

Do you need help connecting to the VIRTUAL High Holy Days Services?

We realize that during this pandemic many of our temple activities have gone to a virtual platform. We do not want you to miss a thing. If you need help getting connected, please reach out to the office at 845.454.2570



Mitzvah Now: Back to School Drive



We want to give a big Kol Hakavod to everyone who participated in the **Mitzvah Now: Back to School Drive** for the Morse Elementary School of Poughkeepsie. Together with your generous support donating funds, shopping, decorating bags, and assembling 1000's of supplies we were able to deliver over **600 bags** filled with essential school supplies (costing approximately \$5,400) for the Morse School Students.

The Assistant Principal of the Morse School, Nicole Penn, thanked us deeply when we dropped off all the supplies. Temple Beth El and Vassar Temple raised an additional \$400 to be allocated to the next drive once school begins and additional needs are assessed.



Together we safely, and generously supported our Community as a Community! Wishing everyone a ShanahTovah U Metukah!!

With Blessings, The Mitzvah Now: Back to School Morse Elementary School Drive Team

ENVISIONING A FUTURE: 2020

3RD ANNUAL (VIRTUAL) FEDERATION CELEBRATION



The Jewish Federation
OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

The Board of Trustees is proud to congratulate

Past President Robert Jonah Ritter

on being honored by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County
at its 2020 Gala on September 30th

for information about the event please visit

<https://jewishfederationofdutchesscoun.ticketspice.com/envisioning-a-future-2020-event>



We need your help to erect the Sukkah, September 27 @ 9 am

Please join us at 9:00 am on September 27 to put up the Sukkah for the Holidays. No previous experience required, just a willingness to work for about two hours. Although Brotherhood sponsors this even, all able-bodied men and women are welcome. Please bring a screwdriver, work gloves, and a step stool or small ladder if you have them. Please wear a mask and we will distance as best as we can.



Please respond to brotherhood@vassartemple.org if you are planning to help.

Be safe, be strong.



**Yom Kippur Food Drive Alert /
Special drop-off times offered at the Temple**

Contactless Drop off at Door:

- Wednesday, September 23, 9 am - 12 pm
- Thursday, September 24, 2 pm - 8 pm

Curbside Drop Off at Truck:

- Sunday, September 27, 12 pm - 4 pm
- Monday, September 28, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Please wear a mask * assistance carrying available.

SocialAction@vassartemple.org

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



CROP WALK DURING COVID, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

Hunger Persists, and so does Vassar Temple! Join Our Team!

There will be no big community walk—but we are offering three new options:

1. Walk with a socially distanced small group from the Temple in the crisp fall air.
2. Design your own solo walk in your yard, neighborhood, or favorite trail.
3. Simply recruit sponsors and have them donate to this great cause

We will be strongly encouraging all to stay safe by donating online.

TO SIGN UP, GO TO

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/poughkeepsieny/Team/View/136367/Vassar-Temple>

QUESTIONS: Email cropwalk@vassartemple.org

Your Voice in Israel.



Zionist Congress: US Election Results and Update

The election for US delegates to the 38th World Zionist Congress (WZC), the international "Parliament of the Jewish People" was held earlier in 2020. The American Zionist Movement (AZM) administered the voting and is pleased to share with you the ballot results and plans for the Zionist Congress.

Thanks to you - and many others - a total of 123,575 votes were cast by American Jews from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and US territories. This is more than double the turnout of the prior vote (in 2015) and the highest number of ballots cast in a US WZC election in three decades.

Fifteen slates, comprised of 1,800 delegate candidates, competed for the 152 American elected delegate seats. They represented the diverse political beliefs, religious denominations, and cultural traditions of American Jewry. Those elected from the US will join other delegates (and alternates) from Israel and from countries around the world at the WZC to make decisions regarding the four National institutions that support Israel and World Jewry.



Jewish Community Preschool

of the Hudson Valley

**Jewish Community Preschool is excited to start offering
FREE virtual classes to young Jewish Families!**

Music, crafts, storytelling, and more with our local teachers and clergy!

Please join us for our upcoming virtual events:

Friday, September 25 at 10

- Celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Victor

Wednesday, October 7 at 10 am

- Celebrate Sukkot with Lisa Roth

Friday, October 23 at 10 am

- Celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Altman

Wednesday, November 4 at 10 am

- Learn about the Shema and its bedtime ritual with Lisa Roth

Friday, November 20 at 10 am

- Celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Krasner

Wednesday, December 9 at 10 am

- Celebrate Chanukah with Lisa Roth

Friday, December 18 at 10 am

- Celebrate Shabbat with Rabbi Polish

Please contact us at jewishcommunitypreschool@gmail.com



**FIGHT FOR RACIAL JUSTICE BY SENDING POSTCARDS
TO ENCOURAGE VOTERS OF COLOR IN VOTER SUPPRESSION STATES.**

We are joining with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, and the Reclaim Our Vote campaign, affiliated with the NAACP and many other national organizations to send postcards to voters of color in six states (Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, & Mississippi) which have significant problems of voter suppression.

We can supply everything you need to write cards. All you need is the time and motivation to write. Contact civicengagement@vassartemple.org

If you have no time to write but still want to participate, you can contribute to the Community Tzedakah fund to support our efforts.

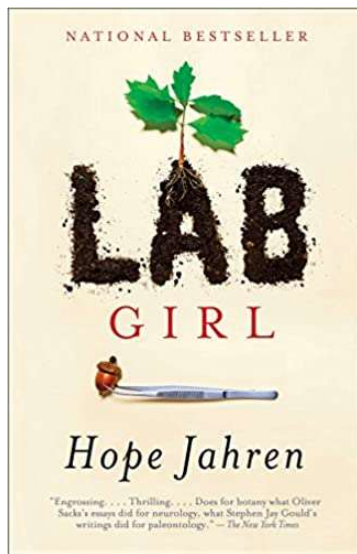


The Vassar Temple Sisterhood has your holiday needs.

From a honey dish to hold apples and honey, a gift for little one of Jewish Bee, to sounding of your own Shofar and holiday cards. Keep the spirit of holiday going in your house!



Book Club to Discuss "Lab Girl" on October 15th



Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss "Lab Girl" by geobiologist Hope Jahren, this fall's Big Read selection. "Lab Girl" is a book about work, love, and the mountains that can be moved when these things come together.

Hope Jahren has spent her life studying trees, flowers, seeds, and soil - her passion for plant life beginning in her father's laboratory when she was a little girl. She found sanctuary in science and learned to perform lab work with both "heart and hands." In her book, she talks about a brilliant and wounded man named Bill, who became her loyal colleague and best friend; about their adventurous research trips which took them from the Midwest all across the United States to tropical Hawaii; and about her constant striving to do and be the best she could, never allowing personal obstacles to cloud her dedication to her work. The author extends the wonders of science to each of us, inviting us to join her in both observing and protecting our environment.

"Lab Girl" is available in paperback through Amazon, with multiple copies available through the local library system. The meeting will take place (probably on Zoom) on Thursday, October 15th.



IT'S EASY! Organizations such as, but not limited to, Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, Grace Smith House, Family Partnership, and Hudson River Housing are supporting many families who are financially challenged, more so than ever, during these difficult times.

If you would like to help, you can purchase scrip (gift cards) to be distributed to the neediest. Cards will be used for food and other non-perishable family and household supplies.

Send your check to the Temple, labeled "donation, scrip." Vassar Temple will make some revenue off of the scrip sales and, at the same time, you will be doing a mitzvah for members of the community who desperately need help. For any questions please contact scrip@vassartemple.org