



Vassar Temple

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November Election Information

All registered voters in NY state have three ways to choose to vote in the November 2020 election:

1) By mail – because of COVID-19, New York State now allows “temporary illness” be used as a reason for voting by absentee ballot.

Download the application for an absentee ballot on the website for the county you live in: For Dutchess, www.elections.dutchess.gov. or, for Ulster County residents, <https://elections.ulstercountyny.gov/>.

Mail deadline for applications is October 26, but because of possible delays in the mail, it is suggested applications and voting ballots be mailed earlier. (Please double-check with your county Board of Elections office about application and voting deadlines. Each county may be different and things may change.)

2) In person during Early Voting – between October 24 and November 1, you may vote in person at any of five sites in Dutchess County: Rhinebeck Town Hall, Millbrook Fire House, Dutchess County Board of Elections in the City of Poughkeepsie, Boardman Road Library or Fishkill Town Hall. Ulster County residents, please check the Ulster BOE website (above) for sites. For hours, check your county’s website.

3) By in-person voting on Election Day, November 3 at your usual polling place from 6am to 9pm.
Note: Final day for voter registration is October 9.

Confirmation 2020!

This year's Confirmation Service, originally scheduled to be held in June, had to be postponed due to the pandemic. We are pleased to be able to reschedule a Confirmation Service this fall to honor our Confirmands. The Confirmands and their immediate families will be in the sanctuary and the congregation and guests will participate via Zoom. Please join us to honor these wonderful young women!

*The Officers and Board of Trustees
and the families of our confirmands
cordially invite you to attend our
Shabbat Confirmation Service.*

*Friday, October 30th at 7:30 pm
Vassar Temple
140 Hooker Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601*

Confirmands

*Hannah Gendron, daughter of
Bruce and Eve Gendron*

*Isabelle Hartman, daughter of
Andrew and Rose Hartman*

*Hailey Kafflowitz, daughter of
Alan and Meredith Kafflowitz*

*Amanda Moorz, daughter of
Jeremy and Danah Moore*

From the Rabbi's Desk

The Zionist philosopher Ahad Ha'am famously said: "More than the Jewish people has kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish people." One can say a similar thing about Shabbat services and Vassar Temple;



Shabbat services are an integral part of what binds our congregation together. Erev Shabbat services are central to the life of Vassar Temple. Certainly, they are a time for prayer; even more, they are an important time for communal gathering. How uplifting it is when we join together in song (and we will sing together in person again soon). In our services we strengthen our bonds to one another, to our synagogue and to our faith. And how we miss our Oneg Shabbats! One cannot deny the lure of those delicious baked goods (and talking about them just isn't the same), but it is really the draw of the people that attracts us. We yearn to sit at a table with others over coffee and cake and hear about each other's lives.

Over the years the nature of our worship services has changed in accordance with the needs and style of the times.

So, too, as Reform Jews we have the flexibility to schedule services at times that enable most people to attend. For some years now we have followed the pattern of holding services at 7:30pm from March through Thanksgiving and at 6:00pm from Thanksgiving weekend through February. As has been done periodically, last year the ritual committee undertook an evaluation of our services times, including taking a survey of the congregation. Thanks to so many of you who responded. We learned some important things from that survey. While respondents were almost evenly split regarding preferences for the time, there was strong agreement that people didn't like the current pattern of changing times.

At the same time, it is becoming apparent that our services are not experienced as being "family friendly," in part because of the later time but also because of their length and format. A prior model to have separate "family" services on a regular basis is not desirable for many reasons, including not wanting to divide up further our already small congregation.

After speaking with members of our religious school committee and reviewing the survey results, the ritual committee has developed a new plan for services, one that we hope will meet the various desires and needs of our congregants.

Most of our services will be at 7:30pm. Once a month we will have a "Simchat (Joy of

Shabbat Service" at 6:00pm that will last approximately one hour, include a lot of singing and will often feature a story in lieu of a *d'var Torah*. We hope that such a service will be attractive to young and older alike! Typically, it will be the 3rd or 4th Friday of the month, depending upon scheduling. Our first Simchat Shabbat service will be on Friday, Oct. 23. In honor of *Shabbat Noach* there will be a special focus on our animals (watch the weekly emails for more details.)

We will **experiment** with this plan this year and re-evaluate in the spring. We recognize that this change will take some adjustment and we will ensure that the schedule receives ample publicity. As always, the weekly newsletter will list service times; please do pay attention to these and other announcements. As the year progresses, we will welcome your feedback and suggestions. Please be in touch directly with me or with our ritual chair, David Hecht (vitrchair@gmail.com).

And, if you haven't attended Shabbat services in a while, I urge you to join us. I look forward to seeing you there!

Rabbi Renni Altman

President's Message

This fall, in a stroke of luck, three of our holiday celebrations (*Erev Rosh Hashanah*, *Sukkot*, and *Simchat Torah*) coincide with Shabbat, making our Friday evenings even more special. Consequently, this month I want to share how important Shabbat has become for me as I navigate our challenging world and my term as President.

Over time, in parallel with my increasingly deep dive into temple affairs, I have delved into our most central and beautiful tradition. Shabbat is what we each make of it; it is available to all of us for renewal.

On Fridays, I turn habitually to the following passage from the Amidah, in the section that we peruse silently: "...when doubt troubles us, when anxiety makes us tremble, when pain clouds the mind, we look inward for the answer to our prayers. There may we find You, and there find courage, insight and endurance." These lines express the essence of Judaism's role in prompting me to find inner strength to

continue fighting for my family and my community. If you aren't a "regular" at services I hope you'll consider joining us for comfort and community (and one of these days, for oneg!), to discover your own wellspring of strength within the liturgy.

On Saturdays, I eagerly anticipate Torah Study, where I absorb our history, receive intellectual stimulation, and participate in the debate that is central to our tradition. I'm always searching for today's lesson in the ancient passages. Retirement gave me the wherewithal to get up early on Saturday and, this year, I'm gratified that I've been at it long enough to come back around to the same portions and find something new. I'm elated to understand as an adult — because I was not given this opportunity growing up — that I can engage with the Five Books as literature, a wonderful story with characters, plot lines, cliffhangers, extreme violence and incredible selflessness. It's fascinating to see how the personalities and life experiences of my temple friends are reflected in their commentary. If you've never tried, I hope you'll contemplate it. It's a welcoming group.

One of the first requests I made of this year's Board of Trustees was to join me, barring emergencies, in suspending temple business on Shabbat. If you email the president's account, you'll receive an

acknowledgment asking that temple leadership be afforded this opportunity for rest and renewal. I respectfully ask and invite you to join us in making a conscious effort to elevate this tradition. We look forward, when we return to the sanctuary, to greeting you warmly, celebrating your happy occasions, supporting your sad times, and immersing ourselves in the music, liturgy, words of wisdom from our Rabbi, and the community.

Following V'Shamru, our prayer book offers the following words from Ahad Ha-Am, a Hebrew essayist known as the founder of cultural Zionism: "*More than the Jewish People has kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish People.*" It is certainly keeping me. I look forward to seeing you.

Susan Karnes Hecht

October Worship Service Schedule

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| 2 | 6:00pm | Shabbat Sukkot Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard |
| 3 | 9:00am 10:15am | Torah Study New Paths Service (Sukkot themes) |
| 9 | 6:00pm | Shabbat Simchat Torah Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard |
| 10 | 9:00am 10:30am | Torah Study Yizkor Service with Rabbi Altman, singing by lay leaders |
| 16 | 7:30pm | Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard |
| 17 | 9:00am 10:15am | Torah Study New Paths Service |
| 23 | 6:00pm | Simchat Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard |
| 24 | 9:00am | Torah Study |
| 30 | 7:30pm | Shabbat Service (Confirmation) with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard |
| 31 | 9:00am | Torah Study |

All of these events will be available virtually. To obtain the most up-to-date information regarding each service (including New Paths) or Torah Study please refer to the weekly emails.

New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths sabbath morning service Saturdays Oct. 3 & Oct. 17 at 10:15am on Zoom. 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 (BYO wine or grape juice). For more information, please contact Marian Schwartz mschwa9882@aol.com or Rabbi Altman rabi@vassartemple.org, and for the Zoom link see the temple weekly e-reminder or contact the temple office 845-454-2570.

Scriptural Readings

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| Oct. | 3 | <i>Yom Rishon shel Sukkot</i> Lev. 23:33-44; Zech. 14:6-9, 16-21 |
| | 10 | <i>Sh'mini Atzeret</i> Deut: 34:1-12, Gen. 1:1-2:3; Joshua 1:1-18 |
| | 17 | <i>B'reishit</i> Gen. 1:1-6:8; Isaiah 42:5-43:10 |
| | 24 | <i>Noach</i> Gen. 6:9-11:32; Isaiah 54:1-55:5 |
| | 31 | <i>Lech L'cha</i> Gen. 12:1-17:27; Isaiah 40:27-41:16 |

Sukkot

Friday, Oct. 2 6:00pm

Although we cannot physically gather as a congregation in our succah this year, we can join together to celebrate this fall harvest festival with a wonderful Zoom service appropriate for all ages. We will still enjoy the seasonal decorations in the sanctuary as well as virtually gather in the outdoor succah for Shabbat and holiday blessings, and celebrate with story and song.

If you build a succah and would like to include a video greeting from your succah, please send it to Karen (office@vassartemple.org) by noon on Friday in order for us to be able to include it in our service.

Our thanks go to the Brotherhood for once again erecting the Temple succah. If you would like to reserve a time to eat a meal in our succah, one family at a time, please contact office@vassartemple.org. We will provide a table; please bring your own chairs.



Mazel Tov

To: Jim Robinowitz on the birth of his granddaughter Lily. The proud parents are Leah and Emanuel Solara.

Jayne Luttinger on her engagement to Ernie Baumbach.

Thank you, Vassar Temple

Thanks to all who donated school supplies, funds, and/or labor to our Mitzvah Now project to provide Morse School students important tools they need to learn remotely. Special mention to Banna Rubinow and Chris Baltus for coordinating our Temple effort! This very successful project was a first-time collaboration between the Jewish Federation and the member groups of the Jewish Social Action Coalition.

Thanks to all who contributed nonperishable foods for our annual Yom Kippur Food Drive, to Bill Barbash for underwriting the cost of the truck, and to Ron Rosen for delivering the food to Dutchess Outreach's food pantry.

Thanks to all who assisted in any way with providing and distributing our recent Lunch Box meals, and to Paul Ciminello for so expertly coordinating it all (as always).



Condolences

To:
The family of Sonia H. Rubenstein, beloved mother of Lisa Rubenstein

The family of Precious Vivianna Rosen, granddaughter of Ron and Marilyn Rosen, daughter of Alvin Rosen

Hebrew Roots, Jewish Routes: A Tribal Language in a Global World Thursday October 22: 12 noon

Vassar Temple is joining with other small URJ congregations for this lecture, hosted by Port Jewish Center of Port Washington, New York and the Jewish Book Council.

Join Dr. Jeremy Benstein, linguist and cultural anthropologist, for a conversation exploring the deeper significance of Hebrew in the life of Jews and Judaism. Benstein will focus on the three-letter Hebrew roots that are the building blocks of the language as a vehicle to enrich our connection to Judaism and its values. You can purchase a copy of Dr. Benstein's book, *Hebrew Roots, Jewish Routes: A Tribal Language in a Global World* on Amazon.

Please refer to the weekly email for registration information.



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 our silk flower arrangements while services are being held virtually, please let the office know. The sponsor's name and remembrance or Simcha will be acknowledged just like with our fresh Bimah flower arrangements.

October 2020 Bimah Silk Flowers Sponsors:

- October 2: Donated by Ken and Amy Horn Oclatis for Sukkot
- October 9: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- October 16: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- October 23: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- October 30: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

Yizkor-- A Time of Remembrance Saturday Oct. 10

In Reform Judaism, a Yizkor service is held on the combined holiday Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret. At this time of joy, we pause to remember our departed loved ones. It can be comforting to remember them in the context of community, even if it is a virtual community this year. You can join Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann and your Vassar Temple family for Yizkor on Zoom Saturday, Oct.10 at 10:30am. Watch the weekly e-reminders for the Zoom link.

Support the Crop Walk!



The 51st annual Dutchess Interfaith CROP Walk for Hunger will

be held Sunday, Oct. 18. Due to public health issues, there will be no big walk this year. Each congregation is free to find safe and creative ways to involve as many people of all ages as possible in the urgent work of raising money to combat hunger locally, nationally and globally. Under the leadership of our

team captain Ron Rosen, Vassar Temple is offering its members a spirited walk in the crisp fall air, as a smaller, socially distanced group. Some may not be comfortable or able to do that, in which case they are encouraged to devise their own walk, maybe walk around their block every day for a week, alone, with family or a friend, walk a mile a day for six days in your neighborhood or on a favorite trail, or not walk at all but seek sponsors to donate to this important cause. So many ways to participate as a Vassar Temple Team member! Or you can simply go on-line and make a donation to sponsor either any team member (including our Rabbi), or the Vassar Temple Team itself. If you have any questions,

please contact Ron at cropwalk@vassartemple.org. To either sign up as a team member, or to make a donation, go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/poughkeepsieny>. On-line donations are strongly encouraged to prevent the spread of Covid, but if you must donate by check, please make it out to "CWS CROP" and send it to the Temple office, 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. However you choose to help, thank you for your support of this beloved life-sustaining project of our interfaith community.



Temple Receives Gift of "Grand" Piano

Thanks to the generosity of Barbara Lemberger, a long-time member of Vassar Temple, the Temple will soon receive a classic 1923 Mason & Hamlin AA Grand piano. The piano originally belonged to Barbara's grandmother, a concert pianist and piano teacher who was active in numerous Jewish organizations. For many years, it graced Barbara's living room, providing beautiful music to her and her family.

The piano was examined by Jon Vincitore, of Vincitore's Piano Center, who found it to be in good working order. Joe Bertolozzi played it and noted its "full sound and even response," concluding "[I]t is eminently playable and satisfying to hear." The piano will be housed next to the bimah, where the organ previously stood.

Although Barbara is moving to New Jersey, she wanted to find a home for the piano at Vassar Temple. She stressed how thrilled her grandmother would be to know that her beloved piano will provide concert-level inspiration to the congregation and the wider community for years to come. The Board of Trustees accepted the gift with gratitude.

With donations from the Lemberger family and various members of the Music Committee, the piano is being tuned, its finish restored, and moved to the Temple at no cost. It will be incorporated into our newly upgraded sound system. When the Temple reopens for in-person congregational worship and events, the Mason & Hamlin will fill the sanctuary with its "Grand" sound. We look forward to a formal dedication of this incredible gift.



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We can also obtain cards for over 500 national stores!! To see the full list, visit <https://www.shopwithscrip.com> and scroll down and click "retailer list". Contact Sandra Mamis, scrip@vassartemple.org to place your order, or contact the temple office at 845-454-2570.

Vassar Temple Bulletin

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Articles for the **November 2020 Bulletin** must be submitted by October 1st sent via email to publicity@vassartemple.org. The editors reserve the right to edit articles for style, accuracy and length.

Racism Reading Group Thursday, Oct. 29 -- 7:00pm

The protests this summer in response to the shooting of George Floyd have raised awareness in our nation to a new level as to just how deeply embedded racism is in all aspects of society. Perhaps it was the timing of this shooting, coming as it did in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic that has disproportionately affected the African American community, that opened the floodgates of anger in ways prior police shootings of blacks had not. In response to the question, what can we (i.e., white people) do, one answer that has come back repeatedly is, "Listen."

Listen to the words of those who have directly suffered from racism. Seek to understand that experience. Explore ways in which you have benefited from the privilege granted to you by virtue of the color of your skin. In an effort to do just that, our adult education committee is establishing a "Racism Reading Group." If you are interested in exploring issues around racism through reading and discussion, please join us. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7:00pm during which time we will discuss our personal goals for participating and set out a plan for the year. We are developing a list of books and articles to read; feel free to bring suggestions. If you are interested, please email office@vassartemple.org. Zoom links and links to short articles will be sent to you.



שלום!
Shalom!

Grocery Store Humanity During a Pandemic



At the grocery store today, I was at a very crowded check-out line watching an energetic, chatty, young cashier add up my groceries and put them from one belt to the other. Even with her mask on I could tell she must have been in her mid-twenties and was surprisingly enjoying her job. It actually made me smile inside my mask.

I turned to begin bagging my groceries in the reusable bags that I had brought with me and noticed a man standing next to the plastic bags that are hung on the rack at the end of the conveyor belt. I watched as he, with difficulty, in front of all of us standing there, methodically pulled an entire three-inch thick pile of bags off the rack and continued to walk out of the store with them.

"Is he with you?" the cashier asked me. "No", I replied. "Did you see that?", she asked, incredulously. "How could I miss it?" I replied. She told me the total for my groceries and sighed heavily.

While I was making my credit card payment, this is what she said. "I could call my manager, but it's so busy here right now. Clearly that man could have stolen far more valuable things from this store, but he only stole plastic bags. He must be in very dire straits to stand right in front of us in a crowded store and struggle like that to steal a pile of three-cent bags. It's between him and his maker now. I hope whatever he is doing with those bags is something useful and good. Truly he needs those bags more than we do. I'm not going to report him. Is that ok with you?" she asked me.

"It's fine with me," I told her.

She thanked me for packing my groceries, wished me a blessed day and moved on to her next customer with the same happy energy that she had greeted me with at the beginning of our encounter. Despite my having witnessed a crime, I also witnessed humanity, and I left her with a smile under my mask.

Lisa-Sue Quackenbush

Brotherhood

Let me begin by thanking all of you who helped put up and take down the Sukkah. I can't thank you by name, since I am writing this before the next event.

The next Brotherhood event is the Brotherhood Shabbat on November 13. If you are interested in participating, please let me know at brotherhood@vassar-temple.org. There are parts available in Hebrew and English.

I look forward to reuniting with you for this event. In the meanwhile, stay strong and stay safe.

Glenn Tanzman

Shabbat Noach Friday, Oct. 23 -- 6:00pm

Our first Simchat Shabbat Service will be held on Shabbat Noah, when each year, in different ways, we celebrate animals. Because pets are very important members of many of our Vassar Temple families, this year we will take advantage of being on Zoom for you to introduce us to your own beloved pets. You can do this in two ways. First, you can send a photo of your pet to Marcia Tanzman at shabbatnoach@vassar-temple.org by Oct. 16. She will create a photo collage of all the pets, which will be displayed on screen to everyone during the service. Additionally, you will have an opportunity to introduce everyone to your pet "live" on Zoom, perhaps with a few words telling us why your pet is funny or so special. Whether or not you have a pet of your own, you won't want to miss Simchat Shabbat!



Sisterhood News

Throughout these many months of Social Distancing, I have learned what a strong, compassionate group of women make up our Vassar Temple Sisterhood. So many of you have made a positive impact through your friendship and action. Polly Lewis and Sandra Mamis have worked tirelessly to update our Sisterhood Judaica displays; Roni Stein, Cathy Bokor and Polly are busy getting the Friendship Calendar organized and ready for print; Susan Fink, Sara Jane Goldberg, Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, Sandra Mamis, Polly Lewis, Perla Kaufman and Michele Sinn made generous contributions to our Goods and Services Auction which so many of you attended and generously bid. Judy Rosenfeld has kept our *Reyut* and kitchen going for the days when we will be back cooking and celebrating again. In case I missed one of you, please know that I appreciate all that you do.

I am a little slow in getting the Sisterhood renewal notices out to you, but you should have them this month. Please take the time to join. Sisterhood unites us regardless of your stage in life, your interests, your background, your age.

Wishing you all a joyful Sukkot celebration.

Without you we are one woman short!

Marcia Tanzman

Religious School Update

The Seth A. Erlebacher Religious School of Vassar Temple began the year with two outdoor sessions so that faculty, students and parents could be together in person, at safe distances with all precautions in place. We will move to virtually learning on Oct. 18. The Hebrew school began with virtual sessions on Wednesday, September 16.

I'm so pleased to welcome Vassar Temple member Shira Teich to our Hebrew faculty. She joins a great team of teachers: Gail D'Alessio (6th grade), Fern Greenberg-Wolf (2nd/3rd grade) and Marcia Tanzman (7th grade). Olivia DiIorio will continue to teach music virtually. *Madrichim* will continue to assist in the in-person sessions as well as online.

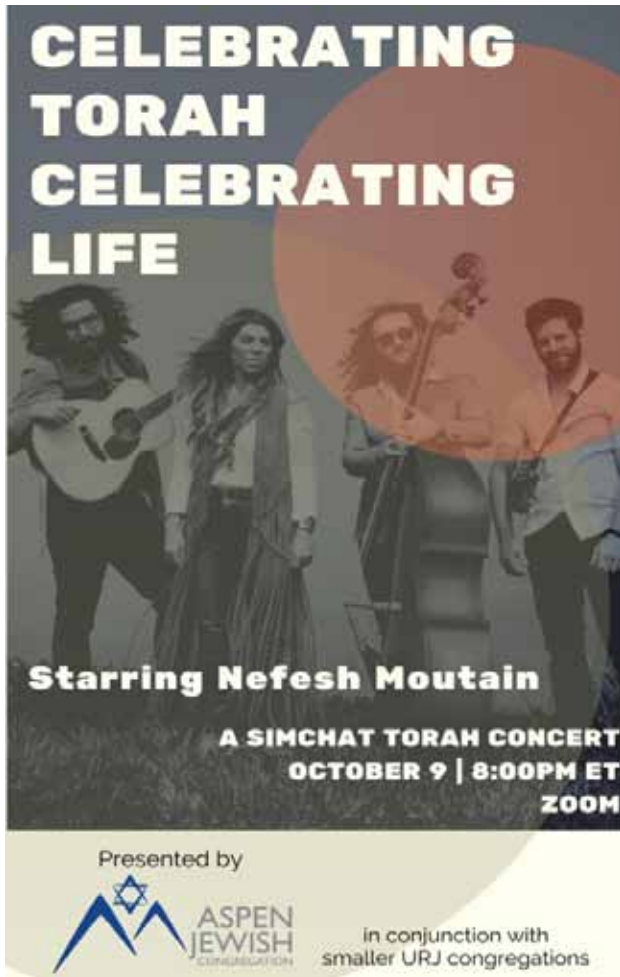
We are very excited to begin using a new curriculum this year through Shalomlearning. They are an independent educational program that has produced a very engaging values-based Judaic curriculum that spirals through each grade level, building upon a core set of Jewish values with age-appropriate lessons. Bible stories, holidays and Jewish history are integrated around those core values. The program is designed for both online and in-person classes, so it provides a great resource for virtual learning (and they have expanded their online resources to accommodate teaching during this pandemic).

Despite the challenges of teaching and learning in this pandemic, our religious and Hebrew school programs continue to educate and engage our children with Judaism and with Vassar Temple.

Rabbi Renni Altman



Simchat Torah
Fri. Oct. 9
Service: 6pm
Concert: 8pm



Through a partnership with other small URJ congregations, we are excited to be able to present to you Nefesh Mountain in concert on Simchat Torah. The musical ensemble Nefesh Mountain is where American music intersects with Jewish culture and tradition. Husband and wife Eric Lindberg and Doni Zasloff are the heart of this eclectic offering, and share their love for all American music from bluegrass to jazz, interwoven with elements from their Jewish heritage. Complete with adept string virtuosity, they play and sing songs of the heart, creating music with a sense of diversity, oneness, and purpose for our world today.

Join us for a Zoom celebration of Torah as we complete the annual cycle of reading it and, without break, begin to read again “in the beginning.” To create a virtual unrolling of the Torah, everyone is invited to share their personal favorite Torah story or verse with the congregation. We would love it if you can do that by making a short video that we can include. Even if you can’t make a short video, you can participate “live” that night. And if you have one of the mini Torah scrolls from a child’s consecration, you can hold it up when you speak. Another way you (or your whole family) can participate virtually is by making a video of yourselves joyously dancing with a Torah. Everyone who wants to make a short video about their favorite part of the Torah, or dancing with the Torah, please contact Joel Kelson for details at templevideos@vassartemple.org. Joel would like to receive the videos by 9/25 if possible.

October Jahrzeits

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 Selma Sobel Lipson
 Dr. Ely Rosenthal
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 Michael Oremus

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 Jeanne Loth Rubin
 Gertrude C. Clarfeld
 Bessie Rabin
 Minnie Israel
 Ira Greenberg
 Arthur Peritz
 Aaron Parish
 Margaret Ciminello
 Lucilla Albinder
 Sarah Pauline Benton

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October 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 7pm Ritual Committee | 2 6pm Erev Sukkot Service | 3 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths |
| 4 9am Religious School 10:30am Lunchbox | 5 | 6 | 7 4:30pm Hebrew School | 8 | 9 6pm Erev Simchat Torah Service | 10 9am Torah Study 10:30am Shimini Atzeret / Simchat Torah Yizkor Service |
| 11 9am Brotherhood: Take Down Sukkah | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 12pm Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb 2pm VTS Book Club | 16 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 17 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths |
| 18 CropWalk 9am Religious School | 19 | 20 | 21 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Finance Cmte | 22 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm VT Board Meeting | 23 6pm Shabbat Noach Service | 24 9am Torah Study |
| 25 9am Religious School | 26 | 27 | 28 4:30pm Hebrew School | 29 | 30 7:30pm Shabbat Service | 31 Halloween 9am Torah Study |