



Vassar Temple Bulletin

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Hot Dog Social on September 11th

On Sunday, September 11th, the opening day of Religious School for grades K-7, join us for our annual Hot Dog Social at 11:45 a.m. Our Sisterhood and Men's Club are sponsoring this event to let you know how you can get involved with their activities and those of the Social Action Committee. Vegetarian options will be available.

Come and meet your fellow temple members! Parents, take advantage of this chance to arrange a carpool!

Donations will be accepted for Vassar Temple's Community Tzedakah Fund to support our sponsorship of the Lunch Box at the Family Partnership Center.

Brought back by popular demand ~ a Special Evening on November 5th

Vassar Temple Celebrates the Hudson Valley with a dinner featuring local products on Saturday evening, November 5th ~

It will be more of a fun-raiser than a fund-raiser ~ Mark your calendar now!

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Sandra Mamis to Receive Arnold Award at Selichot Program on September 24th

Our annual Selichot program will begin at 7:30 on Saturday, September 24th with a festive dessert buffet in the social hall, followed by a Havdalah service and the presentation of the Rabbi Stephen A. Arnold Award for contributions to the spiritual life of the congregation to Sandra Mamis.

Before the brief and moving Selichot service, our members Dan Katz, a physician, and Peter and Bernice Edman, the recipients of the 1999 County Executive's Arts Award for contributions to the arts in Dutchess County, will each share brief reflections on the theme "This I Believe..." to encourage all of us to consider our own guiding values as another new year begins.

Join us for Selichot to get into the mood for the upcoming Days of Awe, as well as to honor Sandra and our speakers.



Sisterhood Opening Dinner on September 20th

Our Sisterhood's annual Opening Dinner will be held this year in the temple's social hall on Tuesday, September 20th. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 p.m. and a lovely catered dinner at 7:00. While we enjoy dessert, our member Wendy S. Marcus will tell us about her journey from being a nurse to becoming an author for Harlequin Medical Romances.

Plan to see your Sisterhood friends again after the summer and make new friends at our Opening Dinner while you

get to know another part of Wendy's life better. (Maybe you only know her as the organizer of many Shabbat dinners...) All Sisterhood members, potential members and guests are welcome!

Make your reservation by Tuesday, September 13th by calling Perla Kaufman at 463-2838 or emailing her at brandaliz5@optonline.net. Your check for \$20 made out to Vassar Temple Sisterhood, with "Opening Dinner" on the memo line, may be mailed to 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

High Holy Days Home Hospitality Needed

Vassar Temple has a long tradition of inviting college students in the area to share Yom Tov with us at Temple and at home. This is a wonderful way to enrich their High Holy Days experience—and your own. Please call the office at 454-2570 to let us know how many guests you would be willing to add at your table.

Rabbi's Message: TO BE A JEW



The High Holy Days commence toward the end of this month. At that time, virtually all of you will spend some time in the synagogue – either here at

Vassar Temple, or at another congregation with family and friends – sitting through a worship service. From my first year as a student rabbi assigned a pulpit with a tiny congregation in exurban Boston, to this day, I have pondered this phenomenon. There is little intrinsically attractive or entertaining about High Holy Day services. We can all think of more pleasant things to do with our time. Yet, we come.

If you put this question to

yourselves – What makes me go to the synagogue on Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur? – no doubt a variety of answers might arise: tradition, inertia, obligation, community, and others. Attaching itself to all of these possibilities is the elusive notion of being a Jew.

Why elusive? The opinions of the ultra-Orthodox notwithstanding, Jewishness or Jewish identity is extremely difficult to define. Objectively, one is a Jew (according to contemporary Orthodox standards) if one is the child of a Jewish mother, or formally converted. Even this definition is problematic: What constitutes a Jewish mother? (How many generations back must one go in order to certify Jewishness?) What constitutes a formal conversion? Even the Orthodox battle among themselves over this issue.

So, let's leave objectivity aside. Being Jewish is a complex of factors, and also a range of identities. The late comic Lenny Bruce once riffed that all New Yorkers are Jewish, especially the Italians. (Just think of George Constanza and family on Seinfeld!) Virtually everyone – and indeed, absolutely everyone directly connected to Vassar Temple – sitting in the sanctuary at any time on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur – whether born or raised a Jew or not – is exhibiting a measure of Jewish identity.

The Days of Awe spanning the two High Holy Days are traditionally a time for introspection. I warmly invite you to consider what is the part of you – memory, family, love, philosophy, whatever – that makes you a Jew.

And I especially call God's blessings upon you and your family for a happy, sweet and fruitful New Year.

Rabbi Paul Golomb



The month of September brings the return of our formal programming schedule at Vassar

Temple. Our Friday night services return to the sanctuary from the social hall on Friday, September 9th. I want to thank all of our members who led a service during the summer. I had the opportunity to attend a number of the services and they were all moving and meaningful. Our religious school program opens on Sunday, September 11th and will be followed by our annual hot dog social.

Our adult education program didn't stop over the summer as Rabbi Golomb continued leading Torah study. This program continues and Talmud study resumes on Tuesdays at noon. On Tuesday, September 13th our adult education program continues with a lecture on Syria by our member Martin Charwat. This is the first of a wide range of adult education offerings planned for the coming year. Be sure to check our online calendar and

future bulletins for more information.

Like our adult education programs, our social action programs never stop. We continue to prepare and serve a meal at the lunch box each month. Our first "Holy Rollers" event of the year will take place on Thursday, September 15th. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals and families to help maintain our scrolls while getting "up front and personal" with the Torah.

On Saturday, September 24th we will begin our High Holy Day observances with our annual Selichot program. The evening begins with dessert and the awarding of the Rabbi Arnold award to Sandra Mamis for her contributions to the spiritual life of Vassar Temple. Please join me in congratulating Sandra for this well deserved recognition of her dedication and commitment to our congregation. Our Selichot service will be highlighted by talks by our members Dan

Katz and Peter and Bernice Edman. If you have not recently attended Selichot, it's a wonderful way to start getting into the mood for the new year. We will continue our celebration of the High Holy Days with Rosh Hashanah services. Details about all the services can be found in this bulletin.

As you can see, September will be a busy month, like all months at Vassar Temple. I encourage you to seek out those programs and offerings which are of interest to you. Be sure to check our web site (www.vassartemple.org) frequently for information on what is going on at Vassar Temple.

Melissa, Rachel, and Brianna join me in wishing you and your family Shanah Tovah U'Metukah—a happy and sweet new year.

Seth Erlebacher

President's Message

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, September 2

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Sandra
Mamis and Doi Cohen with Joe Bertolozzi

Saturday, September 3

No Torah Study

Friday, September 9

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Golomb and
Cantorial Soloist, Elisa Dugatkin

Saturday, September 10

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

Friday, September 16

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, September 17

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. New Paths Service

Friday, September 23

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Golomb and
Cantorial Soloist, Elisa Dugatkin

Saturday, September 24 Selichot

9:00 a.m. Torah Service

7:30 p.m. Selichot Program & Service

Wednesday, September 28 Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:30 p.m. Early (Family) Service

8:00 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Service

Thursday, September 29 Rosh Hashanah Day

10:00 a.m. Morning Service

2:30 p.m. Children's Service

4:00 p.m. Tashlich Ceremony

Friday, September 30 2nd day Rosh Hashanah

10:00 a.m. Morning Service

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 1

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:00 a.m. New Paths Service

Scriptural Readings

September 2 & 3 Shoftim

Deuteronomy 16:18-18:5

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12-52:12

September 9 & 10 Ki Teitzei

Deuteronomy 21:10-23:7

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-10

September 16 & 17 Ki Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1-27:10

Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1-22

September 23 & 24 Nitzavim-Vayeilekh

Deuteronomy 29:9-30:14

Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:0

September 30 & October 1 Ha'azinu (Shabbat Shuva)

Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20;

Joel 2:15-27

New Paths Services

Please join us on Saturday, September 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the sunlit East Chapel. Inspiring and thought-provoking readings, time to think about and discuss the readings, and a brief informal kiddush afterward all make this a special, spiritual Shabbat experience. For more information about New Paths services, contact Rabbi Golomb (454-2570 or rabbi@vassartemple.org) or Marian Schwartz (mschwa9882@aol.com).

Tiny Temple Program for Young Children

Sunday, September 25th 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

“Celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur”

with activities, songs and stories –

and apples with honey to get

the new year off to a sweet start

For infants, toddlers,
pre schoolers and their parents

Open to the community free of charge
regardless of synagogue membership

To RSVP and for more information,
email tinytemple@vassartemple.org.



Vassar Temple High Holiday Services – 2011

Selichot Program and Service

Saturday September 24 7:30 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday September 28
Early Service (Family) 6:30 p.m.
Late Service 8:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Thursday September 29
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
Children's Service 2:30 p.m.

Tashlich Thursday, September 29 4:00 p.m.

At Muriel & Matt Lampell's home – 243 South Grand Avenue

Rosh Hashanah – 2nd Day

Friday September 30 10:00 a.m.

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday September 30 7:30 p.m.

Memorial Services at Cemetery

Sunday October 2 1:00 p.m.

Kol Nidre

Friday October 7
Early Service (Family) 6:30 p.m.
Late Service 8:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Saturday October 8
Morning Service 10:00 a.m.

High Holy Day Study with Rabbi Golomb in the Social Hall
Children's Service 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Service 2:45 p.m.
Yizkor Service 4:45 p.m.
Ne'ilah 5:30 p.m.

Please note: No tickets are required for any afternoon service, the Tashlich Ceremony and for the second day Rosh Hashanah

Break Your Fast at Temple Again This Year

At the conclusion of our Yom Kippur services, join with your Temple family and friends for a traditional dairy meal at the fifth annual Vassar Temple Break the Fast in our Social Hall. After praying together as a congregation, let's celebrate the beginning of the New Year with each other on Saturday, October 8th around 6:15 p.m., following Ne'ilah, the concluding Yom Kippur service, and the traditional Havdalah service led by our Youth Group.

In order to enjoy salads, kugel, eggs, cheese, vegetables, fruit, fish, bagels, sweets and more on October 8th, you must prepay your reservation by October 3rd. Just as it was last year, the cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 per child under 13, with a maximum of \$36 per family unit. Just send a check made payable to Vassar Temple, with Break the Fast on the memo line, to 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 before October 3rd.

To contribute food, or to be part of the fun of preparing for the Break the Fast, contact Sandra Mamis at 463-2678 or mamis@optonline.net.

Information Booklet Available for High Holy Days

To answer your questions and enhance your experience of the High Holy Days, Vassar Temple's Outreach Committee has prepared a booklet which will be available for you to pick up at temple before and during the High Holy Day season. Look for it on the table in the entry hall and just inside the door to the sanctuary.

Outreach is an effort by the Reform Jewish community to welcome and include everyone seeking a stronger connection to Judaism, including Jews-by-Choice, interfaith couples and families, parents of children in interfaith marriages, and anyone interested in learning more about Judaism. Outreach does not promote conversion of non-Jews but does help to foster their comfortable relationship with Judaism and sensitizes the Jewish community to the issues faced by Jews-by-Choice and intermarried couples.

Jennifer Dahnert, a member of the Outreach Committee and long-time Vassar Temple member, has volunteered to be a resource for interfaith families seeking specific support and guidance. Feel free to contact Jen at jedahnert@vassar.edu or 226-1158 to discuss your situation or issue. If Jen cannot answer your question herself, she will try to find someone who can.

*Debbie Carbo and Bob Ritter,
Co-chairs, Outreach Committee*





At 94, our long-time member Mim Oppenheimer looks wonderful and is glad to be able to share special times with her temple friends.

Pulpit Flowers

- September 2 Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- September 9 Vassar Temple Sisterhood
- September 16 In honor of their 25th Anniversary from Roni & Charles Stein
- September 23 In honor of Jenna Pfeffer's birthday from Helene Pfeffer
- September 28 In memory of Goldie Worona and Lou Worona
In memory of Richard Slater Cohen, MD from Doi Cohen
- September 30 In memory of Melvin Matlin, MD from Lila Matlin

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.



Wheelchair Now Available at Temple

Thanks to the generosity of the medical lending closet at the Reformed Church (our neighbors down the street on Hooker Avenue), we have acquired a wheelchair. It will be kept at the temple to facilitate accessibility for members and friends who need assistance getting inside from the curb due to ongoing or temporary mobility problems. The assistance of Harry Mamis in obtaining the wheelchair is greatly appreciated.

The chair fits into our elevator, making it easier for everyone to enjoy a range of activities in the building. It can also be borrowed to transport someone from home to temple if needed. Please contact Susan Karnes Hecht, Reyut chairperson, at reyut@vassar temple.org to make arrangements.

The Similes-Mamis Family would like to extend their profound thanks to all those whose many acts of kindness provided us with comfort as we dealt with the loss of a beloved mother and grandmother, Margot Similes. It is a blessing to be part of this Temple family.

In Remembrance

Vassar Temple suffers in the loss of our members:
 Morton Bloch
 Husband of Lillian Bloch
 Father of Esther, Nancy & Michael Bloch
 Louis Worona
 Father of Michael Worona
 Grandfather of Eileen Caslin
 Vassar Temple shares in the grief suffered by the families of:
 David Budson, cousin of Susan Fink
 Margot Similes, mother of Sandra Mamis

Refuah Sheleimah

...to our Temple members, Arthur Stern, Ann Lessin & Eleanor Pupko, 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 limit 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 Corner



I can report that our entire library has been catalogued and the books are now on the shelves for your use. In addition to books we have a number of videocassettes for those who still have a videotape player, also catalogued. New books have been placed on the cart downstairs near the entrance to the social hall and there is a special shelf in the library for new acquisitions.

I have been in touch with our new religious school director, Dr. Joel M. Hoffman. We will be working together to make the library a working library for our students and their parents and, of course, the entire congregation.

If anyone has an upcoming event, lecture, meeting, etc. that would benefit from our services, please let me know at artgroten@optonline.net.

*Art Groten,
Chair, Library Committee*

PJ Library Provides Free Books, Etc. for Young Children

The PJ Library of Dutchess, Ulster, and Columbia Counties is now accepting registrations for children ages 6 months to 7 years to receive a quality Judaic book, tape or CD in the mail each month free of charge. Contact Melinda Margulies at the JCCDC at 471-0430 or go to www.pjlibrary.org to register.

Martin Charwat Speaks about Syria on September 13th

“Culture and Conflict in Syria” is the title of the first of three lectures on Israel and its Middle Eastern neighbors which are being given this fall as part of Vassar Temple’s Adult Education program. On Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:30 p.m. our member Martin Charwat, a former President and current board member of the World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley, will focus on Syria.

Presentations about Palestine and Morocco are planned for October 4th and 18th. Mark your calendar now and watch for details.

All classes are open to the community free of charge. For more up-to-date information, contact the temple at 845-454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org, or go to www.vassartemple.org.

Course on Human Nature and the Problem of Evil

Beginning on October 6th and continuing for five consecutive Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., Richard Lowry, a long-time member of Vassar Temple and retired professor of psychology at Vassar College, will present an adult education course called “The Dark Side of the Soul: Human Nature and the Problem of Evil.” This age-old question will be approached from biblical, evolutionary and psychological viewpoints. Mark your calendar now and look for more details about each session in the October issue of the temple bulletin.

Joint Sisterhood Event Focuses on Sustainable Agriculture

Our Sisterhood and those of Temple Beth-El and Congregation Schomre Israel as well as Hadassah, Jewish Women International and Congregation Shir Chadash are holding their annual joint meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 118 Grand Avenue.

“Local, Organic and Jewish: Food for Thought” is the theme of the program on sustainable agriculture and a healthy you. Paula Reckess, Debbie Most, and Arnold Most will speak about the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program which is being planned for our whole Jewish community. They will touch on Jewish ethics and how they can impact our food

choices, emphasizing how small changes in our synagogues and homes could make big differences in our lives and in the world.

Information from Hazon and Teva will be available and refreshments will be served.

As was the case at past Joint Sisterhood events, this one will help Dutchess County babies-in-need by collecting a small quantity of ready-to-use baby formula and disposable diapers from each of those who attend. Please join us that evening and contribute to this mitzvah.

Support the CROP Walk Against Hunger on October 16th

Last year the annual CROP Walk against hunger sponsored by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council raised nearly \$52,000, of which almost \$15,000 came back to our local communities (including over \$10,000 to Dutchess Outreach), providing much-needed food relief to those in our community who may be struggling to get by each day. The remaining funds were used to combat hunger and provide disaster relief throughout the USA and abroad. And this year the need is even greater.

The 37th local interfaith CROP Walk against hunger will be held on Sunday, October 16th, and you are invited to become a part of this special event in any way you are able:

walk, sponsor a walker (such as our Rabbi Golomb), bake for (or patronize) the bake sale to be held that day, or help at the CROP Walk registration table at the starting/ending point at the Jewish Community Center or at a check point/rest stop.

Walkers may walk all or part of the safe, marked route in Poughkeepsie, which is about six miles in length and which provides three rest stations at houses of worship along the way. Start any time between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; walk as an individual, with family, friends, or with a group from our Temple; and join with a caring community on a beautiful fall day to raise money for an important cause!

For further information, to sign up to walk, bake, sponsor Rabbi Golomb, or help in any way on CROP Walk day, look for us at the Hot Dog Social at the temple on Sunday,

September 11th or simply contact Vassar Temple's CROP Walk recruiter, Dave Wolf, at cropwalk@vassartemple.org any time. You may also sign up to sponsor Rabbi Golomb on the clipboard on the hall table, or sign up to walk and get your walker materials at the Temple office.



From the Finance Committee

With the conclusion of fiscal year 2010/11 (June 30, 2011) it is time, once again, to recognize and thank those members who chose to contribute dues at the Special Category levels that were established several years ago...Guardian (\$5,500+), Benefactor (\$4,000 - \$5,499), and Patron (\$2,500 - \$3,999). These generous contributions, over the minimum dues levels, were especially welcome and are gratefully acknowledged by the entire congregation.

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Ralph & Marian Schwartz
Charles & Roni Stein



In addition, we wish to thank those members who contributed dues above the minimums established, although below the special categories listed above.

Finally, our thanks to all members who paid their dues in a timely manner; contributed to the various special funds, endowment funds, and/or High Holy Day appeal; and supported the many fund raising events (especially the Gala, Moveable Feast, and Eternal Torah program) during the past year. All of these contributions help us to keep Vassar Temple running and help to fund the programs and events that we all want and expect.

The Finance Committee

From Our Religious School Director: "One Thing"



The Hebrew month leading up to Rosh Hashanah is Elul, and the month has a recurring theme: "One thing is all I ask of God..." or, in Hebrew, "achat sha'alti mei'eit Adonai." The words are taken from Psalm 27, and tradition dictates that we sing them for a whole month leading up to Rosh Hashanah.

What is the one thing?

That's a tantalizingly difficult question, because Psalm 27 continues not with one thing but with three: "...to live in God's house, to see God's delight, and to visit God's Temple."

Are all three things the same?

After all, they share a common theme, they seem to point in the

same direction, and they all have to do with God. Or is it meant to be multiple choice? Are we as readers of the Psalm supposed to intuit which of the three things is the real one-and-only thing that the Psalmist who wrote Psalm 27 wants? Or, perhaps, has even the Psalmist fallen into the common trap of thinking that only one thing is lacking in his life, not even noticing that he was asking for lots of things?

The New Year is a time to take stock, to evaluate where we are going, to look back on what didn't work in the year now past, and to decide what we want for the coming year. We do this in our personal lives. And in this regard I wonder if Psalm 27 isn't designed to remind us that there is seldom only one thing that needs fixing. Rather, we tinker here, adjust there, try to repair what is damaged,

and abandon what is beyond repair.

As Director of Education, I face similar decisions about our Religious School program. What should we keep? What should we change? What most needs fixing? What is so broken that it cannot be fixed?

As I move forward, I'll try to take my cue from the theme of Elul. Focusing on only one thing is deceptive, because one thing always leads to another. There is no single magic fix to anything. Equally, everything we do should point in the direction of progress toward clear goals.

And God is involved in ways we may not even understand.

Dr. Joel M Hoffman

"Back to School" means Shopping for Clothing - Shoes - Sports Gear - School Supplies and more!



Whether it is casual wear or formal attire, electronics or writing supplies, lunch items or healthy snacks that you need, plan to shop at these retailers, using SCRIP [gift cards] purchased through Vassar Temple!

77 Kids - Adams - Aeropostale - American Eagle Outfitters - Bergdorf Goodman - Best Buy - Bloomingdales - Bon-Ton - Boscov's - Champ's - Children's Place - Crazy 8 - CVS - Dick's Sporting Goods - Dress Barn - Fashion Bug - Foot Locker - Gap - Hannaford - J. Crew - J. Jill - J.C. Penney - Kids Foot Locker - K-mart - Kohl's - L.L. Bean - Land's End - Lane Bryant - Lord & Taylor - Macy's - Marshall's - Men's Wearhouse - Neiman Marcus - Office Depot - Old Navy - Payless Shoes - Piperlime - Price Chopper - RiteAid - Sears - ShopRite - Staples - Stop & Shop - T.J. Maxx - Talbots - Walgreen's - Walmart - Zappos

For additional information and to purchase gift cards, contact the SCRIP Coordinator, Sandra Mamis, at 463-2678 or at scrip@vassartemple.org.

Shopping with SCRIP Makes Lots of Cents!

Helpers and Fruit Needed for September 4th Lunch Box

On Labor Day Sunday, September 4th, Vassar Temple will resume its sponsorship of the Lunch Box on the first Sunday of each month. Your help is needed for the preparation and serving of a salad lunch at the Family Partnership Center, 29 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, between 11:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. that day.

We also still need donations of

1 dozen pieces of fresh fruit (bananas are a favorite; grapes should be bagged in portion-size sandwich

bags)

Donations of food may be brought to the Temple kitchen before September 4th during the times when the Temple is normally open (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Friday evening, September 2nd before the 7:30 service). Please label your donation with your name and the words "For Lunch Box."

Please contact Wendy Marcus, September Lunch Box Captain, at 226-2502 or masinc223@aol.com right away to let her know that you will be helping prepare and serve and/or donating fruit.

September Tzedakah Box Collection Helps Children

The money you put into our Tzedakah box on the table in the temple lobby this month will be used to provide school shoes and supplies for needy children in our community. Please be generous with your cash, or a check made out to Vassar Temple with "School Supplies" on the memo line.

Contributions

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Join Us as a Holy Roller on September 15th

The next Holy Rollers session will take place on Thursday, September 15th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come to temple that evening, especially Sisterhood members, to help unroll and re-roll our scrolls.

Rabbi Golomb will help us to learn to “read between the lines” by focusing on the spaces and gaps in the Torah. Scrolls that are used and aired regularly not only last longer, but the letters retain their original quality longer. YOU can be a caretaker of our Torah scrolls by joining your fellow congregants in the responsibility of preserving them. In this way, you can preserve not only the scrolls but the emotional connection to the Torah you felt when you helped fill in a letter during our Eternal Torah project last year.

Remember: Everyone can be a Holy Roller at least once!

Social Action

Visit the Hot Dog Social on September 11th to learn about a myriad of great Temple projects that benefit our local community and which you can become a part of, such as Lunch Box, the CROP Walk, Talking Books, Voter Registration, Homeless Shelter support, the Survivor Program, the Audrey Morgenstern Knitting Group, Can Jam, and the Reform Jewish Voice of NYS. For a summary, see the Social Action link on the home page of our Temple website, www.vassartemple.org, and pick the activity that is right for you. Should you have an idea for a new project, we'd love to hear it! Just contact me with your questions, your ideas, or if you'd like to get involved in any way.



*Marian Schwartz, Chairman
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Interfaith Story Circle on September 22nd

The first Interfaith Story Circle of the new year, sponsored by the Dutchess County Interfaith Council, will be held at the Linwood Spiritual Center on Thursday, September 22nd after a potluck supper which will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Linwood Center's pavilion overlooking the Hudson River is at 139 Mill Road in Rhinebeck. The evening will feature a Potpourri of Stories hosted by Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi and Muriel Horowitz.

Story Circles provide an opportunity for those who wish to share a story from their faith tradition, and for others who prefer just listening, to learn, grow, relax and make new friends. Pre-registration is not necessary and there is no fee; just bring a dish to share. For more information, contact the Council at 471-7333.

Jewish War Veterans Schedule Meeting

Pvt. Herman Siegal Post #625, of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold a regular monthly meeting on Sunday, September 11, 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 I, Balkan, Afghanistan and Iraqi veterans are invited. Membership is open to all veterans regardless of whether their service was active, National Guard or 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.

Election 2011 reminder:

Primary Election is *Tuesday, September 13, 2011.* Polls open Noon until 9:00 p.m.

You must be enrolled in a party having a Primary.

General Election is *Tuesday, November 8, 2011.* Polls open 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Home Service for Rosh Hashanah

The New Year, like the Sabbath and Festivals, is welcomed in the home with prayer and festivity. Congregational worship at the Temple is enriched when preceded by a family Kiddush service. Family members and guests should plan to be home earlier on the Eve of Rosh Hashanah. The table should be given a festive appearance: fresh flowers and an attractive table setting will help everyone feel the significance of the occasion. At each plate there is a bit of honey, a slice of apple and a cup of wine. A round Challah is set in a prominent place.

(Kindle the Candles and pray:)

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam, A-sheer kid'-sha-nu
b'-mitz-vo-tav v'taz-va-nu l'had-lik naye shel Yom Tov.

Praised be You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Your commandments and bidden us kindle the Festival lights.

May our home be consecrated, O God, by Your light. May it shine upon us all in blessing, the light of love and truth, the light of peace and good will.

(Lift the Kiddush up and pray:)

Let us praise God with this symbol of joy and give thanks for the blessings which this New Year's Day brings to us. Happy are we that God has granted us another year of life, and may it be God's will to inscribe us for the coming year in the Book of Life, Happiness and peace.

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam bo-ray p'-ri ha-ga-fen.

Praised be You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

May the New Year bring increasing peace and harmony to our home. As we eat honey and the apple, we hope that the year upon which we have entered will be sweet in well being and fruitful in well doing.

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam, b-ray pri ha-etz.

Praised be you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the fruits that grow on trees.

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu
v'-ki-y'-ma-nu v'-hi-gi-ya-nu la-z'-man ha-zeh. Amen.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, for the privilege of beholding once more the dawn of the New Year. May it be for us, for Israel and for all people a year of health and happiness, a year of love and peace.

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam, ha-mo-tzi le-chem min ha-a-retz.

Praised be You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

Amen.

(Complete Kiddush, other prayers can be found on pp. 80-86 of ON THE DOORPOSTS OF YOUR HOUSE, Prayers & Ceremonies in the Jewish Home. Available at our Judaica Shop.)

Tashlich Service at Lampells' on September 29th

We read in Micah 7:20, "And You will cast into the depths of the sea all their sins."

So Jewish communities have for many generations gathered on the First Day of Rosh Hashanah at bodies of water and recited the Tashlich Prayer to symbolize our wish to rid ourselves of our sins and errors and to be forgiven by God. In recent years, Tashlich is becoming an increasingly popular and meaningful Jewish practice for people of all ages, enabling them to start the new year with a clean slate.

As part of our own High Holy Day observances, we will be able to "cast our sins" (in the form of bread) into the water after the Children's Service for Rosh Hashanah. Plan to join us with your family on Thursday, September 29th at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Muriel and Matthew Lampell, 243 South Grand Avenue. (Drive east from the temple on Hooker Avenue and turn right on South Grand to the end.)

There is a pond behind the Lampells' house into which you may throw the bread crumbs you bring with you. Since we will gather on their large porch, we will stay dry in any weather as we enjoy refreshments together.

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September 2011 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 October Bulletin 10am SEP	2 CAN JAM Weekend 7:30pm Shabbat Service Led by Sandra Mamis and Doi Cohen	3 No Torah Study
4 11:30am Lunch Box	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6 10am SEP 12pm Talmud 7:15pm Ritual	7	8 Flyers Deadline 10am SEP	9 7:30pm Shabbat Service	10 9am Torah Study
11 9am-12pm RS K-7 Opening Day 11:45 am Hot Dog Social	12	13 10am SEP 12pm Talmud 7:30pm Adult Ed w/Martin Charwat on Culture and Conflict in Syria 7:30pm Joint Sisterhood Event @ Temple Beth-EI	14 6:30-8:30pm RS 8-10 Pizza Opening Day	15 10am SEP 7:30pm Holy Rollers	16 7:30pm Shabbat Service Birthday Blessings	17 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
18 9am-12pm RS K-7 11am-6pm Shalom on Grand (JCC)	19	20 10am SEP 12pm Talmud 6pm VTS Opening Dinner	21 6:30-8:30pm RS 8-10	22 10am SEP	23 7:30pm Shabbat Service	24 SELICHOT 9am Torah Service 7:30pm Selichot Program & Service
25 9am-12pm RS K-7 9am 2012 BBM Parents Meeting 10:30am Tiny Temple	26 7pm Board	27 10am SEP 12 Talmud	28 EREV ROSH HASHANAH 6:30pm Early (Family) Service 8pm Rosh Hashanah Service	29 ROSH HASHANAH 10am Morning Service 2:30pm Children's Service 4pm Tashlich Ceremony	30 2nd Day ROSH HASHANAH SHABBAT SHUVAH Office Closed 10am Morning Service 7:30pm Shabbat Service	