

Please join us – online – to welcome Shabbat!

Friday, March 27th

7:30 pm – Live Stream Shabbat Service
led by Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann
with an extended component of
healing prayers and songs

Links to YouTube live stream and healing
prayer supplement on our home page

www.vassartemple.org

See additional information below

Saturday, March 28th

9:00 am – Online Torah Study

Join us weekly on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/699701816>

Torah Study remains at 9 am –
See additional information below

FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICES - moved to livestream. Find the links to the YouTube livestream on our home page at www.vassartemple.org. There will also be a link to download a

supplement of healing prayers.

You can also **view the recording of last week's service** at that link. **Rabbi Altman's sermon** from last week is posted on the temple blog <https://vassartemple.wordpress.com/>

Please contact office@vassartemple.org by tomorrow morning if you have a name that you needed added for the healing prayer. While we cannot read these names aloud during the live service due to confidentiality, Rabbi Altman will include them.

There are 3 options available to you to access our prayer book, Mishkan T'Filah:

1. Contact the Temple office if you would like to borrow a copy.
2. Kindle has a discounted version available.
3. The CCAR has made a flip book available for free <https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/mishkan-tfilah-for-shabbat/>.

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**SATURDAY TORAH STUDY** - moved to Zoom online meeting platform at <https://zoom.us/j/699701816>.

If you would like to be added to Rabbi Altman's email list for Torah Study, please contact the office.

There are 3 options available to you for the needed text:

1. Contact the temple office to borrow a copy of the Plaut Torah Commentary.
2. Kindle has this available as well.
3. Please feel free to follow along in your own copy of the Bible.

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ADULT ED SERIES on SACRED EATING - postponed.

COMMUNITY SHABBATON 3/27-29 - postponed.

HAPPY HOUR 4/3 - cancelled.

NEW PATHS SERVICE, SATURDAY 4/4 - Everyone is warmly invited to celebrate Shabbat morning together via a Zoom meeting broadcast to your device (computer, tablet, smartphone). If you don't already have it, go to www.zoom.us to download Zoom for free prior to April 4. To express interest in participating, to receive an advance copy of the service by e-mail, to borrow a New Paths prayer book, or if you have any questions, please contact Marian Schwartz at Kickman492@aol.com or 845-849-0025. Further info will be provided to those who respond closer to the date.

COMMUNITY SEDER 4/8 - cancelled.

BARGAIN BASEMENT (formerly spring rummage sale) - 4/19 - cancelled. Please do not bring rummage to the temple.

GENERATIONS DINNER/SHABBAT 4/24 - postponed.

SISTERHOOD DONOR DINNER 5/5 - tentatively rescheduled for 6/11.

Virtual Seders:
Passover in the Age of Coronavirus
Wednesday, April 1st 7 – 8:30 pm on Zoom
with Rabbi Altman

This is no April fools!

Most likely, most of us will not be able to gather around our Seder tables with our usual guests; even close family members will not be able to travel to us, nor we to them. Fortunately, through any number of online platforms, we can be together “virtually” even if not physically. Surely, this will change the dynamics of the Seder. Jewish institutions are hard at work creating resources to help us. What ideas can we share with one another? Join fellow congregants and me to learn about resources out there and brainstorm with one another ways in which we can make our Seders meaningful this year.

Join via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/316259069>

MITZVAH NOW

This year Mitzvah Day is being canceled due to COVID19, but you have a chance to do a "MITZVAH NOW." The Jewish Federation of Dutchess County has established an on-line site for the duration of the pandemic

at <https://jewishdutchess.org/coronavirus-helping-hand> where people can ask for help with anything from shopping to a friendly call, and those who are able to help can sign on to volunteer. Although Mitzvah Day 2020 is canceled, we hope that the Birthday Bag Project and Cereal Counts will still take place once the public health situation has improved. So watch for updates, and meantime volunteer to do a "MITZVAH NOW."

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN HOW TO HELP these agencies that are serving the most vulnerable in our community during the pandemic: Meals on Wheels, Dutchess Outreach's food pantry & Lunch Box, Hudson River Housing's shelters, local refugees/asylum seekers. and the DCSPCA.](#)

HELP AT THE BORDER Since the pandemic closed the Mexican/US border, the daily stream of volunteers, medical help, food and other supplies for those stranded there has been cut off. To continue medical aid and health resources for the refugees there, please donate to <https://www.global-response.org/matamoros>

Cantorial Sponsorship Match Opportunity

Cantor Goldman will continue to be with us on live stream on her previously scheduled dates. Please help us look beyond this challenging period!

Do you enjoy the music portion of our services?

Help us bring *Cantor Goldmann's* Shabbat musical leadership to Vassar Temple by sponsoring!

Thanks to generous congregants who prefer to remain anonymous, we can match cantorial sponsorships of \$250, up to a maximum of \$2000, by June 30th. Turn your \$250 contribution into \$500 with this matching donation!

You can sponsor the Cantor for a specific service (this year or next year), recognize a personal or family *simcha*, or just help with your contribution by sponsoring the cantor with this special opportunity.

For more information, please contact Bob Abrams at music@vassartemple.org.

SCRIP CONTINUES!

Please continue to support us through this important fundraiser. We will make safe arrangements to get cards to you. For the duration of office closure, please contact Sandra Mamis scrip@vassartemple.org or 914-456-3524 to place your order.