



# Vassar Temple

## Where You Belong

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### Lunch Box

Vassar Temple continues to provide needed meals to less fortunate Dutchess County residents at the Lunch Box. Over the course of the last several months, the need for free meals has increased dramatically and Vassar Temple has responded. In conjunction with the Mid-Hudson Islamic Association (MHIA), Vassar Temple (VT) has increased its commitment to this need by providing meals twice a month throughout the Summer. Because of Covid (making the preparation of meals at the Lunch Box kitchen impossible), the VT-MHIA collaboration opted to buy meals at local restaurants. In the past few months, VT-MHIA has purchased discounted meals from Crown Chicken, Gino's Pizzeria, and La Cabanita. In addition, Hudson Valley Fruit (Albinder Family) graciously donated a

box of apples for distribution at the Lunch Box.

As we move into the Fall, we are pursuing a new approach to meeting the increasing need for free meals in Poughkeepsie. Once a month, 10 volunteers from Vassar Temple will prepare the equivalent of ten meals of a specific dinner (currently chili) in their own kitchens and then bring those ten meals to the Vassar Temple kitchen where other volunteers will prepare the meals in the way necessary for distribution at the Lunch Box.

Our next event will be held on November 1 followed by another event on November 19. Volunteers for cooking (chili recipe provided) and other volunteers for meals preparation/distribution are needed. If interested, please contact Paul Ciminello at [Lunchbox@vassartemple.org](mailto:Lunchbox@vassartemple.org)



### Save the date

Nov. 18 Virtual Chai  
Noon luncheon. (see link  
in weekly email)

### Thanksgiving Baskets

As always, we are committed to providing Thanksgiving baskets and turkeys to our neighbors in need, in collaboration with Hudson River Housing. Watch the weekly e-mails for a list of the specific foods we will need and the dates of the drive. We plan to fill the baskets on Sun., Nov. 22 and they will be delivered to the

families the following day. If you cannot shop or bring in food to contribute, you can help

by donating to the Community Tzedakah Fund online via our website [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org) (indicate "for Thanksgiving"), or with a check made out to Vassar Temple with "Thanksgiving" on the memo line. For more info please contact [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org) or call the office 454-2570.



## From the Rabbi's Desk



This summer, while I was brainstorming sermon topics with colleagues, one colleague asked, "Do you really need a sermon to tell Reform Jews to vote?" No became my answer, but I will remind you here of what should be obvious: your vote matters. Most of us do not remember an election that felt more urgent, as it is taking place during a pandemic, with so much at stake. Vote, in whatever format you are most comfortable; best if you can vote early in person, but make sure to vote and follow directions carefully.

Historically Jews have voted well above the average, around 85% in contrast to just 50% of the country overall. I'm not familiar with any survey about Reform Jews, but I wouldn't be surprised if our community, so committed to social justice, is even higher. The great rabbinic sage Hillel taught "Do not separate yourself from the community," and Jews have taken this responsibility seriously, from voting to the disproportionate representation of Jews in the political sphere. I would imagine that the impulse for community involvement, and especially for voting, stems as well from our not-too-distant history of living in countries where we did not have such rights.

All of this bodes well for voting among the older generations of American Jews; not so for the younger genera-

tion who have historically voted in very small numbers. With so much at stake, this is no time for indifference or not voting as protest. Please reach out to your children and grandchildren and urge them to vote; spread the word about the importance of this election!

As with many of you, I have grave concerns about what happens after Nov. 3, among them further eroding of divisions in our already polarized nation. Two examples come to mind of those who model bridging ideological differences. The first is Hillel and Shammai, the leading rabbinic scholars of the first century CE, who disagreed about practically everything. The Talmud records a dispute that lasted for three years and was ultimately settled by a Divine Voice proclaiming, "both are the words of the living God, but the *halachah* is in agreement with the rulings of the School of Hillel." Why? Because the students of Hillel were kindly and modest, they studied their own rulings and those of Shammai's and were even so humble as to mention the actions of the School of Shammai before theirs.

The more recent example is that of the relationship between Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Antonin Scalia. Though on opposite ends of the ideological spectrum, they put those differences aside to build a close personal relationship. Justice Scalia would even share his opinions with Justice Ginsberg in advance which she said enabled her to write stronger dissents!

A core value that enabled these opposites to get along was respect; they treated each other with respect because they appreciated that each

was acting out of principle regarding their understanding of the law and for the best interests of their people or nation.

It is my deepest hope and fervent prayer that our leaders will lead our nation in a path towards healing, one that encourages all to act with respect towards others, especially those with whom we disagree.

I close with words of the prayer for our country in *Mishkan T'filah*:

*"O Guardian of life and liberty  
.... Grant our leaders wisdom and  
forebearance.  
May they govern with justice and com-  
passion  
Help us all to appreciate one another,  
and to respect the many ways that we  
may service You.  
May our homes be safe from affliction  
and strife, and our country be sound in  
body and spirit. Amen."*

*Rabbi Renni Altman*



One of the most valuable actions that we can take in the current divisive environment is to deepen our efforts to connect and partner with our neighbors of other faiths. Dutchess County is home to over 30 different faith groups and over 200 houses of worship.

The **Dutchess County Interfaith Council (DCIC)**, formed in 1972, is one of the oldest interfaith groups in the U.S., and Vassar Temple is a charter member. This wonderful organization enhances interfaith understanding, provides mutual support, and addresses shared community

## President's Message

concerns. Over the years many Temple members and clergy have served on the DCIC Board of Directors or supported the organization in other ways. I am extremely grateful for their commitment to this shared goal.

The DCIC was preceded in our community by the Council of Churches, formed in 1946 by 24 Protestant churches. Over three decades, this group worked to unite various Christian denominations to promote local interests and confront community issues, many of which were not that different from those we face now. By 1971 there was a recognition that a more inclusive organization was needed. The Ecumenical Joint Study Committee that did this work included our own Rabbi Henry Bamberger and was supported by Temple Beth-El's Rabbi Erwin Zimet.

Fast forward to 2020. In August the DCIC

welcomed a new Executive Director, John McKenna, who brings a wealth of experience as a public affairs specialist in mass media and the nonprofit realm. John has gotten right to work to help the DCIC clarify and implement our priorities for current times.

Several months ago, I accepted the invitation to represent Vassar Temple on the current DCIC board, because I

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## November Worship Service Schedule

6	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
7	9:00am 10:15am	Torah Study New Paths Service
13	7:30pm	Brotherhood Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
14	9:00am	Torah Study
20	6:00pm	Simchat Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
21	9:00am 10:15am	Torah Study New Paths Service
27	6:00pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman and Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
28	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 Nov. 7 & Nov. 21 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](mailto:mschwa9882@aol.com) or Rabbi Altman [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org), and for the Zoom link see the temple weekly e-reminder or contact the temple office 845-454-2570.

## Scriptural Readings

Nov. 7	<i>Vayeira</i> Gen. 18:1-22:24; II Kings 4:1-37
14	<i>Chayei Sarah</i> Gen. 23:1-25:18; I Kings 1:1-31
21	<i>Tol'dot</i> Gen. 25-19-28:9; Malachi 1:1-2:7
28	<i>Vayetzei</i> Gen. 28:10-32:3; Hosea 12:13-14:10

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recognized that I would be able to have a greater impact and Temple voice working inside the organization. Some of the excellent programs that the DCIC currently supports are the CROP Walk, the Interfaith Story Circle, the annual Interfaith Music Festival and Thanksgiving service, the Fair Trade Bazaar, and various social action initiatives.

It will not come as a surprise to those of you who know me to learn that I have a particular interest in increasing the DCIC's profile in local environmental advocacy. Faith leaders are trusted messengers who can be instrumental in building support for climate action and justice, based on the shared value of caring for our earth. I played a role in establishing the DCIC community solar partnership; I encourage all of you to explore this opportunity and thank our members who are participating. This is a financial win for individuals and the Temple and, most important, for the environment.

I encourage you to learn more about the DCIC at <https://www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org/>. You can sign up for their email newsletter and follow their Facebook page. Please reach out to me if you have thoughts to share about how the Council can best serve the community or if you have an interest in working with the DCIC on specific initiatives.

## Mazel Tov

At its September 24 meeting, the Vassar Temple Board of Trustees was unanimous in approving a motion to congratulate Robert Jonah Ritter, Past President, on being honored as “Federation Rising Star” by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County at its 2020 Gala. We express best wishes to Jonah for continued success in his work with the Federation.



## Welcome

Vassar Temple welcomes our new member, Gloria Mayer

## Judaica Shop

The Vassar Temple Judaica Shop is open to update your Hanukkah needs. We have menorahs, candles, dreidels, children’s gifts and more. Appointment slots available. Contact [sisterhood@vassartemple.org](mailto:sisterhood@vassartemple.org)

## Thank You

I want to thank Vassar Temple sound engineers Brett Colbert and David Lampell for their skill, patience and invaluable shepherding of myself, the Rabbi, and Cantor through the Holy Days and every Shabbat.

*Joseph Bertolozzi*

## Religious School Update

The religious school was able to take advantage of beautiful fall weather for our second (and last) outdoor family session on Oct. 4. We learned about the fall harvest festival and families made a variety of Sukkot related crafts, added to the beauty of Sukkot and had family portraits taken in the Sukkah. We then went all virtual and are developing an online community. Once we were online, we were able to bring back our music teacher, Olivia DiIorio and get back to some singing and to having a short *tefillah*. We also instituted a brief monthly program “Time with the Rabbi” where all classes would be together.

*Rabbi Renni Altman*



## 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.

### November 2020 Bimah Silk Flowers Sponsors:

- November 6: Donated by Hilary and Lew Wrobel in honor of U.S. Military Veterans
- November 13: Donated by Martin Noble in memory of Rose Noble
- November 20: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- November 27: Donated by Marilyn & David Lampell in honor of John McGaulley

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## Sisterhood News

My mother used to love when our entire family gathered around the table for a holiday meal. My grandmother was the only girl in a family of eight children, so gatherings often happened in our home. Most of all, my mother loved to ask her children and then grandchildren, what they were thankful for at the Thanksgiving table.

Although this has been a year like no other and our gatherings are different, there are still many things I am thankful for this year. I am thankful that I can continue my volunteer work at Vassar Temple. I am grateful that we have remained healthy during this pandemic. I have enjoyed the abundant harvest from the food cooperative we belong to and even harvested some delicious figs from my own tree. The existence of FaceTime and Zoom enable me to see the faces of those I love, even if I can't see them in person.

Lastly, my Vassar Temple family continues to be a source of support and comfort. Although we have not been meeting in person, our Sisterhood continues its important work in support of our temple. The rabbis taught that we are to say 100 blessings a day. This teaching reminds us that no matter how difficult life can be, we all have many blessings.

Please watch for our Hanukkah display in the Judaica window at the temple. We have a lovely collection of dreidels and menorahs.

And finally, please VOTE!

Without you we are one woman short!

*Marcia Tanzman*

## Brotherhood News

Thank you to all of you who helped put up and take down the Sukkah. See the picture included. We put it up in record time.

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](mailto: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*



## Yom Kippur Food Drive a Success!!!!

So many of you made a special trip to the temple between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur just to drop off a bag of food. And all those bags of food added up-- we ended with a double layer of bags throughout the panel truck to deliver to Dutchess Outreach's food pantry! Thanks to one and all for making that extra effort during this difficult year to carry on our temple tradition of providing for those in need on Yom Kippur. An extra shout-out to our legion of special helpers: Ron Rosen who managed the truck and food delivery aspects, Karen Clark for advertising assistance, Bill Barbash for generously underwriting the cost of the truck, and our crew of "essential workers": Linda Babas, Chris Baltus, Susan Karnes Hecht, Aaron & Haley Kafflowitz, Joel Kelson, Amanda & Danah Moore, Banna Rubinow, Ralph Schwartz, Arlene & Gil Seligman, Matt & Michele Sinn, Roni Stein, and Dave Wolf. No matter what the challenge, once again Vassar Temple has Made a Difference!

*Marian Schwartz*

*YK Food Drive Chair*

## Back to the Sources

### **An Adult Education Series with Rabbi Altman and Rabbi Golomb Wednesdays at 7:30pm**

Unravel the mysteries of basic Jewish texts and their role in establishing Jewish practice through this introduction into the world of rabbinic literature. No prior background or knowledge of Hebrew required. The class will be taught via Zoom; registration links in the newsletter.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 with Rabbi Altman: *The Bible and its Interpretation through Midrash and Rabbinic Commentary*

Wednesday, Nov. 18 with Rabbi Altman: *The Mishnah: the first step in the building blocks of Jewish law*

Wednesday, Dec. 2 with Rabbi Golomb: *The World of Talmud*

Wednesday, Dec. 9 with Rabbi Altman: *An Introduction to Codes and Responsa Literature*

# Yahrzeits

## NOVEMBER 6

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## NOVEMBER 13

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Larry Kornreich  
Henrietta Burns Subkow  
L. Richard Rosenberg  
Arthur George Henderson  
Solomon Tanzman  
Henry Rosenmann  
Solomon Charles Cantor)  
Evelyn Heidelberger  
Ellen Bernard  
Samuel Saul  
Lena L. Bloch  
William Payne  
Martin Gad  
Rose Slate  
Shirley Richter  
Rose Jacobson

## NOVEMBER 20

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Abraham Feuerstein  
Frances A. Victor  
Helen Robinson  
Dr. Diane L. Weston  
Paul Susser  
Leopold Scharf  
Jenny Krevolin  
Robert Feitelson  
Dr. Daniel Budson  
Lily Fink Schenberg  
Maurice Horn  
Ida Axelrod  
Samuel Reifler  
Elizabeth Bokor  
Myrtle Oclatis

## NOVEMBER 27

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## Playing it Forward at the Tollbooth

A couple of days a week, I drive to Kingston, from Rhinebeck. Both shopping and gas are cheaper on the other side of the river. It's only a few minutes' drive from my house, and as an added bonus, the views of the Hudson Valley are beautiful from the bridge.

I personally get another perk out of this that I've never told anyone until now. Let me explain. Crossing the bridge from Kingston to Rhinebeck, you have to pay. I do have an E-Z Pass. It's very efficient to drive through the quick E-Z pass lane. On one of my trips during the week, however, I choose to go in the slower, full pay lane. I stop at the toll booth and hand my \$1.75 (in change) to the toll collector. I tell them I'm using E-Z Pass for me, but that I am choosing to pay for the car behind me. I am "Paying it Forward" and ask "Can you please ask them to pay it forward somehow and do something nice for someone today?"

When I first started doing this, it seemed a novelty amongst the toll collectors. They smiled and loved it. Now that some time has gone by, many of them recognize me. When I hand them the change, they say, "Thank you, or "Hey, I

recognize the red car, I know the drill, I'll pass it on. Have a great day." I think in some small way they look forward to seeing me and maybe I'm making their day just a little brighter.

It still makes me feel invigorated every time I do this. I have, over the years, gotten an occasional beep or wave. Although, I don't usually see any visual response from the car behind me. It's not about that. I just generally hope the passenger is surprised. I hope they think about either simply paying for the next car or even going to their next destination with a smile on their face. More than that, I hope they tell someone what happened and how good it made them feel. I hope those people are happily lifted in some small way because they choose to do something nice, anonymously for someone else. I think of how a small random act of kindness can trickle down. I optimistically think of how many people's spirits I might have lifted by a small handful of change.

So in conclusion, I will happily and continuously cross the bridge and enjoy the spectacular views of the Hudson Valley. But I secretly (or I guess not so secretly now) savor the joyful feeling I get on that trip I take back from Kingston, when I enter the slow tollbooth lane and hand the toll collector my handful of change and say "Pay it forward please."

*Lisa-Sue Quackenbush*

## Study Groups at Vassar Temple

"**Torah Study**," which examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftorah, will be led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D., every Saturday from 9-10am. New attendees should contact [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org) to be put on the Torah Study e-mail list.

"**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text**," taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, select Thursdays from noon to 1:30pm. For further information and to obtain the study sheets, please contact [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net).

*All are welcome to come and join in all the classes--no previous training required! No charge to attend. All classes will be conducted on Zoom as long as necessary for public health reasons. Watch the weekly temple e-mails or contact the temple for updated information at 845-454-2570 or [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org)*

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## Heroes Among Us: Sensing A Need

This month's Hero Among Us always knew that she wanted to work with children and help people. Her professional journey as a psychotherapist has enabled her to do that, but she had no idea how much her services and skills would ultimately be in demand, especially right now. Simply put, Emma Natalie Arnoff is the right person with the right skills at the right time.

Inspired by her son, Miles, who faced sensory processing issues at a young age, Emma recognized the need in our community for a collaborative program that would provide individuals, families and groups with specialized therapies, counseling and education to help children lead productive, confident lives. Mobilizing her creativity, ambition and professional

training. The Sensory Space – a business which Emma considers her third child – was born.

But timing is everything. The Sensory Space opened its doors in February, 2020, just weeks before COVID-19 erupted. As a result, The Sensory Space had to rely on virtual programming during the early months of the pandemic. When it reopened in May, Emma found that the demand for The Sensory Space's services had increased dramatically as the pandemic's required confinement and isolation fueled behaviors associated with sensory issues. The company has grown to a team of about eight professionals – all women – who offer a range of support services including psychotherapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy and nutrition.

Between running her business, managing a nonstop household occupied by twin four-and-a-half-year old boys and two working parents, and moving her family's residence, Emma has found

time to be involved with Vassar Temple as the organizer of Tiny Temple and she will soon begin "Generation Gratitude" with PJ Library, a program for parents and their children focused on lessons of gratitude and mindfulness.

Through her professional work and dedication to organizations that align with her personal values and priorities, Emma has been a singularly important contributor to our community. Her hard work and persistence have enhanced the quality and productivity of people's lives in ways that, especially in these times, have never been more necessary. Stay the course, Emma!

*Jennifer Sachs Dahnert*

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**November 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Religious School 1030am Lunchbox ** Daylight Savings Time ends **	2	3 ** Election Day **	4 4:30pm Hebrew School	5 7pm Ritual Committee	6 7:30pm Shabbat Service	7 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
8 9am Religious School	9	10	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed	12	13 7:30pm Brotherhood Shabbat Service	14 9am Torah Study
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