



Vassar Temple

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Vassar Temple's 7th First Night Passover Seder Friday, March 30th at 5:30pm

The seventh annual first night Passover Seder, held in Vassar Temple's Social Hall, is lay-organized and lay-led, with a short seder service using a user-friendly Haggadah and activities to make the evening fun and meaningful for children.

Complementing the traditional ritual foods will be a delicious kosher-style dinner featuring: matzo ball soup, appropriate appetizers, entrée choices of either chicken or fish, herbed vegetable sides, and selected Pesach desserts. Ritual wine or juice and foods, plus non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

* We can handle special dietary requirements if pre-arranged.

* Additional wine may be brought by attendees as desired.

* Adult: \$40; 5-13 year old: \$12; Under age 5: Free

Please RSVP BY March 20, 2018, by sending your check (made out to Vassar Temple) to: Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please indicate 'Seder 2016', the number of adults and children, and the number wishing each entrée (chicken or fish) on the memo line.

If you have any questions at all about the seder, please contact Ron Rosen at seder@vassartemple.org or 845-454-4936. Seder co-chairs are Ron Rosen and Polly Lewis.

Upcoming Events

March	
4	Lunch Box, p6
4, 18	Judaica Shoppe Sale, p4
12	Albany Advocacy Day, p5
18	Tiny Temple, p3

SAVE THE DATE

**Doris and Fannie Berlin
Lecture,**

Sunday, April 29th at 4:00pm

Dr. Deborah Tannen, Guest Speaker
"Women's Friendships as Compared to Men's" Questions? Contact sisterhood@vassartemple.org

SAVE THE DATE

**Mitzvah Day
Sunday, May 6th**

A Day of Community Service Projects for Everyone! To help, contact socialaction@vassartemple.org or director@jewishdutchess.org

March Study Groups at Vassar Temple

"Torah Study" with the Temple's Rabbi Leah Berkowitz, which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftarah, will be held at 9:00am Saturdays (no class 3/31). "The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text", taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, will be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month (Mar. 13 & 27) at noon. All are welcome to come, learn and join in the lively discussions at both classes--no previous training required! No charge to attend. Questions? rabbi@vassartemple.org or (845)454-2570

Reminder!

March 2nd

Regular Shabbat Service
hours Resume

7:30pm

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE!

The 'Sharing our Shabbat Tables' event, originally scheduled for March 9th, has been postponed due to scheduling needs. Please watch Temple publicity for a new date. In the meantime, please note that **there WILL be Shabbat services at 7:30 pm on Friday, 3/9.**



From the Rabbi's Desk: The Incredible, Edible Passover Egg

Of all the ritual foods we eat on Passover, the most mysterious one is the egg. While each traditional food has several layers of meaning, the egg has so many layers it might as well have been an onion!

Like many Jewish traditions, the egg started out as a compromise. In Exodus 12:8 (from the Priestly author, if you pay attention to such things), God commands us to bring a *pesach* offering—a roasted lamb or goat. In Deuteronomy 16:2 (from one of the Deuteronomist authors), God tells us to make an offering from our “flocks or our herds”—meaning cattle are also an option. To reconcile these two options, in II Chronicles 35:13 the priests make *two* offerings: a roasted offering and a boiled offering, elsewhere called *hagigah* or “festival offering.”

The *hagigah* probably didn't start out as an egg. In the Talmud, the rabbis establish that two cooked foods are served at the *seder*, in honor of these two sacrifices. The second cooked food is eaten at the beginning of the festive meal, so that we can enjoy the roasted *pesach* lamb slowly, not in a state of crazed hunger (*Pesachim* 70a). There is little consensus on what the second food should be: beets and rice—an affordable, vegetarian option—two kinds of meat, meat and

gravy—another cost-cutting measure—or fish and egg, similar to our modern day hard-boiled eggs and gefilte fish! (*Pesachim* 114b).

How did the egg, in Hebrew *beitzah*, become the *hagigah* of choice? Perhaps, following the destruction of the Temple, the egg was chosen because it is a mourner's food. Eggs were served in houses of mourning because the mourner, like the egg, “has no mouth,” and thus is not required to speak while in mourning. The egg's roundness also serves as a reminder of the cycles of life.

On the flip side, some saw the egg as a symbol of hope for redemption. 10th century scholar Sherira Gaon suggests that the egg was not one of two cooked foods, but one of three, symbolizing the heroism of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, as well as the three types of animal we will feast on in the world to come: the Leviathan (a giant fish), the Wild Ox, and the Ziz (a giant bird).

In many cultures, the egg symbolizes springtime and rebirth. This would explain their place in the Christian celebration of Easter, though we probably both borrowed it from some ancient pagan springtime rite.

Because it represents a sacrificial offering, some people still roast their egg. However, remember to boil it first, or it will explode in your oven!

At this time of year, I like to focus on the egg's nature *and* its preparation. A hard-boiled egg, to me, is a symbol of resilience, of growing stronger in hot water. An egg is also a symbol of possibility, as described in Rabbi Susan Schnur's “Ode to the Passover Egg” a section of which appears here: (I encourage

you to read the whole thing at the site below!):

“Who would guess that inside your smooth temple worlds queue up, chafing to be born through generations, to be birthed and birthed again? Who would guess that worlds queue up inside of me, too. Egg, for I am like you — inside, the life in me teems, unborn universes mutely jostling and pulsing; like you. Egg, I am pregnant with what might-be. Consider this hand that cradles me — it is yours. This palm in which I wait, winking: it is all within, it is all within. Acknowledge me,” you tell me. Egg, “birth me. Birth your worlds.””

May this season be one of resilience, rebirth, and renewed possibility for all of us. Hag Sameach!

Sources: Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, Tara Mohr, and Catherine Spector, *The Women's Seder Sourcebook*; Rabbi Larry Hoffman, *My People's Passover Haggadah*, Volume 1; Rabbi Nathan Laufer, *Leading the Passover Journey*; Rabbi Susan Schnur, “Ode to the Passover Egg,” <http://www.lilith.org/articles/ode-to-the-passover-egg/>

Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

From Our President



The social hall looks great! A new light color on the walls makes it look bigger and much more attractive. Thank you to Steve Turk/Rocking Horse Ranch Resort and SplashDown Beach Water Park as well as the Vassar Temple Sisterhood for their generous contributions to make this project a reality.

Please see photographs online of the social hall and stop by whenever the Temple is open (any Friday evening is a good time) to see the dramatic changes for yourself. Other than making the

social hall beautiful, an additional purpose for painting and upgrading the social hall is to make it attractive for rentals by members of the congregation as well as the public.

Most of you recognize that the Temple cannot survive on membership dues alone. We have fundraisers throughout the year. One such fundraiser is the SCRIP program. Please go online, contact the office or Sandra Mamis to participate. There is no cost you, except for paying in advance for items you will always need and use anyway.

Additional fundraisers are in the works. Please check the Temple bulletins or our website

so that you may participate.

Finally, I request that you consider giving donations to Vassar Temple throughout the year and/ or in your will. It's a great way to support our temple. I can assure you, your contributions will be put to good use.

Thank you.

Mark J Metzger
President

March Worship Services

2	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
3	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Shabbat morning worship
9	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and cantorial intern Laura Stein
10	9:00am	Torah Study Intergenerational Shabbat Experience
16	6:00pm 7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Happy Hour Shabbat Service with Rabbi Berkowitz and organist Joseph Bertolozzi
17	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study New Paths Shabbat morning worship
23	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Berkowitz, organist Joseph Bertolozzi and cantorial intern Laura Stein
24	9:00am 10:00am	Torah Study Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Kafflowitz
30	5:30pm	Erev Passover - NO SHABBAT SERVICE Community Seder at VT
31		First day of Passover

New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning services on Saturdays, March 3rd and March 17th, at 10:00am in the informal setting of Vassar Temple's East Chapel. The moving liturgy of the New Paths prayer book 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. A brief mini-kiddush follows. For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz at mschwa9882@aol.com, Rabbi Berkowitz at rabbi@vassartemple.org, or the Temple office at 845-454-2570.

March Tzedakah: Emergency Fund for Jewish Families

Money collected in our tzedakah box during March will benefit the Emergency Fund for Jewish Families. This is a last resort lifeline for area Jewish families who have nowhere else to turn when they are unable to pay rent, utilities, medicine, job search expenses, or other necessities in times of temporary financial hardship.

The fund was established by Jewish Family Services of Dutchess County and depends solely on public donations. You can also make a donation to this fund by check, made out to 'Vassar Temple' with 'Emergency Fund' on the memo line.

For further information about the fund, or for information on how to apply for assistance, contact the Jewish Federation at director@jewishdutchess.org, or socialaction@vassartemple.org.

Scriptural Readings

March

- 3 Ki Tissa Ex. 31:18-33:11; I Kings 18:1-39
- 10 **Shabbat Parah** Vayakhel-Pekudei Ex. 37:17-39:21; Num. 19:1-22; Ezekiel 36:16-38
- 17 **Shabbat HaChodesh** Vayikra Lev. 3:1-4:26; Num. 28:1-15, Ex. 12:1-20; Ezekiel 45:16-46:18
- 24 **Shabbat HaGadol** Tzav Lev. 7:11-38; Malachi 3:4-24
- 31 Shabbat Pesach Exodus 12:21 - 12:51, Numbers 28:16 - 28:25; Joshua 5:2 - 6:1

Tiny Temple Passover March 18th



Please join us for Tiny Temple's free Passover event at Vassar Temple on Sunday, March 18th from 10:30am-11:30am. Tots, along with the Religious School, will learn about Passover through crafts, story, and song in a relaxed and friendly setting, and a special holiday snack will be served.

Parents, grandparents, families and children ages infant to 5 are warmly invited to join in the fun. Tiny Temple is open to all regardless of temple affiliation, is always free of charge, and is sponsored by Vassar Temple Sisterhood.

To assist in our planning, please RSVP to Emma Arnoff and Jas Russo at tinytemple@vassartemple.org. They will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about this wonderful, free, monthly program, and to put you on the Tiny Temple e-mail list. Vassar Temple is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism, and additional information is available at www.vassartemple.org or by calling the Temple Office at 845-454-2570.

Mazel Tov

to:

Eve and Bruce Gendron on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Hannah;

Meredith and Alan Kflowitz on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Aaron

Passover Judaica Sale at Vassar Temple

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Judaica Shoppe carries all your needs for a festive Passover table: seder plates, matzah plates, kiddush, Elijah and Miriam cups, table cloths, fun items for the children, and so much more. We also feature some very special Israeli artisans. Come and browse-- our prices will amaze you....no shipping charges for special orders either!

Special sale hours:

Sundays, March 4 and March 18 from 9:00am-12:00noon.

The shop is also open Monday-Thursday, 10:00am-2:00pm. and by appointment

For more information, contact Perla Kaufman at brandaliz5@optonline.net or 914-456-7309.

VT Board Approves New Resolution

Keshet is a national organization that works for full LGBTQ equality and inclusion in Jewish life and is not associated with a particular Jewish denomination. At its January 2018 meeting, the Vassar Temple Board of Trustees approved the following resolution:

In keeping with our Jewish ethical obligation to sustain the dignity of all individuals, and with the inclusive policies of the Union for Reform Judaism, Vassar Temple supports Keshet's Campaign for Trans Youth. We commit to treating transgender individuals of all ages with respect, to embracing them in all facets of synagogue life, and to exploring means of member education and community support.

For more information visit <https://www.keshetonline.org/resources/campaign-for-trans-youth/>.

VT Rabbi Search Update

The Rabbi Search Committee has a page on the Vassar Temple website to keep members up to date on the progress of the search. Please visit

<http://vassartemple.org/links/rabbi-search-update>. This space will be updated as the search progresses. You can find it using the direct link on our home page or by going to the 'Links' tab, then selecting 'Rabbi Search Update.' You can also contact the Committee at VTSearch2018@gmail.com.

Condolences

To the families of:

Vera Maisel
Sally Collen

Morse School Library Project Update

The Social Action Jewish Coalition (Harding Club, Beth El, Schomrei Israel, Shir Chadash, Vassar Temple and friends) is doing well at the Morse School Library, if you judge by the beautiful smiles and thank yous that welcome us on Monday's and Thursdays.

You can join the team, we need YOU! Two hours once a week, every other week, once a month, every other month....you can determine what works for your schedule! You can help a child find a book he or she is interested in, you can chat and discuss what could be of interest and/or you can man the computer!

We are looking forward in the very near future, to an update of the computer program used by the library system and to a newer computer!!

YOU can make a difference! Join us you will love it! For more information contact Muriel Horowitz at murielh@optonline.net or Perla Kaufman at Brandaliz5@optonline.net.

March 2018 Bimah Flowers Donations:

March 2: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

March 9: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

March 16: Donated by Sandra Mamis in honor of special birthdays

March 23: Donated by Martin Noble in memory of Erica Robbins;
Alan & Meredith Kflowitz in memory of Aaron's grandfathers,
Harvey Kflowitz and William Rothstein, on the occasion of
Aaron's Bar Mitzvah



Past Bimah Flowers Donations Update:

December 8: Donated by the Erlebacher family in memory of Seth Erlebacher

February 2: Donated by Ben Krevolin & family in memory of Lewis Krevolin

February 9: Donated by the Gendron family in honor of Hannah's Bat Mitzvah

Please consider commemorating a special occasion or honoring the memory of a loved one by sponsoring the sanctuary flowers. The cost is \$55. Checks should be made payable to 'Vassar Temple Sisterhood' with 'Bimah Flower Fund' in the memo line. For more information call the Temple Office at 454-2570.

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Articles for the **April Bulletin** must be submitted by **March 1st** sent via email to publicity@vassartemple.org. The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.

From the Religious School Director



According to some, the Passover Seder is the ritual most observed and attended out of all the Jewish Holidays. This makes sense in a lot of ways because it can be

easy to get yourself invited to your cousin's seder or to drop in to a community seder at a JCC or a local synagogue. It is a distinctly Jewish holiday with traditional foods and scripted readings. And sometimes we even get a little creative and it becomes an experiential experience.

The word Seder means order. There is a specific order to the ritual meal, blessings and readings. But, upon reflection, I believe the meaning can be expanded. For those who kosher their homes for Passover the observance of the holiday begins right after Purim. Once that holiday is over, the family has a mission to clean out any *chametz* (food not kosher for Passover) from the cupboards. For example, those cookies you had hidden so your teenager wouldn't

gobble them up... it's time to make sure they are gobbled.

About a week or so before the holiday, the cleaning begins in earnest. Some keep this to the kitchen and others will make sure there are no crumbs in the pockets of any clothing. Each space you clean is to be covered and made out of bounds. Counters are covered with foil or plastic and others will use a blowtorch to make sure it is certifiably *chametz-less*. Food that was not able to be used is "sold" to someone who is not Jewish. The car is taken to be vacuumed. And the night before the 1st seder, there is a ritual called *B'dikat Chametz* which involves a wooden spoon, a feather and the last couple of remaining crumbs in your sparkling household and fire.

There was a time when I would spend hours following these customs and at the same time I would begin cooking for the seder and preparing a creative seder experience for my guests. Passover,, which I so loved as a kid, became overwhelming during those years. Admittedly I

did not sleep much in the weeks between Purim and Passover. Although, I still do a modified cleaning and sometimes will cook and lead a Seder, I have also learned to accept invitations, making the holiday special for me once again.

However, I learned something from the frenzy of cleaning, cooking and creating. I learned how important it is to create order out of the chaos. Just like the Israelites who are emerging from a time and place where they were enslaved, we are also emerging from our long winter. This is the time of year when our neighbors are also creating order with their spring cleaning. It is time for transformation and to begin again. Like our yearly transformation, the Israelites who left Egypt were transformed from being slaves into a self-determined people on a journey to become worthy of entering the promised land. Chag Sameach!

Julie Makowsky

Souper Sale Update

This was my first year leading the souper sale. I was nervous that I wouldn't do it as well as Nancy Samson has over the years. With Nancy's guidance and the support of many, it was a success.

Thank you all who donated to this much needed cause. Your donations totaled \$700. 23 cases made it to these local pantries, Dutchess Outreach, Interfaith senior Housing, Community Action Partnership and Morse School. Many thanks to our delivery crew, Perla Kaufman, Jim Robinowitz, Marian Schwartz and the Kelsons. Thank you to Mathew and Alex Sinn for helping to load up the cars.

Following is an email received from Jim Robinowitz who delivered to the Community Partnership:

"Once again I was involved with delivering cans of soup to a local pantry. This year I was met by the entire staff, who proceeded to unload my car. It was so obvious to me that they appreciated our donation. This is a valuable Temple activity. I strongly urge even more member involvement in this worthwhile and needed project."

Shaari Roland

Advocate in Albany: March 12th

Reform Jewish Voice of New York State (RJVS), Judaism's progressive voice for social justice in the state, needs your voice when we return to Albany on Monday, March 12, 2018, where we will be part of an intergenerational force lobbying for:

- Early voting and the NY Votes Act
- Reproductive choice
- Expanding anti-discrimination laws
- Clean energy
- Protecting public education
- Ending the unjust money bail system

Register for the Annual Advocacy Day ASAP at rjvnys.org/aad. Howard Susser, a member of our temple, is involved and will be happy to answer your questions. You can send him a message at socialaction@vassartemple.org.

VT Members Help Veterans in Need

Vassar Temple's response to the appeal for winter clothing by The Private Herman Siegel Post 625 Jewish War Veterans was gratefully acknowledged. We received a letter from Yvette Rodrigues-Cacho, the VA hospital chief of Voluntary Service. She extended, on behalf of the patients and staff of Castle Point, their appreciation for the generous donation of clothing they received from us on January 18th and 22nd. The items will be placed in the Clothing room at the hospital and distributed to the veterans in need. Todah Raba to all.

We need your 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.

Jewish War Veterans Meeting: March 4th

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625, Poughkeepsie, of the Jewish War Veterans of The United States of America, will be holding its monthly post meeting on Sunday, March 4th at Congregation Schomre Israel in Poughkeepsie at 9:30am. There will be an informal coffee and cake 'schmooze' at 9:00am. Because Congregation Schomre Israel is strictly kosher no edibles may be brought in. All persons of the Jewish faith who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America are cordially invited to attend and fully participate. Furthermore all persons of the Jewish faith are invited to attend and participate. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

Lunch Box: March 4th

Help us feed our neighbors in need! Our Grade 4-7 religious schoolers and their families will participate, along with volunteers of all ages from our congregation. We'll be making and serving a nutritious, delicious meal featuring frank and bean casserole, and we need your help!

Donations of the following foods can be dropped off at the Temple beforehand any time the building is open:

- 1 to 2 dozen pieces fresh fruit/bananas, or
- 3 lbs all beef hot dogs.

Please LABEL all food 'For Lunch Box.' There will be a bin near the entry to the kitchen for your donations of nonperishable fruits.

We also need volunteers to help cook and serve at the Family Partnership Center between 10:30am and 1:45pm that Sunday.

For questions, to volunteer, or to donate food, please contact Marian at socialaction@vassartemple.org or 845-849-0025.

P.S. Your check made out to 'Vassar Temple' with 'Community Tzedakah Fund' on the memo line also helps our Lunch Box project!

Author Anita Diamant is Coming to Poughkeepsie in April!

Anita Diamant, NY Times best selling author, will be the guest presenter at a Community Shabbaton April 13-15, co-sponsored by Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth El, and Vassar Temple.

Friday 4/13 at Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave. Poughkeepsie

- 7:30pm Shabbat Evening Service with talk at the end: *How I Got to be Standing Here before You: A Writer's Autobiography*

Saturday 4/14 at Temple Beth-El, 118 S. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie

- 9:30am Main Sanctuary Service
- 10:15am Torah Service
- 11:15am Q&A conversation with Anita Diamant and clergy of the synagogues
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Talk followed by Q & A: *The Jewish Wedding Now: Change is a Constant*

Sunday 4/15 at Congregation Shir Chadash, 1168 NY-55, Lagrangeville

- 12:30pm Brunch, Talk: *From The Red Tent to The Boston Girl: Why I Write Historical Fiction*, and Book Signing

Since we are anticipating large turnouts, to facilitate preparations **please RSVP for any event you plan to attend to info@tbeny**. Diamant is the author of 12 books including *The Red Tent* (adapted into a mini-series by Lifetime TV) and *The Boston Girl*. She has written six non-fiction guides to contemporary Jewish life, including the recently updated *The New Jewish Wedding Now*, and is an award winning journalist. She also founded Mayyim Hayyim: Living Waters Community Mikveh, a 21st century reinvention of the ritual bath.. For more information, go to www.anitadiamant.com .

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Sisterhood President:	Judy Rosenfeld
Men's Club Co-Presidents:	Glenn Tanzman & Dan Teich
Immediate Past President:	Bob Ritter
Youth Group President:	OPEN

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March 2018 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10am Senior Exercise Program (SEP)	2 10:30am PJ Library 7:30pm Shabbat Service	3 9am Torah Study 10am New Paths
4 9am Religious School 9am 7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Run-Through 9:30am Judaica Passover Sale 1030am Lunch Box	5	6 10am SEP 7pm Ritual Cmte meeting	7 4:30pm Hebrew School	8 10am SEP	9 10:30am PJ Library 7:30pm Shabbat Service with Cantorial Intern Laura Stein	10 9am Torah Study 9am Intergenerational Shabbat Experience
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25 No Religious School	26	27 10am SEP 12pm Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb	28 No Hebrew School	29 10am SEP	30 Erev Pesach 10:30am PJ Library No Shabbat Service First Seder	31 1st Day of Pesach