



PLEASE NOTE: The office will be closed on Monday, January 17 for MLK Day.

VIRTUAL
happy hour!



Brotherhood Happy Hour, January 25, 5:00 pm via Zoom

Soup and Chili Tisch Shabbat
January 28, 2022, 6:00 pm via Zoom



Our ever adaptable Vassar Temple Sisterhood will have a variety of homemade soups and vegetarian chili available for you to pick up at the temple so we can still enjoy our tradition of eating soup together during the Tisch Shabbat Service. The service will be "Tisch" style on Zoom. We'll go into break-out rooms at the end of the service for people to eat together and then return for a BYOB Oneg together!



Please RSVP to tischshabbat@vassartemple.org if you would like some soup. You will be contacted after your RSVP to arrange for your soup choices and for pick-up times. ***Donations to Sisterhood gratefully accepted.***

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Vassar Temple Sisterhood Friendship Calendars have arrived!



If you ordered a calendar, you can pick up your copy at the temple during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 10 am - 2 pm.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE WIND CHILL FUND



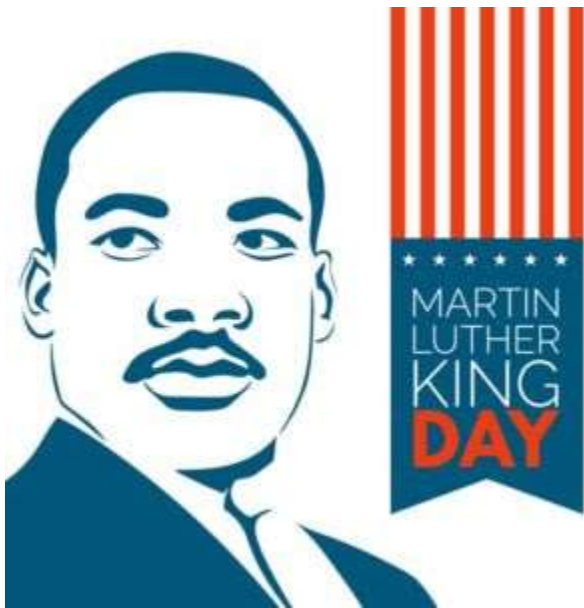
As we relax in our warm comfortable homes, let's think of those not as fortunate this winter. During the continuing pandemic, Hudson River Housing is committed to sheltering all local homeless people in a safe and healthy environment, providing support and referral services, necessary transportation, 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 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.

Help support our local hospital workers!

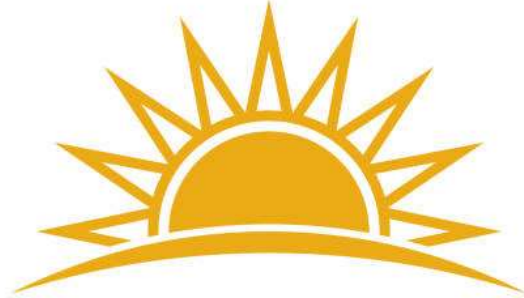
Hospital personnel remain under extreme stress. We've learned from the chaplain that, like last year, staff would be delighted with a supply of candy to brighten up their breaks and meetings.

Once again, we will collect *individually wrapped chocolates* for our health care workers. Please drop packages at the temple during office hours (weekdays 10-2) or send a donation (check or cash) of any amount for this purpose. We will pool funds collected for SCRIP to buy goodies to deliver from our congregation. We will collect through 1/31. Thank you!



Join the 2022 21-Day MLK Equity Challenge

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is presenting a 21-Day Equity Challenge. Audio, visual, and print resources will be provided to help you develop a deeper understanding of how inequality affects our lives and our community. Each day, beginning on Jan. 17, you will receive an email challenging you to choose to read an article, watch a video or listen to a podcast -- or you can delve more deeply into the topic by engaging with all three. Depending on your choice, each challenge will take from just a few minutes up to an hour daily. Register for this year's challenge at <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/equity21>



**Story Circle: The Return of the Light - Zoom Story Circle
Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm**

The winter solstice has passed, and the days grow longer as we edge our way out of the darkness. How light came into the world is the subject of many ancient myths and folk tales. On one level, the stories attempt to explain how physical light changed a world shrouded in darkness. On another level, light is seen as a symbol of inspiration, grace, courage, and change. Join us on Wednesday, January 26 @ 7:00 pm as we share stories of light illuminating the darkness, physically and metaphorically. Please email DCICstory@optonline.net to receive the Zoom link.

Free Author Program

February 2, 2022 ~ 7 pm via Zoom

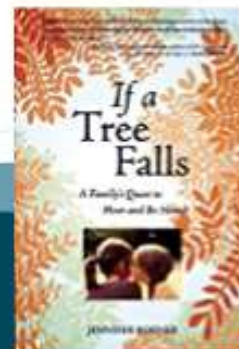


An evening with acclaimed Jewish author, **Jennifer Rosner**
2020 National Jewish Book Award finalist
Sponsored by Vassar Temple, Adult Education



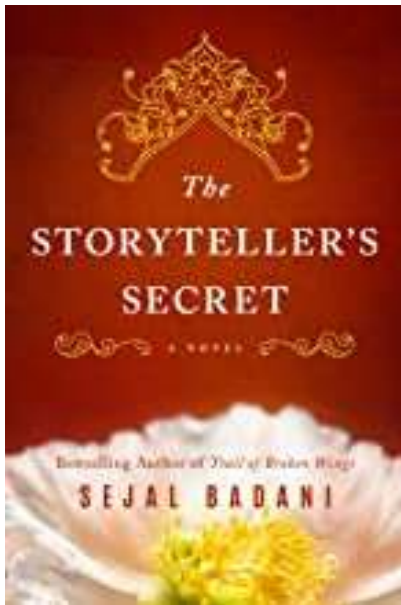
Hear about the research and writing decisions that went into the story lines of *The Yellow Bird Sings*, a spellbinding novel about hidden children in the Holocaust, the healing power of music and the bond between mothers and daughters.

Rosner will also discuss her memoir, *If a Tree Falls: A Family's Quest to Hear and Be Heard*, about raising deaf daughters and the connection to family deafness in the shtetls of Eastern Europe.



VASSAR TEMPLE SISTERHOOD BOOKCLUB

February 16, 2022, at 2 pm via Zoom



Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss "The Storyteller's Secret" by Renal Bedani, a book described by critics as an epic story of the "force of love, the power of healing, and the invincible desire to dream." "The Storyteller's Secret" is available in paperback, with copies available in the local library system. Marian Schwartz will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact bookclub@vassartemple.org.



Lunchbox Update

We have a lot of Chili in the freezer, but our hungry neighbors still need us. If you're one of our regulars, we thank you for your continued support. If you have not yet made Chili...what are you waiting for? Your house will smell great and you will be helping to feed our community. If you need the recipe, please let us know - lunchbox@vassartemple.org

