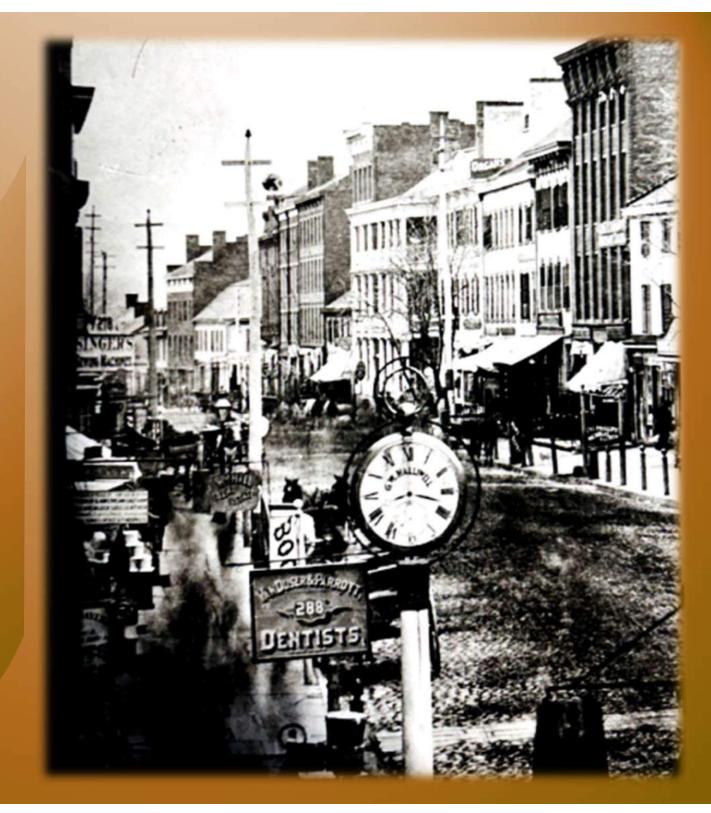


Our early location on Main Street ~ circa 19th Century



MAMMOTH Novelty Fair and Exposition - BENEFTT OF -Congregation Brethren of Israel Mill and Vassar St. TO BE HELD AT COLUMBUS INSTITUTE 6.7.8. Free Dancing Each Eve. From 10 to 12. Music by Pudney's Orchestra. FREE ATTRACTIONS. The Great Mandelle late Star of the Maurice Grau Opera Company will Magnificent display of 111sh Lace positively Sing each night. Immense Side Show-Evelything and Beautiful Needlework. See Madame Cargrea, the renowned ADMISSION, 10c. Gypsey Fortune Teller new.

Successful Exposition 1906 ~ helps to retire mortgage

Jewish Temple is Being Renovated Brethren of the The Temple of and corner of Mill renovata throughout and the paint has now been been removed from the outside of the Israel. building, in preparation for giving On the interior of the synagoru new coats of paint. the walls have been repainted in oream and the ceiling in white, while the woodwork and pulpit have been revarnished.

RDAY, SEPT. 16, 1922.

Vassar Temple Concludes 90th Anniversary Program



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Henry Morgenthau, Jr. (former Secretary of the Treasury) serves as Honorary Chair



Black Walnut Chair from Vassar Temple on Mill and Vassar Streets

THE WHITE HOUSE

January 29, 1937

My dear Rabbi Unger:

I want you to know how deeply Mrs. Roosevalt and I appreciate your thoughtful invitation for us to be with you when Wassar Temple celebrates the eightyninth anniversary of its organization next March. But already tentative plans have been made for a visit to the South at that time and so it is not possible to accept the gracious invitation which you extend in behalf of the congregation.

Nevertheless, I hope the celebration will be a splendid success. An institution which has survived the vicissitudes of more than four score years thereby gives evidence of its firm basis in spiritual truth. And a full century is as a day in the long history of the ancient faith of Israel, a faith which it is your mission to interpret in these days of the twantieth century to the members of your congregation. To you and to them I send hearty felicitations and warmest personal greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

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Rabbi Jerome Unger, Vassar Temple, Congregation Brethren of Israel, Mill and Vassar Streets, Poughkeepsie, New York. Letter from President Roosevelt on the occasion of VT's 89th Anniversary



Eleanor Roosevelt attends VTS event with Mildred Gould, Rose Kraut, Marion Richards, & Katherine Michel

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Rabbi Henry Bamberger Vassar Temple 140 Hooker Avenue Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

Shalon, Rabbi Bamberger,

In behalf of the Central Conference of American Rabbis I want to extend to you and to the members of Vassar Temple the warmest good wishes of our fellowship on the 125th Anniversary of your Congregation. In the light of the ravages of recent Jewish history, a 125 years is a very long time in the life of a Jewish community and I pray that Vassar Temple will bear and transmit the tradition of our faith and our people with pride and love.

I also salute you as a highly respected, learned and devoted colleague and wish for you continued fulfillment and achievement in your leadership.

Very best wishes.

Shalom,

RABBI DAVID POLISH President Congratulations from the CCAR ~ VT's 125th Anniversary

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May 18, 1973

Rabbi Henry Bamberger Vassar Temple 140 Hooker Avenue Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

Dear Henry:

I am pleased to learn from your letter of March 28, 1973, that Vassar Temple will observe its 125th anniversary on June 2nd.

The entire Hebrew Union College family joins me in congratulating you, the officers and members of Vassar Temple on this joyous occasion. We express the hope that the next 125 years will bring with them great blessing to your congregation and to all the household of Israel and our beloved country of America.

May the next 125 years of the history of Vassar Temple be a record of endless searching out and living in accordance with the mandates of the God of our Fathers.

We are particularly proud of your outstanding spiritual leadership and pray that you may continue to serve in health and strength.

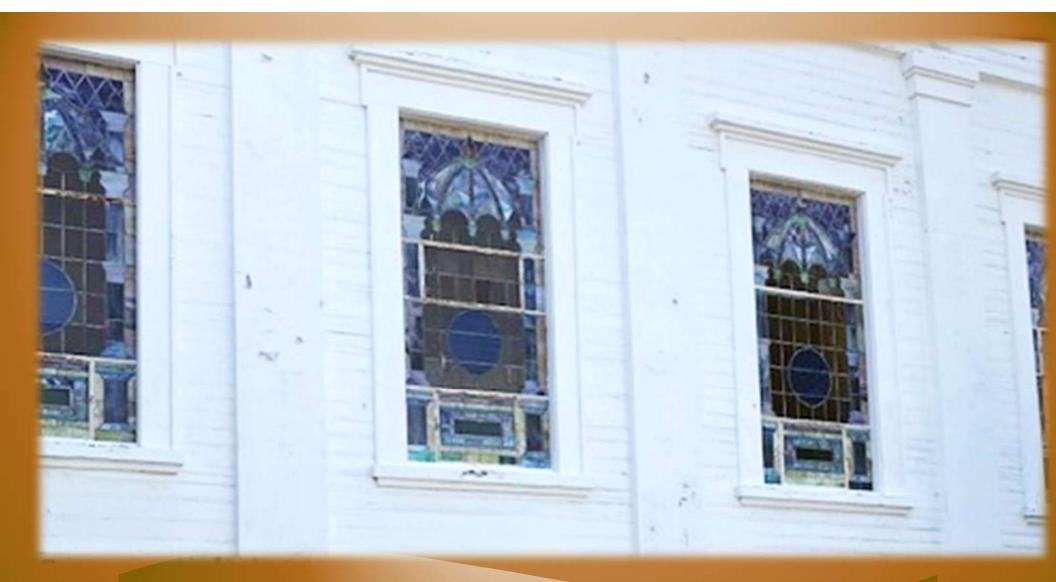
With cordial regards and looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Sincerely.

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Alfred Gottschall President

Congratulations from the HUC-JIR ~ VT's 125th Anniversary



Stained glass windows at the corner of Vassar & Mill Streets (1868-1953)



STATE OF NEW YORK EXECUTIVE CHAMBER ALBANY 12224

NELSON A ROCKEPELLER

April 17, 1973

Dear Rabbi Bamberger:

It gives me much pleasure to send cordial greetings to everyone present at the dinner of the Congregation Brethren of Israel - Vassar Temple on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary.

This anniversary attests the piety and devotion of successive generations of worshipers and the inspired leadership of successive rabbis.

I am sure the celebration of this anniversary has the blessings of Divine Providence.

My best wishes to all for a joyful observance.

Sincerely,

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Rabbi Henry Bamberger Congregation Brethren of Israel -Vassar Temple 140 Hooker Avenue Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

Letter from Governor Rockefeller on the occasion of VT's 125 the anniversary

The Jews were generally good businessmen. They learned quickly how to market their merchandise so it was most desirallo. The most successful firms were patronized by non Jews well as Jews. 9 In 1902 the Pour hkeepsie Earle wrote a stor n M. (Mark) Shwartz & Co.'s clothing store. A single glance at the handsome four-story building Nos. 303 and 305 Main Street, with its elegant plate class windows, the whole of which is occupied by the firm of M. Shwartz & Co., will satisfy any one that they have the resources necessary to maintain a first-class clothing house; . . . 20 Most immigrant Jews in the late nineteenth century live their stores, which were usually a few blocks east of luon River. After the merchants achieved some degree mic success, residences and stores have

Many successful Jewish owned businesses serving the community



Vassar Temple honored with DCIC Legacy Award ~ October 2023



Dedication Service for Hooker Avenue Temple October 2, 1953



Choir circa 20th Century



Decorating the Sukkah ~ Fall 2023

Confirmation Class 2020 ~ Rabbi Altman & Cantor Goldmann

Confirmation Class 2019 ~ Rabbi Altman

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Confirmation Class 2017 ~ Rabbi Berkowitz

Confirmation Class 2015 ~ Rabbi Golomb

Confirmation Class 2010 ~ Rabbi Golomb



Confirmation Class 2007 ~ Rabbi Golomb



Confirmation Class 2000 ~ Rabbi Polish & Cantor Hirschenfang



Confirmation Class 1996 ~ Rabbi Arnold



Confirmation Class 1985 ~ Rabbi Arnold

Confirmation Class 1975 ~ Rabbi Bamberger



Confirmation Class 1974 ~ Rabbi Bamberger



Confirmation Class 1969

Confirmation Class 1964 ~ Rabbi Ruderman



Historic Pershing Street Cemetery (circa 19th Century)



Lucille Erdreich, Mim Oppenheimer & Lila Matlin



Millie Gould & Susan Sommerfield



Sisterhood members go on a Road Trip to tour West Point. Lila Matlin, Marge Katz, Annette Rubin, Mim Oppenheimer & Fran Worona among others are said to have had a ball! Matthew Lampell was in charge!

Amazing Members – Eric Rosenfeld, Fritzi Goodman, Dan Teich, Sandra Mamis and Amy Horn Oclatis at Eternal Torah ~ 2010



Sara Jane Goldberg & her mom, Naomi



Vivian Garber, Doi Cohen, Millie Gould & Alan Colodner, with others

Temple Music Makers! Rachel Mamis, Gayle Margolin, Marge Groten, Bonnie Scheer, Joe Bertolozzi, Martin Charwat & David Hecht



Cecile Arnold chatting with Lila Matlin



Generations Shabbat 2017



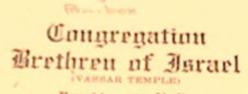
Generations Shabbat 2018



Generations Shabbat 2019



Social Action Luncheon



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DECEMBER 14, 1923.

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SABBATH SERVICES AT THE TEMPLE Vassar and Mill Streets No. 5

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 14, AT 8 O'CLOCK RABBI MANTINBAND

Will Preach on

"SIGMUND ISRAEL-AN APPRECIATION"

Short addresses will also be made by David Harris, President of our Congregation, and several others, in memory of our late Rabbi.

> A Cordial Welcome is extended to all, especially to Strangers within the City,

"My House Shall Be a House of Prayer for All People."

The Congregation is requested to observe the solemnity of the service and remain work after the Benediction.

Temple Bulletin, 1923 ~ Honoring Rabbi Israel

MEMORIAL TABLET OF THE SISTERHOOD BRETHRENOFISRAEL BERTHA MICHAEL 1852-1906 BETSIE MICHAEL 1837-1904 BERTHA FREYBERG 1833-1906 ROSA SOLOMON 1804 -1906 MARIE JOSEPH 1833 - 1906 SARAH WOLF 1840-1910 SOPHIE SMITH 1868 -- 1913 BERTMA ROSENSTEIN 1878-1932

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THE CONGREGATION ACKNOWLEDGES WITH GRATITUDE THE GIFT BY MR.6 MRS. ALBERT D. KAHN OF THE LAND UPON WHICH THE RABBI'S HOME HAS BEEN BUILT. Temple Leadership ~ 1953



Rabbi Altman discussing Ritual Texts burial area during Cemetery Tour 2023

Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood

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Souper Sale 2010



Souper Sale 2012 ~ a Social Action Initiative



Souper Sale 2016



Isabelle "Belle" Sacher ~ orchestrated the Vassar Temple Players



Circa 1940s – 1950s Lots of Fun!



Wild and Crazy!





Brotherhood Members: Paul Ciminello, David Lampell, Alan Colodner & Bob Abrams

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NAMES OF DEAR ONES WILL BE READ DURING THE KADDISH ON FRIDAY EVENINGS AT THE REQUEST OF MEMBERS AND OTHERS. THOSE DESIR-ING THIS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE RABBI ABOUT THE DATES OF VAHRZEIT OR MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARIES AS SOON BEFORE THEIR OC-CURRENCE AS POSSIBLE. NAMES INSCRIBED IN OUR BOOK OF LIFE AR READ AS THE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS. SPEAK TO THE RABBI ABOUT HAV ING THE NAMES OF YOUR DEAR ONES INSCRIBED IN THE BOOK OF LIFE

"ALL RELIGION, ALL LIFE, ALL ART, ALL EXPRESSION COME DOWN TO THIS: TO THE EFFORT OF THE HUMAN SOUL TO BREAK THROUGH ITS BARRIER OF LONELINESS, OF INTOLERABLE LONELINESS, AND MAKE SOME CONTACT WITH ANOTHER SPEAKING SOUL, OR WITH WHAT ALL SOULS SEEK, WHICH IS, BY ANY NAME, GOD."

DON MARQUIS.

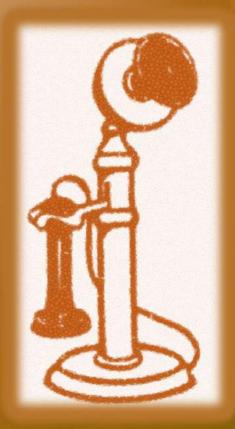
SISTERHOOD ...

LAST MONDAY NIGHT WAS AS TERRIBLE OUTDOORS AS A NITE COULD BE BUT INSIDE THE TEMPLE, A LARGE CROWD OF MEN AND WOMEN ATTEND ED THE "NICKELODEON MEN'S NITE" PRESENTED BY THE LADIES. A REAL OLD-FASHIONED MOVING PICTURE SHOW WAS THE ATTRACTION AND ALL WHO ATTENDED HAD A GRAND TIME HISSING THE VILLIAN

Temple Bulletin ~ 1937 highlighting the "United Jewish Welfare Chest Campaign"

From a 1923 Temple bulletin: we see the following phone numbers :

Temple Office: 5523 Rabbi Unger: 6166 Temple President Jack Sacher: 435 J Vice President Chester Satz: 971 J Treasurer Morris Kessler: 3728 J Secretary Morris L. Effron: 5591





Millie Gould, Lila Matlin, Perla Kaufman & Lucille Erdreich hanging out



Beatrice Gross & daughter, Nancy Gross Belok



Cecile Arnold entertaining the kids

Rabbi Mantinband humorously rewrites the Ten Commandments ...an example below



"Thou shalt not covet a much-abridged service; thou shalt not covet sermons whose sole merit is their shortness, nor the introduction of anything not in keeping with the decorum or devotion of a House Of Worship."

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(Originally posted in Temple Bulletin in 1924)



Sitting: Lila Matlin, Nicholas Gould, Milly Gould, Elaine Lipschutz & Alice Bogad Standing: Muriel Lampell, Helen Klein & Marge Lazarus



Rabbi Ruderman under the Sukkah with Temple children



Early covers for Torah Scrolls



Family Havdalah Program - 2023

MEMORIAL TABLET. PHILIP ROSENBAUM, orn Feb. 1821, Died Jan. 1891 REBECCA HEYMAN SIMON GOLDSTONE FANNY GOLDSTONE YETTA MARKS ISAAC MARKS

ROSALIA SCHLESENCER Jorn Mar 28 1828 - Died Dec.15 1898 ISAAC HEYMAN. Born Mar 5 1825 - Died Aug 28 1909

אשתר כנינויז דזאועת

MORRIS JOSEPH Born Oct. 20,1871 – Died Aug. 10,1906. MIRIAM KLAUSNER JOSEPH Born Aug. 24,1833 – Died Oct. 26,1906. BENJAMIN JOSEPH Born Sept. 2,1825 – Died Oct. 16,1910.

Marble memorial tablets from Vassar & Mill Streets Building THE REST BE CLORIDUS

IN MEMORY OF HENRY HARRIS born december 20, 1848 died november 10, 1935 his wife Dora S. Harris born december 25, 1858 died august 3, 1939

Marble memorial tablets from Vassar & Mill Streets Building



Remembering those whom we have lost...

Our Beautiful Temple!





Rabbi Arnold ~ but where is Shimon?



Rabbi Golomb and Debbie



Rabbi Leah Rachel Berkowitz



Lunch Box ~ feeding those in need since 1983



Lunch Box ~ children helping



Celebrating Hanukkah ~ Vassar Temple Style!



Getting ready for Succoth



Celebrating Simchat Torah! Hannah & Hadami Gendron and Haley Kaflowitz



Simchat Torah ~ unrolling the scrolls

Youth Group having a blast!

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Interesting but Confusing...

SISTERHOOD RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale of the Temple Sisterhood, in process at the store, 449 Main Street, has exceeded all expectations, and the returns more than justify the hard work put in by the ladies. As long as customers keep coming, the store will be kept open the balance of the week, that is, if the merchandise holds out.

Mention must be made of the following ladies who volunteered in connection with sale: Mrs. Kahn and Mrs. King, collecting goods from homes and merchants; also these salespeople: Mesdames Rosenstein, Hoffman, Acker, Friedman, H. Melhado, Rudd, Shackno, Samuels, Sheldon and Paul Rosen, also the Misses Goodheim. And of course the thanks of the Sisterhood to those Main Street shopkeepers who sent new merchandise to the sale, and to our many Temple members and friends, all of whom responded so quickly and generously to the call for goods. Special mention ought be made of a gift of a dozen caps sent unsolicited by the National Cap Co. of Louisville, Ky. to the Sisterhood, the President of the Company, Mr. S. Lion, having read about this sale in our last week's Bulletin. Mr. Lion is the brother of our Sisterhood President, Mrs. Josephine Kahn.

Sisterhood Rummage Sale ~ 1924

A book of selected recipes from Sisterhood Cooks ~ 1976



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