



Vassar Temple Bulletin

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Get on Board! Don't Miss the Boat!

Your last chance to book passage for our Moveable Feast: A Cruise Around the World is June 4th! Contact Marsha now at feast@vassartemple.org or 462-1862 to reserve your place at the table at the home of one of our hosts on Saturday evening, June 18th. The dinners begin at 6:00 and at 9:00 we will all gather to top off the evening at a Viennese Table of special desserts at the



temple, with musical entertainment by Joe Bertolozzi.

To see the menus, go to www.vassartemple.org/feast or call the temple office for an invitation. Several homes are already all booked up so don't wait to join the fun!

Sisterhood Closing Dinner on June 16th

Sisterhood's annual Share-a-Salad Supper will be held this year at Lisa Rubenstein's house, 15 Briar Patch Lane, Pleasant Valley, on Thursday, June 16th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dairy/vegetarian salad to share and come prepared to enjoy the good food and the company of your Sisterhood friends.

RSVP by Friday, June 10th and get driving directions by emailing Lisa at lisarubenstein1@gmail.com (email preferred) or by calling her at 635-9542.



Picnic and Outdoor Shabbat Service on June 10th

Join your Vassar Temple family in welcoming summer with a picnic on the temple's front lawn on Friday evening, June 10th at 6:15! Bring your own picnic supper, including paper goods and drinks. Challah and juice for the kiddush will be provided by our Sisterhood.

The Shabbat service that evening will also be held outdoors on the temple lawn, beginning at 7:30. Be sure to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on during the service, as well as at the picnic.

Instead of using our regular prayer book, a special handout will guide us through the "camp style" service. There will be lots of singing, with guitar accompaniment, as well as readings by congregants – sure to put you in the vacation spirit.

In case of rain, picnic suppers will be eaten in the social hall and the special service will take place in the sanctuary.



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Rabbi's Message: ISRAEL on FIFTH AVENUE

On Sunday, June 5th, the annual Salute to Israel Parade will travel up Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. Vassar Temple, along with the other synagogues and Jewish institutions in Dutchess County, will be there to watch it, and thereby essentially participate in the celebration.



I certainly look forward to you being part of the group in attendance.

What does it mean to support Israel? Alas, this is a harder question to ask than it was, say, thirty years ago. The difference between then and now is not external. Israel in the late '70s and early '80s confronted international attacks on its legitimacy. It struggled with control of territories that were the home of millions of Palestinians. The possibility of terror attacks was a daily reality. There were deep divisions within the Jewish State between religious and secular, liberal and Orthodox. And now, today, thirty years later, all of these concerns persist: delegitimacy movements, rockets occasionally raining down on villages

and neighborhoods, a large and truculent non-Jewish population in occupied territories, and deep divisions within the society.

The real difference between then and now is that so little has structurally changed, and it is getting exhausting. Levels of tolerance and tempers are much shorter. Worse still, indifference is creeping in. Opposition to Israel within the Jewish community is not growing, but support – active, concerned and sustained support – is becoming weaker. No one wins in this circumstance; not Israel and not ourselves as the people Israel.

The old saying reminds us that the devil is in the details. It is also occasionally the case that the devil *is* the details. So it is with our relationship as American Jews to Israel. The details are the issues I have mentioned, that have been a persistent feature of the Jewish State since its founding sixty-three years ago. How to achieve peace with security, and pluralistic democracy with harmony are the questions that bedevil every modern state. Do you think the United States has solved it? Then, why are there U.S. military troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and why are

elections filled with attack ads? When we get bogged down in the details, we tend to lose sight of the extraordinary assets that made looking at the details worth it in the first place.

Israel, despite its persistent problems and despite its currently weak leadership, is an extraordinary achievement. Its challenges with respect to the Palestinians, or even with respect to its own ultra-Orthodox citizens, are not going to be solved either easily or soon. Yet, there is enough creativity, enough dynamism, and enough caring among Jews everywhere, that we all have a right to believe that they will indeed be solved.

All that is asked of you right now is, first, not despair, and second, show up on Sunday, June 5th, in NYC for a parade.

Rabbi Paul Golomb

P.S. If you want to go to the parade with others from Dutchess County, call the Jewish Federation at 471-9811 or email director@jewishdutchess.org.

President's Message



In this month's message I want to remind you of some important upcoming events during the month of June.

On Friday, June 10th we will celebrate Shabbat under the stars with our annual outdoor picnic and service on the temple front lawn. All families are encouraged to bring their picnic dinner and lawn chairs or blankets. After dinner we will welcome Shabbat with song and prayer.

On Friday, June 17th we will thank our outgoing board members and install our new board members during services. I'd like to thank our four outgoing board members for their dedicated service on our board and to our congregation. They are Ed Garber, Linda Lant, Sandor Mar-

golin, and Lois Mendel Taylor.

On Saturday, June 18th Vassar Temple will hold a "Cruise Around the World," our 2011 Moveable Feast. You have the opportunity to sign up for a gourmet dinner hosted by one of your fellow congregants at their home. Following dinner, we will all meet back at the temple for a lavish dessert table and entertainment provided by our very own organist, Joe Bertolozzi. The Moveable Feast is both a fund raiser for the congregation and a "fun" raiser. You can find more information and all the menus for the Moveable Feast on our web site at http://vassartemple.org/feast/feast_front.html. The deadline for reservations is June 4th.

Friday, June 24th will be our final "regular" Friday night service for the year. During July and August, members of our congregation will lead services each Friday evening in the social hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome Shabbat each week with your fellow congregants.

I look forward to seeing you at some or all of these events in June and throughout the summer.

Seth Erlebacher

Note: All Board and Committee Meetings, except Executive Sessions, are open to all Temple members. Community Hebrew School of Dutchess County is the Hebrew Education Division of Vassar Temple.

Worship Services

Friday, June 3

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 4

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Bat Mitzvah of Reisa Turner

Tuesday, June 7 *Erev Shavuot*

8:00 p.m. Tikkun Study at Temple Beth-El

Wednesday, June 8 *Shavuot*

10:00 a.m. Yizkor Service

Friday, June 10

7:30 p.m. Outdoor Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 11

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, June 17

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service with Rabbi Golomb
and Cantorial Soloist, Elisa Dugatkin
Installation of Trustees

Saturday, June 18

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. New Paths Service

Friday, June 24

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 25

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, July 1

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 2

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Scriptural Readings

June 3 & 4 Naso

Numbers 4:21-5:10

Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

June 10 & 11 B'ha'alotkha

Numbers 8:1-9:14

Haftarah: Zachariah 2:14-4:7

June 17 & 18 Shelah L'kha

Numbers 13:1-14:7

Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24

June 24 & 25 Korah

Numbers 16:1-17:15

Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22

July 1 & 2 Hukat (Rosh Hodesh)

Numbers 19:1-20:21

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24



**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)!

**New Paths Service on
Saturday, June 18th at 10:00 a.m.**

The New Paths service is an opportunity for Sabbath morning worship in a warm, innovative setting that encourages interactive participation in discussion and prayer. We draw upon a rich variety of both traditional prayers and contemporary readings which can provide new paths toward spiritual growth for us as Jews in our contemporary world. Join us for New Paths in the sunlit East Chapel on Saturday, June 18th at 10:00 a.m. and stay for a brief informal Kiddush afterward. For more information please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Golomb at 454-2570 or rabbi@vassartemple.org.

Welcome Shavuot on June 7th in Shared Study at Beth-El

On Tuesday evening, June 7th at 8:00 p.m., we will join other Jews from the community at Temple Beth-El for traditional dairy refreshments and a study session on the eve of the holiday of Shavuot. The topic to be discussed this year by Rabbis Golomb, Loevinger and Polish is "Revisiting the Sh'ma: Three Rabbis, Three Readings."

Shavuot is one of the three "pilgrimage" festivals. It celebrates the harvest of the first fruits and also commemorates the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. The observance of Shavuot includes a reading of the Ten Commandments and the Book of Ruth (because Ruth freely accepted the responsibilities connected with acceptance of the Torah). It is customary to study late into the night (*tikkun leil Shavuot*) as a way of preparing spiritually to receive the Torah. Our discussion usually ends around 10:30 and is always lively and interesting. Join us!

Mazal Tov

To **Matt & Muriel Lampell**, in honor of the birth of their great granddaughter, April Elizabeth Endicott on April 15th. Proud grandparents are Karen & Kirk Endicott.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebrations

Everyone is welcome at the service and Kiddush as we celebrate with Bar/Bat Mitzvah families at Vassar Temple. To be called to the Torah in June:

June 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Reisa Turner,

daughter of Richard & Sharon Turner

Pulpit Flowers

- April 28 In memory of Edith Friedland Kaufherr
from Esther Reisman.
- June 3 In honor of Reisa Turner's Bat Mitzvah
with love from her family.
- June 10 Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- June 17 Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- June 24 In honor of Stella & Jed Turk's 25th wedding anniversary.

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.



Melissa Erlebacher presents Roni Stein with the Evelyn Kahn Award

Don't Miss Your Own Birthday!

The entire congregation joins in the celebration when you are invited onto the *bimah* for a special blessing (and a special treat!) at Shabbat services during the month of your birthday or anniversary.

Starting this spring, a representative of the Reyut ("Friendship") Committee will contact you by email or phone to pass along best wishes for your *simcha*, along with a reminder of the Shabbat date during which your special occasion will be marked.

Our source for birthdays and anniversaries is the annual Sisterhood calendar. Don't be left out! When you receive a mailing in early fall, be sure to submit your special dates for inclusion in the calendar.

Sisterhood Welcomes Spring at Donor Dinner

At Vassar Temple Sisterhood's annual Donor Dinner on April 12th, past president Melissa Erlebacher presented the Evelyn Kahn Award to Roni Stein. Roni, also a past Sisterhood president as well as a former president of the Jewish Community Center, was honored for her dedication to Sisterhood, the congregation and the community for the last ten years.

The dinner was chaired by Sandra Maxis who carried out its theme, "Spring is in the Air," through creative culinary treats provided by Sisterhood members and a capella entertainment by the After Hours Quartet.



Here Sandra is pictured with her daughter Rachel.

NEEDED:

Someone with graphic-design and page-layout skills to help create a "landing page" for a social media marketing campaign for Vassar Temple. Interested in helping? Email Bob Abrams, chair of our Public Relations Caucus, bobabrams1@yahoo.com.

Thanks for Bimah Railing

Many thanks to Howard Himmelstein for building and installing a railing on the front steps leading to the bimah. The railing makes it easier and safer for everyone to come up for honors, etc.

Refuah Shelemah

To our temple members, **Elaine Lipschutz, Gayle Margolin and Charlotte Miller**, 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. New 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

The Vassar Temple Library Committee is hard at work shelving the last of the books that were catalogued. We will meet, probably before this bulletin arrives, to decide on the initial acquisitions in our program for bringing our holdings up to date.

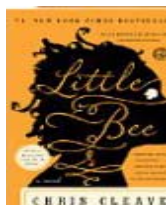
One thing that has become apparent to me during the cataloguing process is that virtually all our video materials are in VHS format. In addition, they are quite old. Granted, there are some classics among them, but much needs to be updated. One way everyone could help would be to donate Chai (\$18) to the Library Fund to be directed toward the renovation of that part of our collection. It is an ideal way to commemorate and honor a special person or event.

I was most pleased to see that, of the 75 or so duplicate books I made available to the membership on a small table in our entry hall, virtually all found new homes and we received upwards of \$50 in donations, making it a very successful venture. As we accumulate more duplicates, they too will be out on that table. Thanks to all the anonymous contributors!

*Art Groten, Chair
Library Committee*

Our Library Needs a Computer

We want to make Vassar Temple's Nathan Reifler Library even more useful by providing a couple of computers with flat-panel monitors on the library table so people can access the internet there for research, etc. If you no longer need your desktop computer with flat-panel monitor, keyboard and mouse, please contact Seth Erlebacher at president@vassar temple.org or Ron Rosen at rrosen@alum.mit.edu. Your donation will be tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.



Book Club to Discuss "Little Bee" on June 22nd

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave, a haunting novel about the tenuous friendship between an illegal Nigerian refugee and a recent widow from suburban London, on Wednesday afternoon, June 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Colledgeview Tower, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

Little Bee is a Nigerian girl who has learned to talk like the Queen. She has been held in an immigration detention center east of London for two years when her life becomes entangled, by accident, with the life of Sarah, a white British magazine editor whose life has lost its meaning. As these two survivors learn how to help each other, their relationship feels perfectly natural and hope emerges out of terrible circumstances. This fascinating and believable book is available in paperback and from the local library system.

Linda Babas will lead the discussion, to which everyone is welcome, and Jean Malkischer will provide light refreshments. To RSVP or get more information, contact Doi Cohen at 462-6193 or dcohen1230@gmail.com.

Lunch Box Thanks

On Sunday, May 1st, Sisterhood provided a meal of Hot Dogs and Baked Beans to several hundred men, women and children in Dutchess County. The staff at the Family Partnership said it was a larger crowd than usual. They were thankful that we had extra supplies on hand and many helpers to prepare and serve as well. Thank you to the following Temple members who donated food: Marianne Abrams, Linda Babas, Laura Brundage, Doi Cohen, Judy Creedon, Vivian Garber, Susan Hecht, Amy Horn Oclatis, Perla Kaufman, Marilyn Lampell, Muriel Lampell, Wendy Marcus, Lisa-

Sue Quackenbush, Esther Reisman, Judy Rosenfeld, Lisa Rubenstein, Nancy Samson, Marian Schwartz, Roni Stein, Melissa Wall and Lennie Wurtzel. Thank you to the many members and families who also donated time in preparing and serving the meal that day: Linda Babas, Lisa Rubenstein, Roni Stein, Wendy, Ben, Rachel & Stan Marcus, Lisa-Sue, Kiley & Kurt Quackenbush. The people we served may have walked away with full bellies, but we all walked away with full hearts; truly a Win-Win for everyone involved.

Read what Temple Member Laura Brundage says about SCRIP

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From the Finance Committee

As we close out our fiscal year 2010/2011 this month please make sure that your final membership dues, annual Capital fund fee, and other payments are received in the office no later than June 22, 2011 so that they can be counted as part of this year's income. Thanks to all members for your financial support of Vassar Temple this past year.

Travels of a Mezuzah: Reflections on Eternal Torah



During 2010 a substantial portion of the Vassar Temple congregation participated in the unique experience of *Eternal Torah: Restoring*

Vassar Temple's Scrolls. Perhaps you were lucky enough to attend the celebrations or to fill in your own letter on the parchment, fulfilling the commandment (*mitzvah*) that every Jew participate in writing a Torah. Or perhaps you were even luckier to have one of the numerous behind-the-scenes jobs required to bring the project to fruition. But I think that I may have been the most fortunate volunteer because, behind the camera taking seemingly endless close-up commemorative photos, I was privy to individuals' raw emotional reactions as they took quill in hand.

One of the most memorable conversations I overheard was between the scribe, Rabbi Moshe Druin, and congregants Joan and Jeffrey Ollendorff. The exchange captured what was, for me, the intergenerational essence of the *Eternal Torah* project. Fascinated by their story, I asked the Ollendorffs for permission to share it with the congregation.

Joan's father, Paul Lieberman, was an American soldier during World War II and participated in the liberation of the concentration camps. Throughout his service he wore a *mezuzah* which had been given to him on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah in 1935. Joan's son – Paul's grandson Jeffrey – now wears that same *mezuzah*, passed on to him at his own Bar Mitzvah in 2001 (pictured here). When they met with Rabbi Druin, Joan told its story and asked the Rabbi to bless it as they filled in a Torah letter. The story was extraordinarily moving for me as a listener, and I thought about it repeatedly. A short time later, during the High Holidays, I happened to have dinner with the Ollendorffs at a mutual friend's home. I told Joan and Jeffrey how much of an impact their story had on me. I was especially drawn to it because of my own late father's World War II service and the

many related artifacts that are now among my most prized possessions. I asked Joan to elaborate on what I had heard during *Eternal Torah*.

I learned that this family story was documented in the book *History on Trial* by Deborah E. Lipstadt. (The book is an account of Dr. Lipstadt's libel trial in a British court, after she characterized author David Irving as a Holocaust denier in her own writings. Lipstadt won the case, which resulted in a definitive written judgment detailing Irving's historical distortions. The trial has been described as one of the most important Holocaust-related trials.) On page 286 of the book, Dr. Lipstadt quotes the following letter of support written to her by Joan's mother, Marion Lieberman. One cannot improve upon Marion's original words in telling the story of the *mezuzah*:

My husband served with Patton and on a Sunday entered the "camps" at Dachau...He was a hardened combat veteran as were the 3 others who went in with him. They broke down in tears. He recalled an inmate pointing at him and screaming in Yiddish. He had not realized his dog tags, on which he had a tiny Bar Mitzvah mezuzah hanging, were visible. "Du bist ein Yid?" the inmate asked. [Are you a Jew?] When my husband said, "Yes" he was Jewish, more yelling and others gathered. They couldn't believe a free Jew walked the face of the earth, let alone a Jewish soldier! It took him 28 years to tell me this (in Jerusalem at Yad Vashem). He'd buried the memories of what he'd seen that deep...



In late October 2010 Dr. Lipstadt spoke about "Holocaust Denial" at Vassar College. The Ollendorffs had the opportunity to meet her in person and show her the *mezuzah* she had mentioned in her book. She remembered Joan's mother and the book she had autographed for Jeffrey, telling him that he had "a piece of history." During her lecture Dr. Lipstadt read from the book, including Marion's letter. "It still brings tears to my eyes," Joan said. "I had forgotten that Dr. Lipstadt also read my mother's letter at Yad Vashem in Israel when she spoke there a number of years ago."

Paul Lieberman also bequeathed his military paraphernalia to Jeffrey. These included his uniform, medals, items carried into combat (such as silk maps which didn't rattle like paper), mess and first aid kits, and so on. The family did not want to discard these mementos, but didn't want to keep them in the attic where they could deteriorate. Research led them to the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia, where Jeffrey decided to donate his grandfather's belongings. "The curators were thrilled to receive these items because they said they never had such a complete collection from one person," Joan explained. "Some of these items had been in Dachau along with the *mezuzah*. The two things my Dad was most proud of were being Jewish and being American, so the name and purpose of the museum seemed most appropriate." The museum, according to its website (www.nmajh.org) is "the only museum anywhere dedicated to chronicling the American Jewish experience. The core exhibition will offer a layered experience through which visitors will explore more than 350 years of Jewish life in America through evocative objects, telling moments, and state-of-the-art interactive technologies." The museum site also offers the opportunity for anyone to share a story of American Jewish life.

In November 2010 the Ollendorffs attended the grand opening of the museum. The original building having grown too small, a new structure was recently completed on Independence Square near the Liberty Bell site. "The best part is that my Dad's possessions and story are going to be part of the permanent exhibit," said Joan. "We are so thrilled and proud,

mezuzah *continued from page 6*

as I know my father would be, to have this honor.” The weekend-long celebration included a speech by Vice President Biden and a gala headlined by Jerry Seinfeld and Bette Midler. Founding members, including the Ollendorfs, were given a walk-through of the museum prior to its public opening. Joan described the weekend. “We’ve waited three years for this! What an amazing experience! The museum was more than I expected, and my father’s artifacts were beautifully displayed.” The creation of the new museum is commemorated in the book Dreams of Freedom. Presented with a copy for her birthday, Joan was surprised and delighted to discover several paragraphs about her father’s Army service accompanied by photographs of the exhibit.

As a tribute to Paul Lieberman after his death in 1997, Marion began to interview World War II veterans. Over a period of ten years she produced a series of articles on veterans for her local newspaper, meeting with approximately 55 individuals and expanding her interviews to include all branches of the military and covering many different wars. Marion’s purpose was “to document their personal experiences, a ‘living history’ that otherwise might be forever lost.” Joan considers her mother “a voice for many of these veterans who, like my father, had buried their horrific memories of war so deep.”

My exchanges with the Ollendorfs following *Eternal Torah* moved me to return to my own father’s WWII correspondence and to take his carefully preserved

Navy uniform and souvenirs out of the closet for a visit. As I have grown older I have discovered new layers of meaning and guidance with each rereading of his letters, in which topics range from his philosophy of life to hilarious anecdotes about bartering with Philippine natives. This time, I searched for references to his feelings about religion. I look forward to passing the letters on to my own children to help them get to know their grandfather through his experiences in what was probably the most formative episode of his life. Like Jeffrey’s *mezuzah*, these worldly objects are vessels containing and connecting me to family history, just as the Torah holds our shared history. Both are to be treasured and examined anew for what they can teach us.

Susan Karnes Hecht

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Contact the SCRIP coordinator for more information on becoming a SCRIP supporter today [Sandra Mamis: 463-2678; scrip@vassar-temple.org]. Look on page 5 to learn what Laura Brundage says about shopping with SCRIP!

Social Action

Thanks to all who helped make our most recent projects happen: Mitzvah Day, Cereal Counts, and the great work of our Sisterhood in sponsoring the last Lunch Box we’ll be doing until fall.

But there is still plenty to do right now and throughout summer. Hunger does not take a vacation. Please don’t forget to stop by with donations of non-perishables for our Can Jam bin. Volunteers are sorely needed to transport the food we collect to a local food pantry once this year. If you can help, Nancy Samson would love to hear from you at CanJam123@aol.com or 462-4828.

If you go on vacation, please save any extra miniature toiletries from your hotel. Toiletries of all sizes, as well as men’s pajamas, pillows, and washable bedding, all in good condition are needed at the Hudson River Housing shelters. To donate any of these items, please call our member Judy Harkavy at 471-4973.

A fun and meaningful activity you can do with your family over the summer is to record a children’s book that will be donated to a local children’s community center or hospital. For all the info, help and equipment you’ll need, please contact Susan Hecht at socialaction@vassar-temple.org.

Summer is also a time for planning, so if you have suggestions for new social action projects or would like to be part of our team, please let me know at socialaction@vassar-temple.org. If you are interested in interfaith relations, marriage equality (GLBT, etc. rights), the struggle against acts of genocide, or environmental issues, we would especially like to hear from you.

Wishing you all a relaxed and fulfilling summer~

*Marian Schwartz,
Social Action Committee Chairman*

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Israel Scouts Coming to Town on June 20th

The Tzofim Friendship Caravan, also known as the Israel Scouts, is once more coming to Dutchess County on June 20th to sing, teach and show us the face of Israel's future. The ten 16- and 17 year-olds will be hosted by local families, visit schools, meet with our youth, and give a concert for the entire community on **Monday evening, June 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 118 S. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie.**

Sponsored by Temple Beth-El, Vas-sar Temple, Congregation Shir Chadash, and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, this high-energy concert will have people from all backgrounds dancing and singing along with the teenagers. There will be a dessert reception after the concert and CDs of the group singing will be available for purchase.

If purchased in advance, tickets for the concert cost \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (age 5-12). Children under 5 are free and there is a cap of \$35 per family of two adults with children. Reserve your tickets by calling Temple Beth-El at 454-0570 by June 17th. If purchased at the door, tickets cost \$15 per adult and \$8 per child, with a cap of \$50 per family.

For a donation of \$100 you can be a patron of the Israel Scouts, receiving two tickets to the concert in the reserved section and an invitation to a casual 5:00 p.m. pre-concert kosher dinner. Benefactors who donate \$200 will receive concert tickets in the reserved section for their immediate family (parents-children or grandparents-grandchildren) and an invitation to the dinner. To become a patron or to host a Scout on Monday night, June 20th, contact Susan Canning at

845.454.0570.

Members of the Caravan travel all over North America, performing more than four hundred shows each summer while spreading a message of peace, friendship and brotherhood, thus strengthening the relationship between Israel and both the Jews and the non-Jews who meet them. Their concerts are always exciting and uplifting.



Interfaith Music Festival on June 5th

Another wonderful Interfaith Music Festival will take place on Sunday, June 5th at 4:00 p.m. at New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376, Wappingers Falls. Sponsored by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council (471-7333; www.dutchessinterfaithcouncil.org) the concert's theme is "The Many Faces of God."

Among the performers will be the Klokken Ringers & Organist of New Hackensack Reformed Church, Singers & Dancers of the Hindu Samaj, Shalom Singers & Children's Choir of Temple Beth-El, Daughters of Zion Dancers of St. Mark's AME Zion Church, children's choirs and the Interfaith Choir. The suggested donation is \$10; children under 12 are free. This event is always uplifting so plan to attend!

African Countries Honor Apartheid-fighting Jews with Stamps

Liberia, Sierra Leone and Gambia have issued a set of black and white commemorative postal sheets honoring twelve courageous Jews who made grave personal sacrifices to make a difference fighting apartheid in South Africa. The stamps depict, as some of the most significant contributors to global humanity in the 20th Century, from Liberia: Helen Suzman, Eli Weinberg, Esther Barsel and Hymie Barsel; from Sierra Leone: Yetta Barenblatt, Ray Alexander Simons, Baruch Hirson and Norma Kitson; and from Gambia: Ruth First, Hilda Bernstein, Lionel "Rusty" Bernstein and Ronald Segal.

To view the stamps and learn more about these courageous Jews who in many cases risked their own lives to fight for human rights, go to <http://legendary-heroesofafrica.com/>

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June 2011 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 JULY Bulletin Articles Deadline 5:30pm Calendar Meeting 6:30-8:30pm RS 8-10 Pizza	2 10am SEP	3 CAN JAM Weekend 7:30pm Shabbat Service	4 9am Torah Study 10am Bat Mitzvah Reisa Turner
5 9am-12pm RS K-7	6 7pm Board	7 EREV SHAUVOT FLYERS Deadline 10am SEP 12pm Talmud 8pm Tikkun Study @ Temple Beth-El	8 SHAUVOT Office closed 10am Yizkor Service	9 10am SEP	10 6:15pm Picnic 7:30pm Outdoor Shab- bat Service	11 9am Torah Study
12 9am-12pm RS K-7	13	14 10am SEP 12pm Talmud	15	16 10am SEP 6pm VTS Closing Dinner	17 7:30pm Shabbat Service Installation of Trustees	18 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths 6pm Moveable Feast begins
19	20	21 10am SEP 12pm Talmud	22 2pm VTS Book Club	23 10am SEP	24 7:30pm Shabbat Service	25 9am Torah Study
26	27 7:15pm Ritual	28 10am SEP 12pm Talmud	29	30 10am SEP		