

Rabbi Dr. Ariel Burger, whose memoir, *Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom*, offers intimate first-hand moments and lessons from Wiesel's life and teachings

February 14: Ariel Burger: Witness to Elie Wiesel. *Dr. Burger reflects on his personal relationship with Wiesel as a mentor, friend, and teacher.*

February 21: Elie Wiesel: Witness to the Shoah. *Emerging from the horrors of the Shoah, Wiesel taught the lessons of activism against hate and injustice; his message was one of both particularism in his commitment to Israel and to the Jewish people, and universalism, as expressed by his concern for suffering anywhere.*

February 28: Elie Wiesel's Lessons from Jewish Tradition. *In addition to his activism, Wiesel had a passion for Judaism, especially for the biblical personalities and the teachings from the Hassidic tradition.*

March 7: Elie Wiesel: What messages would he have for us today? *What would Wiesel say about the challenges we are facing today, such as living through a pandemic, America's current confrontation with racial injustice, and the polarization that plagues our nation?*

Copies of Dr. Burger's book *Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom* may be purchased through Temple Beth-El (845.454.0570) or Rabbi@tbeny.org

Join us for a Brotherhood Happy Hour to ring in the New Year. We will also have a brief business meeting with a drink in our hands.

Monday, January 18, 2021, at 5:00 pm

STORY CIRCLE *in* RECTANGLES

Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 pm

"The Wisdom of Humor"

Join our warm and friendly interfaith group to share a story or just to listen. This month we'll focus on funny stories, which encourage laughter but also often contain deep insight into the human condition. Our stories may come from personal experiences, folklore, or our faith traditions. Please register by sending an email to DCICstory@optonline.net and you'll receive the Zoom link.

VASSAR TEMPLE'S ANNUAL SOUPER SALE!

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 31

During this time that is difficult for so many, if you are able, please make a donation to help us purchase cases of chunky nutritious soups for seven local food pantries. Just send a check in any amount made out to Vassar Temple with "Souper Sale" on the subject line.

*Your donation is **tax-deductible & 100% of it will be used to purchase the soup.** All money collected will be exchanged for temple scrip which will be used to buy the soup - a win/win deal!*

**AT VASSAR TEMPLE, HELPING TO FEED THOSE IN NEED
IS POSSIBLE WHEN WE ALL JOIN TOGETHER. THANK YOU!**

For any questions, or to volunteer to do a February soup delivery to a local food pantry, please contact soupersale@vassartemple.org

Lunchbox

Attention Chili Makers and Bakers. We're set for our January 21 meal....but you can begin cooking again in February, placing cornbread and chili in the Temple freezer. Please no cookies or desserts. Fruit donations are always welcome. For information and the standard chili recipe, contact lunchbox@vassartemple.org

