



Vassar Temple Bulletin

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Come to Shabbat Services this Summer!

This summer all our Friday evening services will be led by members of the congregation. The schedule of service leaders for 2011 is:

- July 1: Art Menken
- July 8: Sandra Mamis, with Joe Bertolozzi
- July 15: Doi Cohen and Lou Lewis
- July 22: Ron Rosen
- July 29: Dave Wolf and Joel Kelson
- August 5: Bob Ritter
- August 12: Benjamin Krevolin
- August 19: Seth Erlebacher and Judy Creedon
- August 26: Tamara, Mariel and Julieta Gruszko
- September 2: Sandra Mamis and Doi Cohen

Lay-led Shabbat worship will take place downstairs in our cool and comfortable social hall, which is easily accessible by elevator. Each service will include music and the opportunity for congregational singing, and will reflect the unique style of the service leader. It will be followed by a modified Oneg Shabbat, providing the opportunity to socialize over light refreshments (often including ice cream). As usual, devices for the hearing impaired will be available.

Support your fellow congregants as they lead us in worship and see how each service leader makes the liturgy and music reflect his or her own approach. We look forward to seeing you at Shabbat services every Friday evening at 7:30 this summer!

Vassar Temple Ritual Committee

Talking Books – a Great Summer Project

Select a children's book and record the story which will be donated, along with the book, for the enjoyment of young children at a local children's agency. Do this at home at a time of your own convenience, perhaps with family members or friends who are looking for something fun, different (and meaningful) to do during the summer. There's a need for talking books in both English and Spanish.



Just contact Susan Hecht (socialaction@vassar-temple.org), who will happily explain everything and lend materials and recording equipment if necessary. Talking Books can also provide youths with a creative way of earning community service credits.

HAVE A SAFE
AND HAPPY
SUMMER!

Rabbi's Message: MEMBERSHIP



All of the sociologists who study such trends in American life point out that the era of joining is over. All sorts of organizations, clubs and associations are seeing their membership drop.

Yet, at the same time that affiliation is waning, the need to connect is not. Social media such as Facebook and Twitter have been extraordinarily popular. The new generation, specifically those who have reached adulthood in the 90's or this past decade, have the same need to connect as previous generations but have utilized a new technology in order to fulfill it.

Is the technology enough to fulfill the fundamental need of connection? That is, can digital images on Skype and text messages take the place of face-to-face contact? I think the answer is No. Connections, in order to be meaningful and satisfying, must also be embodied. The new generation, no less than earlier ones, seeks out venues in which they can be with others. Yet, affiliation wanes. What has truly changed, I think, is not the concept of a gathering place, but rather its

size. Once, not long ago, people sought involvement in institutions that might have had an extensive reach: citywide, national or international. The association could have hundreds or thousands of members. Such organizations require bureaucracies: by-laws, officers, criteria for joining, and dues. What is being sought today is considerably more informal: no hierarchy, few if any rules, and nothing as standardized as dues.

And what about the synagogue? As an institution, it is being subjected to the same pressures as all other membership organizations today. The synagogue, however, is over 2000 years old. What it is experiencing now, it has experienced in the past. Few institutions anywhere are as nimble and responsive to the nuances of change as the synagogue. At its heart, it fulfills an irreducible and eternal human need, personal and face-to-face connection. Even deeper, the connection is both horizontal – creating a community of individuals and families in the present – and vertical – connecting Jews and their families with their heritage and destiny.

The summer months, when families move into the area or begin to set up plans for their children's education, are a key time for consideration of membership; membership not only in Vassar Temple

but in the foundational institution of Jewish life. I have abiding faith in the leadership of Vassar Temple to deal creatively and thoughtfully with the demands placed on all organizations in these early years of the twenty-first century. All that the rest of us need to do is to be open and welcoming to those who look for membership in the Jewish people.

Rabbi Paul Golomb

Rabbi's Annual Report on our website

Rabbi Golomb's annual report to the congregation is thought-provoking and gives credit to many members for their contributions to temple life. You can read it by going to www.vassar temple.org and clicking on the special link on the left side of the home page. There is also a link there to our President, Seth Erlebacher's, overview of the past year at Vassar Temple.



As you read this bulletin article, summer should be in full swing. Our kids have finished school and

are off to their summer activities. For the last seven years, Melissa and I have been sending our kids to have an overnight Jewish camp experience. They have attended and are attending Camp Eisner in Great Barrington, MA. Children of other members of our congregation have also gone to camp at Eisner, or at Crane Lake which is located near Eisner in the Berkshires. Sending your children to a Jewish camp is one of the most important things you can do to help establish a positive Jewish identity for your children or grandchildren. Each summer, Rabbi Golomb leads a trip up to Eisner and Crane Lake with parents and children who are interested in visiting camp while it is in session. Please contact Rabbi Golomb

or myself if you are interested in going on the visit this summer. Rabbi is driving up on Sunday, July 10th but you can visit on your own if that date is not convenient for you. You can also find more information about these camps on the web at <http://eisnercranelake.urjcamps.org/index.cfm?>

In my June bulletin article I mentioned our lay-led services during July and August. On each Friday night from July 1st through September 2nd members of our congregation will lead services. Each will bring a different flavor to services as we welcome Shabbat as a family in our social hall. After services we join together in Kiddush and a light oneg which is often accompanied by ice cream. You can see the service leader

schedule on the front page of this bulletin. If you have never led a summer service before and are interested in doing so in the future, please contact Ron Rosen or Doi Cohen so they can add you to the list for next year and schedule a training session with the Rabbi.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I look forward to seeing you at some of our Friday night services.

Seth Erlebacher

President's Message

Worship Services

Friday, July 1

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Art Menken

Saturday, July 2

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, July 8

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Sandra Mamis, with Joe Bertolozzi

Saturday, July 9

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, July 15

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Doi Cohen and Lou Lewis

Saturday, July 16

9:00 a.m. NO Torah Study

Friday, July 22

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Ron Rosen

Saturday, July 23

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, July 29

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Dave Wolf and Joel Kelson

Saturday, July 30

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, August 5

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Bob Ritter

Saturday, August 6

9:00 a.m. NO Torah Study

Scriptural Readings

July 1 & 2 *Hukat (Rosh Hodesh)*

Numbers 19:1-20:21

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24

July 8 & 9 *Balak*

Numbers 22:2-38

Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8

July 15 & 16 *Pinhas*

Numbers 25:10-26:51

Haftarah: I Kings 18:46-19:21

July 22 & 23 *Matot*

Numbers 30:2-31:54

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

July 29 & 30 *Masei*

Numbers 33:1-49; 36:10-13

Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28

August 5 & 6 *Devarim*

Deuteronomy 1:1-2:1

Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-27

New Paths Services This Summer

New Paths services are being planned for several Saturday mornings during the summer. Each service is a unique and thoughtful Shabbat morning experience. If you are interested in attending, or for more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or the Temple at office@vassartemple.org, 454-2570.

No Food or Drinks in Sanctuary

Help us keep our beautiful sanctuary clean and stain-free – don't bring food or drinks of any kind into the sanctuary (even when they are being served in the East Chapel)!



The Vassar Temple Social Action Committee Wants YOU!

We seek your input, ideas and energy! Use the Social Action link on the left side at www.vassartemple.org to find out more about what we do.

*Marian Schwartz,
Social Action Chairman.
socialaction@vassartemple.org*

Our Generations Shabbat was a Resounding Success!

We were delighted to celebrate on Friday, May 20th with 16 of our very special members of 40 years or more. Pictured, left to right, are: first row – Amy Horn Oclatis, Mary Solomon, Lila Matlin, Bernice and Peter Edman, Gloria Turk; second row – Murray Solomon, Ken Scheer, Richard and Marsha Lowry, Justin and Debbie Scheer, Irma Jacobs, Muriel and Matt Lampell.

Special thanks for their help go to Barbara Gillman; Sandra Mamis; and Adam, Lisa and Judy Rosenfeld.

The delicious Shabbat dinner was followed by a wonderful service during which Richard and Marsha Lowry shared their reflections and memories of “46 Years at Vassar Temple and Counting.”

*Perla Kaufman
Membership Committee Chair*



Ed Garber Receives Founders Service Award

At our annual congregational meeting on May 25th, the 2011 Founders Service Award was given to Ed Garber (pictured on the right) by last year's awardee, Bob Abrams, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Ed Garber has worked tirelessly on behalf of our congregation for over 25 years. He has been the president of Vassar Temple as well as the chair of a Rabbinical Search Committee and a Strategic Planning Committee, of the House Committee and of the Leadership Development Committee. He has headed the board nominating committee innumerable times and has served on the temple board for many terms and as an active member of several temple committees.

Sandra Mamis to Receive Arnold Award

Just before our Selichot observance, at 7:30 on Saturday evening, September 24th, this year's Rabbi Stephen Arnold Award for contributions to the religious and spiritual life of our congregation will be presented to Sandra Mamis.

Sandra was the High Holiday Chairperson for many years and has led various types of services with knowledge, warmth and skill. She has served, and continues to serve, the congregation and its Sisterhood in many capacities, including president. Plan to join us in honoring Sandra, whose vision and hard work made our Eternal Torah project first a reality and then a great success.

In the wider community, Ed was a Vassar Temple representative to the Community Hebrew School, and served on the boards of the Dutchess County Jewish Federation and of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. He is currently a volunteer driver and the treasurer of Friends of Seniors, as well as a Walkway over the Hudson Volunteer.

In accepting the award, Ed said that the motivation for his volunteer work for the congregation was "my love for Vassar Temple and the wonderful people I met here." He encouraged others to get involved for the same reasons.



Thanks from Elaine

The support of my Vassar Temple family has hastened my recovery from knee surgery. Your cards and contributions were sincerely appreciated.

Elaine Lipschutz



Pulpit Flowers

- May 20 In memory of Selma Friedman Satz from Deborah & Justin Scheer.
- June 17 In memory of Paul Douglas Fa'gut from Pola Fa'gut.

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 Shrub Fund. Just call Sandi Rugar at 454-2570. The donation to the Shrub Fund is \$55.

In Remembrance

Vassar Temple suffers in the loss of our member:

Charlotte Miller

Mother of Ronnie Wolfson

Vassar Temple shares in the grief suffered by the family of:

Margaret "Honey" Sylvester,
mother of Mary Ritter

Joseph Wrobel, uncle of Lewis Wrobel

Refuah Sheleimah

To our temple members, **Elaine Lipschutz** and **Carol Strauss** who were recently hospitalized.

We Need Your Help!



It's awful to be the last to know that someone has been hospitalized, needs a visit or needs some other kind of help.

We are, once again, asking that you be the eyes and ears in the lives of our congregational family. Federal patient privacy regulations have limited the information that hospitals make available to clergy and volunteers.

We are encouraging you to contact the Temple office when a congregant is admitted to a hospital and wishes to have Rabbi visit during the hospital stay. Our goal is to meet the needs of all our congregants and we can only do this with your help.

**Sisterhood Art Calendars
for 2011-12 are available
for \$15 through
Elaine Lipschutz, 452-1582.**

Library News

Our first shipment of new books has arrived, the first in a number of years. Once they are processed, they will be placed on a special shelf for new acquisitions for a while before being shelved in their permanent locations. These acquisitions are made possible by donations to the Library Fund. Please use that fund to make appropriate commemorative or memorial contributions. This benefits the entire congregation in a tangible way.

We can always use more help in the library and the summer might be a very good time to volunteer. (This counts as

community service for young people who need credit for that.) Everyone from teenagers to grandparents is encouraged to contact me if interested. My email address is artgroten@optonline.net. Thanks.

*Art Groten, Chair
Library Committee*



Use SCRIP to Buy Gas

Gas prices making it painful to fill up at the pump? Well, there's a great way to make it a more pleasant experience!

Use Vassar Temple SCRIP [gift cards] at any of the following participating gas stations and you will be filling the Temple coffers while filling your tank!

ARCO..... BP Chevron Exxon
Gulf Oil Hess... Mobil....
Shell... Sunoco Texaco

Think about making all your gasoline purchases and mechanical repairs at the gas station with gift cards that pay cash back to the Temple. You might consider giving SCRIP to your family as well!

The success of our SCRIP program is so important to the Temple's financial 'bottom line' and **you can make a difference!**

Contact Sandra Mamis, SCRIP Coordinator, for more information: 463-2678 or scrip@vassartemple.org.

Our Confirmation Class of 2011

On Sunday morning, May 22nd, five high school sophomores marked the completion of their Religious School studies at Vassar Temple by confirming their commitment to their Jewish heritage. The beautiful and moving service was conducted by the Confirmands and included the reading of thoughtful essays they had written about contemporary moral dilemmas ranging from the ethics of stem cell research to the treatment of animals.



Pictured from left to right are: Front row: Kelly Marcus, Marissa Zaritsky; Second row: David Chernack, Rabbi Paul Golomb, Adam Rosenfeld, Matt Mahlke.

Outdoor Shabbat Service



On Friday evening, June 10th, our Shabbat service was held outdoors on the temple lawn after a picnic supper. It was lovely to welcome Shabbat under the trees on a beautiful spring evening.

New Director for Our Religious School

After two successful years as the Director of our Religious School, Rabbi Shoshana Hantman was offered a position nearer to her home in Westchester. We thank her for her service to our congregation and wish her all the best for the future.

As of July 1st, we are fortunate to have as our new Religious School Director Dr. Joel M. Hoffman, an experienced educator and accomplished scholar and author who looks forward to leading our teachers and inspiring our students and their families to learn more about Hebrew and all aspects of Judaism.

A summa cum laude graduate of Brandeis University, Dr. Hoffman earned

his PhD in Linguistics from the University of Maryland. He has taught at all levels, from elementary school to university and rabbinical school, and has been the director of a 400-student religious school and a consultant to religious schools around the country as well as a leader of the Conference for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE).

Look for upcoming opportunities to meet Dr. Hoffman and get to know him and his exciting approach to education before the start of the new school year.



Dr. Hoffman

Spring Rummage Sale News Wrapup

As always, our April 10th rummage sale was busy! The weather cooperated and a lot of customers came by. This capped off a week of set-up and great support for our sale through donations by Vassar Temple members and friends. Special thanks to George Rugar and company for ably turning the social hall from rummage sale central back to a very pleasant space in which to hold our Sisterhood Donor dinner two days later! The volunteers who set up and helped at the sale were as great as ever and we had more kids and husbands joining this year. Sandi Rugar keeps us going with a huge amount of office support; thanks, Sandi! Men's Club continues to be available when we need their help. Thanks to all!

Here are all the people who volunteered: Judy Rosenfeld, Doris Feitelson, Sue Barbash, Emily Himelstein, Lisa Rubenstein, Ann Harmuth and Mom Jean,

Carmela Ravi, Tara Lerman, Wendy Giangrasso, Hilary Wrobel, Linda Babas, Perla Kaufman, Stan Marcus, Melissa Erlebacher, Rachel Erlebacher, Brianna Erlebacher, Seth Lerman, Kassie Lerman, Joan Reifler, Susan and Andrew Needelman, Nadine Zaritsky, Lois Mendel, and those who may have forgotten to sign in!

Please think about joining the Rummage Sale Crew. We work hard, have fun, and raise \$2,500 - \$3,000 per year for Vassar Temple Sisterhood and Vassar Temple. We'll see you in the fall!

*Roni Stein, Lisa-Sue Quackenbush,
Ann Lerman
Rummage Co-Chairs*

Read what Temple Member Susan Hecht says about SCRIP

"We have committed to using SCRIP for our predictable weekly shopping and order it periodically so there's minimal work involved. We were taken with the idea that, were all members to take this step, the temple's financial issues would be significantly and positively impacted. SCRIP also makes great gifts for our kids away at college, since we can get cards for their local stores."

Hunger Does Not Take a Vacation

Please stop by the temple this summer and drop a non-perishable food item into our Can Jam bin in the hall. And if you can deliver a month's worth of collected foods (about 8 paper bags) to a local food pantry once this year, please contact Nancy and Adam Samson (canjam123@aol.com or 462-4828).

We will resume cooking and serving a meal for our hungry neighbors at Lunch Box the first Sunday of the month starting on Labor Day weekend. We are lining up helpers already, so if you would like to shop, shlep, cook and/or serve, Jenny Krevolin would love to hear from you at JKrevolin@frontiernet.net or 876-6232. This is a wonderful activity for those seeking community service credits – or just that warm feeling you get from working with others for a good cause.

Social Action

Holidays Through a Jewish Lens: The Fourth of July

On Independence Day, we remember our nation's fight for freedom that occurred centuries ago. This holiday allows us to reflect on the freedom that we personally enjoy. Yet we must also be open to the realization that people all over the world still lack the basic human rights that we take for granted. As Jews, we should remember that ancient call for freedom as we continue to fight for liberty throughout the world: "You shall proclaim liberty throughout the land, for all its inhabitants." (Leviticus 25:10).



Calling All Knitters!

The Audrey Morgenstern Knitting Group will continue to meet during the summer in an air-conditioned room at the JCC on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. This is a friendly interdenominational group which gets together to create clothing and blankets for those in need in the community. If you do not knit or crochet they will be happy to teach you, and if you knit at home they will be happy to distribute what you make, or turn your squares into a lovely afghan for an appreciative person in a nursing home. They also welcome donations of washable wool, knitting needles, and money to purchase same. Questions? Contact Dr. Linda Tafapolsky of Jewish Family Services at jfs@jewish-dutchess.org or 471-9817.

Reform Jewish Voice Advocates in Albany

Progressive advocates from Reform Jewish Voice of New York State (RJV) joined with Interfaith Impact of New York State (IINYS) in Albany in mid-May to lobby for strengthened government ethics and an independent redistricting commission, in support of the Reproductive Health Act, and for equality in civil marriage. RJV brings Reform Jewish values and the spirit of tikkun olam – repairing the world – to state policy makers through an extensive network of individuals and Reform congregations from throughout the state.

RJV involves more than 100 Reform congregations in New York State, with nearly 100,000 members, as advocates for progressive social and economic policies at the state level. IINYS represents congregations, clergy and lay leaders from mainline Protestant, Reform Jewish, Unitarian Universalist, and other faith traditions across the state working for the common good through progressive religious values. For more information about RJV, visit www.rjvnys.org. For information about Interfaith Impact, visit www.interfaithimpactnys.org.

You can keep informed on current social justice issues in New York State by signing up for e-bulletins from the Reform Jewish Voice of NYS (<http://rac.org/advocacy/jrv/>). Your source for Reform Jewish views on national and international issues is the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (<http://rac.org>) which has become a powerful voice both in Washington and internationally.

Japan Relief Report

Jewish Chaplains Memorial

The Jewish Chaplains monument legislation has passed in the House and Senate!

Our thanks to all of you who worked for this bill and made it possible.

*Vassar Temple
Social Action Committee*

Many in the Jewish community have made donations toward Japan earthquake/tsunami relief through the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The JDC has funneled your donations, totaling over \$2.1 million, to a myriad of vital projects on the ground, working through its partner agencies in Japan, including UNICEF, the International Rescue Committee, and Chabad. It also helped fund the IDF field hospital set up in Minamisariku, a town where half of the 17,000 residents died in the tsunami. With cooperation of the American School, the JDC bought desks and chairs for three schools

in the city of Ishinomaki, and, in tandem with Tokyo English Life Line, is providing psycho-social support services and training more than 100 mental health professionals who work with children and the elderly to help those most vulnerable cope emotionally as they move ahead to rebuild.

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Steven Mamis receiving his Master's De-
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Doi Cohen
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Lyn Lewis

Harry Mamis' Retirement

SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES

To Elaine Lipschutz Sandra & Harry Mamis

WITH DEEP APPRECIATION TO

Linda Cantor & Ed Rosenberg
for leading the Tuesday night Meditation
Group

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July 1

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Fay Menken
Audrey S. Morgenstern
Blanche Weber
Cornelius Saperstein
Dr. Camilla Reznikoff Wygan
Morris Silberman
Eva Tofel
Nay Wisdom
Kitty Kraus
Dr. Sheldon J. Solomon
Dr. Jacob Kronman
Ethel Scheer
M. Fred Praeger
Leonard Rapp
Lillian Lampell
Hillard Mann
Anne Kahn
James Quackenbush
Sallie Cohen
Celia Ribbi

July 8

Michael Wrobel
Edith Posner
Samuel E. Trivers
Lloyd Fertig
Lawrence L. Landau
Dora Rosenmann
Winona Rosenthal
Michael L. Solomon
Linda Fertig Waldman
Lillian Edelman
Max Uttal
Max Kapner

July 15

Merlin B. Lass
Marshall Effron
Hyman Schwartz
Leon R. Bloom
Gertrude Krugman
Edward Moffit, Jr
Shirley Green Chertock
Minnie Lass
Sylvia Reifler Silberman
Ida Cohen
Philip Cohen
Henry Klein
Cynthia R. Feldman
Elsie Goldberg
Dr. Sidney S. Cohen
Jerry Bass
Elsie Lustig
Sol Present
Robert J. Creedon, Sr.
Samuel Browne
Ludwig Willner

July 22

Herbert Klein
Dr. Alan E. Apfel
Flora M. Hoffman
David Clearfield
Jennie Worona
Saul A. Lazarus
Dr. Robert Kohan
Cary Lutwin
William Schrock
Ethel Marcus
Minnie Schudroff Coleman
James Effron
Meta Altman
Dr. Benjamin Leeds
Fanny Bronfeld
Gertrude Rosenthal
Robert H. Lipschutz
Irving Schwartz
Cecelia Riechman
Sylvia Soirefman

July 29

Charlotte Wechsler
Louis Gellert
Julius Lazarus
Martin L. Dreyfuss, MD
Adele Stern
Lillian Rosen
Hortense Feldman
Florence Levitch
Sam Lessin
Siegfried Frank
David Krevolin

If you would like to take a tour of these URJ camps with Rabbi Golomb, plan to drive up on Sunday, July 10th. Or choose a day that's convenient for you.

EISNER AND CRANE LAKE
UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM CAMPS

Tour Eisner and Crane Lake This Summer
Most Sundays & Thursdays, 10 AM and 2 PM and other dates throughout the summer. Visit eisnercranelake.urjcamps.org/tour for dates and to sign up.

- Celebrate Reform Judaism
- Swim, ski or splash in our lake or pool
- Fantastic sports...arts...activities
- Great campers & counselors who return summer after summer

Announcing a New Program

CAMP CHAZAK
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21-28, 2011

- 7-day Jewish overnight camp
- Geared for children with social developmental delays, ages 9-13
- All of the great traditions and activities of Eisner and Crane Lake Camps
- Recreational and therapeutic environment where campers can succeed

visit eisnercranelake.urjcamps.org/chazak
or email us for more information

EISNERCRANELAKE.URJCAMPS.ORG
Before June 1: 201.722.0400
Eisner after June 1: 413.528.1652
Crane Lake after June 1: 413.232.4257
eisnercranelake@urj.org

You Can Help with Tornado Relief

The tornados, storms and floods which continue to affect the mid-section of our country shock us with their effect on our fellow Americans and, in the spirit of tikkun olam (the repair of the world), make us want to help.

The URJ is sending financial donations where they are needed most for relief and rebuilding in the stricken communities. Other than direct expenses (such as credit card fees), the URJ takes no administrative overhead from relief funds.

To make a donation online go to www.urj.org/give and click on Disaster Relief (on the left). Or checks can be mailed to:

Union for Reform Judaism
Attn: Tornado/Storm Relief
633 Third Ave.
New York, NY 10017

Checks made out to URJ-Tornado/Storm Relief and cash can also be put into our Vassar Temple tzedakah box on the table in the hall.

If you would like to provide hands-on assistance, here are some possibilities:

NECHAMA, the Jewish Response to Disaster, will assist those who join them for a week this summer in finding housing and arranging meals. Contact info@nechama.org about volunteering, or for more general information, visit www.nechama.org.

TEYN YAD (Lend a Hand) has been formed by Rabbi Jonathan Miller of Reform congregation Temple Emanuel in Birmingham, Alabama to provide relief for local tornado victims. If you are interested in lending a hand but need assistance finding volunteer work, housing and meals,

contact Rabbi Miller at jmiller916@yahoo.com.

The Jewish Federation in Birmingham is referring people who would like to come down and help out to contact HANDS ON BIRMINGHAM through www.handsonbirmingham.org.

Thank you from the Vassar Temple Social Action Committee for any way that you can give help and hope to the tornado victims.

Jewish War Veterans Schedule Meeting

Pvt. Herman Siegal Post #625, of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will not hold a monthly meeting during July 2011; the annual installation luncheon on June 26 will substitute for the July meeting. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at the Jewish Community Center at 110 Grand Avenue in Poughkeepsie. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

All veterans and active duty personnel, regardless of gender are invited to attend. Date and branch of service does not matter. World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, Cold War, Granada, Panama, Gulf 1, Balkan, Afghanistan and Iraq veterans are invited. Membership is open to all veterans regardless of whether their service was active, National Guard, Reserves or are still serving. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information call Ralph Schwartz at 849-0025 or email RSCHWA9881@aol.com.



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Men's Club President:	Joel Zaritsky
Youth Group President:	Rachel Erlebacher
Immediate Past President:	Sandra Mamis



July 2011 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 August Bulletin deadline CAN JAM Weekend 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by Art Menken	2 9am Torah Study
3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 10am SEP	6	7 10am SEP	8 Flyers Deadline 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by Sandra Mamis, with Joe Bertolozzi	9 9am Torah Study
10	11	12 10am SEP	13	14 10am SEP	15 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by Doi Cohen & Lou Lewis	16
17	18	19 10am SEP	20	21 10am SEP	22 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by Ron Rosen	23 9am Torah Study
24	25 7pm Board	26 10am SEP	27	28 10am SEP	29 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by Dave Wolf & Joel Kelson	30 9am Torah Study
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