

## ***Chazak ve'ematz***

**Be Strong and of Courage: Jewish Songs of Protest**

**Charles and Dorothy Wender Music Shabbat**

**Friday, January 15th at 7:30 pm**

**Led by Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldman  
with accompaniment by Joseph Bertolozzi**

When Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel returned from having joined the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the march in Selma, he reflected upon the experience saying, "For many of us, the march... was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying."

On this Shabbat of Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, we will celebrate Dr. King's legacy of peaceful protest that mobilized the civil rights movement by exploring songs in the Jewish tradition, both old and new, that illustrate this spirit of protest and hope for change.

## 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](mailto:soupersale@vassartemple.org)*

**Rabbi Ariel Burger**, whose memoir, *Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom*, offers intimate first-hand moments and lessons from Wiesel's life and teachings, was originally scheduled to speak at our Community Shabbaton last Spring. While the Shabbaton did not happen due to COVID, we will now have an opportunity to hear Rabbi Burger's planned presentations virtually on four Sundays at 7:30 pm: February 14, 21, 28, and March 7. **Save the dates** and watch your emails for additional information!

**Lunchbox** Calling all Chili-makers and Bakers! Lunchbox needs you! We are preparing for our meal on January 21. Please make your donations of chili or cornbread, and bring them to Vassar Temple and place them in freezer bags in the VT freezer labeled for Lunchbox. Alternately, you can contact us and we can collect or assist with delivery. If you want to make chili - let us know and we'll give you the standard recipe. If you have questions, please contact us at [lunchbox@vassartemple.org](mailto:lunchbox@vassartemple.org)

Thank you to our Vassar Temple community for its continued support for feeding our hungry neighbors.

**The Sisterhood Book Club** will discuss the award-winning novel "The Rent Collector" by Camron Wright on Wednesday, February 17 at 2:00 pm via Zoom. Taking place in Cambodia the work has been described as a story of hope, of one woman's journey to save her son and another woman's chance at redemption. Although a work of fiction, "The Rent Collector" was inspired by real people living at the Stung Meanchey dump in Cambodia. The book is available in paperback through Amazon as well as the local library system. To RSVP or get more information, please email [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org).