



Vassar Temple

Where You Belong

Congregation Brethren of Israel, Founded 1848—Bulletin Volume 170 No. 4 November 2021

Trim-a-Thanksgiving

Let's help local families in need celebrate Thanksgiving! Everyone can join together to Trim-a-Thanksgiving. We will help these families celebrate the holiday with lovingly decorated baskets of food, turkeys, roasting pans, and festive accessories, all to be distributed by our partner, Hudson River Housing. Our religious school students will be preparing the food baskets and holiday cards. And here are two ways *you* can help Vassar Temple carry out this mitzvah:

1. Bring any of these foods to the Temple by **Wednesday, November 17**:
 - ◆ Canned (please, no glass jars): sweet potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, veggies
 - ◆ Boxed: stove top style stuffing, instant potatoes
 - ◆ and to the Temple freezer: fresh or frozen turkeys
2. Donate funds by mailing or bringing in a check made out to Vassar Temple with "Thanksgiving" on the memo line, or donate by credit card on our temple website to the **Community Tzedakah Fund** (designate for "Thanksgiving"). Cash donations are also appreciated.

For further information, please contact socialaction@vassartemple.org or call 845-454-2570.

~ Vassar Temple Cares About Hunger ~



SAVE THE DATE

Shine up your menorahs!

Chanukah Candle Lighting Service

Friday, December 3, 6pm



From the Rabbi's Desk:

It's one of those crazy years on the Jewish calendar: Rosh Hashanah on Labor Day and Chanukah on Thanksgiving weekend. Aside

from family gatherings and special foods, might we find deeper connections between these two holidays?

I've discovered two (maybe you'll find more). Thanksgiving and Chanukah are actually linked through their connection to another Jewish holiday: Sukkot.

Though we would like to think that the Pilgrims based Thanksgiving on Sukkot, most scholars say, "not exactly." According to Dr. Jonathan Sarna of Brandeis University, the Puritans didn't observe holidays on fixed or annual dates. Nonetheless, it is highly likely that they would have been influenced by the biblical holiday of Sukkot and its emphasis on giving thanks for the bounty of their harvest.

The connection between Chanukah and Sukkot isn't quite so apparent. At the time of the Maccabean revolt, Sukkot was the most important Jewish holiday. Given that their victory over the Assyrian-Greeks occurred a little over two months after Sukkot, which they had not been able to observe, the Maccabees decided to create an eight-day festival of dedication of the Temple in the manner of a belated Sukkot. In their invitation to the Jews of Alexandria to join them, they referred to this celebration as "Sukkot in Kislev" (II Maccabees). The next year when they were able to celebrate Sukkot in its proper time, they continued the celebration of a separate festival of dedication, later to be called Chanukah.

Giving thanks, whether for their harvest or for their victory, is one link between these two seemingly disconnected holidays. I would suggest

that a related theme deepens that bond: religious freedom. While Chanukah, celebrating the Maccabees' victorious battle for both religious and national freedom, is a more direct celebration of this right, Thanksgiving is also a celebration of religious freedom in that the Pilgrims left England because of religious persecution and sought freedom in the New World.

Unfortunately, both holidays also share a darker side around the ideal of religious freedom. The Puritans did not embody religious tolerance once they settled in America and the Maccabees led with an iron fist, conducting forced circumcisions upon Hellenized Jews and leading a corrupt and often brutal regime. The mythologies that arose about these figures and events covered over these and other more troubling realities as they became part of American and Jewish folklore.

Understandably, we do not want to diminish the joy of these much beloved holidays nor minimize their important messages about giving thanks and religious freedom. At the same time, the gap between myth and reality underscores the challenges of protecting religious freedom and tolerance. The founders of this nation, whether or not they were religious themselves, recognized the significance of religious freedom and its centrality for this nation, a secular republic, by embedding it in the First Amendment of the Constitution.

The wall separating church and state is a fragile one and can crumble if not protected. As Jews, it is within our best interests to be staunch defenders of this wall to protect our rights as well as those of all religions—and those of no religion.

As we hopefully gather in person (or in some hybrid form) around the Thanksgiving table this year and then light the Hanukkah on Sunday night and for the following week, let us rejoice and give thanks for the multitude of blessings in our lives—for the bounty on our tables, the important relationships in our lives and the freedoms we cherish. May we be inspired by the Pilgrims and the Maccabees to protect religious freedom in this great nation for all.

Rabbi Renni Altman



President's Message: Vassar 175: Long Ago, and Around the Corner

The year is 1848.



- James Polk is president, and the country is in its 30th Congress.
- Construction of the Washington Monument begins.
- Frederic Chopin makes his last public concert appearance in London.
- John Quincy Adams, our sixth President, dies.
- Wisconsin is admitted to the Union as the 30th state.
- Marx and Engels publish The Communist Manifesto.
- The Gold Rush begins when gold is discovered at Sutter's Mill, CA.
- The Mexican-American War ends with the ceding of land that will become the bulk of the Southwestern United States.
- The first Women's Rights Convention takes place in Seneca Falls, NY.
- French post-Impressionist painter Paul Gauguin is born.
- The New York Knickerbockers, one of the first organized baseball teams, are playing at Elysian Fields in Hoboken, NJ.

And in Poughkeepsie, NY, Congregation Brethren of Israel, the oldest continuously functioning Jewish congregation between New York City and Albany, is established by 16 families. Starting as an Orthodox congregation, it moves through a Conservative period and in 1923 adopts the Reform liturgy, finally joining the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the Union for Reform Judaism) in 1951.

As we approach our venerable 175th anniversary in 2023, we remain forward-thinking about adapting to an ever-changing cultural and demographic landscape. Simultaneously, we want and need to celebrate our remarkable history.

Our vision for this celebration is not a single gala event, but rather a year-long, branded celebration of our history that raises our profile; a multitude of events around relevant religious, historical, and cultural themes in partnership with local educational, business, and other institutions. The possibilities are endless: lecture series, library and book events, gallery displays, concerts...events on our normal annual fundraising cycle can reflect this focus. And yes, a culminating gala event (perhaps even a full weekend) with a fabulous keynote speaker, at which we will see robust community attendance (and fundraising) resulting from all of this activity.

As a resource, our digital archives are continuing to develop. We have an intern from Vassar College assisting with research, looking for temple references in old media with particular emphasis on gathering more information about our historical Rabbis.

It is my intention to have in place—by the end of calendar year 2021—a gala team that will then have a full year for creative planning. I will be reaching out over the course of November and December to identify individuals interested in particular projects. Rather than asking anyone to step up now to chair the entire effort, my goal is to form a robust, reliable committee with manageable individual projects and create a structure from there. If I call you, please respond "Hineni – here I am!" And, if you'd like to help or have an idea, please don't wait—contact me. (Needless to say, our normal fundraising efforts continue in the interim, so many hands are needed.)

Vassar 175:

will be fun, be gratifying, honor our history, and help to secure our future. Don't miss out on being part of it.

Susan Karnes Hecht

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 flower arrangements, please let the office know.

November 2021 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

November 5: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund

November 12: Donated by Hilary and Lew Wrobel in honor of U.S. military veterans

November 19: Donated by Martin Noble in memory of Rose Noble and Susan Fink in memory of Daniel Budson

November 26: Donated by Melissa Erlebacher in memory of Seth Erlebacher



RaiseRight App: Another Way to Save With SCRIP



RaiseRight makes fundraising easy. Email Sandra Mamis scrip@vassartemple.org for the Vassar Temple code. Download the RaiseRight app onto your smartphone or tablet for free. Link your bank account to their secure site.

You now have access to more than 750 top brands that you can purchase ecards from. The app easily allows you to store these ecards in your ewallet for use anytime you are making either purchases in physical stores or when purchasing online. It takes just a minute or two to purchase an ecard and it is available for use immediately. The app takes care of getting the proceeds to Vassar Temple. You just have to do your shopping and use the ecard.

I do not purchase anything online anymore without first downloading an ecard from RaiseRight. It's so easy to use. If you need a sudden, big purchase from a local store, say a refrigerator from Lowes or Home Depot (where the payout to the temple is 4%), pick out your appliance, get a total for the cost, purchase an ecard from the app for that store (while standing in that store) and use it at cashout. If your refrigerator is \$1,000 and you purchase \$1,000 worth of ecards and apply them to your purchase, you just made the Temple \$40.

I pre-purchase ecards that I frequently use—Starbucks, Ulta, Bed Bath and Beyond, Barnes and Noble—and they are always readily available in my ewallet. No trips to the temple to pick up the cards or waiting for orders of physical cards to arrive. Simple and convenient. Grocery stores still require physical cards and are well-stocked at temple.

Any questions about this easy way to make money for the temple, please reach out to either Sandra or myself. We'd be happy to walk you through it. Anyone who knows me is aware that I am technically stunted. This is truly so easy!

Lisa-Sue Quackenbush

Scriptural Readings

November 6

Tol'dot

Gen. 25:19-28:9; Malachi 1:1-2:7

November 13

Vayetzei

Gen. 28:10-32:3; Hosea 12:13-14:10

November 20

Vayishlach

Gen. 32:4-36:43; Hosea 11:7-12:12

November 27

Vayeishev

Gen. 37:1-40:23; Amos 2:6-3:8

New Paths Service

November 6 & 20, 10:15am

Join us for New Paths Sabbath morning services, in person or 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.

For updates and more information, please contact office@vassartemple.org or 454-2570.

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

"**Torah Study**" examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftorah. Led by Rabbi Altman on Saturdays 9-10am via Zoom.

For further info and study sheets: rabbi@vassartemple.org.

"**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text**" taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12-1:30pm. May be hybrid, or Zoom only—info and study sheets: pjgolomb@verizon.net.

All are welcome—no previous training required—no charge to attend

Hadami Gendron's Mitzvah Project

Hadami Gendron wants to say thank you to everyone who contributed to her shoe drive for Dress for Success of Dutchess County! She collected 135 pairs of shoes and \$500 in DSW shoe store gift cards, thanks to your generosity. These will directly help women entering the workforce, and help them put their best foot forward!



Contributions

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND	Oliver Mackson
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In Memory of: Leonard Roth	Vivian & Ed Garber
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In Memory of: Leonard Roth	Irma Jacobs Fern & Dave Wolf Susan & David Hecht
SUSTAINING FUND	Anonymous
In Memory of: Leonard Roth	Bob & Marianne Abrams Polly Lewis
In Honor of: Judy Rosenfeld receiving the Arnold Award Sandra Mamis	Irma Jacobs Drs. Howard Susser & Shirl Davis-Susser
In Appreciation of: David and Susan Hecht, a dynamic force at Vassar Temple	Jim Robinowitz
MUSIC FUND	
In Honor of: Cantor Goldmann	Ruth L. Goldfarb Janice Goldfarb



Thank you to those who have been so generous in their donations to this year's High Holy Day Appeal. It's not too late to donate. We have extra cards available, or you can make a donation via credit card by email office@vassartemple.org phone 845.254.2570 or at our website vassartemple.org.

Shabbat Y'ladim (Children's Shabbat) Saturday, November 13, 10:30am



All children from tots to first grade are invited to join Rabbi Altman on Saturday, November 13 at 10:30am to celebrate Chanukah, and to explore themes of gratitude at this special time on the Jewish calendar.

Our stuffed bear friends Kachol v'Lavan will be there to take part in the singing, stories, and a brief, child-friendly service. Tell your friends and neighbors—this event is free and open to the whole community. We plan to meet inside the temple under the health and safety guidelines in place at that time.

For further information and updates, please contact office@vassartemple.org or call the temple 845-454-2570.

Religious School Update



This month our school turns its focus to the value of *Gevurah*, strength, but not in a physical sense; rather, we address the strength it takes to stand up for what's right, the strength not to react physically, the strength to withstand peer pressure and do the right thing.

In anticipation of the convergence of Thanksgiving and Chanukah, our students will apply this value to both holidays: they will take part in our annual "Trim-a-Thanksgiving" project, decorating and filling baskets of food (from their and YOUR donations) to help those less fortunate celebrate a real Thanksgiving. We will also learn about and celebrate the courage and strength of the Maccabees who stood up against Antiochus and fought for religious freedom.

Rabbi Renni Altman

Sisterhood News

I would love some input from our members about what you would like to see, learn, or discuss in the coming months. I know making winter plans is difficult in the best of times, but with each event I attend, I hear from people who appreciate the times that they can interact with others.

We continue to provide goodies for the "To-Go-Negs" at our Friday night services. If you can bake or want to purchase some goodies, please remember to contact Amy Horn Oclatis at oneg@vassartemple.org.

Our Judaica Shoppe windows have been updated to include Chanukah merchandise. Please keep our shop in mind for your Judaica needs. If there is something you would like us to stock, please email judaica@vassartemple.org with your requests.

Without you we are one woman short!

Marcia Tanzman



Brotherhood News

I wanted to take this time to thank the men from Brotherhood who erected and took down and put away the Sukkah. The crew for putting up the Sukkah were Bob Abrams, David Lampell, Jerry Slate, Dave Wolf, Alan Kafowitz, Ron Rosen, Dan Scherrer, David Hecht, Kurt Quackenbush, Chuck Stein, and Glenn Tanzman.

The crew that took down the Sukkah in world-record time were Bob Abrams, David Lampell, Jerry Slate, Ron Rosen, Chuck Stein, Jeff Karitis, and Glenn Tanzman. Thank you all for a job well done.

We continue to hold Virtual Happy Hours and hope to transition into in-person gatherings this fall. Watch the weekly newsletter and your emails for more information.

An early reminder that Brotherhood dues for 2022 are \$36/year. Please make your check out the Vassar Temple Brotherhood and send it to the temple office. We use the funds to support temple activities like the Purim Pasta dinner in the spring and other special events.

Together we are stronger. Be safe and be well.

Glenn Tanzman

SCRIP: It Just Makes Cents



Maimonides taught that there are eight levels of charity, the highest being that which is done with an open heart in a dignified manner, anonymously and for the benefit of sustaining the well-being of a Jewish person or cause even before it is desperately needed.

This certainly characterizes the gift we received from a long-standing temple couple.

Supporters of the temple SCRIP Program themselves, they appreciate the amazing financial opportunity it provides with dollars raised annually helping to fund our wonderful programs, amazing staff and necessary building projects. Disappointed, though, by the limited number of temple members supporting this endeavor—typically only a third of the congregation—they came forward with an idea to incentivize others to participate. The concept: to offer \$200 between June and October for every new SCRIP supporter or for a returnee who had not recently bought gift cards—up to a maximum of 25 people or \$5,000—YES, \$5,000! By mid-September that goal was reached: WOW! And a day later, a check for \$5,000 was delivered to the temple. And, by the way, the purchases made by those individuals garnered another \$600 in profit for us to use as, collectively, we work to make Vassar Temple the place in which we take so much pride.

It is an understatement to say how grateful we all are for the unfailing generosity of these two people whose request for anonymity challenges our desire to openly acknowledge them. But respecting their wishes, we can all show our gratitude. How? For those who have been long-time supporters of SCRIP, continue what you do. And, thank you. For those who helped us take advantage of the amazing offer, let this just be the start of a long-term commitment to shopping with gift cards sold by Vassar Temple. And for those who are not familiar with SCRIP, let your curiosity be sparked and come to realize how important the participation of every temple member is in order for this very effective long-time fundraiser to be even more successful!

If you need information on how to get started either buying physical cards from the temple or getting ecards to over 500 national retailers downloaded to your smart phone instantaneously, just ask me, the SCRIP coordinator, or Karen, our office administrator. Not sure if you make a difference? Let me share just a few numbers. In the last fiscal year, with only 1/3 of our members participating, the profit from SCRIP was just under \$10,000! And it did not cost any supporter anything to participate. How does it work? We are able to buy cards at a discounted amount, as set by the retailer, and the card is sold to you at face value. So, for instance, Adams gives us 10%. Last year we sold \$55,000+ of Adams cards alone, realizing \$5,000 in profit: Just amazing! Imagine how much we could raise if all of you jumped on the SCRIP bandwagon...even if you only used gift cards for some of your purchases.

So, as we send our enormous thanks to the couple who funded this SCRIP incentive effort; let their charitable giving motivate you to become a supporter, too. It is easy and so important. Please don't let the opportunity to help our beloved temple slip away.

Please take a look at the article by Lisa Sue Quackenbush [page 4] on her experience with SCRIP, in particular with ecards and the RaiseRight app.

Sandra Mamis



Warm up your homes and feed our hungry neighbors! Chili meals continue at Lunch Box and it is quickly becoming a favorite meal with clients. We are especially grateful to Noah Gillman and his family for their generous contributions to Lunch Box. Noah and his family have been cooking away and depositing their chili donations in the Vassar Temple Freezer to keep us stocked throughout the winter. Please join us and make a batch of chili. Your house will smell great and your food will provide nutritious meals for our community.

Please follow the standard recipe because all chili donations will be put together and heated on site at Lunch Box. Please deliver your chili to temple in disposable containers (either freezer bags or plastic containers). If you want to label your container, we can try to return to the temple. This recipe should serve approximately 15. Please do not make the chili spicy. Use chili powder for flavor and not to add too much spice. Contact lunchbox@vassartemple.org for the recipe or if you have any questions .

Andi Ciminello

Thank You from the Ritual Corner:

Well, we did it! We were able to provide High Holy Day services in the sanctuary and via Zoom. A heartfelt thanks to the following people who made our High Holy Days a beautiful, memorable experience for Vassar Temple:

- * **Bill Barbash** - truck rental for food donations
- * **Matlin & Schwartz families** - white bimah flowers
- * **Turk family** - donation and delivery of schach
- * **Albinder family** - donation of apples
- * **Marcia & Glenn Tanzman** - picking up the apples
- * **Brotherhood** - sukkah raise & take-down
- * **Ritual Committee** - changing Torah covers, sanctuary decorations
- * **Tech Crew** - for bringing us all together (in-person and virtually)
- * **Greeters & Ushers** - for facilitating HHD services
- * **Health & Safety Task Force** - for good listening and good guidance
- * **Joe Bertolozzi** - 25 years of musical accompaniment
- * **Nanette Koch** - cello during Kol Nidre
- * **Cantor Goldmann & Rabbi Altman** - for leading us to a new beginning for the new year, and guiding us toward becoming our best selves
- * **HHD service participants** - for being ready, willing and able
- * **Karen Clark** - too many things to list, so THANK YOU!

This year was a vast improvement over last year's High Holy Days season when we were all at home on Zoom. VT was able to re-open this summer—first for Shabbat and then HHD services. We will continue to provide hybrid services. Hopefully next year we can all be together for the HHDs. Thanks again. *Shanah tovah* to you all.

David Hecht

November 5

Diane Ruth Shore
 Samuel W. Gellert
 Esther Mardon Bernstein
 Samuel Garber
 James Connelley
 Henry Newman
 Herbert Schenberg
 Arthur Berlin
 Brian Matson
 Bridget Molloy
 Gloria Jordan
 Phillip Ritter
 Philip Browner
 Suzanne Seligman
 Estelle Rozenberg
 Forrest Graves
 Alice Spitalnik
 Alexander W. Jacobs
 Claire Gersoni
 Alan Abraskin
 Nathan Givner
 Molly Susser
 Michael Aronson
 Charles Wender

November 12

Hilda Levitan
 Gussie Bernstein
 B. Jay Newman
 A. Louis Rubin
 Kathy Austin
 Larry Kornreich
 Henrietta Burns Subkow
 L. Richard Rosenberg
 Arthur George Henderson
 Solomon Tanzman
 Henry Rosenmann
 Solomon Charles Cantor
 Evelyn Heidelberger
 Ellen Bernard
 Samuel Saul
 Lena L. Bloch
 William Payne
 Martin Gad
 Rose Slate
 Shirley Richter

November 19

Louis Dubler
 Rose Jacobson
 Abraham Feuerstein
 Frances A. Victor
 Helen Robinson
 Dr. Diane L. Weston
 Paul Susser
 Leopold Scharf
 Jenny Krevolin
 Robert Feitelson
 Daniel Budson, M.D.
 Lily Fink Schenberg
 Maurice Horn
 Ida Axelrod

November 26

Kate Hecht
 Seth A. Erlebacher
 Lillian Lox
 Samuel Reifler
 Elizabeth Bokor
 Myrtle Oclatis
 Jacob Aaron Guzman
 Marie Fischer Solomon
 Jack Josias
 Hildegard Tuchmann
 Wallace Berkowitz
 Richard H. Satz
 Dorothy M. Haber Sigalow
 Dr. Sidney N. Miller
 Charles Ernest
 Charles Hoffman, DDS
 L. Charles Podret
 Ruby Cohn
 Marcia Krandel
 Lester Fries
 Albert Levy Serfaty
 Chester Altman



Yahrzeits

Thank You Vassar Temple—& Here's Why

Grateful appreciation to ALL of you who helped fill the Yom Kippur Food Drive truck with approximately 1,100 boxes and cans of nutritious food for our neighbors in need. Even though many could not attend in-person services, they made a special trip to the temple to drop off food to help their hungry neighbors. Thanks to the Gendron, Kafowitz and Moore teens and their families for giving out bags and loading the truck, and to Bill Barbash, Ron Rosen and Ralph Schwartz for their special contributions to the success of the project. The food was delivered to the largest food pantry in the county, at Dutchess Outreach in the Family Partnership Center.

Vassar Temple members have demonstrated over and over that they understand and will respond. Liz Spira, CEO of Community Action Partnership, whose four food pantries benefited from our recent Protein Plenty drive, said: "Due to Covid-19 the requests for help have more than doubled. Your deep commitment to programs and services to help families toward their goal of self-reliance allows us to continue to serve those most in need. We are continually inspired by the dedication of donors like you who answer the call to give again and again."

The effects of poverty and hunger are not always obvious in America. Obesity does not necessarily indicate adequate nutrition. Healthy foods are often the most expensive and out of reach for families living on the edge. This is why it is so important to donate foods that are nutrient- rich. Food insecurity, meaning uncertainty that you'll be able to get enough food, has long-term effects on physical and mental health. Statistics bear out that increased stress, impaired functioning in school and on the job, inadequate mental and physical development in children, and chronic disease at any age are common outcomes. This is why your cans of tuna fish or jar of peanut butter can truly make a difference in peoples' lives. So thank you, Vassar Temple, for stepping up time after time to promote food justice in our communities.

*Thank
you*

*Marian Schwartz
Social Action*



Jewish War Veterans

The November meeting of the Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625 of Jewish War Veterans of the United States will be Sunday, November 7 on Zoom.

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

Please contact rschwa9881@aol.com for updates and Zoom link.

Calendar of Events—November 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Hebrew School (on-line)	<i>4</i> 12pm Talmud Study 7pm Ritual CMTE	<i>5</i> 7:30pm Shabbat Service with Cantor Goldmann	<i>6</i> 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
<i>7</i> 9am Religious School 10am / K-1 10:30am Lunch Box	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> NO Hebrew School	<i>11</i> OFFICE CLOSED Veteran's Day 	<i>12</i> 7:30pm Brotherhood Shabbat Service with Cantor Goldmann	<i>13</i> 9am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Y'ladim
<i>14</i> 9am Religious School 10am / K-1	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Hebrew School (on-line) 7:30pm Finance CMTE	<i>18</i> 12pm Talmud Study 12pm Chai Noon, Sisterhood 7pm Board Meeting	<i>19</i> 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<i>20</i> 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
<i>21</i> 9am Religious School 10am / K-1 2pm DCIC Virtual Music Festival/ Thanksgiving Service	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> NO Hebrew School	<i>25</i> OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving 	<i>26</i> OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving 6pm Shabbat Service lay-led	<i>27</i> NO Torah Study
<i>28</i> First Candle  NO Religious School	<i>29</i> Second Candle Chanukah Day 1 	<i>30</i> Third Candle Chanukah Day 2 				

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To:

Arthur and Jack Maserjian on their marriages:

- Arthur married Erica Melito in November 2019; they reside in Washington, DC
- Jack married Shannon Beneway in September 2021, officiated by Rabbi Golomb; they reside in Coral Springs, FL

Sara Jane Goldberg and her husband, George Pappageorge:

- on the marriage of Sara Jane and Jay Weiss' daughter Leah Weiss to Aleksander Finekshteyn on October 10
- and the birth of grandson Trevor Kevin Pappageorge, son of Stephen and Jessie Pappageorge, on September 27

Ken and Donna Levinson on the marriage of their daughter Lindsay to Joe Guzzardo on October 2

Howard Susser and Shirl Davis-Susser on the marriage of their daughter Jessica to Cameron McEwen on October 16 in Toledo, OH