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Congregation Brethren of Israel, Founded 1848—Bulletin Volume 169 No. 9 May 2021

Don't Miss Our **PARTY WITH A PURPOSE**

Sunday, May 2nd
5 PM

Dave Wolf - MC
Ken Levinson - Auctioneer

*Auction bidding will close prior
to the Happy Hour.
Come see what items you have won.
There will be live bidding on
additional items at the online event,
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Vassar Temple on the last leg of ...*

The Final Mile



Contact auction@vassartemple.org if you need the Zoom link

Shabbat Confirmation Service

with Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann
Friday, May 21 at 7:30pm

Please join us to honor the Confirmation Class of 2021
The Confirmands will take part in leading the service
and sharing personal reflections

Confirmands

Aaron Kaflowitz, son of Alan and Meredith Kaflowitz
Matthew Sinn, son of Craig & Michele Sinn

The Confirmands and their immediate families will be in
the sanctuary and the congregation
and guests will participate via Zoom

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From the Rabbi's Desk:

May 1 – the 34th day of the *omer*. Fifteen days until the Festival of Shavuot when we celebrate the revelation of Torah.

The tradition of counting the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot is biblical in origin, an *omer* being a measure of barley that was offered each day from the time of the barley harvest until the new harvest of wheat. Over time, the focus changed for the *omer* period to one of mourning in remembrance of the (legendary) plague that killed 24,000 of Rabbi Akiva's students.

While Passover was set in the Bible as holiday commemorating the Exodus in addition to being a harvest festival, it was not until after the destruction of the Temple and the end of sacrifices that Shavuot became associated with the revelation at Sinai. It is in this context, marking the time from the redemption from Egypt to the revelation at Sinai, that counting the *omer* can take on new meaning for us today. It reminds us that the purpose of the Exodus was not freedom for freedom's sake; rather, it was freedom to get to Sinai.

When Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh, they didn't just demand "Let My people go!" The full request was actually "Let My people go that they may worship Me." Pharaoh tries to negotiate other ways that the Israelites can worship their God without all of them leaving; we know that doesn't work.

Now, one might argue that this argument, that the Israelites must leave to worship their God, is a ruse, a clever pretext offered to which Pharaoh might agree believing it to be only a temporary

departure. In the end, of course, he realizes that it is not.

On the contrary, it is this reason that underlies the true purpose of their freedom. The Hebrew word for worship in Moses' plea is *avodah*. It is used in the context of worship as sacrifice; the word commonly used for prayer today is *tefillah*. The word *avodah* also means "to serve". (You may recognize it from "*avadim hayinu*," we were slaves, a musical seder favorite!) Thus, we can translate Moses' demand as "Let My people go that they may serve Me." How? By following the laws revealed at Sinai, which in Judaism is understood to be all of Torah, not just the Ten Commandments. These laws are a mix of ritual and ethical obligations. We see this in the Ten Commandments as well; they move from more God-centered actions to people-centered ones. Through this we see that serving the God of Israel means acting with concern for life, treating one another with justice and compassion; taking care of the most vulnerable in society, especially the stranger; taking responsibility for our actions; and more. The uniqueness of Judaism was not only that it was grounded in monotheism; it was grounded in ethical monotheism. Unlike other ancient gods who only wanted people to serve them, the God of Israel cares deeply about how we treat one another. As the prophets recounted over and over, sacrifices offended God if they were not paired with ethical behavior.

Thus, we can understand counting the *omer*, the days from redemption to revelation, as a time of spiritual preparation and personal reflection. How well are we serving God in our lives? In our relationships? In our efforts to bring justice, compassion and healing to our broken world? We have 15 days until Shavuot; how will you make them count? May this Festival of Shavuot be one of renewed commitment to the sacred teachings that we celebrate on this day. *Chag Sameach!*

Rabbi Renni Altman



President's Message: Designing a Welcoming Landscape

Those of you that know me well are aware that, at this time of year, if you stop by unannounced you will likely find me, clad in old clothes, gloves, and rubber boots, out in the dirt.

Communing with the soil is one of the most healing experiences I have; it's my thinking time, and it felt like the right thing to share this month when the garden is so full of promise for the coming season.

During some of my recent reflection time in the mud, it struck me that nurturing the garden is not that different from nurturing the congregation. Our community, too, is a living organism whose elements are interdependent and, given sustenance and attention, rewards us with beauty and nourishment.

So please indulge me while I not only create an analogy between garden and temple, but also plug my new favorite (non-temple) project, the Pollinator Pathway. I'm elated that, having started this initiative as a member of the Town of Poughkeepsie Conservation Advisory Commission, it has now (like the pollinators) crossed municipal boundaries to become a county-wide effort. I encourage you to check it out at www.pollinator-pathway.org or to ask me about it. Having established a variety of flower gardens around our house over the years, in addition to the vegetable garden that David and I cultivate together, each spring I try to add something new. I eliminate just a little more boring, useless lawn in favor of a perennial that will provide color, texture, and a home for the pollinators, in turn supporting the food supply. Going forward, I'll be guided by Pathway tenets: focusing on native plants, eliminating harmful chemicals, and rethinking my lawn. I look forward, hopefully with our religious school students, to turning our temple gardens into a stop on the Pathway.

Caring for the earth is a Jewish value, and gardening is a form of prayer for me. But we need to practice all of these same principles in caring for Vassar Temple.

- ⇒ *Relying on native plants* means embracing our core values. It also means elevating the interests and talents of our members to benefit the community.
- ⇒ *Reducing toxins* means working against hate in all its forms in our larger community, as well as practicing inclusivity and diversity.
- ⇒ *Rethinking our lawn* means being open to change, to a less controlled and manicured yet healthier environment that attracts participants who both give and benefit. (One change I'd like to bring to your attention this month—in addition to the imminent online auction and Final Mile event—is our new participation in Hudson Valley Gives. Please refer to the article in this issue for more information.)
- ⇒ *Connecting green spaces* means collaborating with each other, with other Jewish organizations, and with our interfaith partners to maximize impact.

The Vassar Temple garden is also full of promise. Together, we can increase our Jewish habitat value. And please stop by any time, I love to talk about the compost.

Susan Karnes Hecht

Religious School Update

It is hard to believe that our religious school year is coming to a close this month. What a rich year it has been! Teachers, students and parents have adapted incredibly well to distance learning with our new curriculum from *ShalomLearning*. We had some great family programs celebrating holidays together. Weather permitting, our final sessions will take place on the temple lawn. On Sunday, May 1 we will learn about Israel and celebrate its 73rd year of independence. Our final day, May 16, falls on the morning of Erev Shavuot. We will end our year, appropriately, by celebrating Torah and its teachings!

Thank you to our teachers (Gail D'Alessio, Marcia Tanzman, Shira Teich and Fern Greenberg-Wolf), our music teacher, Olivia Dilorio, and our *madrichot* (Isabelle Hartman, Lana Lieberman and Amanda Moore) for a great year! Thank you to our religious school chairs, Beth Plotsky and Betsy Poole-DiSalvo, for their leadership and assistance. Thanks to all of the parents for their on-going support and partnership.

Have a great SUMMER—I'm already looking forward to the fall when we can be back together in person!

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 9-10am. Call to verify if there is class May 29. New attendees should contact rabbi@vassartemple.org for the study sheet. Check with the temple for any schedule changes.



"The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text," is taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, every other Thursday from noon to 1:30pm. For further information and to obtain the study sheets, contact 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. Contact the temple for Zoom instructions and any updated information at 845.454.2570 or office@vassartemple.org.

Shabbat Y'ladim Saturday, May 15—10:30am

All children from birth to first grade are invited to join Rabbi Altman for a Shabbat celebration at Vassar Temple on Saturday May 15 from 10:30 -11:00am.



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. We hope to meet in person, possibly outdoors on the temple lawn. Masks will be required, we will be safely distanced, and individualized snacks will be served. If meeting at the temple will not be possible, we will meet on Zoom. For further information and updates contact Vassar Temple at office@vassartemple.org or call 845.454.2570.

May Worship Service Schedule

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Sat. 5/1	9:00am 10:15am	Torah Study New Paths
Fri. 5/7	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
Sat. 5/8	Shabbaton Topic: What does it mean to be caretakers of the land? (no Torah Study)	
	9:00am	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman & lay singers
	10:00am	Speakers: Q & A
Fri. 5/14	7:30pm	Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman, Susan Karnes Hecht & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
Sat. 5/15	9:00am 10:30am	Torah Study Shabbat Y'lاديم
Sun. 5/16	7:45pm	Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Ma'ariv Service with rabbis & cantors of VT, TBE & SC
	8:00pm	Shavuot Program with rabbis & cantors of VT, TBE & SC
Mon. 5/17	10:30am	Shavuot Yizkor Service with Rabbi Altman & lay singers
Fri. 5/21	7:30pm	Confirmation Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman, Cantor Goldmann & Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
Sat. 5/22	9:00am 10:15am	Torah Study New Paths
Fri. 5/28	6:00pm	Simchat Shabbat Service lay led with Joseph Bertolozzi, keyboard
Sat. 5/29	9:00am	Torah Study

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

Scriptural Readings

May 1	Emor Lev. 21:1-24:33; Ezekiel 44:15-31
May 8	B'har/B'chukotai Lev. 25:1-27:34; Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
May 15	B'midbar Num. 1:1-4:20; Hosea 2:1-22
May 22	Naso Num. 4:21-7:89; Judges 13:2-12
May 29	B'haalot'cha Num. 8:1-12:16; Zechariah 2:14-4:7

New Paths Services

Join us at the New Paths Sabbath morning service Saturdays, May 1 & May 22 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, see the temple weekly email or contact

Vassar Temple

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Confirmation Shabbat Service

Friday, May 21

7:30pm

Confirmation is one of the great innovations of Reform Judaism. The early Reformers created this ritual whereby young adults “confirm” their acceptance of Judaism as part of the observance of the Festival of Shavuot which celebrates the giving of Torah at Mt. Sinai. While they had intended it as a replacement for Bar Mitzvah, (which they viewed as an archaic ritual for a number of reasons), today Confirmation is an important expression of a young adult’s on-going commitment to Judaism and Jewish learning beyond Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Here at Vassar Temple, our Confirmands have maintained a strong connection to Judaism and Vassar Temple through participation in our post-B’nei Mitzvah class or the community Gesher program, serving as *madrichim* in our religious school and/or participating in on-going social action projects.

Confirmation will take place as part of the Shabbat Service immediately following Shavuot, on Friday, May 21 at 7:30pm. This year’s Confirmands, Aaron Kaflowitz, son of Alan and Meredith, and Matthew Sinn, son of Craig and Michele, will take part in leading the service and will share personal reflections upon reaching this milestone in their Jewish lives. The Confirmands and their immediate families will be in the sanctuary; the congregation will participate on Zoom. Please join us for worship as we honor our young people!

Vassar Temple Shabbaton

What does it mean to be caretakers of the land?

Saturday, May 8

9:00—10:00am Shabbat Service

10:00—11:00am Program

Please join us for our Shabbaton on May 8 via Zoom.

We will examine this question via the lenses of that week’s Torah parasha, *B’har*. Experts in their fields will discuss ecological concerns around land use, sustainable farming, and responsible gardening. Additional information will be available in coming weekly email newsletters. Hope to see you there!



THANK
YOU!

Todah Rabbah to:

Ron Rosen, for providing a virtual seder for members and friends in need of a place to gather for the holiday.

Sandra Mamis, for her initiative in organizing the cooking and delivery of Passover goodies to congregants.

SIMCHA SHOUT
OUT

...LE TOV!

Mazel Tov to Dan Arnoff!



Congratulations to Dan Arnoff who received a Next Generation Award from the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Gala on April 10.

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.

May 2021 Bimah Silk Flowers Sponsors:

May 7:

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May 14:

Donated by Jim Robinowitz in honor of his granddaughter Luna Scarlett Pena's sixth birthday

May 21:

Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

May 28:

Donated by Bill Barbash in memory of Susan Barbash

Past Bimah Silk Flowers Donation Update:

April 2:

Donated by Gail D'Alessio in memory of Bob DiBennardo

Condolences to:

The family of
Kathi Winchock,
sister of Jon Lieberman
(Fern Lox)

The family of
Paula Landau,
wife of Lawrence Landau, z"l

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“Wither Thou Goest: Journeys into Jewish Life”

A Program for Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

With Congregation Shir Chadash and Temple Beth-El

Sunday, May 16

7:45pm Ma'ariv Service

8:00pm Program

It is traditional on the Festival of Shavuot, which celebrates the revelation of Torah at Mt. Sinai, to read the Book of Ruth. The book tells the beautiful and touching story of Ruth, a Moabite, who, after the death of her husband, accompanies her mother-in-law, Naomi, back to the land of Judah and commits her life to Naomi and to Judaism. Ruth becomes the model of one who chooses Judaism. Today, whether born a Jew or choosing Judaism as an adult, we are all “Jews by Choice” and we have all been on different journeys into our Jewish lives.

For our Tikkun Leyl Shavuot program this year, we will explore our different journeys. Rabbis Altman, Polish, and Victor will open the Tikkun with teachings about the Book of Ruth. Then a member from each congregation will speak about their “Journey into Jewish life.” For the final part of the program, all will have the chance to reflect about their personal journeys and share in small groups. A Zoom link will follow in the weekly e-newsletter. We have to wait until next year to share the traditional cheese cake and blintzes; for now, please feel free to bring yours with you!

Shavuot Festival Service with Yizkor

Monday, May 17 at 10:30am

Our celebration of Shavuot continues Monday morning with our Festival service led by Rabbi Altman. The service will include a brief Torah study, Hallel, and the Yizkor (memorial) service where we remember our loved ones.

We will use *Mishkan Tefillah*. If you don't have the physical prayer book, you can follow in the flipbook <https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/resources-repaginated/#> which will also be posted during the service. A Zoom link will be posted in the weekly e-newsletter.

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, May 2 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.

Heroes Among Us: Plain and Simply, A Hero

The subject of this month's article has been on my list as long as I have been writing about "Heroes Among Us." I haven't highlighted her because she would never expect—or want—me to write about her, though she is exactly the type of person who should be featured. In fact, this column exists because of her; she conceived the idea for it. Forgive me in advance, but Andi Ciminello, my dear friend, it's **your** turn.

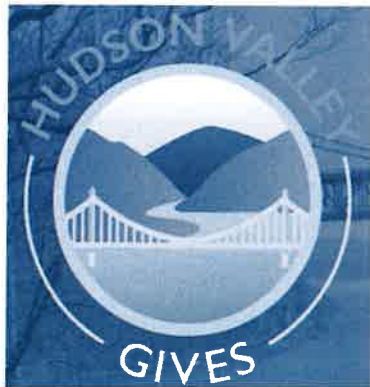
Anyone who knows Andi is aware that it doesn't take long to realize that she is a genuine, passionate individual with unambiguous perspectives, beliefs and values. A person of deep faith, she commits herself to things that matter to her and to society as a whole; always learning and enlightening others.

She is a willing and reliable friend. Whether supporting someone in a time of need, gathering a Minyan to celebrate a life event (when we're able to gather, of course), or lending a hand at a community or temple event, she leads with her heart, instinctively knowing the right thing to do. She is an inspiring leader, something I have witnessed first-hand as her professional colleague and as my co-chair for temple fundraising events. I have also seen her remarkable strength and courage, even in the midst of some of the most challenging and painful personal circumstances.

An article about Andi would be incomplete if it didn't also mention Paul, her partner in life and action. They support one another in their shared and respective efforts feeding hungry members of our community, serving Planned Parenthood, advocating for foreign residents, helping families at the Grace Smith House, or teaming up with their dogs to spread joy. She is the heart and soul of her family, with her door always open to welcome relatives, friends and strangers alike, though in Andi's world, no one is a stranger. She is someone I have always respected and admired, more than she knows. Andi is plain and simply a Hero Among Us, and certainly a hero to me.

Jennifer Sachs Dahnert

New this year: Hudson Valley Gives!

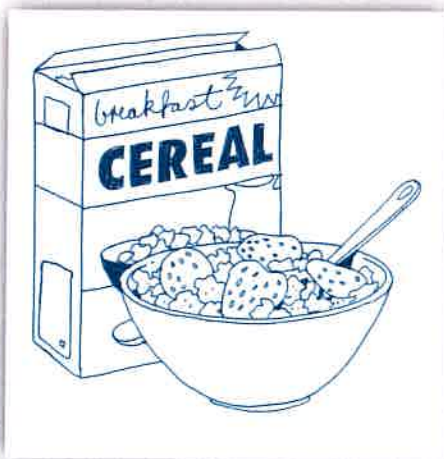


In keeping with our need and determination to explore new avenues of fundraising, we're excited to announce that Vassar Temple will—for the first time—participate in Hudson Valley Gives, an annual online giving event that provides the opportunity to broaden our donor base to individuals and businesses outside of our membership. HV Gives, which will occur this year on May 19, is a well-established event that unites hundreds of non-profits and charities across seven counties in a common goal: *Give Where You Live*.

HV Gives was created by the Community Foundations, in partnership with the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Our own Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, a network leader, has provided invaluable support in this new venture. Thanks to numerous sponsors, who cover administrative costs, all donations will support our operations.

Our HV Gives "profile" focuses on our collaborations with and positive impacts on the Jewish and larger communities, in addition to the core elements of our mission as a synagogue and member of the Union of Reform Judaism.

Please watch your temple email and social media for information about this exciting event. We want to emphasize that this is NOT a financial ask of our members! But it IS a request for your support in sharing the information to your own networks, with others who may be inclined to help sustain our programs. For those that are interested in participating directly, individual fundraising pages can be set up as part of the Vassar Temple "team." Please contact president@vassartemple.org for more information. We look forward to reporting on a successful new venture.



Cereal Counts!!! at Vassar Temple

Throughout the month of May, bring new, unopened boxes of breakfast cereal to the temple.

Your boxes of cereal will be distributed to food pantries throughout the county to help kids and adults all start their day with a nutritious breakfast!

This "Mitzvah Now" project is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County.

Sisterhood News

Time is running out!! Make sure you have logged onto the Vassar Temple and Vassar Temple Sisterhood auction website to bid on the many beautiful Judaica pieces that are available. The auction closes on Sunday, May 2 at 5pm. Come to the online Virtual Happy Hour and Paddle Raise to see what you have won.

I know that many of us have suffered from Zoom fatigue at times during this past year. That is why it felt so incredible when fifteen of us met in the temple social hall on two different days in March to prepare chicken soup, make matzoh balls, chop and mix ingredients for charoset and assemble bags for delivery to our members. A huge thank you to Sandra Mamis for spearheading this impressive effort. Every woman there (all fully immunized, I might add), commented about how great it felt to be able to gather together. As the weather gets warmer, and more of us are eligible for the vaccine, I look forward to spending more quality time with all of you.

Without you we are one woman short!

Marcia Tanzman



Brotherhood News

As the weather gets warmer, our thoughts turn to being outside and being together again with all the people we have been missing for much of the past year. We hope that the temple will soon be open for "normal" activities again. The fall will bring Brotherhood activities like erecting the Sukkah and the Brotherhood Shabbat. The dates will be established at the calendar meeting in May.

In the meanwhile, I would like to plan a Brotherhood hike for Sunday, June 13 at 9:00am. By then most of us should be vaccinated and comfortable being with others outdoors. We will follow the Covid guidelines in effect at that time. I was thinking of Winnakee Nature Preserve in Hyde Park but I am open to suggestions. If you would like to suggest another location, please contact me at

Brotherhood@vassartemple.org.

We have rejoined the Men of Reform Judaism which will give us access to their programing and resources. If you are interested in finding out what they provide, here is the link to their website: <http://menrj.org>. If anything catches your interest and you think it might work for us, please contact me. Wishing you all good health and an enjoyable Spring.

Together we are stronger. Be safe and be well.

Glenn Tanzman



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May 2021

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9 MOTHER'S DAY	10	11	12 3:30pm Last Day of Hebrew School	13	14 7:30pm Shabbat Service	15 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Y'ladim Service
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23	24	25	26 7:00pm Annual Calendar meeting	27 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7:00pm VT Board meeting	28 6:00 Simchat Shabbat Service	29 9:00am Torah Study
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