



# Vassar Temple

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## SAVE THE DATE:

Vassar Temple & Vassar Temple Sisterhood  
present: Party with a Purpose!

Virtual Happy Hour, Auction & “The Final Mile” Paddle Raise  
Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 5:00pm / Online auction opens April 25

Watch your mail for a detailed invitation. To assist with the event or donate auction items please contact [auction@vassartemple.org](mailto:auction@vassartemple.org) or the temple office 845.454.2570.

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## From the Rabbi's Desk:

We are in a period of counting. As a nation we count with excitement the numbers of people vaccinated while, at the same time,

with great sadness, we continue to count COVID deaths. As the Jewish people we are also in a time of counting: *Sephirat HaOmer*, the counting of the days between Pesach and Shavuot. Lessons drawn from this ancient counting tradition may have something to teach us for our current counting dilemma.

Torah teaches us that beginning with the second day of Pesach, the time of the barley harvest, we are to bring an offering of an omer (a certain measurement) of barley daily, counting each of the 49 days until the time of the offering of new grain, wheat, on the 50th day. The new harvest festival ultimately became known as *Shavuot*, meaning "weeks."

Following the destruction of the temple, this period took on a different meaning in remembrance of 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiba who died during this time. Tradition attributes their death to a plague; or, they may have died in revolt against the Romans. No matter, succeeding generations turned *Sephirat HaOmer* into a time of semi-mourning to honor the memory of those students when no weddings or celebrations take place, men don't shave and no one cuts their hair (all part of mourning rituals).

More contemporary interpretations regard this time of counting as a watchful time, given anxiety about the success of the harvest. Others say that it marks the period between redemption and revelation, a time of serious personal preparation and reflection.

Even within this period of mourning, however, there are breaks where joy enters: *Rosh Hodesh*,

the first day of the new month (which occurs twice) and *Lag B'Omer*, the 33rd day of the counting when the plague mysteriously stopped (or, others say, the Jews were victorious in battle). The events commemorated by *Yom Ha'atzmaut* (Israeli Independence Day) and *Yom Yerushalayim* (reunification of Jerusalem) occurred in this time period and these celebratory days also supersede mourning.

For the second year *Sephirat HaOmer* continues to hold painful resonance for us as we are still counting deaths from our plague. Unlike last year, however, we are also counting positive steps towards herd immunity. How do we navigate these conflicting emotions? In the Talmud the rabbis address this dilemma with the following situation: if a funeral procession reaches a crossroads at the same time as a wedding procession, which one takes precedence? The funeral procession yields to the wedding procession (Ketubot 17a). Joy and the future take precedence over sorrow and the past. Similarly, the arrival of a Jewish festival brings shiva to an early conclusion and even during shiva, mourners leave their homes to join the community for Shabbat.

Perhaps some of the rules around counting the Omer can help us find ways to move from sorrow to joy:

- ◆ Everyone is obligated in the counting: let those who are more fortunate reach out to include those who have suffered in this pandemic to ensure that no one is left out and alone.
- ◆ One must count each day; you cannot go backwards and make it up: let us strive to make the most out of each day.
- ◆ We count at night, the start of the Jewish day: let us look ahead towards the promise of each new day.
- ◆ We count standing, not sitting: let us be ready to move forward; we carry the past with us, but we don't let it hold us back.

Like the Israelites who left Egypt behind, may we march forward towards Sinai, a future filled with unknowns but with great promise as well.

*Rabbi Renni Altman*



## President's Message: The Final Mile

We used to have a small chalkboard near our garage door entitled "Phrase of the Week," on which we recorded newly discovered or invented phrases

that caused hilarity at one extreme and deep philosophical thought at the other. The chalkboard is gone, but if it were still there, I'd nominate "new and different" for not only phrase of the week, or month, but the entire year as we have navigated our way through a constantly evolving landscape.

With this in mind, you'll soon find something truly new and different in your (snail) mailbox: an invitation to our spring fundraiser, "Party with a Purpose." Unlike invitations you've received in the past for galas and progressive dinners, you won't find an RSVP card enclosed to order tickets and make pledges.

What you will find instead is information about our online goods and services auction, which will open on April 25 and culminate in a virtual event on Sunday, May 2, when we'll gather for a happy hour, take bids on a couple of special items, and—for the first time in my 30+ years at Vassar Temple—conduct a "paddle raise" to help fund our operating budget through the remainder of this fiscal year...our "Final Mile." The temple is partnering with our incredible Sisterhood on this event, for which we've contracted with a professional online auction site.

There are opportunities to support this event at all levels, and your invitation will have all

the details. In addition to participating, we ask that you consider the following:

- ⇒ ***Do you frequent a restaurant or other local business where you can ask for a gift certificate? Donors will receive thanks and be acknowledged in the Bulletin, encouraging members to patronize businesses that support the temple.***
- ⇒ ***Do you have a professional or personal service that you can contribute?***
- ⇒ ***Do you or a family member have a special skill or talent to offer?***
- ⇒ ***Would you be willing to put together a gift basket for the auction?***

Consumables, experiences, and personal services are typically our best auction sellers. If you can assist, please contact [auction@vassartemple.org](mailto:auction@vassartemple.org) or call the office.

We've exceeded expectations this year with two major campaigns: the Technology Fund and the High Holiday Appeal. We've had a few "fun-raisers", important primarily to stay connected. But the reality is that Covid has prevented us from hosting desired events to support fundraising goals. We're in the black for this year thanks to your generous donations and dues commitment, as well as securing one (and applying for a second as of this writing) forgivable Paycheck Protection Program loan. Closing our fundraising gap will keep that black ink flowing into next year and reduce the need to consider taking funds from our endowment down the line.

I am so grateful for those that stepped up this year for our Fundraising Committee and brought these events to fruition. Thank you.

*Susan Karnes Hecht*

## Shabbat Y'lاديم Saturday, April 17—10:30am

All children from birth to first grade are invited to join Rabbi Altman to celebrate the birthday of the State of Israel at Vassar Temple on Saturday April 17 at 10:30am. Our stuffed bear friends *Kachol v'Lavan* will be there to take part in the singing, stories, and a brief, child-friendly Shabbat service. Tell your friends and neighbors—this event is free and open to the whole community. If we can meet outdoors or inside at the temple under the health and safety guidelines in place at that time, masks will be required, we will be safely distanced, and individualized snacks will be served. If meeting in person will not be possible, then we will meet on Zoom. For further information, updates, and information about Zoom, watch temple emails, contact the temple office at [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org), or call the temple at 845.454.2570.

## Religious School Update

We look forward to warmer weather this month and the opportunity to have some religious school sessions safely distanced and masked outdoors. As we approach the end of the school year, the students will complete their unit on the value of *Koach HaDibur*, the power of speech, and begin the final unit on the value of *Shalom*, peace.

The congregation is encouraged to help us honor our teachers and *madrichot* on Teacher Appreciation Shabbat, Friday, April 30 at 6:00pm.

*Rabbi Renni Altman*

## 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, DD Saturdays from 9-10am. New attendees should contact [rabbi@vassartemple.org](mailto:rabbi@vassartemple.org) for the study sheet. Check with the temple for any schedule changes.



"The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text," taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, twice a month on 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 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 emails or contact the temple for Zoom links and updated information at 845.454.2570 or [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).*

## Healing Service: Saturday, April 24—10:30am

A Healing Service led by Rabbi Altman and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann will be held Saturday, April 24 at 10:30am. This beautiful service is designed for anyone praying for healing of the body, soul or spirit for themselves or others, for caregivers, and for anyone in need of spiritual strength. The service will include prayers, reflections and songs that focus on healing and on Shabbat. There will also be a Torah reading. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. We are hoping that public health protocols in place at the time will allow us to hold the service outdoors at Vassar Temple (weather permitting), otherwise we will meet on Zoom. Please watch temple emails or contact us at 845.454.2570 or [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) for updates.



## April Worship Service Schedule

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Fri. 4/2	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
Sat. 4/3	9:00am 10:15am	Torah Study Passover Yizkor Service with Rabbi Altman
Fri. 4/9	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman, Melissa Wall & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
Sat. 4/10	9:00am 10:15am	Torah Study New Paths
Fri. 4/16	7:30pm	Simchat Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman, Marge Groten & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
Sat. 4/17	9:00am 10:30am	Torah Study Shabbat Y'ladim
Fri. 4/23	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
Sat. 4/24	9:00am	Torah Study Healing Service with Rabbi Altman & Cantor Goldmann
Fri. 4/30	6:00pm	Teacher Appreciation & Simchat Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard

All of these events will be available virtually. Please see weekly emails for the most up to date information regarding each service.

## Scriptural Readings

- April 3 ***Yom Sh'vi-i shel Pesach***  
Ex. 14:30-15:21;  
II Samuel 22:1-51
- April 10 ***Sh'mini***  
Lev. 9:1-11:47;  
Ezekiel 36:22-36
- April 17 ***Tazria/M'tzora***  
Lev. 12:1-15:33;  
II Kings 7:3-20
- April 24 ***Acharei Mot/K'doshim***  
Lev. 16:1-20:27;  
Amos 9:7-15

## New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths Sabbath morning service Saturday, April 10 at 10:15am on Zoom. The moving liturgy 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:**

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and for the Zoom link, contact Vassar Temple at

[office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org)

## Yizkor—A Time of Remembrance Saturday, April 3—10:30am

In Reform Judaism, a Yizkor service is held on the morning of the seventh day of Passover. 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 virtual.

Join Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann and your Vassar Temple family for Yizkor, Saturday, April 3 from 10:30-11:30am.

For the Zoom link, watch temple emails or contact the office at [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).



## Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration Wednesday, April 7—6:30pm

The annual Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration, in partnership with Dutchess Community College, will take place again this year on Zoom.

The theme will be ***“Crossroads: Keeping Holocaust Memory Alive Through Education”*** and the speakers will be Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist, and Abigail Gondek, Archivist/Scholar, both from the FDR Presidential Library. Area clergy will participate and survivors and survivors’ children will take part in the memorial program. Zoom links will be posted in the newsletter. Please join us for this important community program to continue educating about the Holocaust as we speak out against antisemitism and all forms of hate.

## Condolences to:

The family of  
**Sandor Margolin,**  
father of Lisa-Sue  
Quackenbush

The family of  
**Andraya Nolan,**  
cousin of Melissa Wall

## Mazel Tov to the Lampell Family!

Congratulations on the birth of **Matthew David Lampell**. His parents are Ariel Lampell and Bill Ling. Grandparents are David and Marilyn Lampell, and his Great-Grandmother is Muriel Lampell.

## Mazel Tov to the Baltus & Rubinow Family!

Congratulations to Esther Rubinow on the birth of her daughter, to be named, on March 3. Christopher Baltus and Banna Rubinow are the proud grandparents.

## 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.

## April 2021 Bimah Silk Flowers Sponsors:

### April 2:

Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

### April 9:

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### April 16:

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### April 30:

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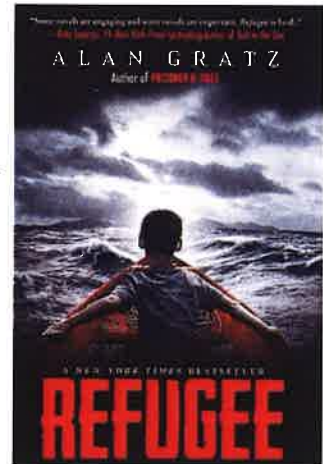
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## Book Club to Discuss *Refugee* April 15:

Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss *Refugee*, the timely novel by Alan Gratz, which tells the powerful story of three different children seeking refuge. Although separated by continents and decades, their stories are tied together by shocking connections.

Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship for the other side of the world. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, with the hope of finding safety in America. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe. All three children go on harrowing journeys in search of freedom, refuge, and the quest for home.



Although considered a "young adult" novel, this timeless story has no age restriction, and is appropriate for all ages. *Refugee* is available in the local library system, where multiple copies can be obtained. The meeting will take place through Zoom on Thursday, April 15, at 2:00pm. Betty Renner and Marian Schwartz will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please email [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org).

## Dutchess Interfaith CROP Walk Honored

The totals are in. The 28 teams that participated in the virtual Dutchess Interfaith 2020 CROP Walk raised \$56,378.62. This put the DCIC CROP Walk at #12 in the entire nation! Twenty-five percent of the total funds raised by our walk went locally to Dutchess Outreach, Fishkill Food Pantry, Beulah Baptist Food Pantry and to Poughkeepsie Community Action Partnership for its four pantries throughout Dutchess County. The remainder went toward projects to combat hunger nationally and globally. Thanks again to our temple's team captain Ron Rosen, the others on our team: Rabbi Altman, Ralph Schwartz and Dave Wolf, and to everyone who so generously sponsored them!



# Jewish War Veterans News



**Jewish War Veterans**  
*of the United States of America*

## Monthly Meeting

The Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625 of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will hold its monthly meeting Sunday, April 11 on Zoom.

9:00am "Schmooze"—9:30am Business Meeting

All are welcome to attend! For further info & the Zoom link please contact [rschwa9881@aol.com](mailto:rschwa9881@aol.com).



## Masks for Veterans

The Private Herman Siegel Post 625, is accepting donations of brand-new facemasks—either disposable or reusable. The masks must never have been used. The masks will be donated to veterans using the pantry at the Castle Point VA. If you are interested in donating masks, please contact [pvthermansiegelpost625@yahoo.com](mailto:pvthermansiegelpost625@yahoo.com). Thank you.

**Rob Rubin,**  
*Presiding Officer*

## Memorial Day Flags for Veterans' Graves

Every Memorial Day, Private Herman Siegel Post 625 Jewish War Veterans of the United States makes sure there are flags for the graves of all the veterans who have been laid to rest in all the Jewish cemeteries in Dutchess County. If you have a loved one who is not receiving a flag and you would like them added to the list, please contact Ralph Schwartz at [rschwa9881@aol.com](mailto:rschwa9881@aol.com).

Cemetery flags is just one of the community projects carried out by the JWV, and donations to support their activities are always appreciated. Checks may be made out to JWV Post 625 and mailed to JWV Post 625, P.O. Box 3511, Poughkeepsie NY 12603-3511.

They also welcome new members who have served in any branch, either regular military, Guard or Reserve, during wartime or peace. Additionally, there is a membership category for non-veterans who would like to join to show their support. For further information about the Post please email [pvthermansiegelpost625@yahoo.com](mailto:pvthermansiegelpost625@yahoo.com).

## Thank You

In January, my Dad contracted Covid. He was treated and eventually tested negative. Unfortunately, the virus had already destroyed his small hold on reality with his advancing dementia. He died five weeks later.

The outpouring of support that we received from work, family, community and especially our temple family cannot be overstated. Losing a parent is hard. Losing a parent during Covid is heartbreaking. There are very few hugs or Shiva calls. There is no house full of people, food, drink and in-person story sharing. There are very few family members coming from out of town. It's a strange and unfamiliar experience. However, this temple family stepped up. Before the service, Rabbi met with our extended family, remotely, to learn about my Dad. There was a graveside service, including a Zoom link, connecting people from all over the country. Shiva provided the same Zoom connection. Stories were told. Warm fuzzies were felt. There were dozens of texts, emails, phone calls, generous donations to temple funds, beautiful notes and sentiments expressed that truly warmed our hearts on those cold winter days. So many just reached out to say, "I don't know what you might need, but I am here for you." Our temple family was there for us during this crazy, difficult time in the most creative ways. Grief is uncomfortable. Grieving during Covid is lonely and foreign.

Thank you all for safely going out of your comfort zones by saying "*Hineni*, Here I am" and for making our difficult time just a little bit easier. The love that we feel here from our temple family is overwhelming and palpable and is truly why we call Vassar Temple our Home.

*Lisa-Sue & Kurt Quackenbush and family*

## Hamantaschen Baking 2021



As with almost everything these days, Hamantaschen Baking 2021 was very different than past years—but that doesn't mean we didn't make lots of hamantaschen to deliver as outreach to some of our congregants and for those temple members who had let us know that they'd like to pick some up.

Because we couldn't all get together to bake at the temple, Marilyn Lampell, Polly Lewis, Sandra Mamis, Amy Horn Oclatis, Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, Marcia Tanzman and I all made hamantaschen at home. Then, several of us, along with Susan Avery and Kamil Wisniewski met at the temple to assemble plates of hamantaschen.

Of course, even when it's not our usual baking day we still need many volunteers, so Cathy Bokor, Andi Ciminello, Vivian Garber, Arlene Seligman, Roni Stein and Nadine Zaritsky joined in to help deliver them.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped. Because of you we were able to continue our wonderful tradition.

*Judy Rosenfeld,*

*Sisterhood Hamantaschen Baking Chair*

## Lunch Box Update

Vassar Temple is sponsoring two meals/month in collaboration with Mid-Hudson Islamic Society. Here's what you can do to support Lunch Box:

- Fruit donations for first Sunday of month. Bring to the temple or drop at our house.
- Chili and cornbread for third Thursday (April 15). Shop and bake whenever is convenient and bring to the temple freezer. Chili recipe below.
- Donate to Lunch Box fund. Make checks payable to Vassar Temple with Lunch Box in memo line.
- Volunteer to serve—limited spaced available, but let us know and we can add you into the rotation.

Questions? [lunchbox@vassartemple.org](mailto:lunchbox@vassartemple.org). Thank you!

*Andi & Paul Ciminello*

### Vassar Temple Lunch Box Chili Recipe

**Note:** Please follow this recipe because all individual chili donations will be put together and heated on-site at The Lunch Box. Please deliver your chili to the temple in disposable containers (either freezer bags or plastic containers). If you want to label your container, we can try to return it to the temple.

This recipe should serve approximately 15. Please do not make the chili spicy. Use chili powder for flavor and do not add too much spice. Many of the residents/clients will not eat overly spiced food. We want the meal to be nutritious and hearty.

#### Ingredients:

3 lbs. ground turkey  
2 large onions  
2 large green or red peppers (sweet peppers not hot)  
2-3 15 oz. cans beans (kidney or black beans)  
2 20 oz. can of chopped or crushed tomatoes (or equivalent fresh)  
Extra water or stock if necessary  
Salt/pepper  
Chili powder



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## Vassar Temple Cares



### Souper Sale

Thanks to Shaari Roland, Chairman, for organizing the entire project, to our volunteer delivery crew Susan Karnes Hecht, Jim Robinowitz, Judy Rosenfeld, and Gil Seligman, and to our office staff for all the bookkeeping. And thanks to everyone who donated a record number of dollars with which we were able to purchase cases of nutritious chunky soups for clients of seven local food pantries.

### Purim Pasta “Plus”

In this year of special need, you donated additional nonperishable foods and toiletries along with your box of Purim pasta—Vassar Temple knows how to respond! Then everything was packed up and delivered to Dutchess Outreach by volunteer *super-schlepper* Ralph Schwartz.

### Clean Sweep Drive

Our appreciation for all the household cleaning and hygiene items donated to assist local refugee families, along with your financial donations to help them with rent, electricity, necessary medication, and gasoline bills.

### Shelter Meals

Accolades to Judy Harkavy who continues to organize this monthly meal at the overnight shelter (now expanded to accommodate all the local homeless so they could shelter in place, and now live in a socially distanced setting). Thanks to all who have been providing and helping distribute the food and other necessities to the shelter guests.

### Lunch Box

Continued gratitude to Paul and Andi Ciminello our project leaders, to our volunteer servers, and to everyone who donates homemade chili, cornbread, fruit, and funds to help us do double duty—two Lunch Boxes per month—due to the pandemic. As per current restrictions, one of the meals has to be purchased through a restaurant, so your dollars are really a big help there!

To become a part of our amazing social action team, please contact me at [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

*Marian Schwartz*



## Sisterhood News

From the day I joined Vassar Temple five and a half years ago, I was welcomed by the Sisterhood. Immediately, I enjoyed hamantaschen baking and special Shabbat events. As time went on I attended salad supper, opening programs, and donor events. I started attending board meetings because I was asked to chair the donor dinner. Retirement afforded me the luxury of attending Chai Noon luncheons, and being more involved in the rummage sales.

I felt I was just getting my feet wet as president when the pandemic started. What has amazed me the most is how connected I, and many of you, have remained. When Sisterhood could not meet in person, we came to you, most recently baking and delivering over 50 plates of hamantaschen. You also came to us, by joining Sisterhood, donating to our events, attending Book Club. We have had successful virtual gatherings, including our Donor Auction in June, Chai Noon luncheons and our General Meeting in December.

We are now partnering with the temple to create an exciting Auction and Happy Hour event that will begin on April 25 and will culminate with a Happy Hour on Sunday, May 2. There will be some beautiful Judaica items, as well as art, hand crafted items and other goods and services. Please watch for details on how to register for the auction, and mark your calendar for May 2. Now, more than ever, we need your support.

*Without you we are one woman short!*

*Marcia Tanzman*



## Brotherhood News

I'm glad to report that our Happy Hours continue to help maintain our community. Of course, they are a substitute for what we all crave; face to face contact with each other. One day soon. Our next Happy Hour is scheduled for Monday, April 19 at 5:00pm. The link will be in the weekly newsletter and I will send out a reminder a few days before. If you have not been receiving the occasional email from Brotherhood and would like to be on our distribution list, please send me an email at [brotherhood@vassartemple.org](mailto:brotherhood@vassartemple.org).

Technology does provide some new opportunities to contact people who do not get out as often. This past month I made several buddy checks on people I haven't seen for a while. Some were in-person and others were virtual but they all were very rewarding to the individual, and for me as well. I again encourage you to reach out to someone who might be lonely, or shut in and share the gift of company with them. Invite them to an upcoming temple event. A personal invitation might help them reconnect with our community.

As the weather improves and guidance permits, we are looking at scheduling a few outdoor activities like hiking or bike riding. Our target is May or early June, before it gets too hot. Stay tuned. More information to follow. In the meanwhile, I look forward to seeing all of you on-line.

*Together we are stronger. Be safe and be well.*

*Glenn Tanzman*

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Rabbi Altman      Lisa-Sue & Kurt Quackenbush  
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and to the proud parents,  
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## April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Passover—Day 5 2:00pm Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb 7:00pm Ritual Committee Mtg	<b>2</b> Passover—Day 6 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>3</b> Passover—Day 7 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Passover Yizkor Service
<b>4</b> 10:30am Lunch Box	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 3:30pm Hebrew School  6:30pm Yom HaShoah Community Program	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>10</b> 9:00am Torah Study  10:15am New Paths
<b>11</b> 10:00am Religious School 12:00pm Confirmation	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 3:30pm Hebrew School  7:30pm Finance Committee Mtg	<b>15</b> 12:00pm Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb 2:00pm Book Club 7:30pm Racism Reading Group	<b>16</b> 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>17</b> 9:00am Torah Study  10:30am Shabbat Y'lاديم Service
<b>18</b> 10:00am Religious School 12:00pm Confirmation	<b>19</b> 5:00pm Brotherhood Happy Hour	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 3:30pm Hebrew School	<b>22</b> 6:30pm Shelter Meal  7:00pm VT Board Mtg	<b>23</b> 7:30pm Sisterhood Shabbat Service (Cantor Goldmann)	<b>24</b> 9:00am Torah Study  10:30am Healing Service (Cantor Goldmann)
<b>25</b> 10:00am Religious School 12:00pm Confirmation  Online Auction Opens	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Passover—Day 4	<b>29</b> LagB'Omer 12:00pm Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Teacher Appreciation & Simchat Shabbat Service (Cantor Goldmann)	