



Vassar Temple

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TREE OF LIFE

Ever notice that lovely piece of artwork in the Temple lobby? It is the Tree of Life, donated by Sisterhood in 2002 for the benefit of the Temple.

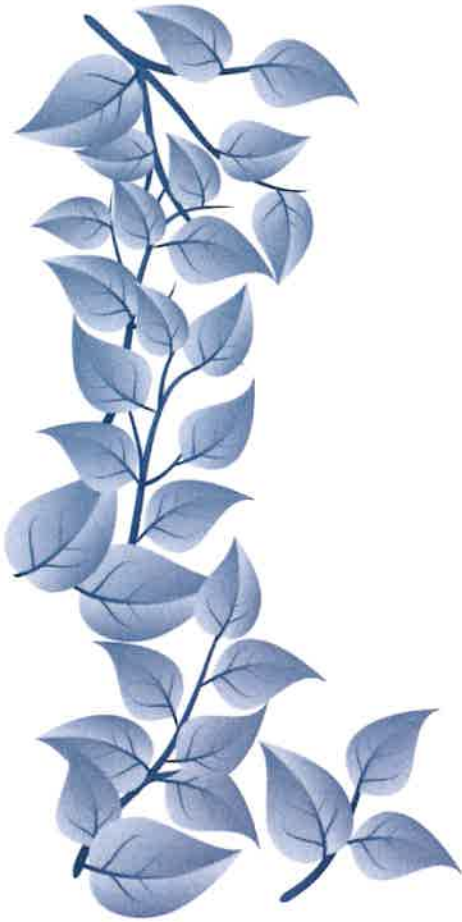
Take a moment and look closely and you'll see an abundance of names representing various Vassar Temple family membership Mitzvot history. This artwork represents a veritable history of individuals and family members who either belonged to our temple family or were family extensions. My wife, Mary Ann, and I started purchasing leaves after the birth of Luna Scarlet, our first grandchild. Her leaf greeted us every time we attended services. We continued "growing our garden" after the birth of Lucas Sterling then Landon Samuel. It is with great joy that I am now purchasing a leaf for Lily Solara (named for Mary Ann as the Stargazer lily was her very favorite flower).

The Tree of Life provides a vehicle for celebrating various Mitzvot, both for the family and for the greater Temple community—contributing to the ongoing history and longevity of our shul. As an added benefit, the money raised helps with ongoing temple expenses. There are still many spaces available. Why not consider joining other Temple members with this lasting legacy?

Half of the proceeds from this project go directly into the Endowment Fund, the other half go to support the ongoing programs and operations of Vassar Temple. My family decided that participating in this project was important. Contact the office to arrange for your additions to the Tree of Life including your desired engraving.

There are many ways to make contributions to our Temple. If you are interested in finding out more, go to our online home page and click "Donate" in the upper right.

Jim Robinowitz





From the Rabbi's Desk:

"Over the past few decades, music has developed with spirited, modern tunes to enliven services. The paint-a prayer project seeks to transform the visual dimension of services as modern music has done for the auditory."

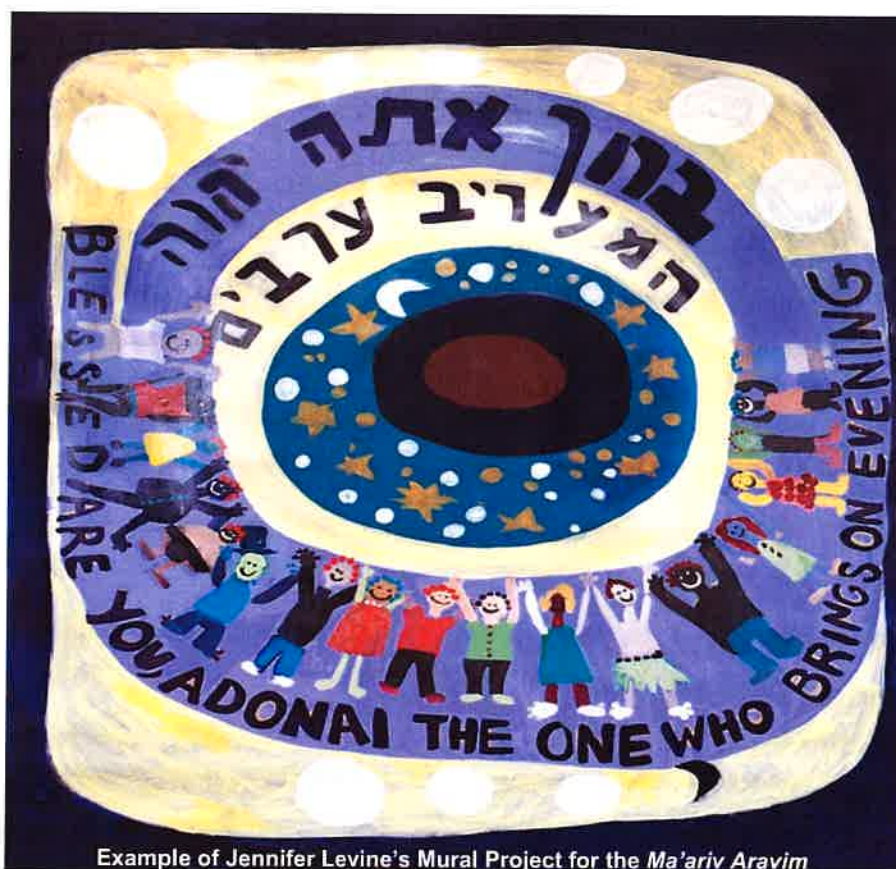
Thus, mural artist and Jewish educator, Jennifer Levine, describes the purpose of her very creative project which we, Vassar Temple, will have the opportunity to

experience this spring. As a congregation, we will choose a prayer, study it and offer our interpretations which Ms. Levine will then turn into a 4 x 8 mural on canvas which we will then help to paint – and then it will be ours!

It is now almost three years since Ms. Levine first reached out to me to propose this project for our religious school. I proposed it to our Ritual and Religious School committees as a congregation-wide activity and both enthusiastically embraced it. The "Paint-A-Prayer Project" is an innovative hands-on art project, one that would add a new dimension to our worship and to our school. As with many things, COVID put our plan on hold, but now it will serve to build upon the energy and excitement of our staged return to in-person activities. I am thrilled that we will be able to move forward with it this spring.

This will be a congregational project from the beginning; all who choose to participate will have the chance to be part of each step in the process of creating our unique piece of art: selecting the prayer, bringing your voice to the meaning of the prayer, and creating the mural itself.

The first step is, perhaps, the most challenging: selecting the prayer for the mural. Do you have a favorite prayer? Which prayer best represents our Shabbat spirit? Which prayer do you think will lend itself to visual artistic expression? There is no right or wrong answer and, for many of us, it will be hard to choose (I've been thinking about this for months and I keep going back and forth between different prayers!). To help in this selection process, I will offer an adult education session on Wednesday, January 12 in which I will provide an overview of the Shabbat liturgy, exploring the meaning of the major prayers (see Page 11 for details). We will also spend focused time on the prayers in religious school. In mid-January, we will send out a survey vehicle via email for our "Congregational Prayer Vote" where you can cast your vote! The survey will only be open for a limited time, so please answer promptly.



Example of Jennifer Levine's Mural Project for the Ma'ariv Aravim

On Sunday, March 20, from approximately 11am – 12pm, Ms. Levine will come to Vassar Temple to lead a program with the congregation, including religious school students, in which we will study our prayer in depth and offer our interpretations, including sketches, about the meaning of the prayer for each of us and how it relates to our community.

Ms. Levine will take all of our input back to her studio and she

will return on Sunday, April 24 with the outline of our mural. We will all get to paint the mural, working in small groups, for short pre-assigned blocks of time. About two weeks later, Ms. Levine will bring us our finished mural. As it will be on canvas, it will be moveable so that it can be part of our worship and our educational programs.

No artistic talent is required—only a desire to participate in this exciting inter-generational project in which you can leave a lasting mark at Vassar Temple!

Rabbi Renni Altman



President's Message: The Presidents Network— A Lifeline

Way back in the summer of 2020—which feels like a decade ago—one of the priorities that I committed to for my term as President was enhancing our engagement with the Reform

movement. Later that fall I shared my phenomenal experience at the URJ's Scheidt seminar for congregational presidents and the strong bonds that developed almost immediately amongst attendees.

Following Scheidt, the URJ launched its first Presidents Network, and since late 2020 I've been meeting monthly with a small group from around the northeast region. We are inescapably the "Covid Presidents" and have provided each other with what one member calls "a giant support group." We love to talk about those infamous pandemic silver linings, which are perhaps partly wishful thinking or even bravado to help us navigate through this. But we have also moved beyond the pandemic into other pressing issues that we share. This has been an incredibly positive experience, one that is completely different from any that I had professionally, and that my husband has described as my "presidency distilled."

I am moved to tell you of the generosity, availability, creativity, sensitivity, respect, and resilience of these individuals. I have been lucky to both receive and give, follow and lead, and be envious of others and proud of a Vassar Temple example. Everything that we discuss is understood to be confidential; everything is fair game. I can

vent the stress, and I have squirreled away a treasure trove of ideas and instructive anecdotes. Over the months, we've mentored each other on a wide range of topics including the mechanics and intricacies of a Rabbi search, cemetery management, social media and marketing, fundraising and culture of philanthropy, dues models, religious school, the leadership pipeline, managing in a volunteer environment and, of course, health and safety policies. We are free to set our own agenda and can request help but have minimal feedback required to the parent organization. These folks show up reliably on my computer monitor the first Monday of every month, but we all look forward to a live reunion at some point and to visiting each other's synagogues.

The URJ, forced to develop an alternative to in-person

gatherings, created something new, effective, and functional. Our congregations differ significantly in size, community setting, and practices. But we all love our temple families and value Reform Judaism as central to our lives. This is enough of a shared foundation to work together productively. Surely, members of Vassar Temple can support each other and work together to sustain our Jewish home despite our differing backgrounds,

situations, and needs. In both cases, it's all about the people.

My new friendships will, I hope, continue to thrive beyond next June 30th. But I am delighted that our next President can look forward to bonding with and being empowered by her own cohort as the URJ, having seen the success of this initiative, has had the good sense to plan ahead for the incoming group.

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.

January 2022 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

January 7: Donated by Martin Noble in memory of Greta Blaine

January 14: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)

January 21: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)

January 28: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)



Banna Rubinow reading a Hanukkah story

Religious School Update

Students and their parents had a fun time celebrating Hanukkah back in person this year! The children made their own Hanukkiot to light (or put in their paper flames for the youngest!) throughout the holiday. On Sunday, December 5, parents joined their children for a morning of Hanukkah fun: making edible dreidels, exploring Hanukkah in puzzles and games, singing Hanukkah songs, hearing stories read with great flourish by Banna Rubinow and watching Hanukkah tales on the screen! The morning culminated in a friendly family Kahoot competition.



Rabbi Altman & Kitah Zayin playing dreidel

This month we explore the value of *achrayut*, responsibility. One important application of this responsibility is towards our environment, which our religious school families will explore more deeply with the entire congregation for our annual Tu B'shevat seder on Sunday, January 23 from 10:30 to noon. Given on-going COVID safety precautions, we won't eat together, but we can still celebrate the special foods of Tu B'shevat and the importance of trees through hands-on projects, songs and special activities. Please join us!

Rabbi Renni Altman

Scriptural Readings

January 1

Va-eira

Ex. 6:2-9:35; Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

January 8

Bo

Ex. 10:1-13:16; Jeremiah 46:13-28

January 15

Shira

B'shalach

Ex. 13:17-17:16; Judges 4:4-5:31

January 22

Yitro

Ex. 18:1-20:23; Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

January 29

Sh'mot

Ex. 1:1-6:1;

Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

New Paths Services

January 8 & 22, 10:15am

Join us for New Paths Sabbath morning services on Zoom, Saturdays January 8 and 22 at 10:15am. 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. When possible, we will start an in-person option to attend the service. For updates and more information, please contact office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570.

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

"**Torah Study**" examines passages from the week's torah portion or haftorah. Led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, DD on Saturdays from 9-10am on Zoom (no class January 1). New attendees: contact office@vassartemple.org to be placed on the class email list.

"**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from an Ancient Text**" taught twice monthly by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, Thursdays January 6 and 20, noon to 1:30pm on Zoom. Information and study sheets: pjgolomb@verizon.net.

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



To:

Temple member Howard Himmelstein (Emily Zimmer Himmelstein, z'') became a grandfather again on Sunday, November 28 when his daughter Rachel gave birth to a beautiful 9-pound baby girl, named Aurora Emily!



RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**In Memory of:**

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Rabbi Altman

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Kitah Dalet

Glenn & Marcia Tanzman

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The birth of Lily Solara

Jim Robinowitz

The marriage of

Samantha Hecht &

Travis Carpenter

Susan & David Hecht

The marriage of

Max Hecht & Ilyssa Bloch

Susan & David Hecht

HIGH HOLY DAY APPEALBrett & Angie Colbert
Robert & Judith Creedon
Christopher Baltus & Banna Rubinow
Joel & Claudia Kelson
Muriel Lampell
Polly Lewis
Rosemary Lewis

We would like to thank all of the Vassar Temple members who contributed generously to the HHD appeal. The total raised to date from this appeal is \$15,949.

With deepest gratitude for your generosity,

Andi & Paul Ciminello

Contributions



January 7

Morris Kahn
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January 28

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 Joseph Marcus
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 Shirley LaLone
 Andrew Frederick Mendel
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 Naomi Goldberg
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Yahrzeits



Sisterhood News

Every time I think we are on the brink of returning to all of our activities, another variant rears its head and our progress seems to slow again. Despite that, Sisterhood continues to be involved in making sure our sanctuary is brightened by bimah flowers, our in-person services have baked goods and treats “to go,” our Judaica Shoppe is stocked with your holiday needs, and our Friendship Calendar is ready for the new year.



The Soup and Chili Tisch Shabbat is still on the calendar for the end of January. Please watch the weekly emails for details.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2022.

Without you we are one woman short!

Marcia Tanzman



SAVE THE DATES

Paint-A-Prayer Part I

With artist and Jewish educator
Jennifer Levine

Sunday, March 20
11:00am – 12 noon

We will study “our prayer” in depth and create our own interpretations which Ms. Levine will use to create the outline of the mural

Paint-A-Prayer Part II

Sunday, April 24
Approx. 10:30am – 12 noon

Participants will paint the mural;
15-minute time slots will be
assigned to small groups

Attendance at both sessions strongly preferred.

Shabbat Y’ladim (Children’s Shabbat)

Saturday, January 22—10:30am

Join us as we celebrate Tu B'Shevat, marking the birthday of the trees and our gratitude for nature and the environment. This brief, child-friendly Shabbat service with Rabbi Altman and music teacher Olivia is geared for children from birth to first grade and their grownups, and is filled with lots of singing, stories, and marching with the Torah!

Masks are required as we will gather safely distanced in the sanctuary. Afterward we'll join in a brief kiddush, with individualized snacks. It is very important for our planning to know the numbers we can anticipate. Please RSVP to Karen at office@vassartemple.org by Friday morning, January 21.

Please Support the Wind Chill Fund

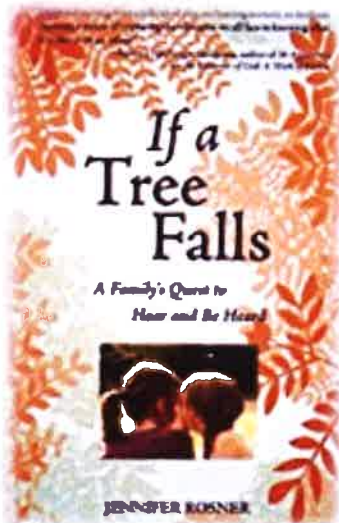
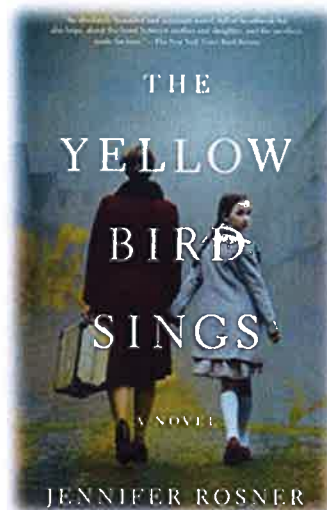
Early on in the pandemic, the agency Hudson River Housing sought to shelter as many homeless area residents as possible in a healthy environment that could provide for more social distancing than is possible in the regular shelter facilities. They successfully created this sort of housing by utilizing vacant PODs (trailers) once used to house overflow inmates at the County Jail. This enlarged homeless population remains there today, being provided supportive and referral services, necessary transportation, access to food and water and other basic needs. As winter settles in, more always come to seek shelter and expenses rise, hence the "Wind Chill Fund" was established. Please help HRH maintain this truly life-enabling program by sending a check made out to Vassar Temple, with "Wind Chill Fund" on the memo line, through the month of January. Your donation will bring help and hope to someone in dire need. Your donation is fully tax deductible to the extent of the law.



Zoom with Jennifer Rosner, 2020 National Jewish Book Award Finalist February 2, 7pm

The Vassar Temple Adult Education Committee is excited to host a Zoom-based evening program with acclaimed Jewish author Jennifer Rosner on February 2 at 7pm.

The Yellow Bird Sings, an historical novel set in Poland during World War II, follows the relationship and journey of a young mother and her 5-year old music prodigy daughter as they hide from the Nazis and have to make heart-wrenching decisions to survive. Rosner will speak about the extensive research she conducted, including going to Poland, the many decisions she made about story line, character development, writing styles and strategies, all leading to the creation of this award-winning novel.



Rosner's memoir, *If A Tree Falls: A Family's Quest to Hear and Be Heard*, reveals her journey into deafness as a mother, wife, daughter, and Jew as she raises two deaf daughters and, in the process, uncovers a hidden history of deafness in her family in the shtetls of Eastern Europe. Her personal account of the struggles and delights encountered as she and her husband made controversial decisions about hearing aids, cochlear implants and sign language is always balanced with their quest to make sure their daughters voices will be heard.

The program is FREE to all participants. Pre-register at office@vassartemple.org by January 31. The Zoom link will be emailed by February 2 to all those who have pre-registered.

Thanksgiving Thanks...to Everyone!

It was all hands on deck—our Trim-a-Thanksgiving project was such a success due to the many adult congregants who donated all the food and funds, our youth group advisor Chloe and the teens who stuffed the baskets, and our religious school children who decorated the baskets and made personalized holiday cards for the families who received them. We were even able to provide an additional last-minute basket, plus turkeys and baking pans, festive napkins and potholders, and to share some of our bounty of food with Oakwood School's Thanksgiving project, thus enabling even more families to celebrate the holiday. The teens unanimously voted to make even more baskets next year, to bring happiness to more families than ever. With all hands on deck, Vassar Temple can do it!



**All Hands
on Deck**

Marian Schwartz

**Welcome to our
New Members:**

**Muriel Horowitz
Dr. Evan & Dana Kurz**

Tu B'Shevat Festivities for All Sunday, January 23—10:30am

Let's all celebrate nature, the trees and the environment at an in-person, intergenerational Tu B'Shevat event on Sunday, January 23 from 10:30am-noon. There will be music and hands-on activities to appeal to everyone from senior citizens to religious school children. We'll observe all safety precautions including masking and social distancing. Mark your calendar.

Watch temple e-mails for more updates.
See you there!



Tisch Shabbat Soup & Chili Dinner / January 28—6pm

AS WE GO TO PRINT, we are all hopeful that 2022 will bring a return to more normal times. With that thought in mind, please join us at 6pm on Friday, January 28, for a soup and chili dinner as part of a wonderful Tisch Shabbat. Of course, we will be following the appropriate Covid safety precautions.

Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann will lead a Tisch Shabbat for us in the social hall. A "Tisch" or Table Shabbat is held around the Shabbat table and features lots of singing and stories. By using Visual Tefillah in lieu of prayer books, this joyful worship experience heightens a sense of community and connection.

Sisterhood will provide a festive meal of homemade soups, vegetarian chili, challah, cornbread and salad to be enjoyed during the service.



Donations for the dinner are very welcome and checks should be made payable to Vassar Temple Sisterhood.

In case we need to limit attendance, please let JoAnne Abraskin know that you plan on coming by January 25 at TischShabbat@vassar temple.org. Be sure to check your email as the date gets closer for any updates.

A Walk Through the Shabbat Service with Rabbi Altman Wednesday, January 12 at 7:30pm on Zoom

In preparation for the congregational vote to select our prayer for the "Paint-A-Prayer Project," Rabbi Altman will offer this overview of the Shabbat liturgy. This session will provide you with a greater understanding of the meaning of the prayers and the flow of the service to better inform your selection of the prayer you would most like to see interpreted artistically in a mural. The session will be on Zoom only; links will be provided in the weekly email newsletter. It will be helpful to have a copy of *Mishkan Tefillah* with you. If you need to borrow one, please contact the office and arrange to pick one up, Monday-Friday between 10am-2pm.



Be on the lookout for the congregational prayer vote via email survey in mid-January.

Need to freshen up your linens for the New Year?

Take advantage of January White Sales at your favorite stores such as Macy's, Kohl's, Home Goods, TJ Maxx, and Bed, Bath & Beyond—but before you buy, get your **SCRIP** gift cards from Vassar Temple.

Join the growing number of members who wouldn't think of shopping without them!

Don't know how to get ecards to your favorite stores instantaneously? Get in touch with Sandra, the **SCRIP** Coordinator scrip@vassartemple.org. It is fun and easy!



TO:

The family of Elizabeth (Libby) Wolf, stepmother of David Wolf
The family of Daniel Arnold, brother of Rabbi Stephen A. Arnold

This is Hudson River Housing



Hudson River Housing is about more than homeless shelters; Hudson River Housing is about building communities. They literally create affordable decent housing through both building rehab and new construction. They promote housing equity through giving people the opportunity to achieve home ownership, to rise all the way from homelessness to transitional support, to down payment saving incentives, and classes on home ownership skills. HRH operates two job training programs and assists small businesses. HRH provides emergency shelters and specialized supportive housing programs for teens, youth, adults, homeless families, veterans, and the disabled. They work with neighborhoods to develop community pride and solidarity. In the time of Covid, they have been helping with emergency rental assistance and voucher programs, as well as emergency aid to landlords. The end goal is viable, vibrant, prosperous, self-empowered neighborhoods throughout the region.

To find out more about this remarkable agency visit www.hudsonriverhousing.org, and to help provide meals for those in shelters contact socialaction@vassartemple.org.

**Hudson River
Housing, Inc.**

Calendar of Events—January 2022

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 NO Religious School 10:30am Lunch Box	3	4	5 Hebrew School (on-line)	6 12pm Talmud Study 7pm Ritual CMTE	7 6pm Simchat Shabbat Service with Cantor Goldmann	8 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
9 9am Religious School 10am / K-1	10	11	12 Hebrew School (on-line) 7:30pm Adult Ed—An Overview of the Shabbat liturgy	13	14 7:30pm Shabbat Service	15 9am Torah Study
16 NO Religious School	17 OFFICE CLOSED 	18 12pm Chai Noon Sisterhood	19 Hebrew School (on-line) 7:30pm Finance CMTE	20 12pm Talmud Study	21 7:30pm Shabbat Service	22 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths 10:30am Shabbat Y'lاديم
23 9am Religious School 10am / K-1 10:30AM TB Seder	24	25	26 Hebrew School (on-line)	27 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm Board Meeting	28 6pm Soup & Chili Tisch Shabbat Service (tentative)	29 9am Torah Study
30 9am Religious School 10am / K-1	31					

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Rabbi Altman visited the Lutheran Care Center on December 1 to help the Jewish residents celebrate Hanukkah; lighting candles and playing with dreidels. We received the following letter of thanks:

"I want to thank Rabbi Altman and Vassar Temple for coming and sharing your wisdom and gifts to help us celebrate Hanukkah. Thank you.

*Faye Kass and the
Residents of the Lutheran Care Center"*

