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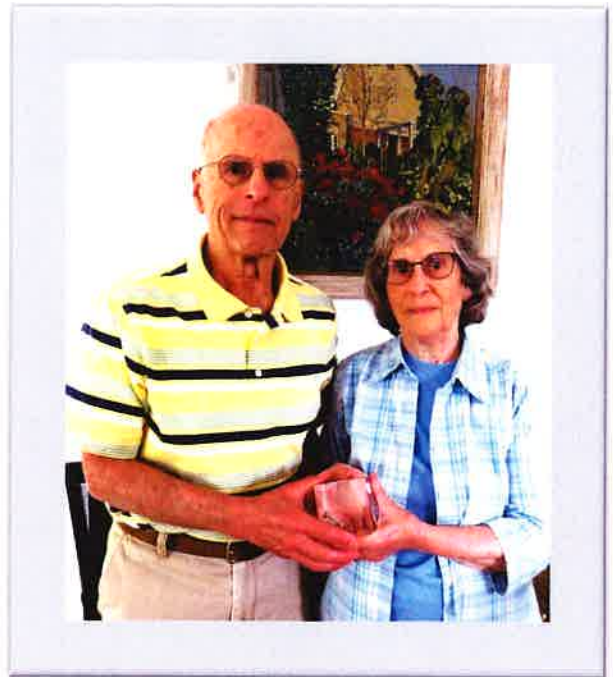
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Vassar Temple Founders Service Award!

The Vassar Temple Board presented the 2021 Founders Service Award to Gilbert and Arlene Seligman. The Seligmans have been members at Vassar Temple since 1973. They are professional and have great organizational skills that benefit the Temple.

Gil and Arlene donated the High Holiday books for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. They have been readers and greeters for the High Holiday services. Arlene also has organized greeters and readers for holidays.

Gil has been the Chair for the Nominating committee for the Board for three years. Arlene is currently the Sisterhood secretary. She also participated in Rummage Sales and Sisterhood dinners. Gil has assisted the Men's Club (now known as Brotherhood) Purim dinner, and for ten years was the Chair of the Ritual committee.



The Seligmans are part of the Outreach Programs at Vassar Temple including Lunch Box (even serving as Captains), Cereal Counts, Souper Sale, and they have delivered Purim Cookies. They even taught Religious School for many years. They provide food for the Hillcrest House project. Gil continues to serve on the Mitzvah Day committee with the Federation.



From the Rabbi's Desk:

As one whose life has almost always revolved around an academic calendar, summer means freedom! As kid I was fortunate to

attend sleep-away camp and enjoy the freedom of that bubble. My rabbinic work in the congregation and while I was at HUC-JIR revolves around both the academic and Jewish calendars, where summer brings a lull in activity. For me summer is a time for disconnection and rejuvenation, as well as for doing the important work of reflecting upon the past year and planning for the year ahead.

Freedom will take on new meaning for many of us this summer. By the time you read this column, those who are vaccinated will, hopefully, have taken their first steps into the new normal; taking off their masks, connecting with friends and family, and venturing out for what used to be familiar activities such as dining in restaurants and attending sporting events and other forms of entertainment. It is odd how much of an adjustment it is to return to activities that were once part of our daily lives. After 15 months of quarantine, we will no longer take these freedoms for granted!

Thinking about this process of re-emerging reminds me of the story of Noah (after all, the ark is an apt metaphor for quarantine). Once the rains stopped, Noah needed to make sure that it was safe before emerging. He waited 40 days and then sent the raven in search of dry land. Noah waited some more and then sent the dove who returned but with no sign of a dry resting place. After another seven days, Noah sent the dove out again. This time she came back with an olive branch in her beak, indicating that the waters had receded. Still Noah waited. It wasn't until God told

Noah "Go out of the ark..." that Noah emerged.

Like Noah, we may be hesitant to leave our "arks." Even with signs that the waters of COVID have receded around us and it is safe for the vaccinated to emerge, there are still concerns. Nothing is 100% and it is incumbent upon us to proceed with caution, each at his or her own pace depending on one's personal situation. At the synagogue where we take responsibility for all who enter, we are proceeding with appropriate safeguards.

It has become quite clear that we will not know true freedom from this pandemic until more people are vaccinated and we get closer to the target for herd immunity. I hope that those who are able to get vaccinated but have hesitated for various reasons will see their way to doing so. It is an act of *pikuach nefesh* (saving a life) — yours and others.

Leaving the ark, stepping out of our isolation, can be frightening and takes some acclimating. Venturing out is important not only for our well-being, but for that of society at large to help rebuild the businesses that have suffered so. Even as many of us turn to summer for the respite it offers, for others summer is their busy season. Let us do what we can to make summer 2021 successful for them!

"Tzeh min hatev. Go out of the ark." May we each make our way out into the world safely to enjoy all that summer offers. May it be a time of healing and renewal from the challenges of this pandemic. We continue to pray for healing for those who are ill and for comfort and strength for those who mourn.

May we celebrate this Independence Day with a deeper appreciation for all of our freedoms.

Rabbi Renni Altman

President's Message:

Excerpted from remarks to the Annual Congregational Meeting



We should celebrate many, sometimes unexpected, successes this year while simultaneously acknowledging challenges that lie ahead.

We rose to the pandemic occasion, maintained operations – silver lining, added distant people – and kept everyone safe

and informed. After countless webinars, I can attest that we are on track or ahead of the curve. I can't adequately thank those who made it happen and all of you for caring for each other. I want to acknowledge our losses this year, some related to Covid. We learned to conduct Zoom funerals and *shivas*, maintained our connections, and were there for those in need.

Our talented faculty had a good year at our small but mighty school and implemented a new online curriculum. We have an incoming Kindergarten class!

We upped our administrative game thanks to our committed office staff. Please thank them.

Fundraising succeeded with the new Technology Fund, enabling our pivot to virtual engagement, and the High Holiday Appeal. May's online auction and paddle raise were new territory and resounding wins. We recognized the need to access a donor base outside of our membership, beginning with Hudson Valley Gives.

We initiated a culture of philanthropy and placed new importance on gratitude. I set a goal of contacting every member personally to thank you for your support. If you have not yet heard from me, you will.

We progressed with our electronic document room covering administration and governance as well as our story and values. We're preserving our history and preparing for competitive grants.

We're beginning to look at infrastructure upgrades, with donor support.

We recommitted to Jewish Federation with representation at the board and through the new presidents' group. Communication will help all of the temples. We'll house the new Jewish Community

Preschool come September. We'll recoup costs, but not charge additional rent, to facilitate the school's existence after several years without this resource for young families.

We renewed engagement with the Interfaith Council. Rabbi is taking leadership with work on breaking down divides; I'm serving on the board to drive a new environmental team.

We are revitalizing committees, starting with Cemetery. I urge you to read the annual committee reports and consider your best fit.

Many successes. But this is not the Vassar Temple of one or five years, a decade, or 30-plus years ago when we joined. I've had numerous interactions with presidents of other synagogues. The challenges are the same everywhere: demographics, decreasing membership, young families not affiliating. Financial stress, closures and mergers.

Yet I believe in the potential of this community. We must rise to the occasion to meet the needs of our members and wider community creatively. It's crucial to be open to new approaches. The past year proves that we are nimble.

As cultural divisions become more frightening, we can serve anew as a moral compass, providing opportunities for individuals to express Jewish values through ritual and action.

We can build on what we were forced to begin by enhancing our virtual and digital presence to increase our profile, engagement and membership.

It is vital to revisit our financial strategy. Finance got next year's budget in place, but we need to think further out to enhance our investments and fundraising. This will require change and commitment across all components of the temple. It will mean openness to greater collaboration with Jewish community to share resources.

Our 175th anniversary will arrive in 2023. By the end of the 2021, we should have a team in place to plan not just a gala, but a year-long celebration of our history across every part of the organization.

Please make or renew your commitment to be an ambassador for Vassar Temple and to lend a hand in some new and different way. Because we need you, now more than ever before.

Susan Karnes Hecht

One of our members has just made an AMAZING offer!!  ShopWithScrip®

An anonymous donor will contribute to the temple \$200 for each new purchaser of scrip (someone who has never ordered scrip before) or for new SCRIP purchases made by prior supporters, but who have not ordered scrip within the last 4 months. The offer expires the first of October or when a maximum of \$5000 is reached!

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 sponsor our flower arrangements, please let the office know.

July 2021 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- July 2:** Donated by Susan Fink in memory of her sister Barbara Jean Wojcik
- July 9:** Donated by Lisa-Sue & Kurt Quackenbush in memory of Sandor Margolin
- July 16:** Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- July 23:** Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- July 30:** Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund



August 2021 Bimah Silk Flowers Sponsors:

- August 6:** Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- August 13:** Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- August 20:** Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund
- August 27:** Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

Cantorial Sponsorships Enhance Shabbat Music

Is music a central part of your spiritual experience during Shabbat at Vassar Temple?

Your assistance is needed to continue to bring cantorial music to the temple into the future. Investing in a cantorial experience not only provides a religious spirituality to our services, but strongly complements the Vassar Temple experience. The temple has been fortunate to benefit from the generous gift donated previously by Marsha and Richard Timmerman. Your contributions will assist us to extend the life of that gift, continue and extend the services of Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann, and continue the Music committee's planning for cantorial music into the future.

For a recommended contribution of \$250 (or any other amount), you can sponsor Cantor Goldmann for a specific service that she's leading (this year or next year), recognize a personal or family *simcha*, or just help with your contribution by sponsoring the cantor with this special opportunity.

Please help us continue to support cantorial music in the coming year! For more information, please contact Bob Abrams at music@vassartemple.org.



Condolences to

the family of Steve Ganeles, cousin of Jim Robinowitz

the family of Susan Patricia Messing, mother of Ross Messing

the family of Mark Langridge, nephew of Sandy (Joe) Cornell, cousin of Jenny Ward

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OUT



Mazel Tov to:

Bradley Quackenbush & Kathleen Casey Shea on their wedding May 22, 2021. Proud parents are Kurt and Lisa-Sue Quackenbush.

Contributions

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Richard Timmerman & Marsha Wender-Timmerman

LUNCH BOX FUND

In Memory of:

Anna & Joseph Dunn

Judith Harkavy

SUSTAINING FUND

In Appreciation of:

Sandra Mamis

Jane Dworkin

Mazel tov to:

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Aaron Kaflowitz & Matthew Sinn

Sandra Mamis

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Alan Solomon

Alan Solomon

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Kathy & Kent Mardon

In Honor of:

Arlene & Gil Seligman receiving the Founders Service Award

Doi Cohen

Scriptural Readings

July 3 *Pinchas* Num. 25:10-30:1; Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

July 10 **Rosh Chodesh Matot/Mas'ei** Num. 30:2-36:13; Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4; 4:1-2 or Isaiah 66:1-13, 23

July 17 **Shabbat Chazon D'varim** Deut. 1:1-3:22; Isaiah 1:1-27

July 24 **Shabbat Nachamu Va-et'chanan** Deut. 3:23-7:11; Isaiah 40:1-26

July 31 *Eikev* Deut. 7:12-11:25; Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Aug. 7 *R'eih* Deut. 11:26-16:17; Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Aug. 4 *Shoftim* Deut. 16:18-21:9; Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Aug. 21 *Ki Teitzei* Deut. 21:10-25:19; Isaiah 54:1-10

Aug. 28 **Selichot is observed Ki Tavo** Deut. 26:1-29:8; Isaiah 60:1-22

Study Groups at VT

Torah Study Saturdays 9-10am. New attendees should contact

rabbi@vassartemple.org for the study sheet.

There will be no **Talmud Study** with Rabbi Golomb in July and August. Classes will resume in September.

New Paths Summer Services

Watch weekly emails, call the office 845.454.2570, or contact mschwa9882@aol.com for summer

Sisterhood News

The marketing and media companies out there are all working furiously to come up with catchy tag lines to encourage people to come back to their venues for events. What I have learned in the past year is that we do not need any catchy sayings. We are fortunate to have Sisterhood members who have stood by, and will be there when activities resume. We have a caring community connected by our friendships, social activism, advocacy work, and religious values. I hope to see you all in person very soon.

We are working on an outdoor event for Sunday, July 18, so please save the date. Details will follow in the weekly email if not ready for publication with this issue of the bulletin. Any suggestions for an opening program in the fall are appreciated.

Without you we are one woman short!

Marcia Tanzman



Brotherhood News

I hope that you will have a chance to enjoy the summer and the lifting of many of the restrictions that have kept us apart for the past year.

Please save these dates. We will erect the Sukkah on Sunday, September 12 at 9am. The date for taking down the Sukkah is Sunday, October 3, at 9am. Our annual Brotherhood Shabbat is Friday, November 12. If you would like to participate, please let me know by email at brotherhood@vassartemple.org.

This past year we began to hold monthly virtual Happy Hours and I would like to see that continue, perhaps in person as conditions permit. Everyone who attended enjoyed them. Further information to follow.

Together we are stronger. Be safe and be well.

Glenn Tanzman

A note of gratitude to the individuals who joined me for the annual mitzvah of cleaning up our historic cemetery on May 16: Michael Sperling, Sandra Mamis, Adriaan Finnerman, Polly Lewis, Susan Fink, and Ron Rosen. We concluded our trimming, clipping, raking and bagging with a brief prayer composed by Sandra:

We offer a prayer of thanks to our founders who lie in this sacred place. Their courage, faith and perseverance were in large part responsible for the development of Congregation Brethren of Israel, Vassar Temple. May their souls be everlasting and may our memories of them strengthen our resolve to continue to build on their legacy, as we support the temple that we ourselves have come to cherish.

This annual rite usually comes around on Mitzvah Day, and hopefully in 2022 we'll return to that event. Join us! In the meantime, if you have never visited this unique location in downtown Poughkeepsie, please feel free to reach out to me for a personal tour.

Susan Karnes Hecht



JULY 2

Sylvia Soirefman
 Sam Lessin
 Rosalind Gellert
 Fay Menken
 Audrey S. Morgenstern
 Blanche Weber
 Matthew Lampell
 Alice Weinstein
 Cornelius Saperstein
 Dr. Camilla Reznikoff Wygan
 Mary Lou Goldfarb
 Barbara Jean Wojcik
 Eva Tofel
 Nay Wisdom
 Dr. Sheldon J. Solomon
 Dr. Jacob Kronman
 M. Fred Praeger
 Lillian Lampell
 Hillard Mann
 Ann Kahn
 Marie Robinowitz
 Eileen Rosenhaus

JULY 9

Siegfried Frank
 David Krevolin
 Michael Wrobel
 Lloyd Fertig
 Lawrence L. Landau
 Dora Rosenmann
 Winona Rosenthal
 Michael L. Solomon
 Linda Fertig Waldman

JULY 16

Phillip R. Moselle
 Saul Lox
 Merlin B. Lass
 Marshall Effron
 Leon R. Bloom
 Edward Moffit, Jr.
 Shirley Green Chertock
 Minnie Lass
 Sylvia Reifler Silberman
 Ida Cohen
 Philip Cohen
 Marian Bloomgarden DeWitt
 Morton Bloch
 Cynthia R. Feldman
 Dr. Sidney S. Cohen
 Jerry Bass
 Norman Matlin
 Robert J. Creedon, Sr.
 Juana Ruiz Guizar Mendoza

JULY 23

Jacov Markovitch
 Dr. Alan E. Apfel
 Flora M. Hoffman
 David Clarfield
 Saul A. Lazarus
 Joshua Aaron Himelstein
 Minnie Schudroff Coleman
 James Effron
 Martin Brenner
 Rose Gilbert
 Meta Altman
 Helen D'Alessio
 Gertrude Rosenthal
 Robert H. Lipschutz
 Irving Schwartz
 Cecelia Riechman

JULY 30

Blanche Adler
 Charlotte Wechsler
 Louis Gellert
 Lawrence Paradis
 Martin L. Dreyfuss, MD
 Dr. Irving Dreishpoon
 Hortense Feldman

AUGUST 6

Kurt Harlam
 Melvin Matlin, MD
 Louis Temlock
 Walter B. Goldfinger
 Jack Wiseman
 Marjorie Gluck
 Margot P. Similes
 Mae Berger
 Hy Miller
 Katherine Moffit
 Louis I. Worona
 Muriel Weingart
 Ruth Adelson
 Alexander D'Imperio
 Aaron Reifler

AUGUST 13

Mildred L. Greller
 Maurice Goldemberg
 Molly Solomon
 David Cohen
 Dr. Richard Slater Cohen
 Dr. Burton Katz
 Evelyn Herman
 Anna Saperstein
 Eve Canter Goldberg
 Gloria Berlin
 Harry Barbash, DDS
 Minnie Toroker
 Howard S. Abrams
 Frances Myer
 Zerline Lehman Simon
 Beatrice A. Goodman
 Emanuel Zimmer
 Bernard Reifler
 Hannah Keane

AUGUST 20

Beatrice Plansky
 Susan Vance
 Edna Z. Kleiner
 Dorothy Rauh Fogle
 Nettie Jacobs
 Mary Louise Parke
 Lee Schwartz
 Oscar Charwat
 Mary Weiss
 Sonia H. Rubenstein
 Jeanne M. Payne
 Dr. Saul R. Kelson

AUGUST 27

Frederick C. Tuchmann
 Melvin Stolack
 Max Matlin
 William Miller
 Maier Sawyer
 Sarah Peles Samuels
 W. Carlton Bernard
 Tobias Wolfson
 Anna Dick Kronman
 Paul S. Waxman
 Sara G. Rice
 Mary Elizabeth O'Donnell-Moore
 Hyman Silverman
 Rose Ritter
 Edward J. Newman, MD
 Rose Markowitz
 Joseph LaLone
 Elma S. Rosenberg
 Precious Vivianna Rose

Yahrzeits



Heroes Among Us: Thank You!

It became a running joke among the Dahnerts that any time we entered a social gathering, my family would say to me, "start saying goodbye." Indeed, extracting myself from settings where I am spending time with people I enjoy has never been my strong suit. So you can imagine what a challenge it has been to bring closure to our time in the Hudson Valley as we move west.

What, you might ask, does this have to do with "heroes among us?" Over the past several weeks in preparing to move, I have gone through 24 years of accumulation in our LaGrangeville home. In doing so, I found files (and files, and files...I'm a saver) pertaining to various Vassar Temple activities and was reminded of the many people whose sustained efforts and commitment as clergy, lay-leaders, volunteers, staff, teachers and congregants make temple life a truly meaningful experience. And here's the message: YOU are the heroes among us. You always have been, and you always will be.

I am writing this article on Memorial Day, a moment when we honor those who distinguished themselves as heroes through their service. It is a day that inspires contemplation about what it means to be a hero. Here are my thoughts: heroes are people whose acts of kindness, bravery, altruism, dedication and perseverance add depth, significance, perspective, inspiration and enrichment to the lives of those around them. Again, in giving of yourselves to Vassar Temple, YOU are the heroes among us.

As I depart, I write this final "Heroes Among Us" column. This is the end of a series, but not the end of a connection. Vassar Temple has become a part of the fabric of my family, a foundational element in our lives, and an integral part of the person I have become over the past three decades. Each and every one of you has had a hand in creating that indelible impression, and I will forever be grateful. You are my heroes. I say "so-long" for now, but never "good-bye," and a heartfelt "THANK YOU!"

Jennifer Sachs Dahnert

Thank You Vassar Temple

At their annual volunteer recognition event, Dutchess Outreach recognized Vassar Temple with a Community Service Award, for our support of both Lunch Box and their food pantry during the past year. The credit belongs to all the Vassar Temple congregants who have supported our many food drives and the Lunch Box project throughout this difficult year.

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Cereal Counts and Protein Plenty drives, and especially to Joel Kelson, Jonah Ritter, Ron Rosen, Gil Seligman, and Lew Wrobel, who served on the leadership teams. Both projects will provide much needed healthy foods to pantries throughout the county to help combat summer hunger.

Congratulations to the Vassar Temple Lunch Box Team

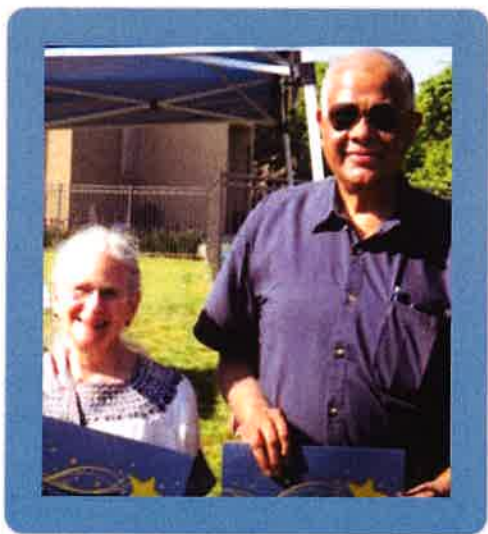
Last month, Dutchess Outreach presented its Community Service Award to Vassar Temple and Mid-Hudson Islamic Association (MHIA). This extraordinary partnership with our friends at MHIA has grown stronger through the pandemic. We thank Banna Rubinow and Chris Baltus for representing Vassar Temple at the Award Ceremony held at the Family Partnership Center. (See photo below of Banna Rubinow and Adil Ameer from MHIA accepting the awards for VT and MHIA respectively).

Two years ago, we invited our friends at MHIA to join Vassar Temple's longstanding program of cooking for and serving nutritious meals to our hungry neighbors at Lunch Box. Before COVID, our communities were gathering monthly to plan, cook and serve meals together. There were teaching and learning opportunities with our respective groups through youth programs and religious schools. When the pandemic hit, we had to pivot quickly to address the ongoing and expanding issue of food insecurity and hunger in our community. Our communities wasted no time and agreed to not only continue our existing commitment, but to increase our dedication to providing two meals each month. In the early days of the pandemic, we were purchasing take-out restaurant meals that came from three area restaurants who provided meals at cost to help serve and support the clients at Lunch Box. We thank these restaurants: La Cabanita, Crown Chicken, and Gino's Pizzeria for their dedication and delicious food.

In the fall, Vassar Temple began Chili & Cornbread meals. For this effort, our members lovingly make homemade chili and cornbread that is stored in our freezer at Vassar Temple. Each month, we feed at least 80 individuals, and this chili meal has become a Lunch Box favorite. MHIA continues to provide monthly meals from Crown Chicken, and we support that meal with fruit donations from our communities. We thank our Vassar Temple members for their ongoing dedication.


If you would like to help, please contact lunchbox@vassartemple.org

Andi & Paul Ciminello



Calendar of Events—July 2021

Please see weekly emails for the most up-to-date information

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm Ritual CMTE	2 6:00pm Shabbat Service (lay-led)	3 9am Torah Study with Muriel Horowitz
4 10:30am Lunch Box Independence Day 	5 Office Closed Independence Day Observed	6	7	8	9 5pm Ben's Kosher Deli fundraiser 7:30pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Golomb	10 9am Torah Study with Ron Rosen
11	12	13	14	15	16 7:30pm Shabbat Service	17 9am Torah Study
18 Save The Date Sisterhood Event	19	20	21 7:30pm Finance CMTE	22 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7:00 VT Board	23 7:30pm Shabbat Service	24 9am NO Torah Study
25	26	27	28	29 7:30pm Racism Reading Group	30 7:30pm Shabbat Service	31 9am Torah Study

Calendar of Events—August 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 10:30am Lunch Box	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 7pm Ritual CMTE	<i>6</i> 7:30pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman & Cantor Goldmann	<i>7</i> 9am Torah Study
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<i>14</i> 9am Torah Study
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 12pm Sisterhood Chai Noon 2pm VTS Book Club 7:30 Finance CMTE	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<i>21</i> 9am Torah Study
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7:00 VT Board	<i>27</i> 7:30pm Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman & Cantor Goldmann	<i>28</i> 9am Torah Study
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Can you tell that these Hebrew letters
are not in order?

Do you wish you could?

הגמדשנא **Join our Hebrew**
עתסרקפה **for Adults**
נמלבויו **Beginners Class**

Class will run 15 weeks (Sept. to January)

Cost: \$75

plus materials.

You will learn to read, and some
basic comprehension.

Email Marcia Tanzman at
Hebrew@vassartemple.org
if you are interested.

We hope this will be an in person class, but input from
participants will govern day, time, and location.

Deli Comes To Temple!



We're having a "fun-raiser"
with the ever-popular
Ben's Kosher Deli on
Friday, July 9. Please use
the information in your
temple email to peruse the

menu (complete meal boxes, a la carte items, cold cuts
and salads – order extra to freeze!), and follow the
instructions to place your order directly with Ben's with a
credit card via email. If you prefer, they can call you the
week of the event to take credit card info over the phone.
The menu and information are also on our website and
available through the office. Orders will be delivered to the
temple that afternoon in time to pick up your food (5-6pm)
and still be on time for the Shabbat service with Rabbi
Paul Golomb, Senior Scholar, in person or on Zoom. We
have decided to allow eating on the temple lawn, weather
permitting, so feel free to bring your lawn chair and enjoy
your deli before the service. In accordance with existing
policy, anyone who is unvaccinated and wishes to eat on
the lawn must remain distanced from others. Alternatively,
if you plan to pick up food and attend in person, we
encourage you to coordinate with friends who live nearby.
A portion of the proceeds will benefit the temple. Our
invitations to Temple Beth-El and Congregation
Shir Chadash to participate were graciously accepted,
with each congregation retaining its own proceeds.