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REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SPONSOR CIRCLE

The Vassar Temple Refugee Resettlement Sponsor Circle is poised to accept an Afghani family within the next month or so.

As you all know, there is something of a crisis to get these many families settled outside the military bases where they currently reside. There is a nation-wide effort that is proceeding quickly and efficiently. We are proud to be part of that.

There are two things we need to assure our success: 1) volunteers to take on well-defined tasks so that no one is overwhelmed, and 2) funding. We need to have \$2,275 per person on hand before they arrive. A number of generous donors are helping us get to that goal. Please do what you can as well.

In addition to this specific project, there is advocacy action we can take. The following is a statement from Russ Agdern of HIAS regarding a February 8 initiative. I encourage everyone to participate. It is the best way to have our concerns voiced.

Art Groten

Save the date: Tuesday February 8 HIAS Call in Day of Action on the Afghan Adjustment Act

Join HIAS leaders throughout the country in calling your Representative and Senators, urging them to take action on the Afghan Adjustment Act!

Why the Afghan Adjustment Act is critical: *The Afghan Adjustment Act would grant the Afghans evacuated here permanent legal status. Without it, their ability to stay permanently will be significantly harder. Afghans will have to fight through an unnecessary, incredibly complicated, and expensive legal process to be able to stay. If Congress doesn't act, this not only makes life much more difficult for the Afghans, but for all who are working so hard to support them.*

On February 8, we will be calling our Senators and Representatives throughout the day to push them to take action on the Afghan Adjustment Act. It is critical that as many members of Congress hear from as many of us as possible, including both champions of this cause and those who have been resistant. More details on this action will be coming in the new year, in the meantime please mark it on your calendar, please help spread the word, and let us know if you're in.

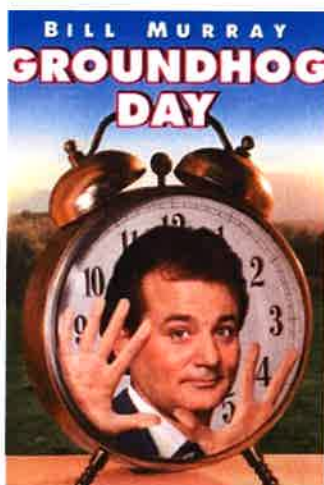


From the Rabbi's Desk:

It is "Déjà vu all over again!" Yogi Berra's immortal words resound so profoundly as I write this column on New Year's Eve. With COVID rates surging and

in-person activities, including those of Vassar Temple, closing down, it can feel as if we are caught up in a never-ending cycle with no light at the proverbial end of the tunnel. And yet, even as this month we mark the unbelievable second anniversary of the COVID invasion that has upended our lives, there are also days that can give us light and hope.

On February 2 in Punxsutawney, PA, a rather quaint tradition will be observed that expresses hope for the end of winter. Groundhog Day, deriving from a Pennsylvania Dutch superstition, turns a groundhog into a weather forecaster—if he sees his shadow upon emerging from his den, six more weeks of winter; if not, then spring will arrive early.



When I think of Groundhog Day, however, I am reminded of the film of that name in which Phil, an arrogant, self-centered weatherman, gets stuck in a never-ending cycle of Groundhog Days until he can learn to think of others. I like to use excerpts from this film when teaching teens about repentance and the possibility of

changing one's ways.

Though it doesn't have a Hollywood ending, the Hebrew Bible does have its own story addressing the angst of feeling stuck in a never-ending cycle: the Book of Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes is a man at

the end of his life, trying to find immortality. In his pessimistic worldview, the writer sees life itself only as a never-ending repetition of days without purpose, "Utter futility! All is futile! One generation goes, another comes, But the earth remains the same forever." In his famous poem, Ecclesiastes notes the parallel experiences of life: "A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven." If good and bad are going to happen, no matter what we do, what is the point, he asks. Life will go on, with and without us. Then, out of the darkness, Ecclesiastes offers us a glimpse of light: "Thus I realized that the only worthwhile thing there is for them is to enjoy themselves and do what is good in their lifetime; also, that whenever someone does eat and drink and get enjoyment of out their wealth, it is a gift of God." Enjoy life while you can, do something good, and appreciate what you have.

Being locked in his never-ending Groundhog Day, Phil learns this lesson, changes his ways, and eventually wakes up to February 3rd. While such actions won't end this pandemic (though getting more people, including children, vaccinated and boosted will help), they can help us find greater meaning and purpose to our days, even in pandemic.

February 1 is also the first day of Adar I. In a Jewish leap year such as this, an additional month is added to keep our year aligned with the seasons. In establishing this calendar, the sages chose Adar as the month to repeat. Purim, which marks the end of winter, is pushed back to Adar II. Nonetheless, the rabbis still applied to Adar I the principle, "When Adar begins, joy increases!" They even developed *Purim Katan* (little Purim) celebrated a month ahead of Purim (beginning the evening of February 14) with the tradition of having a special meal and doing something that will bring extra joy.

May Adar inspire us to seek out opportunities to add joy, to do good and to express gratitude for the blessings of our lives. Then we will add light to this very long winter.

Rabbi Renni Altman



President's Message: New Heights

All my life, I've watched others - almost exclusively men—be called for *Hagbah*, the honor of raising the Torah after public reading for all to see. And I've been jealous. With our egalitarianism, why do certain rituals remain so stubbornly

gender-traditional? Is this purely concern about a woman's ability to physically lift a full-size scroll over her head?

I've been complaining at home and pestering Rabbi Altman for a turn. We talked about practicing, which hadn't yet occurred. So I was taken by surprise at a recent Friday service (where we've returned to periodic Torah reading) when Rabbi took me aside just before the service to offer the opportunity (to his credit, after my husband volunteered me). I accepted and was promptly terrified. Would I be able to do it justice? Would I drop or damage the scroll and be forever mortified?

Rabbi assured me "I'll spot you." I made a stealthy visit to the ark to assess the weight of the intended scroll. I'm accustomed to accessing the ark for practical needs and to moving, carrying, dressing, and handing off scrolls. Holding it wide open while in the air is an entirely different challenge (three visible columns are technically required). "Of course you can do it" were Cantor Goldmann's encouraging words. Last minute practical coaching came from all sides: "Slide it towards you." "Lift it in a smooth arc, one continuous motion." "It's all in the knees!"

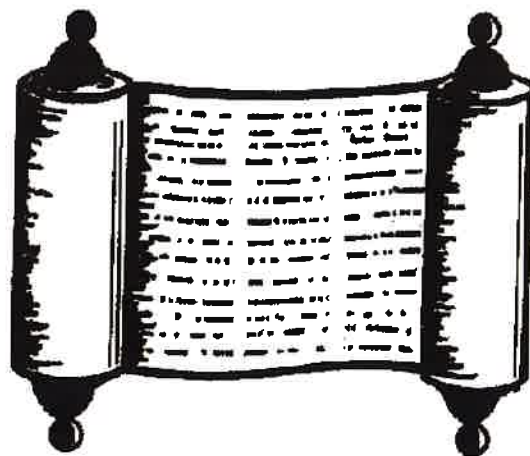
When the moment came, Rabbi stayed nearby. I was happily surprised by my ability to raise the open scroll and to feel that I could have kept it there a bit longer. I was neither prepared nor warned about the dicey moment of sitting down with it, staves resting on my knees, hands at the bottom and unable to control the weight of the mostly-rolled left side as it started to tip backwards—but she was right there. Next time—and

there will be one—I will be ready.

Returning to my seat relieved, elated, and gratified by Rabbi's big smile visible despite her mask, I was flooded by reactions to this intensely public, yet personal experience of making our most sacred object available for all to see. I wondered in retrospect about why this had been so important to me, about mitzvah, responsibility, and honor. What was I trying to prove (beyond the state of my biceps) to myself or others?

I'm not done figuring it out, but recognized one central difference from the experience of reading Torah. Reading requires cognitive, musical, and even intellectual preparation depending on how involved one gets in content. *Hagbah* requires physical engagement, strength, and stamina; an interesting contrast and observation about what may be involved in a completely immersive experience for some of us. This fulfilled a missing stop on my ritual journey, each new experience changing me in some way. Like my Bat Mitzvah, like the first time I chanted Torah at High Holidays as a congregant, then as an officer, my first *Hagbah* will be in my permanent constellation of especially meaningful portions.

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.

February 2022 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- February 4: Donated by Ben and Ellie Krevolin in memory of their father Lewis Krevolin
- February 11: Donated by the Quackenbush family in memory of Sandor Margolin
- February 18: Donated by Susan Fink in memory of Allen Fink and Marilyn McCaulley Lampell in memory of Julie McCaulley
- February 25: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)



Religious School Update

This month our focus is on the value of *Hakarat HaTov*, recognizing the good. We hope to be able to celebrate the good of being back together, but, if not, we will continue to be grateful for the technology of our "Zoom school," and the adaptability of our teachers, *madrichot* and, especially, our students! The plan is for Hamantaschen baking on February 27, COVID and weather being in our favor!

We were so pleased to welcome the Naaman family to our religious school last month; Ben has joined Kitah Gimmel and Lev is in Kitah Aleph.

Rabbi Renni Altman

Celebrating Havdalah with our young families.

Rabbi Altman led an interactive family service, followed by supervised childcare for the children and parent socializing. We look forward to more family-focused gatherings in the coming year.



Scriptural Readings

February 5

T'rumah

Ex. 25:1-27:19; I Kings 5:26-6:13

February 12

T'tzaveh

Ex. 27:20-30:10; Ezekiel 43:10-27

February 19

Ki Tisa

Ex. 30:11-34:35; Ezekiel 36:22-36

February 26

Sh'kalim

Vayak'heil

Ex. 35:1-38:20; II Kings 12:5-16

New Paths Services

February 12 & 26, 10:15am

Join us for New Paths Sabbath morning services on Zoom, Saturdays February 12 and 26 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, more information, and Zoom link, 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 Feb. 5). 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 February 3 and 17, noon to 1:30pm on Zoom. Information and study sheets: pjgolomb@verizon.net.

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

Save the Date—You're Invited!

COMMUNITY SHABBATON March 25-26, 2022

*A Sabbath of Music & Worship with Composer-in-Residence Noah Aronson
& Community Jewish Choir*

Friday, March 25, 7:30pm Shabbat Evening Service at Vassar Temple
Saturday, March 26, 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service at Temple Beth El
Saturday, March 26, 8:00pm Concert at Congregation Shir Chadash

"Noah Aronson performs with joy, passion and a rich musicality that connects with audiences, heart-to-heart and soul-to-soul."

— Anita Diamant, author of *The Red Tent*



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February 18

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 Jacob Erdreich, DMD
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February 25

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 Sonya Markovitch
 Irving Fink
 Stanton Lipschutz
 Theresa E. Ryan
 Peter Luttinger
 Stuart Alpers
 Esther Frances Goldberg
 Jack Frankel
 Paul S. Goldberg
 Irving M. Bloch
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 Shirley E. Reifler
 Matilda Bancheck

Yahrzeits



Sisterhood News

Once again, the women of Vassar Temple Sisterhood have demonstrated the belief in the power of community.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the at home Soup and Chili dinner, by either organizing, making food, or by eating the food and making donations to help us continue our important work. It's fulfilling to know that despite the fact that we could not gather in person, we were able to find a way to share in this ever-popular event.

The Northeast Chapter of the Women of Reform Judaism is calling for support of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act. These acts will respond to the needs and the priorities of voters by restoring critical protections against racially discriminatory laws. MAKE A CALL to the White House Comment line, which is open for phone calls Tuesday through Thursday from 11am to 2pm. Comments may be sent anytime via www.whitehouse.gov/contact.

Without you we are one woman short!

Marcia Tanzman



Brotherhood News

A belated Happy New Year to all. Hopefully this year will allow us to gather in-person for the events we put on the temple calendar last May. The next event for Brotherhood is the Purim Pasta Dinner, March 16. We need cooks and servers from Brotherhood for the dinner. It is always a fun event and a great way to socialize as we prepare the meal. If you are interested in participating, please let me know by writing to me at brotherhood@vassartemple.org.

Given the current Covid climate, we will continue our Zoom Brotherhood Happy Hours. The next one is scheduled for February 22 at 5pm. I have blocked out two hours, so feel free to join us in progress if the 5pm start is too early.

Finally, here is the link to the Men of Reform Judaism, www.menrj.org, where you might find items of interest like their position against the Texas abortion law, or their support of the Reform movement on college campuses.

Together we are stronger. Be safe and be well.

Glenn Tanzman

Please help support cantorial music in the coming year!



Is music a central part of your spiritual experience during Shabbat and High Holiday services at Vassar Temple?



If it is, please consider assisting the temple by contributing to bring cantorial music to our services. Investing in music immeasurably enhances the religious experience that means so much to our members.



The temple has been fortunate to benefit from a generous gift donated by Marsha & Richard Timmerman to our cantorial fund. Your contribution will extend the life of that gift for cantorial music into the future.

For a suggested contribution of \$250, you can sponsor Cantor Goldmann for a specific service that she's leading this year or next. Your contribution can be acknowledged as a personal or family *simcha* or in honor of whomever you designate.

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

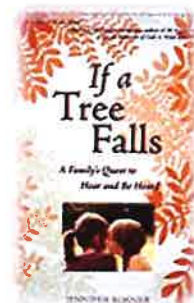
Free Author Program, February 2, 2022 ~ 7pm via Zoom

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



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.



Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0qdumtqzMoG91FUZiTDtp6hO4nMyYYxCVV>

You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

Thank You for Your Social Action!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Bright Nights fundraiser for warm winter coats, hats and gloves for children at Morse Elementary School. Because of your generous donations to Vassar Temple's Community Tzedakah Fund, we were able to contribute to Meals on Wheels and for gifts for youngsters in need during the holiday season.

The numbers of hungry neighbors at Lunch Box have increased, but so have your donations of homemade chili and fresh fruit to feed and nurture them. Special thanks to the Youth Group for pitching in! Paul and Andi Ciminello oversee this project, and also recruit volunteers to serve.

In consideration of the Covid surge, we canceled the annual Souper Sale, but with Community Tzedakah funds we instead purchased supermarket gift cards for local food pantries to present to their clients. Several shipments of toiletries and hygiene products, collected in our Shelter Basket, were recently delivered to local shelters by Judy Harkavy. Nonperishable foods you dropped in the Can Jam Bin were delivered to a food pantry by Joel Kelson. We were recognized in the latest Dutchess Outreach Volunteer Newsletter for our hugely successful Yom Kippur Food Drive. Some of us are now tutoring and helping in the library at Morse.

Each and every month you have stepped up in new ways to share with those less fortunate. We truly have a culture of giving at Vassar Temple! If you'd like to help with social action projects and activities, or have suggestions for new ones, we'd love to hear from you at socialaction@vassartemple.org.

Marian Schwartz

Welcome to our New Members: The Naaman Family

Jewish War Veterans

The February meeting of Pvt. Herman Siegel Post 625 of Jewish War Veterans of the United States will be Sunday, February 6, on Zoom

9am "Schmooze"—9:30am Business meeting

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



Jewish War Veterans
of the United States of America

Tiny Temple Fun

All young children up through kindergarten are invited to bring their grownups for a free program of fun and learning, featuring hands-on activities, stories, and song. Watch temple e-mails for any updates, and check for any current health and safety protocols at www.vassartemple.org.

For more info or to RSVP, just call the office 845-454-2570.



Hamantaschen Bakers Needed!

We are hopeful that by following the appropriate Covid precautions needed, including wearing masks, that Sisterhood will be able to once again have our Hamantaschen Baking Day.

Make friends while making Hamantaschen for our Purim service and for outreach to congregants and our out-of-town college students. We will be making Hamantaschen on Sunday, February 27 from 9am to 1 in the temple kitchen (snow date March 6).

RSVP to Judy Rosenfeld at hamantaschen@vassartemple.org.

Please bring a batch of dough (and your favorite rolling pin if you like). Remaining ingredients will be provided.

Not able to come and help? Please make a batch of dough and leave it in the Temple freezer in a Ziploc bag during temple office hours Monday-Friday from 10 to 2 – just let Judy know.

In case we need to limit attendance or make any other changes, please let Judy know you plan on coming and/or making dough. Be sure to check your email as it gets closer for any updates.

HAMANTASCHEN DOUGH RECIPE

- 4 cups sifted flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened*
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 tablespoons milk or orange juice



Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt.

Cream butter and sugar in separate larger bowl. Add egg and vanilla and beat well.

Add dry ingredients alternating with juice to the butter and sugar mixture, mixing until well blended. The dough will seem a little soft (not like bread dough). Refrigerate. This dough freezes well and can be made ahead of Hamantaschen Baking Day. Leave it in the refrigerator to thaw overnight.

***Please use real butter—the pastries are superior, and all batches cook evenly regardless of dough source.**

Meals on Wheels of Greater Poughkeepsie

Meals on Wheels of Greater Poughkeepsie has been serving the area for 50 incredible years by bringing hot, nutritious meals to people in the community who are unable to prepare them independently. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday, every week of the year, by volunteers. One meal a day only costs \$22.50 a week; this includes a hot meal, bread, dessert and milk. Two meals a day only costs \$30.00 a week. If you are interested or know someone who could benefit from this service, please call the organization at 845-452-2245.



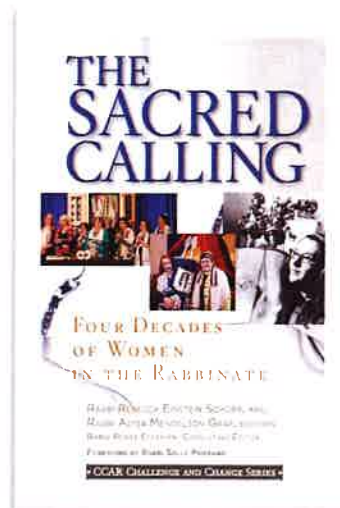
TO:

The family of Bernie Rader, Uncle of Susan Karnes Hecht
The family of Mitch Stein, former husband of Ronni Jarvis
& father of Jordan Stein

Upcoming Vassar Temple Adult Education Program *Scouts, Trailblazers, Pathfinders, Explorers: A History of Women Rabbis*

Scouts, Trailblazers, Pathfinders, Explorers: A History of Women Rabbis, a four-session celebration of 50 years of women in the rabbinate, will be presented through our adult education program. It will take place on Zoom every two weeks beginning March 23 at 7:30pm.

It is recommended that the participants be in possession of the book *The Sacred Calling, Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate*.



Calendar of Events—February 2022*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Hebrew School (on-line) 7pm Adult Ed— Jennifer Rosner via Zoom	3 12pm Talmud Study 7pm Ritual CMTE	4 6pm Simchat Shabbat Service with Cantor Goldmann	5 NO Torah Study 10am Shabbaton Service
6 9am Religious School 10am / K-1 10:30am Lunch Box	7	8	9 Hebrew School (on-line)	10	11 7:30pm Shabbat Service with Cantor Goldmann	12 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
13 9am Religious School 10am / K-1	14	15	16 2pm VTS Book Club Hebrew School (on-line) 7:30pm Finance CMTE	17 12pm Talmud Study	18 6pm Shabbat Service	19 9am Torah Study
20 NO Religious School	21 OFFICE CLOSED Presidents' Day 	22 5pm Brotherhood Happy Hour 	23 Hebrew School (on-line)	24 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm Board Meeting	25 7:30pm Shabbat Service	26 9am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Y'lاديم
27 Hamantaschen Baking 9am Religious School 10am / K-1 10:30AM Tiny Temple	28					

* Please see weekly emails for the most up-to-date information regarding changes to in-person events

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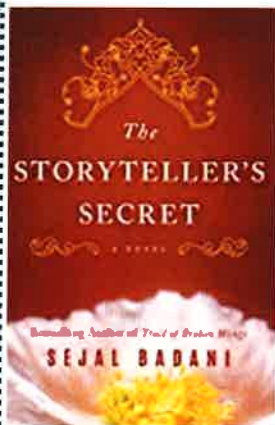
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Book Club to Discuss *The Storyteller's Secret* on February 16



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."

Nothing prepares Jaya, a New York journalist, for the heartbreak of her third miscarriage and the slow unraveling of her marriage. Desperate to deal with her deep anguish, she decides to go to India to uncover answers to her family's past.

Intoxicated by all that she experiences Jaya becomes an eager student of the culture. But it is Ravi, her grandmother's former servant, who reveals the struggles, secret love, and tragic fall of Jaya's grandmother during the British occupation. Through her courageous grandmother's heart-wrenching story, Jaya discovers the legacy given to her, and a strength that, until now, she never knew was possible.

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The meeting will take place through Zoom, on Wednesday, February 16, at 2:00pm. Marian Schwartz will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please email bookclub@vassartemple.org.