

## Shabbat Noach

### Friday, October 23 at 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Our first Simchat Shabbat Service will be held on Shabbat Noach, 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 [shabbatnoach@vassartemple.org](mailto:shabbatnoach@vassartemple.org) (please send asap). We will create a photo collage of all the pets, which will be displayed onscreen 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 don't want to miss this service!

The Simchat Shabbat Service is a new format: a shorter service with lots of singing, designed for all ages, accessible for our religious school-age children and for all adults.





## **CROP WALK DURING COVID, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020**

Fight hunger locally, nationally, globally

Provide disaster relief to California fire victims

25% raised comes back to combat hunger in our own community

### **Please sponsor our walkers**

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

Click on “Donate” to donate to the temple team, or click on the name of an individual walker if you wish to sponsor him/her. This year we are asking everyone to donate safely and securely by donating on line. If that not possible, you may send a check made out to “CWS CROP” to the Temple.

### **Want to join the team?**

To register, use the link above and; click on “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

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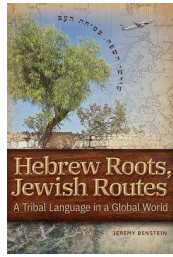
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QUESTIONS: Email [cropwalk@vassartemple.org](mailto:cropwalk@vassartemple.org)



**Joint Interfaith Story Circle  
Tuesday, October 20, 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm  
"Ebb and Flow - Stories of Hope & Perseverance"**

The challenges of the past few months have tested our strength and resolve. Our lives, like the Hudson River that connects our communities, come with tides that ebb and flow, that require navigation and resilience. Let's share stories, via Zoom, that encourage hope and perseverance. The wisdom of stories may come from our various faith traditions, personal stories of courage and triumph, stories of heroes from the daily news or history, from literature, or folk tales. Share a story or just come and listen! (To make room for many stories we request a limit of seven minutes per story). Co-sponsored by the DCIC. For more information or to register please email [ifsc@withourvoice.org](mailto:ifsc@withourvoice.org)



**A Conversation with Jeremy Benstein,**

author of

[Hebrew Routes, Jewish Routes: A Tribal Language in a Global World](#)

October 22 at 12:00 PM

Vassar Temple is joining with other small URJ congregations for this lecture, hosted by the 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.

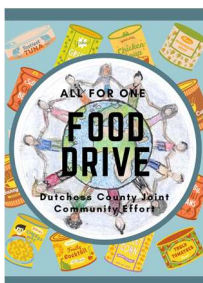
**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpd-GhrDkjE920rHXBxfMRD74z5agLVPfx>

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.*

You can purchase a copy of Dr. Benstein's book, "Hebrew Roots, Jewish Routes: A Tribal Language in a Global World" on

Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Hebrew-Jewish-Routes-Jeremy-Benstein/dp/0874419875>



## Second All For One Food Drive

October 25 from 1 - 4 pm

Local elected officials, synagogues, churches, mosques, interfaith groups, and nursing homes are coming together again to support this food drive due to the continuing great need in our community!

### How you can help:

**1. Donate Stop 'n Shop \$25 Gift Cards:** order thru Vassar Temple office, write "Scrip-food drive" on the memo line of your check. We will pick up and deliver the cards for you (and you'll benefit the Temple too)!

**2. Donate a food bag/box containing:**

Pasta, peanut butter, cereal, flour, Ritz crackers, rice, oil, sugar, coffee, vegetarian beans, canned chickpeas, canned tomatoes, canned tuna fish, bottled pasta sauce

*Please let us know to expect your food at [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)*

**3. Volunteer to help pack food beforehand, or help at the give-away site Oct. 25:** contact [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

**Food Drop Off Wednesday to Saturday, October 21 - 24, 8 am to 5 pm:**

Place bags/boxes of food inside 159 Barnegat Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (Old Hudson Valley Credit Union building, opposite IBM)

**Sunday, October 25 from 1 - 4 pm Drive-Thru Food Pantry:**

Crannell St Parking Lot, at 12 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Marist College William and Sadie Effron Lecture in Jewish Studies.  
Dr. David E. Lowe: *“The Actions and Passions of Morris B. Abram”*

**Tuesday, October 27, at 6 PM**

Registration is required at <http://mari.st/effronlecture> or by sending an email to [digital.education@marist.edu](mailto:digital.education@marist.edu).

**David E. Lowe**, won the prestigious National Jewish Book Award for Biography in 2019 for his book on Morris B. Abram, *Touched with Fire*.

**Morris B. Abram** (1918-2000), the subject of the lecture, emerged from humble origins in a rural South Georgia town to become one of the leading civil rights lawyers in the United States during the 1950s. Encompassing many of the contentious issues, we still face today—Abram’s varied career sheds light on our own troubled times.





## **Racism Reading group**

### **Initial meeting:**

Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 pm

If you are interested in exploring issues surrounding racism through reading and discussion, please join us for this monthly discussion group in which we will listen to the words of those who have directly suffered from racism and other allies. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 pm 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. We do ask you to sign up in advance by emailing [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).



## ***DUTCHESS OUTREACH ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE***

Cold days are coming! Local children are walking to school without coats. Seniors are shivering. Please help!

1. Donate funds in any amount (designate toward the purchase of children's coats) at <http://dutchessoutreach.org/how-you-can-help/donate/>
2. Donate coats, any size, in good or new condition, at any Guardian Self Storage Unit, Rhinebeck Bank branch, or Red Cap Cleaners through October 31. **Especially needed:** children's and plus sizes

***Thank you!***





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 the scrip sales and, at the same time, you will be doing a mitzvah for members of the community who desperately need help. Questions: [scrip@vassartemple.org](mailto:scrip@vassartemple.org)

**SCRIP SALES HAVE RETURNED TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE:** Please continue to support us through this important fundraiser. Please email the office at [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) or call 845.454.2570 in advance to place your order, that way we can have your order ready for a safe pickup. Thank you!



Just as Shabbat Services help brighten our week, so do the Bimah flowers that brighten our Sanctuary. If anyone would like to make a donation to sponsor our silk flower arrangements while services are being held virtually, please call the temple office at 845.454.2570 or email [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org). The sponsor's name and remembrance or Simcha will be acknowledged just like with our fresh Bimah flower arrangements.