



Vassar Temple

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Congregation Brethren of Israel, Founded 1848—Bulletin Volume 171 No. 7 February 2023

Hamantaschen Bakers Needed!

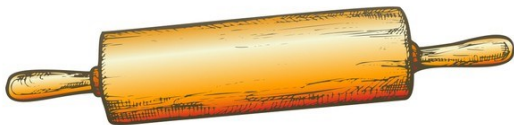
Please join us for Sisterhood's annual
HAMANTASCHEN BAKING DAY

Make friends while making Hamantaschen for our Purim service and for outreach to congregants and our out-of-town college students.

Sunday, February 12 (snow date: 2/26/23)
9:00am to 1:00pm in the Temple kitchen

RSVP to Judy Rosenfeld at
hamantaschen@vassartemple.org

Please bring a batch of dough (see recipe) and your favorite rolling pin if you'd like.

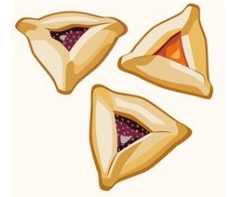


Remaining ingredients will be provided.

Not able to come and help? Please make a batch of dough and leave it in the Temple freezer in a Ziploc bag—just let Judy know.

HAMANTASCHEN DOUGH

- 4 cups sifted flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened*
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 tablespoons milk or orange juice



Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Cream butter and sugar in separate larger bowl. Add egg and vanilla and beat well.

Add dry ingredients alternating with juice to the butter and sugar mixture, mixing until well blended. The dough will seem a little soft (not like bread dough). Refrigerate.

This dough freezes well and can be made ahead of Hamantaschen Baking Day. Leave it in the refrigerator to thaw overnight.

* Please use real butter—the pastries are superior, and all batches cook evenly regardless of dough source.

Thank you

From the Rabbi's Desk:



Later this month, I will be traveling to Israel for the annual convention of my rabbinic organization, the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). As a sign of its commitment to Israel, the CCAR meets there every seven years. This could end up being one of our more important Israel conventions.

As I write this column, the most right-wing government in Israel's history is being sworn in. While Prime Minister Netanyahu has tried to assuage concerns at home and abroad that Israel's democracy is not in danger and that there will be no discrimination against the LGBTQ community, it is hard (and feels naïve) not to be concerned given the demands of his coalition partners who represent extreme views, both politically and religiously. While the coalition agreements are not set in stone, they do point towards a legislative agenda. Given the nature of the parliamentary process, there is great pressure on Netanyahu to follow through on those demands, lest his coalition partners walk away and dissolve his government.

The far-reaching changes agreed upon certainly are of great concern not only for the democratic nature of Israel but also for its identity as a homeland for all of the Jewish people. Among the demands are commitments to legislation that would permit service providers, including medical personnel, to refuse service on the basis of their "religious beliefs," thereby legalizing discrimination against the LGBTQ community, women, and others; enact changes to the Law of Return that would disqualify those who do not meet the halakhic definition of who is a Jew; roll back successes of the Reform and Conservative movements in conversions; prohibit non-orthodox prayer gatherings at the Western Wall; and limit powers of the High Court, thereby eliminating the essential checks and balances on government power.

For the first time in Israel's history, the coalition agreement includes a statement of support for the Jewish people to have the exclusive right to settle in all of greater Israel and to annex the West Bank. Ministers who oppose the two-state solution hold portfolios with increased authority over the police, border control, and settlement development. Their plans will not only move Israel further away from any peaceful solution to the conflict but will exacerbate the untenable situation in the West Bank and further diminish the rights of Israeli Arabs, already treated as second class citizens. Fears of increased violence are not without foundation.

I am a proud Reform Zionist who supports the State of Israel as a homeland for the diversity that is the Jewish people, a State that lives up to the values enshrined in its Declaration of Independence:

"... it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education, and culture...."

Knesset member Reform Rabbi Gilad Kariv is a strong voice for democracy and pluralism and the Reform Movement will continue to seek partners across the political spectrum who share these ideals. No doubt, these are difficult days ahead. As with family members who disappoint us, however, we do not walk away, we do not give up on the relationship.

In his vision for a Zionist state, Theodor Herzl said, "If you will it, it is no dream." We cannot give up on our dream of what the Jewish homeland can and must be. I look forward to discussing my experiences in Israel upon my return, especially about the good work of our movement and how we can continue to support its efforts.

Rabbi Renni Altman



President's Message:

Recently I was invited to join our older Religious School class, Kitah Zayin in a conversation about accessibility or lack thereof in our Temple. They were studying b'tzelem elohim (in the Divine image). This concept and lesson extended into tolerance and acceptance of all people in our congregation and in trying to meet the needs of those who might have

accessibility issues. The students did a "walk-through" of our building with their teacher, Kelly, and came up with a very thorough and thoughtful list of concerns and areas they felt were in need of improvement around our Temple. They were very organized and, in addition to their "list," also had questions for me, as Temple President.

I have to say that so far, this was one of the most enjoyable moments in my term as Temple President. Listening to and respecting the maturing youth in our congregation gave me such pride, that I had to remind myself during their presentation to really listen. Their seriousness and engagement in this project was palpable. They truly cared about having ALL of our congregants feel connected and have as much access as possible to ALL parts of our physical building.

This is the list of Potential Accessibility Projects that our very perceptive students came up with:

- Removing the Sanctuary carpet—it is a tripping hazard in many places
- Wider pews or no pews at all—room for wheelchairs or walkers
- Ramp up to the Bimah and something around the Bimah to keep people from falling off and a second railing in front of the Bimah
- Wider entrance to the bathrooms

- Larger, accessible stalls in the bathroom
- Lowering and/or adding lower placed mezuzot for congregants in wheelchairs

I told you they were thoughtful, and so smart too. Parents of Nathan and Maddie, you should be very proud!

I did have to dampen their enthusiasm just a tad when I reminded them of the financial pieces of some of these ideas and pointed out that often when ripping out the old to build the new, unforeseen problems arise. I did, however, promise to bring their ideas to the Board of Trustees and the House Committee, both of which I have done. We know that, in as much as we have generous donors within our congregation, we also know there are grants and funds outside of Vassar Temple that are designed to support these types of endeavors.

What I am looking for now are some interested Temple members who can help bring some of these ideas to fruition. It will take research of our physical space, research of ADA policies and guidelines and, of course, research into grants and funding sources. Certainly some of these ideas are more easily put into place than others.

I believe the actual process of putting thoughts into actions is a lesson well learned for these students. I would like to be able to report our progress and even include them in some of our planning where appropriate. What an incredible sense of pride they will have in knowing that many more congregants will have better access at Vassar Temple because they cared enough to notice. If you would like to be a part of our Accessibility Committee, please contact me vassartemplepresident@gmail.com.

Lisa-Sue Quackenbush

New Paths Services

Join us at Vassar Temple for New Paths Sabbath morning services Saturdays, February 4 and 18 at 10:15am. The moving liturgy includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English, and participants may bring supplemental materials to share. "We take the time to let the service get through us, rather than getting through the service." Each New Paths service, whether lay-led or rabbi-led, provides a unique and thoughtful Shabbat morning experience. We expect to be meeting "hybrid" (both inside the Temple and on Zoom). Contact office@vassartemple.org if you want the Zoom link, and for updates. Policies for safe in-person attendance are on our website vassartemple.org.

Tiny Temple Fun Sunday, February 12 ~ 10:30am at Vassar Temple

All young children up through kindergarten are invited to bring their grownups for a free program of fun and learning, featuring hands-on activities, stories, and song. We will join with PJ Library and prep for the joyous holiday of Purim by making our own hamantaschen! For more info or to RSVP, just call the office 845-454-2570. Check for any current health and safety protocols at www.vassartemple.org.



Bimah Flowers Donations

Just as Shabbat Services help brighten our weeks, so do the Bimah flowers which brighten our Sanctuary. If anyone would like to make a donation to sponsor a flower arrangement, please let the office know. Sponsored flowers are fresh floral arrangements.



February 2023 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- February 3: Donated by Benjamin and Ellie Krevolin in memory of their father and mother Lewis and Jenny Krevolin and their sister Davida
- February 10: Donated by the Quackenbush Family in memory of Sandor Margolin
- February 17: Donated by Marilyn McCaulley Lampell in memory of Julie McCaulley
- February 24: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)

Scriptural Readings

February 4

B'shalach/Shabbat Shirah

Exodus 13:17-17:16; Judges 4:4-5:31

February 11

Yitro

Exodus 18:1-20:23; Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

February 18

Mishpatim/Shabbat Shekalim

Exodus 21:1-24:18; Exodus 30:11-16

Special Haftarah: II Kings 12:5-16

February 28

T'rumah

Exodus 25:1-27:19; I Kings 5:26-6:13

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

“**Torah Study**” examines passages from the week’s Torah portion or haftarah. Led by the Temple’s Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D., on Saturdays from 9-10am. Class is hybrid. Contact office@vassartemple.org to be placed on the class e-mail list.

“**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from Ancient Text**” on Zoom Monday, February 6, noon-1:30pm, taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. For study sheets & link: pjgolomb@verizon.net

Join Us!

No previous training required ~ No charge to attend

Religious School Update

Though we are still deep into the winter, our Jewish calendar is drawing us into spring. On Sunday, February 5 we will hold our joint Religious School/Congregational celebration of Tu B'shevat, the New Year for Trees, with a seder from 10am to 12pm. Upper-grade Religious School classes will meet from 9-10 in their classrooms and then join with parents in the social hall for the seder; Kitah Aleph students and parents will come directly for the seder. Like a Passover seder, the Tu B'shevat seder follows a special order with four cups of juice, special foods/fruits and songs of the holiday. Thanks to Kim Karitis who represented the religious school committee in planning this program together with Gail D'Alessio and Marian Schwartz from the ritual committee. We have planned a number of fun, educational, and creative activities for each part of the seder! The seder is for everyone—just bring your spirit of fun!

Please RSVP to TuBishevatSeder@vassartemple.org by ASAP.

Our Shalomlearning units coordinate with the holidays. We will move from *Achrayut* (responsibility) after Tu B'shevat to *Hakarat HaTov* (gratitude, recognizing the good) as we prepare for Purim. Weather permitting, students will assist in baking Hamantaschen on Sunday, February 12 (snow date is February 26). Then we look ahead to our community Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 5 (which will be in lieu of Religious School).



Rabbi Renni Altman

Vassar Temple Launches Dayenu Circle

To fulfill our commitment to the NYS Religious Action Center's multi-year Climate Covenant (discussed extensively in prior Bulletin editions) we have launched a *Dayenu* Circle as our vehicle for action on the crisis of global warming.

Dayenu (www.dayenu.org) is a national organization working to secure a just, equitable, livable, and sustainable world by building a multi-generational Jewish movement that confronts the crisis with spiritual audacity and bold political action. You can find us in the *Dayenu* directory at <https://dayenu.org/circles/#list>.

Dayenu will provide us with content and a means of pooling our efforts with others, while simultaneously making room to tackle local issues. We will support RAC-NY's non-partisan agenda for this year's legislative session in Albany by lobbying for selected bills to help our state progress. *Dayenu* is also initiating "All Our Might," an effort to leverage the power of the Jewish community by aligning institutional investments with values – leaving fossil fuels behind and instead investing in clean energy. *Dayenu* offers Jewish resources for spiritual adaptation as we confront the difficult realities of the crisis, transforming fear and anxiety into action.

Dayenu encourages and welcomes participation from our membership and the wider and interfaith community. Whether you are interested serving on a Green Team to make our Temple more sustainable, planning sustainability education for the community, or lobbying our NYS legislators, there is a place for you. Please contact our Immediate Past President, Susan Karnes Hecht, who is serving as point person for this work under the umbrella of our Civic Engagement Committee at dayenu@vassartemple.org.



DAYENU
A Jewish Call to Climate Action

“Souper Sale” Substitute

Since the pandemic began, we have been unable to hold our usual wintertime Souper Sale to support local food banks. However, due to your generous donations to the Community Tzedakah Fund, we were able this winter to present local food pantries with supermarket scrip, which they can use wherever the need is greatest to help provide food security to those in need in our local communities. It is no secret that food pantries and soup kitchens are being overwhelmed by more families in need than ever because of these inflationary times. Your donations to the Community Tzedakah Fund and to the Lunch Box Fund are crucial, and we thank you for your continued support of these truly life-sustaining projects.



Vassar Temple Social Action Committee

Calling All Singers: Joint Community Choir to sing with composer Noah Aronson during Community Shabbaton (May 19 & 20)

We are so excited that Noah Aronson, whose music we sing (i.e., “Let There be Love”) will be our composer-in-residence for this year’s community Shabbaton, which was rescheduled from last year because of COVID. It will be a wonderful way to come back together in person for this annual event. You can read more about Noah and hear his music at <http://www.noaharonson.com/>.

To enrich the community experience, we are organizing a choir from the three congregations that Noah will conduct during the Shabbaton. The choir will sing one or two pieces at the Friday night service, which we will host, and more at the concert Saturday night, hosted by Congregation Shir Chadash. Noah will also participate in the Shabbat morning service at Temple Beth-El.

Cantor Goldmann and Joe Bertolozzi will prepare the choir with three rehearsals, the final one of which will be scheduled with Noah that Friday. The rehearsal schedule will be set at a later date.

While choir participants are not required to read music, facility with music and the ability to pick things up quickly is expected. The choir will be singing in parts, so choral experience is helpful, though not required. Choir participants must be vaccinated.

If you are interested in participating in the choir, please RSVP to office@vassartemple.org by March 15 so that we can begin to organize the group. This is a truly unique and exciting opportunity to work so closely with the composer and to reconnect with other members of the Jewish community in this way.



Save the Date—You’re Invited! COMMUNITY SHABBATON May 19-20, 2023

A Sabbath of Music & Worship with Composer-in-Residence
Noah Aronson & Joint Community Choir

Friday, May 19, 7:30pm
Shabbat Evening Service at Vassar Temple

Saturday, May 20, 9:30am
Shabbat Morning Service at Temple Beth El

Saturday, May 20, 8:00pm
Concert at Congregation Shir Chadash

“Noah Aronson performs with joy, passion and a rich musicality that connects with audiences, heart-to-heart and soul-to-soul.”
– Anita Diamant, author of *The Red Tent*

Brotherhood News—February 2023

Our next event is a virtual Happy Hour on February 21 at 5pm. A link will be published in the weekly newsletter and via email as the date approaches.

The Purim Pasta Dinner is on Monday evening, March 6. To the Brotherhood, your help with the cooking and serving will be appreciated and needed to make the event successful. Please let me know if you can help by responding to me at Brotherhood@vassartemple.org. To our Temple family, please come and enjoy a celebratory meal with us that evening.



Gentlemen, please pay your Brotherhood dues for 2022-2023, which are \$36/year. Please make your check out the Vassar Temple Brotherhood and send it to the Temple office. We use the funds to support temple activities like the Purim Pasta dinner in the spring and other special events.

Glenn Tanzman
Brotherhood President

Response to Endowment “Very Encouraging”

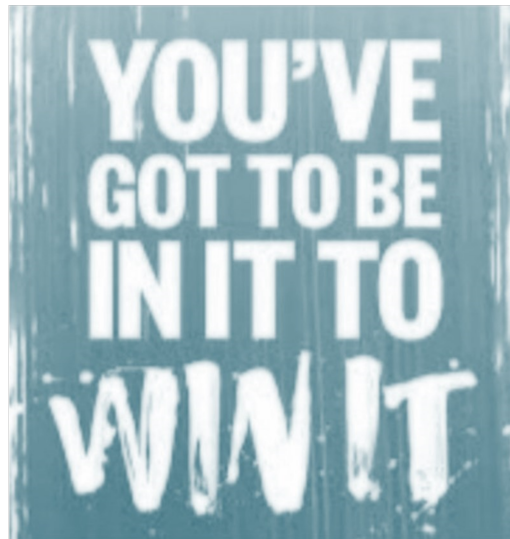
Response to the recently launched Vassar Temple Endowment Fund has been “very encouraging” say the fund’s co-chairs, Martin Charwat and Lou Lewis. The fund’s purpose is to provide financial stability for the Temple to supplement dues income and other fundraising. Its goal, which is to reach \$500,000 within the next five years, has touched a responsive chord in many Temple members. In less than six months, over \$230,000 in pledges has been received and almost \$74,000 has been deposited to the Fund’s account with Fidelity brokerage. Support has ranged from “Cornerstone” gifts of over \$35,000 to the support level of \$900.

“Each of the gifts is important,” the co-chairs declared, “since it represents a commitment on the part of the donor(s) to securing the future of Vassar Temple.” Pledges can be paid either as a single payment or as a series of payments over five years. Once receipts reach \$250,000, the Temple will begin receiving annual payments of five percent of the principal—starting at \$12,500 per year and rising as donations increase.

175 YEARS

This year is the 175th anniversary of the founding of Vassar Temple. What better way can there be to honor the founders’ vision than by signaling your commitment to the Endowment? If you no longer have a 175th anniversary pledge form, you can get one from the Temple office. Making **your** pledge to the Vassar Temple Endowment is a *mitzvah* that will provide a stable financial foundation for the Temple for decades to come.

Please support Vassar Temple's FABULOUS FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER!



3 Lucky Winners!

- ◆ 3rd Prize: 10% of sales
- ◆ 2nd Prize: 15% of sales
- ◆ 1st Prize: 25% of sales

50% of sales will be awarded in prizes ~ 50% supports this year's operating expenses

Tickets:

\$20 each

\$100 for 6 tickets

\$200 for Babka Baker's Dozen 13 tickets



Sales open Wednesday, February 1 at 10am and close Tuesday, February 28 at 2pm

Prize drawing Monday, March 6 following the Purim Spiel!

Visit, call, or email the temple office to purchase your tickets:

Cash, check, or credit card for ticket purchases of \$100 or more only.



SUSTAINING FUND

In Honor of:

Birth of David Wolf
and Fern Greenberg-Wolf's
Grandchild
Lucas Sterling Pena's 6th birthday

Wendy Giangrasso

Ed & Vivian Garber
James Robinowitz

In Memory of:

Louis & Louise Rosen
Stanley Krell
Sandor Jay Margolin
Esther F. Goldberg
Paul S. Goldberg
Bobbie Hulnick
Ruth Joy Orner

Ron Rosen
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Muriel Lampell
James Robinowitz
Ed & Vivian Garber
Beth Plotsky & Family
Dr. Loren & Charlene Rosenthal
Anonymous
Donna Loshin
Murray Solomon
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Alfred Scope
Ellen Zelig
Lewis & Hilary Wrobel
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Joan Plotsky
Mark Rosenthal
Harriet & Dick Fein
Arlene Loshin
Sylvia Mednick
Mary Solomon
Ida Scope
Ruth Levitt
Irving Wrobel
Shirley Kaskowitz

In Appreciation of:

Yom Kippur Services

Michael & Helen Steckman

MUSIC FUND

For the rehabilitation and
care of the grand piano
and in memory of Gloria Schwartz
and Max H. Richter

Ralph & Marian Schwartz

In Honor of:

LUNCH BOX FUND

In Memory of:

Bobbie Hulnick

Ralph & Marian Schwartz
Muriel Horowitz

Muriel Lampell

COMMUNITY TZEDAKAH FUND

In Memory of:

Sandi Rugar
Anthony Stein
Roy Riechman

Ralph & Marian Schwartz
Muriel Horowitz

Charles & Perla Kaufman
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LILA MATLIN TECHNOLOGY FUND

Dr. Andrew & Susan Needleman

PERPETUAL CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of:

Lois Mendel

Dr. Jack & Frederica Goodman

Jacqueline Mendel

**Thank you for your
Contributions**

HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL

Melissa Erlebacher

ENDOWMENT FUND

Melissa Erlebacher
Miriam Cohen
Daniel & Susan Albinder
Susan B. Fink
Dr. Arthur & Carol Menken
Richard DuVall & Lisa Rubenstein
Kurt & Lisa-Sue Quackenbush

February 3

Anne Richmond
 Sylvia Mednick
 Abraham Ginsberg
 Isadore Shefts
 Pauline Gross
 Leonard H. Arnold
 Virginia Newman Livingston
 Irving Wrobel
 Nancy Levinson
 Alan Pack Greller
 Russell B. Oppenheimer, DVM
 Ronah Gordon Posner
 Mark Rosenthal
 Lewis Krevolin
 Stephen Berr
 Susan Matlin
 Gertrude Rothstein
 Vernon Leslie Brundage
 Harriet Fein
 Paul M. Schwartz, MD
 Harold Devorsetz
 Jacqueline Sydney Colodner
 Alfred Schneider
 Jane Kramer
 Jeanette Bergman
 Blanche Migdal
 William Schultze

February 10

Rabbi Marcus Kramer
 Martha Held
 Dorothy Parish
 Dr. M. Alden Weingart
 Evelyn Slote Kahn
 Leo Livingston
 Efrem Dlugacz
 Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
 Lillian Geber
 Morris "Moe" Gilbert
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 Armand H. Newman
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 Gary M. Zimmer
 Jon Franklin Katz
 Arlene Loshin
 Eleanor Buxbaum
 Herman Kraut
 Lillian Feldman
 Evelyn Bersak
 Marjorie Rubin Brody
 Julia Tebordo

February 17

Aaron Estrin
 William Hyman
 Jules H. Lippmann
 Lawrence Edell
 Sidney I. Love
 Jarrod Harrington
 Blanche Fertig
 Goldie Abraskin
 Jacob Greenberg
 Mary R. Scheer
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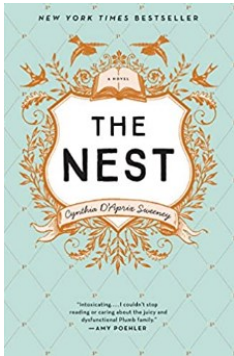
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Stanley Soirefman
 Harry Lashinsky
 Celia Frank
 Rose Kahn
 Milton Rauh
 Robert Joseph
 Ida Baskin Schwartz
 David Stephen Satz
 Mary Solomon
 Irving Fink
 Stanton Lipschutz
 Theresa E. Ryan
 Peter Luttinger
 Stuart Alpers
 Esther Frances Goldberg
 Jack Frankel
 Paul S. Goldberg
 Irving M. Bloch
 Ruth Levitt
 Shirley Kaskowitz
 Harry Lewis
 Fannie Kagan
 Gloria Fischman
 Ida Klein
 Milton Kramer
 Michael Rothenberg
 Dr. Vito J. Ciminello



Yahrzeits

Sisterhood Book Club



Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will meet on Zoom, February 15 at 2pm to discuss *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney. This warm, humorous and acutely perceptive tale involves four contemporary adult siblings, and the shared inheritance that has shaped their choices and their lives. Connie Lahey will lead the discussion, to which all are invited. This novel is available through the Mid-Hudson Library System and from Amazon. For further information and to RSVP, please contact Linda Babas at bookclub@vassartemple.org.

Save the Dates ~ Adult Education

A new look at ancient stories: a three-part series with Rabbi Altman ~ Wednesdays at 7:30pm (Format TBD)



March 1: Esther—a biblical fantasy of good conquering evil and a beauty queen's clever plot towards victory



March 8: Ruth—a short story about love, loyalty and loving kindness

March 15: Job—the biblical writers' answer to the eternal question: why do bad things happen to good people?



SISTERHOOD RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Lemon Loaf: this is a recipe for a lemon loaf that Roni Stein has made dozens of times. It looks nice and is very tasty. (This recipe was originally submitted by Roz Goldfarb for a JCCDC Nursery School Cookbook).

Ingredients for loaf

- 1 & 1/4 cups skim milk
- 1 & 1/2 teaspoons lemon extract
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 2 & 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon salt

Ingredients for glaze

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar (confectioners' sugar)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (you may want it a bit lower for a glass pan)
- Mix liquid ingredients
- In a separate bowl, combine dry ingredients
- Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients and stir approximately 30 seconds
- Grease the bottom of a large loaf pan
- Pour batter in the loaf pan
- Bake for 50-60 minutes until done
- Remove from pan after cooling for 10 minutes
- While warm, drizzle with glaze of powdered sugar and lemon juice
- Cool completely before slicing.
- Enjoy!



Sisterhood Chai Noon Luncheon ~ April 18

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Chai Noon Luncheon, which usually meets on the 18th of most months (when the date does not conflict with holidays or weekends) will not be meeting until **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**. Specific details about the April 18 luncheon will be sent in Vassar Temple's weekly newsletter a few days prior. Members are asked to RSVP to the link in the newsletter so we can let the restaurant know approximately how many guests to expect. As always, guests get separate checks, and the restaurant is wheelchair accessible.

Vassar Temple and Sisterhood Online Auction

Do you knit, crochet, bake, or have another talent to offer?

Do you have an item you would like to donate to Vassar Temple?

An online auction is in the works for March and we are looking for additional "stuff" you no longer want and others will appreciate. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact auction@vassartemple.org.

As we do not have adequate storage, please DO NOT bring items to the temple. Take a photograph and provide a brief description of the item, and an approximate value.

Please send your information no later than February 28. Once our online vendor determines what items will be part of the auction you will be contacted with further instructions.

Thank you for your generosity which will enable us to maintain our beloved temple.







Thank you to everyone who made a donation in honor of Rabbi Stephen Arnold's 90th Birthday!

Bob & Marianne Abrams
JoAnne Abraskin
Linda Babas
Gabe & Catherine Bokor
Richard & Linda Cantor
Martin & Eleanor Charwat
Andi & Paul Ciminello
Doris Cohen
Susan Fink
Vivian & Ed Garber
Art & Marge Groten
Stan Israel and Judy Harkavy
David Hecht and Susan Karnes Hecht
Howard Himelstein
Francine Kaplan

Perla Kaufman
Muriel Lampell
Richard & Marsha Lowry
Sandra Mamis
Barbara Mindel
Kurt & Lisa-Sue Quackenbush
James Robinowitz
Dr. Loren & Charlene Rosenthal
Bonnie Scheer
Ralph & Marian Schwartz
Brian & Helen Silverman
Charles & Roni Stein
Marlene Straus
Lewis & Hilary Wrobel
Ellen Zelig



Calendar of Events—February 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| | | | 1 4:30pm Hebrew School | 2 7pm Ritual CTME | 3 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 4 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths |
| 5 9am Religious School 10am Tu BiShevat Seder 10:30am Lunch Box TuBiShevat Eve | 6 Tu BiShevat 12pm Talmud Study  | 7 | 8 4:30pm Hebrew School | 9 7:30pm Cemetery CMTE | 10 6pm Simchat Shabbat Service  | 11 9am Torah Study 10:15am Shabbat Morning Service |
| 12 Hamantashen Baking Day 9am Religious School 10:30am Tiny Temple | 13 | 14 | 15 2pm VTS Book Club 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Finance CMTE | 16 | 17 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 18 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths |
| 19 NO Religious School | 20 OFFICE CLOSED President's Day  | 21 5pm Brotherhood Happy Hour  5:30pm Endowment Fund CMTE | 22 4:30pm Hebrew School | 23 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm Board Meeting | 24 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 25 9am Torah Study 10:15am Shabbat Morning Service |
| 26 9am Religious School | 27 | 28 | | | | |

Please see weekly emails for the most up-to-date information regarding changes to in-person events

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Come One, Come All!

Tu BiShevat Seder ~ Sunday, February 5

Come one, come all as we mark *Tu Bishevat*, the New Year for Trees, with an intergenerational seder Sunday, February 5, from 10am—noon. In modern times, *Tu Bishevat* has expanded into a celebration of nature and the environment, and is a reminder of our sacred responsibility to care for the Earth. Like a Passover seder, the beautifully written *Tu Bishevat* seder follows a special order, with four cups of juice, special symbolic foods (mostly fruits of the trees), and holiday songs. Entertaining, educational and creative activities interspersed throughout the seder are sure to appeal to participants of all ages and generations. Everyone is invited!



To assist with our planning, please RSVP to TuBishevatSeder@vassartemple.org ASAP..