of the events you plan to attend at info@tbeny.org.

Golden Gelt Fundraiser

The Vassar Temple Golden Gelt Fundraiser began February 7 and is co-chaired by Gail D’Alessio and Lewis Wrobel. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. There will be 7 cash prizes of varying amounts.

First prize:	\$5000.00
2 nd prize:	\$1000.00
3 rd prize:	\$500.00
4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th :	\$250.00 cash each

All proceeds go directly to the temple.

Tickets may be purchased by credit card, cash, or check. Purchases can be made over the phone through the Vassar Temple office at (845) 454-2570, or through any temple member. For further information, email Gail at gaildalessio@yahoo.com

We encourage our local businesses to support us and offer to promote them in the temple bulletin as our thank you.

Drawing will be held on April 26 at 1:00pm in the Community room at VT and refreshments will be served.

Thank You

Vassar Temple greatly appreciates the services provided by Jonathan Scheer at J. Scheer & Co. Fine Apparel Preservation. Jonathan is a fabric conservation specialist and, thanks to his generosity, our treasured ritual items -- Torah covers, tallitot, and lectern cloths -- have been expertly cleaned at no cost to the temple.



Passover Judaica Sale

Our Sisterhood Judaica Shoppe carries all your needs for your festive Passover table: seder plates, matzah plates, kiddush, Elijah and Miriam cups, table cloths, fun items for the children, and so much more. Come and browse--our prices will amaze you...no shipping charges for special orders either!! Special sale hours Sundays March 22 & March 29 from 9:30-11:30am. For recipes and samples of Passover goodies to taste, stop by March 22 for “Passover 101.” The shop is also open during regular temple hours. For more information: contact Perla Kaufman brandaliz5@optonline.net or 914-456-7309.

Share our Joy!

We invite our Vassar Temple family to join us for Shabbat services on Friday, March 13 where Rabbi Altman will offer a blessing for their upcoming marriage to our son and future daughter-in-law, Adam Ciminello and Uriah Johnson. We are delighted to host the Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour before services at 6pm and also celebrate at the Oneg following services.

Andi & Paul Ciminello

Cantorial Sponsorships – The Sequel



Do you enjoy the music portion of our services? Help us bring Cantor Goldmann's Shabbat music leadership to Vassar Temple for **additional Shabbat services** next year by sponsoring our Cantor! We now have **two** generous, anonymous congregants offering to match your Cantorial Sponsorship contributions. **We can match cantorial sponsorships** up to a maximum of \$2000, by June 30th. Turn your \$250 contribution to \$500 with this matching donation!

A huge Thank You goes out to the following temple families for their generous Cantorial contributions, as of January 31:

- Paul & Andi Ciminello
- Gail D'Alessio
- Marge & Art Groten
- Sandra Mamis
- Jim Robinowitz
- Gil & Arlene Seligman
- Glenn & Marcia Tanzman

Thanks also to the Bertha Effron Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

You can sponsor the Cantor for a specific service that she's leading (this year or next year), recognize a personal or family *simcha*, or just help with your contribution by sponsoring the cantor with this special opportunity.

Please help us bring Cantor Goldmann back to VT for additional services in the coming year! For more information, please contact Bob Abrams at music@vassartemple.org.

Bimah Flowers Donations



March 6: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

March 13: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

March 20: Donated by Jim Robinowitz in memory of his wife Mary Ann

March 27: Donated by Martin Noble in memory of Erica Robbins and Martin Noble Sr.

Past Bimah Flowers Donations Update:

February 28: Donated by Michele Sinn in memory of her grandparents Abe & Mary Kohl and Paul & Margie Nemiroff

Anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion can do so by sponsoring the sanctuary flowers with a donation to the Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund. The donation to the Fund is **\$55**. Just call the Vassar Temple Office at 845-454-2570.

Condolences

To:

Ken (Bunnie) Levinson on the loss of his father, Joseph Levinson

Beth Plotsky & family on the loss of Joan Plotsky, Beth's mother, grandmother of Gage & Gavin Plotsky

Edward Schneider (Sheila) on the loss of Wendy Ellen Wolstencroft, Edward's sister, Betsy Poole-DiSalvo's aunt & great-aunt of Jack & Leah DiSalvo

Thank you

On behalf of all our family, many thanks to the Congregation who have brought so much comfort and support to us following the loss of my beloved husband, Dick. Indeed, Vassar Temple is where we belong!!

Harriet Fein

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Articles for the April **2020 Bulletin** must be submitted by **March 1** sent via email to publicity@vassartemple.org. The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.

2 for Seder Program

How can we fight as individuals against anti-Semitism? Many programs today are focused on the suppression of hateful speech and acts. But along with this, there must be a fostering of understanding. Vassar Temple is partnering with congregations across the United States and Canada to promote a wide, grassroots effort focused on a positive Jewish experience, the 2 for Seder program. Vassar Temple is proud to be one of 200+ community partners for this grassroots effort.

To participate, simply invite two people who have never attended a Seder to your Seder at home. For many of us, Seder is the heart of who we are as Jews. It's replete with a miracle-filled structured journey, the chaos of people questioning and debating, and topped off with so much delicious food that you wish you were wearing sweatpants. Opening your Seder to newcomers directly addresses biased attitudes and general ignorance – the seed of all anti-Semitism. Start a dialogue and create a ripple effect to enrich our shared American experience.

To get started, just sign up online at www.2forseder.org or through the @2ForSeder Facebook page. You will receive a downloadable host kit, which includes an intro for your guests, the 4 Questions in five languages, a set of discussion questions, and a background piece describing the goals of the movement. Then reach out to your extended circles and invite two people who have never attended a Seder to join yours. It's that simple. There is no cost to participate, and we encourage you to make this a new part of your Seder traditions!

2 for Seder is held in memory of Joyce Fienberg, mother-in-law of founder Marnie Fienberg, who was one of 11 murdered at the Tree of Life in Pittsburgh, PA on October 27, 2018.

“All for One and One for All--United We Stand, Divided We Fall” Event: March 8

Sunday, March 8 at the Fishkill Town Recreation Center (793 Route 52), please join a rich, diverse group of representatives of our local community including Dutchess County Interfaith Council, Mid-Hudson Islamic Association, Mid-Hudson Muslim-Jewish Alliance, refugee organizations, civic leaders, educators, adults and students, for a very special program on peace, solidarity, inclusiveness, and bridging differences. Let's look at critical issues and identify solutions together!

1:30-2:00 pm- Refreshments/Social
hour

2:00-4:30pm- Guest speakers, student
panel, group discussion, & more!

RSVP: Please email event organizer
Seema Rizvi, MD
seema.rizvi1682@gmail.com

A Bisele Yiddish

Are you interested in Yiddish language and culture? Some of us would like to start a Yiddish Club for the community, and we are looking for input from you about how to structure it and what to include in this club. Culture? Music? Conversation? All 3? Something else? Please help us plan this and contact us with your ideas! RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com (433)388-0033, or schomrel@aol.com (845) 454-2890.

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

“**Torah Study**”, which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftarah, will be led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D., 9-10am every Saturday (no class Mar. 21 or 28).

“**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text**”, a monthly class taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, will be held Thursday Mar. 19 from noon to 1:30. Please call to confirm date.

All are welcome to come and join in all the classes--no previous training required! No charge to attend. Questions? Rabbi Altman: rabbi@vassartemple.org, Rabbi Golomb: pjgolomb@verizon.net, or the Temple office at 845-454-2570.

National Refugee Shabbat Program March 21

With more than 70 million people worldwide who have fled their homes due to persecution and violence, we are now witnesses to one of the largest humanitarian crises in human history. During National Refugee Shabbat, March 20-21, the American Jewish community will dedicate sacred time and space to raise awareness in our community, to recognize the work that has been done, and to reaffirm our commitment to welcoming refugees and asylum seekers. In observance of this special Shabbat, on Saturday March 21 at 9:00am, in Vassar Temple's sanctuary, Rabbi Altman will lead a Sabbath morning service featuring a Jewish text study on refugees.

After enjoying refreshments in the social hall, at about 10:30am, we will view a 30-minute film which documents the first trip to the Texas-Mexican border by a small group of local activists. Val Carlisle, who has made this and a more recent trip in January to bear witness and to deliver humanitarian aid, along with colleague Muriel Horowitz of the local Reunite Migrant Families group, will describe their experiences at the border, bring us up to date on the situation, and take your questions. At this event we will be collecting the following items to assist several refugee families living in Dutchess County: baby diapers (smaller sizes), baby wipes, shaving cream, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, liquid dishwashing detergent, Maseca flour, dry black beans. We hope to see you there, and friends and members of the community are warmly invited to attend the film and discussion. Questions? socialaction@vassartemple.org

Sisterhood Recipe Corner

Spinach Tortellini Soup

Brown 4 cloves of minced garlic in olive oil
Add 12 cups of water to the pot and 4 Tablespoons Better Than Bouillion, Roasted Garlic Flavor
Add two cans Petite Diced Tomatoes and two boxes frozen chopped spinach. Don't squeeze the spinach.

Heat the pot on low until spinach separates. Then mix well, bring to a simmer and heat covered for 30 min or so.
Then bring a large saucepan of water to a boil and add the package of dry Tortellini. (I used Barilla Collezione.)
Boil on low according to pkg, directions, drain and add to the soup.
Heat for 5 more minutes.

(Courtesy of Ellen Zelig)

Sisterhood News

As Purim nears, we think about Esther, who stood up for her community when they were in danger. She was a heroine who continues to serve as a role model for women who step forward to make a huge difference.

We are extremely fortunate at Vassar Temple. We are 67 members strong but there is always room for more. We have women in Sisterhood who work tirelessly but never crave honor. These are our Esthers who always step forward and say "yes" when we need a volunteer. The Esthers of our Sisterhood can help someone who is ill; can share their skills by cooking, baking or coming up with ideas; can organize a dinner, an oneg or a happy hour; can run a rummage sale or can volunteer at lunchbox, and so much more.

When Purim has come and gone, we can continue to do the work we do because one woman, Esther, stepped forward, took a risk, and made a difference. Thank you for the difference you make.

Without you, we are one woman short!

Marcia Tanzman

Sisterhood President

Brotherhood News

That's right. Going forward we will be known by the more commonly used reference of the Brotherhood. I received suggestions from the clergy and the congregation that made it clear that it was time to change the name from Men's Club because it was an obsolete term. Since our companion group is known as Sisterhood, it is consistent that our group should be known as the Brotherhood.

While the name has changed, we will continue to support the Temple as we have before and we hope that we can expand our membership and to increase that support. We also hope

to expand events for our membership like the recent January's football afternoon at Buffalo Wild Wings. Those who attended had a great afternoon of friendship, camaraderie, and football.

Just a quick reminder, our next event is the Purim Pasta Dinner on Monday, March 9. Details are in this Bulletin. Ideas for new events or reboots of old events are welcome. You are always free to contact me at gtr714@yahoo.com

Glenn Tanzman

Brotherhood President

Adult Education Committee Presents "Sacred Eating;" a four-part series

A four-part series on *Sacred Eating: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic* presented by The Adult Education Committee of Vassar Temple will begin on Wednesday, March 4.

The first segment of the series, *An Overview and Synopsis of Sacred Eating*, will be presented by Rabbi Renni Altman at 7pm at Vassar Temple on March 4. The lecture will consist of the tenets of traditional *kashrut*.

The second lecture, entitled *Oshek; The Meeting Point of Ritual Piety and*

Moral Purity, will be presented by Rabbi Richard Litvak via Skype on March 11, at 7pm at Vassar Temple. Rabbi Litvak is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El in Santa Cruz county, having served 40 years as their esteemed leader. He has an article of the same title in the book entitled *The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic*, edited by Mary L. Zamore. Rabbi Litvak has worked extensively with farm workers and has been a passionate advocate for the rights of these workers.

The third part of the series will be held March 18 at the Vassar Farm at 6:30pm and will be presented by the head farmer, Leon Vehaba. It

will involve a walking tour of the hot houses, as well as a lecture in the barn on sustainable farming. Rabbi Altman will integrate Jewish teachings into the farm presentation.

The final lecture will be presented on April 1, 7pm at Vassar Temple by Rabbi Altman and will be a wrap up/reflection on the series.

For more information, and to RSVP, please email Gail D'Alessio at gaildalessio@yahoo.com.

All members of the community are welcome.

YAHREZEITS

MARCH 6

Morris Levine
Cynthia Blumenthal
Hinda Lessin
Saul Marks
Frank Devan
Irving M. Rosenthal
Irving Schechtman
Rose Landau
Gilbert Feinman
Geraldine N. Leeds
Howard Perry
Rae Jacobs Rauh Brown
Miriam Genshaft
Tessie Turk
Ruth Parry
Morris Lessin

MARCH 13

Mildred Gould
Victor Fein
Samuel Karnes
Gertrude M. Plimack
Dr. A. Alfred Podell
Bee Plimack
Ralph Partridge
Dr. Simon
Riechman
Morris Abraskin
Silvia Domes
Meyer Harold Bagun
Dr. Louis Shub
Kaye Roth
Lewis Acker
Anna Frankel
Howard Smith
Ethel Graves
Bettina DelVescovo
Belle Weiss
Fred Lehman
Reuben Temlock
Sara Leslie Goldman Fite

MARCH 20

Esther G. Rheingold
Bessie Kaplan
Sonya Markovitch
Max Solomon
Idane Evan Salenger
Vawn Jennifer Salenger
Joseph Feuer
Meyer A. Wolfson
Judith Newman
Esther Temlock
Leonard Nectow
Lillian Schwarz
Lena Baskin
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Gary Schischa
Erwin Schischa
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Gwendolyn Harlam
Ruth Kovacs
Mae Miller Klampert
Sarah Benton Childs
Annemarie Teutsch

MARCH 27

Louis D. Dampf
Sidney Greenman
Etta Simon Podret
Benjamin Clarfeld
Herman Jacobs
Fannie Berlin
Lee Rosenthal
Charles Frankel
Martin Lowenthal
Harold Rosen
David Jordan
Isaac Mendel
Harvey Kaflowitz
William M. Rothstein
Erica Robbins
Chris Brown
Patricia Adler
Esta Feder
Ann Solomon
Kurt Similes
Howard Judd
Zoey Rachel Gillman
Rose Baum Kraut

Help Needed! Jewish Night at the Shelter

Judy Harkavy of our Social Action Committee organizes dinners at the overnight homeless shelter in Hillcrest House the 4th Thursday of the month ("Jewish Night") year-round. While members of the local Jewish community have taken on this monthly mitzvah, we cannot accomplish the task alone. Adult volunteers of all faiths--family, friends, neighbors, co-workers -- are gratefully welcome to help on that night! The shelter, which is located in the vicinity of Dutchess Community College, was expanded to accommodate 60 overnight guests, yet during the past few winters the shelter has been as much as 50% over capacity, so the need has become greater than ever. The volunteers prepare and provide items on that evening's menu

(which might be sandwiches, soup, chili, casseroles, etc.), which someone can generally transport there for you if necessary, and a few volunteers are urgently needed on site to serve the meal between 6:30-9pm. Sometimes items for the following morning's breakfast--cereal, juice, fruit--are also requested. Judy is currently booking helpers for future dates. Please contact her at (845) 471-4973 or harkavyjudy@gmail.com to discuss when and how you can help.

Jewish War Veterans Meeting: March 8

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, will be holding its monthly post meeting at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie at 9:30am on March 8, 2020. All persons 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 posts on Facebook. (We have your six.)

Souper Sale Success!

Vassar Temple bought and delivered 60 cases of hearty canned soup to food pantries at Dutchess Outreach, Community Action Partnership, Interfaith Senior Housing, and Morse Elementary School. Thank you, members and friends, for your financial contributions to the Souper Sale and for your help in delivering! Great team headed by Shaari Roland! Kudos to all! Last but not least, our thanks to Shop Rite and Rebecca!



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1 Golden Gelt Raffle starts 9am Hamantaschen Baking—Snow Date 9am Religious School 9:30am Chalah Baking 10am HHD Planning Mtg 10:30am Lunchbox 12pm Post B'nei Mitzvah Program	2	3 10am Senior Exercise Program (SEP)	4 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Adult Ed at Vassar Temple	5 10am SEP 7pm Ritual Committee Meeting	6 7:30pm Shabbat Service with Cantor Goldmann	7 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
8 9am Religious School 12pm Post B'nei Mitzvah Program	9 5:30pm Purim Pasta Dinner 7pm Purim Service	10 10am SEP	11 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Adult Ed at Vassar Temple	12 10am SEP	13 6pm Happy Hour 7:30pm Shabbat Service	14 9am Torah Study 10:15 Learner Service
15 9am Purim Carnival at TBE 12pm Post B'nei Mitzvah Program 2pm Dutchess/Ulster/ Orange Coalition—HIAS	16	17 10am SEP	18 12pm Chai Noon 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Adult Ed at Vassar Farm 7pm Finance Cmte meeting	19 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb	20 7:30pm Shabbat Service	21 9am National Refugee Shabbat, Film: From Beacon to the Border
22 9am Passover Sale 9am Religious School 12pm Post B'nei Mitzvah Program	23	24 10am SEP	25 4:30pm Hebrew School	26 1000am SEP 6:30pm Shelter Meal pm VT Board Meeting	27 7:30pm Community Shabbat Service with Cantor Goldmann	28 No Torah Study No Learner Service 9:30am Community Shabbaton at TBE
29 9am Passover Sale 9am Religious School 12pm Post B'nei Mitzvah Program 1pm Congregation Shir Chadash hosts Shabbaton Brunch	30	31 1000am SEP				