



Vassar Temple

Where You Belong

Congregation Brethren of Israel, Founded 1848—Bulletin Volume 171 No. 3 October 2022

FALL HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Join us for these joyful holiday observances!

Sukkot

Revel in the bounty of the harvest and shake the lulav!

Sunday, October 9

Service at 6pm, dinner to follow in the sukkah (weather permitting)

BYO picnic; dessert will be provided by our Brotherhood

RSVP to ritual@vassartemple.org

Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 16

Dinner at 5pm in the sukkah (weather permitting)

Panini & Pizza!

This will be a vegetarian/dairy meal generously sponsored by our Sisterhood

~ donations welcome ~

RSVP to ritual@vassartemple.org and let us know if you have special dietary needs.

Followed by 6pm service featuring the klezmer ensemble

The Living Shtetl

This renowned NYC-based group features clarinetist Alex Parke,

percussionist Eve Sicular, accordionist Ilya Shneyveys, and others

Come dance with the Torah to the beautiful harmonies of our heritage

The current COVID-19 vaccine policy will be in effect for these events.

As always, plans are subject to change in response to significant changes in community spread, and it's important to monitor Temple communications.



From the Rabbi's Desk:



"After the ingathering from your threshing floor and your vat, you shall hold the Feast of Booths for seven days. You shall rejoice in your festival... and you shall have nothing but joy." (Deut. 16:13-15). Sukkot is the only festival for which the Torah commands us to rejoice. In fact, Sukkot is also called *zeman simchateynu*, the "season of our joy." The rabbis called Sukkot "*Hechag*," THE festival, because of its importance.

Today it is difficult for us to imagine when Sukkot was so dominant on the Jewish calendar. In the days when the Temple stood and the society was agrarian, this dominance made sense. Sukkot was the largest of the harvest festivals and it marked the time before the important rainy season began. Having just atoned for their sins five days earlier on Yom Kippur and brought in the last harvest of the season, there was a great deal about which to give thanks and to be hopeful for in the coming rainy season.

The joyous Sukkot celebrations reached their climax during a ritual known as *Simchat Beit HaShoevah* (the joy of the water drawing festival). For eight days, torch-lit parades guided this water libation ceremony from the pool of Siloah outside of Jerusalem, where the priests would draw water to the Temple. Then they would pour that water on the steps to the altar, as the shofar sounded, the Levitical orchestra played, and people danced ecstatically. The great rabbi and head of the Sanhedrin, Simon ben Gamliel, was famous for juggling eight lit torches! In the Talmud it is written, "one who had never witnessed the Rejoicing at the Place of the Water Drawing had never seen true joy in his life."

Alas, the destruction of the Temple and a more urban life brought an end to this water drawing ceremony and the pilgrimage festivals were envisioned anew. Over time, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur gained in importance and Sukkot, for the majority of Jews, became a quaint minor holiday where synagogues (and some Jews) continue to build Sukkot and wave the Lulav during the festival service. True, in recent years, the natural connection to the environment has given this once great festival some new life.

In the Middle Ages, the eight-day festival of Sukkot was extended with a new holiday to celebrate the completion of the yearly cycle of Torah readings. The holiday's very name carries forward the Sukkot theme of rejoicing: Simchat Torah, literally, the joy of Torah.

The ecstatic dancing of the ancient Water Drawing Ceremony may have come to an end, but it gained new life with Simchat Torah. On Simchat Torah EVERYONE dances with the Torah and celebrates its centrality in Jewish life. Unfortunately, dancing on Simchat Torah is one of many things that Covid took away from us – TEMPORARILY! We will return to dancing this Simchat Torah with greater joy than before Covid because we will be dancing to live Klezmer music! Thanks to Gail D'Alessio who has now pursued this dream for more than two years, our Simchat Torah celebration will be enriched by the "The Living Shtetl," a Bard College-based band led by Brazilian Klezmer clarinetist Alexander Borger Parke.

I hope that you will join us and add to the joy of our fall holidays. Celebrate Sukkot with BYO dinner in our Sukkah followed by a festive service. Dance with a Torah to Klezmer music on Simchat Torah, when we will also consecrate our new religious school students and participate in the Vassar Temple tradition of unrolling the whole Torah scroll!

May you and your loved ones be sealed for blessing in this New Year!

Rabbi Renni Altman

President's Message:



It's October and the kids are back at school. We are in the midst of the High Holy Day observances. Pumpkin Spice flavor has invaded everything that we consume; coffee, bread, donuts, cookies, yogurt, creamers, pasta. The list seems endless and even bizarre at times. This decadence seems incongruent with such high food insecurity not just around the world, but in our country, and at the local level as well.

Food Insecurity is defined as the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient

quantity of affordable, nutritious food. More than 800 million people in the world live every day with hunger or food insecurity. There are many reasons for this, which quite honestly, would take far more than a Bulletin column to elaborate on.

My goal here is to give some real and immediate ways we can help. We at Vassar Temple are actually quite active on this front. We are presently collecting bags of non-perishable food items that help stock the food pantry at Dutchess Outreach. The van will be there on Yom Kippur, but feel free to bring your bags in any time prior. We have a strong commitment to the Lunch Box program, working with our friends at Mid-Hudson Islamic Association in preparing meals for the hungry. We provide sandwiches for shelters of Hudson River Housing. We participate in the Purim Pasta Drive which gets donated to Dutchess Outreach, as well as Cereal Counts, collecting boxes of cereal for children and adults in need. We make and donate Trim-A-Thanksgiving Baskets with complete meals for that holiday. Our Can Jam bin is always in need of being filled with non-perishable, unopened, unexpired items. We do so much and I apologize if I've left any program out.

Most of us do not think about when or from where OUR next meal is coming from, but this is not the case for so

many in our community. Food insecurity is real in Dutchess County. Food prices as well as basic living expenses have gone up. Dutchess Outreach has reported that over the last several months, more people are coming in for meals and accessing the food pantry.

As much as we, as a Temple, participate in these above programs, I am reaching out to those of you who might not be in the habit of giving this way. Get in the habit of picking up a couple of cans of soup or boxes of pasta or cereal every time you go to the grocery store and put them in a bag by your door to bring to the Temple. Never walk into the Temple without bringing at least a couple of cans or boxes for Can Jam. It is now my habit. This fall, I ask that you try to make a new habit. Next time you go get that pumpkin latte or pumpkin donut, pick up a bag of ground coffee to donate and drop off in the Can Jam box. Make it a habit. A habit is hard to break, but in this case, it's a good habit to have. For more information on ways to help food insecurity through Vassar Temple, contact socialaction@vassartemple.org.






Lisa-Sue Quackenbush



Religious School Update

Since our bulletin deadline is a full month ahead of the edition, our religious school staff was still in flux at the time of the September bulletin. I am truly very excited about our teaching staff this year and am happy to share a little bit about them.

Our religious school teachers are all from Marist and Vassar Colleges this year. I am excited for the energy and creativity that they will bring to our students:

-  **Abby Maneloveg** is a Master of Education student at Marist and will be teaching Kitah Aleph (K—2nd grade)
-  **Paige Kowalski** is a returning teacher, now in her sophomore year at Marist and will be teaching Kitah Dalet (3rd—4th grade)
-  **Tova Gelb** is a returning teacher, now in her sophomore year at Vassar College and will be teaching Kitah Hey (5th grade)
-  **Kelly Fagel** is a sophomore at Vassar College will be teaching Kitah Zayin (7th grade)
-  **Olivia Di Iorio** returns as a music teacher, even as she now works as a music therapist

I am especially pleased that our own **Hannah Gendron** will be my assistant on Sunday mornings as part of her gap-year activities. Hannah was a madricha a few years ago and is excited to return to our school.

We have three madrichim (teaching assistants) this year: **Lana Lieberman** (Kitah Hey), **Hadami Gendron** (Kitah Aleph) and **Thomas Carr** (Kitah Dalet).

It was nice to have a few weeks at the start of school this year to prepare for the fall holidays before they arrived. Appropriate to the holy day season, the Shalomlearning values curriculum began with *Teshuvah* (repentance). In mid-October we begin the unit on *B'tzelem Elohim*, what it means to be created in God's image.

I look forward to seeing our religious school families at our fall holiday celebrations and then for our Simchat Shabbat service on Shabbat Noah (Oct. 29), followed by a dinner so graciously sponsored by the Karitis family in honor of Maddie becoming Bat Mitzvah.

Rabbi Renni Altman

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 a flower arrangement, please let the office know. Sponsored flowers are fresh floral arrangements.

October 2022 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- October 4-5: **Yom Kippur** Donated by Ralph and Marian Schwartz in memory of Max H. and Shirley P. Richter and Albert E. and Gloria Schwartz
- October 7: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- October 14: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- October 21: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- October 28: Donated by Jeff and Kim Karitis in honor of their daughter Maddie's Bat Mitzvah



Scriptural Readings

October 1

Vayeilech

Shabbat Shuvah

Deut. 31:1-30; Hosea 14:2-10,
Micha 7:18-20, Joel 2:15-27

October 8

Haazinu

Deut. 32:1-52; II Samuel 22:1-51

October 15

Chol Hamoeid Sukkot

Exodus 33:12-34:26 or Deut. 8:1-10;
Ezekiel 38:18-39:7

October 22

B'reishit

Gen. 1:1-6:8; Isaiah 42:5-43:10

October 29

Noach

Gen. 6:9-11:32; Isaiah 54:1-55:5

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

"Torah Study" examines passages from the week's Torah portion or haftarah. Led by the Temple's Rabbi Renni S. Altman, D.D., on Saturdays from 9-10am (no class 10/29). Contact office@vassartemple.org to confirm that, and to be placed on the class e-mail list.

"The Talmud: Modern Ideas from Ancient Texts" on Zoom alternating Mondays, noon-1:30pm, taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. This month's classes: Oct. 3, 17, 31. For study sheets & link: pjgolomb@verizon.net

**Join Us ~ No previous training required
No charge to attend**

New Paths Service

Join us at Vassar Temple for New Paths Sabbath morning services on Saturdays Oct. 1 and Oct 15 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. We expect to be meeting "hybrid" (both inside the temple and on Zoom). Contact office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570 if you want the Zoom link, and for updates. Policies for safe in-person attendance are on our website www.vassartemple.org.

Vassar Temple Cares About Hunger

There is still time to support the Yom Kippur Food Drive. The need is more urgent than ever.

Pick up a grocery bag at the Temple or provide your own bag or carton.

Please bring it back full of nonperishable foods by or on Yom Kippur (Oct. 5). Let's stuff the truck!

When shopping, please select any of the requested foods listed here, containers unopened and not out of date: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, coffee, tea, cereal, baby formula, and these canned goods: tuna, soup, fruit, vegetables.

If you cannot shop, financial donations to Vassar Temple Community Tzedakah Fund, designated for "YK Food Drive," help, too.



Hope, Home and Hard Work

The quotation “the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members” has been attributed to a variety of sources: Jefferson, Gandhi, Buck, Humphrey. Although its origin is debated, its meaning is clear for Temple member Judy Harkavy, for whom the concept of “home” is so vital that she has long been devoted to the issue of housing, particularly to the homeless in our community.

In 2000 Judy and her husband Stan Israel realized, while attempting to assist a homeless individual, that our community lacked resources. They learned of the need for volunteers for a shelter and, by the December holidays, were involved in the original 12-bed facility attached to Hillcrest House (a transitional housing facility in the Town of Poughkeepsie). Different organizations, primarily churches, had committed to providing food through an “adopt a night” program. Judy served on the steering committee but credits Brenda Seligman, a Temple Beth-El member and community volunteer, with envisioning a substantial Jewish presence in this effort and notes that the only Jewish clergy involved at the time was our own Rabbi Paul Golomb who, along with his wife Debbie, volunteered regularly.

In the early days, volunteers brought and served food, slept overnight, and made breakfast. The need increased and remodeling was necessary. The shelter grew to 20, 30, then 60 beds. It was crowded; overflow necessitated additional housing in motels at taxpayer expense. Staff was hired; volunteers brought and served food but no longer stayed overnight. By the time COVID-19 arrived, there were 60-80 people in this single-person adult shelter (families and teens have different locations) and the population then doubled. Now, the shelter is located in “PODs” behind the county jail, which accommodate 120. When there is a “code blue” (frigid weather) additional people are brought in. A new, permanent location is needed, and there is controversy at this time in planning (see the *Poughkeepsie Journal*, 7/21/22).

While this debate goes on, the need is unabated. The population doubled, but the volunteers providing food did not. The Jewish community continues to take responsibility for food one night each month. Over time this has become an interfaith effort and, while this is positive, Judy hopes to realize even greater involvement from the Jewish community. The shelter is run by Hudson River Housing, an umbrella organization providing a continuum of services to create pathways out of homelessness. The Vassar Temple Social Action Committee supports the shelter and numerous other community efforts.

Volunteers prepare meals which are served by staff. There is a significant need for help with food preparation. Judy and her team organize volunteers and cooking assignments. The menu (and recipes if needed) are provided, with each volunteer asked to provide enough for 25 diners. Commitments to cook twice a year are desirable, but all contributions are gratefully accepted.

Please consider your ability to assist with this worthwhile endeavor and contact Judy through shelter@vassartemple.org. This is a gratifying project for all ages, families, groups, or individuals.

Susan Karnes Hecht

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE SHABBAT NOACH



The story of Noah, new beginnings after the Flood,
and the rainbow symbolizing the first covenant.

Friday, October 28

Simchat Shabbat Service at 6pm, Followed by dinner in the Social Hall,
generously provided for the congregation by the Karitis family in celebration of Maddie's Bat Mitzvah.
This will be a vegetarian/meat, dairy-free meal with gluten-free options.

RSVP to ritual@vassartemple.org

This Simchat Shabbat service and dinner is an intergenerational event and open to all regardless of vaccine status. If you plan to attend please be aware that there may be unvaccinated attendees, especially children, and make your decision accordingly.



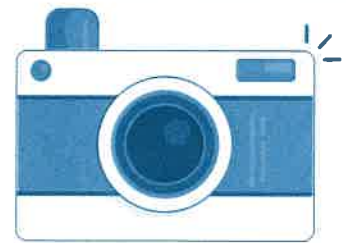
To Vassar Temple!

New Members:

**Ryan & Haniya Mee and
their children
Trotter & Capucine ("Cappy")**

Picture Perfect

While we have no official Temple photographer at Vassar Temple, we appreciate all of our amateur picture takers. Out of respect and security, if you are taking pictures of Temple members or events, please inform those smiling Temple members involved, where or if these pictures may be posted. Will it be for *The Voice*? Our Temple Bulletin? Social Media outlets? Other publicity uses? As always, our policy for photographing children requires parent permission.



Thank you!

SUSTAINING FUND

In Honor of:

Gail D'Alessio

Paul & Andi Ciminello

In Memory of:

William (Bill) Barbash

Sandra Mamis
Muriel Lampell
Sanford & Nancy Bernstein
Terrance & Constance Lahey
Susan Lesser
Alfred & Barbara Dolnick & the Litwak Family
Ruth F. Wally
Arthur & Fern Fischer
Dorothy Braman
Muriel Lampell
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Alfred Scope
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Albert Kahn

Ida Goldberg

Leo Klausner

Samuel Scope

David Kaplan

Molly Garber

Ruth Muraskin

Sonia Rubenstein

Jeanne Loth Rubin

Aaron Silverman

Anthony Stein

MUSIC FUND

For the rehabilitation and care of the grand piano::

Arthur & Margery Groten
Martin & Ellie Charwat
Gloria Turk
Anne Lescher

COMMUNITY TZEDAKAH FUND

In Memory of:

Bill Barbash

Stanley Israel & Judith Harkavy

CEMETERY FUND

In honor of:

Miles Markowitz

The Markowitz Family
Eric & Barbara Gillman

TREE OF LIFE FUND

In Honor of:

Joseph LaLone & Shirley LaLone
The Lescher Family

Jane LaLone
Anne Lescher

ENDOWMENT FUND

Gift from the Gellert Family in memory of the Honorable Joseph H. Gellert and Miriam B. Gellert

Contributions



Condolences

To the family of JoAnne D'Alessio—Sister-in-law of Gail D'Alessio

To the family of Anthony Stein—Brother of Charles (Roni) Stein, Uncle of Ashley Stein

Advanced Beginner Hebrew for Adults

Did you learn the Hebrew alphabet but struggle to remember all the sounds? Do you want to be able to follow along, or read on the Hebrew side of the prayerbook? Do you want to learn about what the prayers mean, and when they are recited? Join our weekly Hebrew for Adults Advanced Beginner class. Tuesdays at 7pm via Zoom, beginning October 11, 2022 for 15 weeks. \$75 plus materials fee as needed. Email Marcia Tanzman at hebrew@vassartemple.org if you are interested or have any questions.



October 7

Raphael Horn
Howard Cohen, MD
Jessie Barker
Alfred J. Bogad
Michael Oremus
Daniel L. Cohen
Mary Stolack
Jeanne Loth Rubin
Gertrude C. Clarfeld
Bessie Rabin
Minnie Israel
Ira Greenberg
Arthur Peritz

October 14

Dorothy Wender
Aaron Parish
Margaret Ciminello
Lucilla Albinder
Sarah Pauline Benton
Joseph Sparks Sr
Susan Doppelt Pearlman
Lisa Heidelberger
Norman Kramer
Jean W. Dampf
Keith Randall
Gertrude Hines Groten
Jean Strauss
Harold Posner
Maia Scherrer
Marion Bennet Sawyer
Charles Finnerman
Evelyn Locke
Dr. Martin Rabin
Evelyn Gurst

October 21

Ida Goldberg
Morris Bronfeld
Abraham Swatlo
Shirley Hope Mann
Dr. Barry G. Jordan
Lisa Lemberger
Morris Fertig
Ruth Muraskin
Leo Klausner
Sophia S. Wolfson
Susan Salit Lowe
Henry Cantor
Samuel Scope
Murray Sigalow
Charlotte Konick
Toby Solomon
George Tofel
Joshua Russell Karp

October 28

Lisette Goldemberg
J. Ralph Stein
Monroe Robbins
Lawrence Schaffel
Herman Katz
Sidney Locke
Bernard Himelstein
Leo Feinstein
Jacob Haber
Lawrence Slate
Nathan Schmukler
Bessie Rothauser
Benjamin Michel
Adele Lerman Warshaw
Benjamin Genshaft
Edward S. Rubinow
Max H. Richter
Louis Heidelberger

Gifts Jump-Start

Vassar Temple Endowment Fund

In making his gift to the Vassar Temple Endowment Fund, Temple member Arthur Gellert recalled, "My family has had continuous membership for more than one-half of the 174-175-year history of Vassar Temple." Arthur and his son, James H. Gellert, made their family gift in memory of Art's parents, Honorable Joseph H. Gellert and Miriam B. Gellert to perpetuate their memory and to help provide financial security for Vassar Temple. James commented, "I applaud the Endowment's initiative for seeking long-term financial stability for the congregation." They were joined by stalwart Temple members, Charles and Roni Stein, both of whom are anxious to safeguard the Temple's financial health. "We know the ups and downs the Temple has faced, and we want to help provide that cushion that will see it over the rough patches it inevitably will encounter," Charles said.

Won't you join the Gellert and Stein families and others in securing Vassar Temple's future by making your gift to the Temple's 175th Anniversary Vassar Temple Endowment Fund?

To contribute, contact:

endowment@vassartemple.org for donation information. Monies contributed to the Endowment will not be withdrawn until the principal amount reaches \$250,000, after which 5% of the principal will be disbursed annually to the Temple.

Please remember: Vassar Temple's future is not assured. Just as its founding was the result of nine courageous men who saw a need and answered it, only you can guarantee that the Temple will be here, a place of inspiration, comfort, and Jewish learning for generations to come.

Sisterhood News ~ Opening Program, October 9



The Vassar Temple Sisterhood Opening Program is scheduled for Sunday, October 9 11:00am-1:00pm in the temple social hall. We will have a guest from Adams bakery department who will demonstrate cake decorating. Members will learn a variety of cake decorating techniques and will have an opportunity to decorate their own cupcakes. Please RSVP by September 30 to sisterhood@vassartemple.org.

The Sisterhood remains hard at work planning programs for the coming year, organizing our Judaica Shoppe, preparing goodies for the Friday night onegs, and updating our Friendship Calendar for 2023. We hope to hold the Soup and Chili dinner on January 27, 2023, Hamantaschen baking on February 12 (snow date February 26), and the Sisterhood Shabbat on April 21. Details to follow.

Whether you're interested in leadership, education, social action or just socializing, Sisterhood has something for everyone. We hope you'll join us and be a part of Sisterhood as we continue to enrich our Vassar Temple Congregation and Community. For more information on membership or

events, our email is sisterhood@vassartemple.org.

Without you we are one woman short!

*Information on the upcoming
Sisterhood Calendar is on its way!*



Brotherhood News

Please join us at 9am on Sunday, October 2 to put up the Sukkah for the Holidays. Bring a ladder or step stool and a screwdriver if you can. With enough people it only takes about an hour to erect the Sukkah.

Join us again at 9am on Sunday, October 16 to take the Sukkah down. You don't have to be a member of Brotherhood to help and it's a nice way to spend some time with friends or to make new ones.

Our next virtual Happy Hour is on Tuesday, October 11 at 5 pm. We will send you a reminder and a link beforehand, so check your email the week before.

May you all be written in the Book of Life for a good year. Hope to see you soon.

Glenn Tanzman



Together we are stronger. Be safe and be well.

SISTERHOOD COOKBOOK:

Stuffed Peppers, a recipe shared by Sara Jane Goldberg

Ingredients

- 4 large green or red peppers tops removed and seeded
- 1 pound ground beef or turkey
- 1 small onion chopped
- 3/4 cup cooked rice
- 1 8 ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 or 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh parsley
- Salt and pepper as desired
- 4 tablespoons ketchup



Directions

- Parboil the peppers a few minutes, place peppers in a casserole
- Sauté beef and onion in a little oil
- Add rice, sauce garlic and parsley, mix well, spoon into peppers
- Spread 1 tablespoon ketchup on each
- Place small amount of water in bottom of casserole
- Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until tender, serves 2 to 4



Tiny Temple Celebrates in the Sukkah, Sunday October 16

All tots through age five and their grownups are invited to "Tiny Temple" to celebrate Sukkot and Simchat Torah on Sunday, October 16 at 10:30am at Vassar Temple. We'll shake the lulav in the outdoor sukkah and learn all about these fun fall holidays with Rabbi Rennie Altman, sing with Morah Olivia, make a holiday craft, and enjoy a healthy snack. There is never a charge to attend Tiny Temple events, but please help us in our planning by RSVPing to office@vassartemple.org.

Chai Noon Luncheon

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Chai Noon Luncheon, which usually meets on the 18th of the month (when the date does not conflict with holidays or weekends) will be meeting on Tuesday, October 18. Specific details about the restaurant name and address will arrive in Vassar Temple's weekly newsletter just prior to the meeting. Members are asked to RSVP to the link in the email so we can let the restaurant know approximately how many guests to expect. As always, guests get separate checks and the restaurant is wheelchair accessible.

Maddie Karitis Bat Mitzvah

Maddie Karitis, daughter of Kimberly and Jeffrey Karitis, will become a bat mitzvah on October 29 at Vassar Temple. She loves singing and playing the flute, was in her school musical, and has been accepted into the Tri-M National Music Honor Society for Flute and Chorus. In addition to music, Maddie enjoys softball and her favorite subjects at Marlboro Middle School are social studies and science. She has a younger brother, Max, and two retired greyhounds.

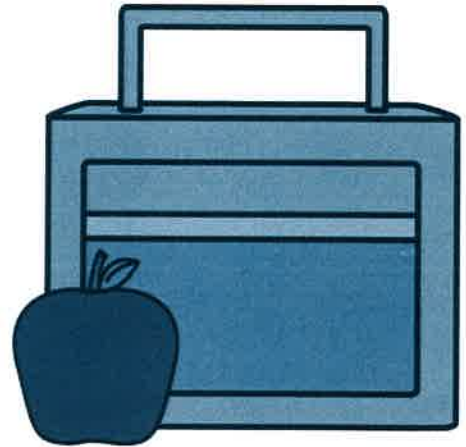
As part of her bat mitzvah preparation, Maddie is working on a special project. She explains, "For my Mitzvah Project I am raising funds to support Mental Health America! MHA is helping people address mental health early before a crisis through screening, advocacy, education and awareness. They are improving lives and making a difference!" And through her project, Maddie is making a difference, too.



Lunch Box Update

Joint meal preparations with MHIA for Lunch Box will resume the morning of October 2. MHIA and VT volunteers (two from each community) will meet at the Lunch Box kitchen at 10:30am and we will make between 100 and 150 meals (actual meal to be determined).

We need two volunteers to help with food preparation (arrive at 10:30am) and an additional two volunteers to help with food distribution that day (arrive at 11:30am). Please email lunchbox@vassartemple.org if you can volunteer.



Support Vassar Temple by shopping at Amazon Smile

If you shop at Amazon, you can now benefit Vassar Temple! Amazon will donate a small percentage to us every time you make a purchase.

To sign up, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1422084>



This link will take you directly to smile.amazon.com to support us, so you won't have to search for Vassar Temple among almost a million other organizations that take part in this ongoing fundraiser. Please share this information with family and friends! Thank you for your support!

2022/5783 HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

All services, with the exception of outdoor and off-site gatherings, will occur in a hybrid fashion, Zoom links will be provided to members and guests via email in advance.

Memorial Service: Sunday, October 2nd at 2pm at Vassar Temple Cemetery on LaGrange Avenue

Kol Nidrei: Tuesday, October 4th at 8:00pm

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 5th

10:30am—Morning Service

1pm—Study Session with Rabbi Paul Golomb via Zoom

1pm—Family Service (on the temple lawn, sanctuary in case of inclement weather)

4pm—Afternoon Service

5:30pm—Yizkor (Memorial) Service

6pm—Ne'ilah (Concluding) Service followed by Havdalah and Ritual Break the Fast



Erev Sukkot Service & BYO picnic in the Sukkah: Sunday, October 9th at 6pm

Dinner & Erev Simchat Torah Service: Sunday, October 16th at 5pm

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Yizkor Service: Monday, October 17th at 10:30am Please look for details about these services in the weekly email newsletters and our website for changes and updates.

What is CAP?

The Community Action Partnership, which operates four community and family development centers throughout Dutchess County (Poughkeepsie, Beacon, Dover Plains, Red Hook), was the beneficiary of our recent Protein Plenty drive. But in addition to their four food pantries, they offer so much more. In fact, the range of services they host is truly remarkable!

Dress for Success offers free confidence and skill-building training to assist women who are not employed or are underemployed, to help them succeed in the work world. In addition, they offer all women a selection of quality professional attire available at a minimal cost (\$5-\$10 per item). This is a comprehensive yet personalized program to help women enter or re-enter the work force and gain the best employment opportunities for themselves.

Engaging with a different segment of the local community, CAP sponsors Americorps for Seniors, also known as RSVP of Dutchess County. This program matches senior citizens to volunteer opportunities in the community that will utilize the senior's special skills and talents. In another program at CAP, senior citizens are trained as AARP Tax Aides, who go on to assist community members with their income tax prep.

Another unique service CAP provides involves weatherization and other forms of energy conservation. They can train you in how to save energy, assess where you can do this better in your home, and help you obtain the services to do so. CAP also offers social services such as case management, prescription assistance, help with household budgeting and applying for government assistance and health insurance, and hosts Miles of Hope for breast cancer, as well as Taconic Resources services to the disabled, and Premier Care Grants, which can assist with the financial burden associated with urological/digestive disorders. They even operate the Thrifty Things thrift shop in Dover Plains. For further information about CAP and their programs, visit them on Facebook or at their website www.dutchesscap.org.

CROP Walk ~ Sunday, October 30, 2022

Join the team as a walker or donate to the team or a team member! The CROP walk is organized by Church World Service and is a community-based fundraising event to support sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised in each CROP walk go to the local agencies to support local hunger fighting efforts; the local walk is organized through Dutchess Interfaith Council, of which Vassar Temple is a member.

The 2022 CROP Walk will occur on Sunday, October 30, 2022! We need everyone's help to make the Vassar Temple team one of the two or three best in the region!

WALKERS: Our plan is to gather at Temple Beth-El (the starting point) around 11:00am for a group walk (for those who cannot start that early, we will have another starting group at 12:30). To register as a Vassar Temple team walker, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/vassar-temple> and scroll down to the "Join The Team" button and follow the directions that follow.

DONORS: You can donate to the team as a whole, or to any registered member of the team. To make a donation to the team, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/vassar-temple> and click on the "Donors" tab, and then the "Make a Donation" button, and follow the directions on the following screens. To make a donation to a team member, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/vassar-temple> and click on the Team Members tab, locate the particular team member and click on the "Donate" button to the right of the team member's information.

Ron Rosen will be the team captain again this year. Thanks for your participation, either as a team member or a donor!

NEW THIS YEAR: If you can, try to be outside Temple Beth El at 12 noon for special activities in honor of the 50th anniversary of the DCIC, featuring musical performances and a few words from special guests.





Thank You Vassar Temple

Thanks in part to your financial donations, the Mitzvah Now "Hanukkah in August" initiative was able to fill 24 backpacks with school supplies for those Morse elementary school students who live in shelters, and purchase underwear, socks and pants to enable all the children in the school to attend school in dignity and comfort.

Vassar Temple was also able to make contributions, through our Community Tzedakah Fund, to Dutchess Outreach's food pantry and to Meals on Wheels, to help confront the specter of food insecurity in our local communities.

Special thanks this month to two members of our Social Action Committee, to Paul Ciminello, coordinator of our Lunch Box project, and to everyone who donated food, people power, and funds, to make Temple-sponsored Lunch Box meals happen not once but twice a month since the challenges of the pandemic began. The same gratitude is extended to Judy Harkavy and all who have been providing double the number of meals for the expanded homeless shelter during that time frame. And all agree that none of this could have been accomplished without the support of YOU, our congregants! To help with social action activities or to suggest a new project, just contact socialaction@vassartemple.org.

Calendar of Events—October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please see weekly emails for the most up-to-date information regarding changes to in-person events						1 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
2 9am Religious School 9am Erect the Sukkah  Lunch Box 2pm Memorial Service at Cemetery	3 12pm Talmud Study via Zoom with Rabbi Golomb	4 Yom Kippur Eve  8pm Kol Nidrei	5 Yom Kippur OFFICE CLOSED No Hebrew School 10:30, AM Serv. 1pm, Study Session 1pm, Family Serv. 3:30pm, Meditation 4pm, PM Serv. 5:30pm, Yizkor Serv. 6:15pm, Neilah Serv. 7:15pm, Break the Fast	6	7 7:30pm Shabbat Service	8 9am Torah Study 10:15am Shabbat Morning Service
9 Sukkot Eve NO Religious School 11am VTS Opening Meeting Program 6pm, Erev Sukkot Service 7pm BYO picnic in the Sukkah	10 Sukkot (Day 1) OFFICE CLOSED	11 Sukkot (Day 2) 5pm, Brotherhood Happy Hour 	12 Sukkot (Day 3) 4:30pm Hebrew School	13 Sukkot (Day 4) 7pm Ritual CTME	14 Sukkot (Day 5) 7:30pm Shabbat Service	15 Sukkot (Day 6) 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
16 Sukkot (Day 7) 9am Religious School 10:30am Tiny Temple 5pm, Dinner in the Sukkah 6pm, Erev Simchat Torah Service	17 Shemini/Simchat Torah OFFICE CLOSED 10:30am Yizkor Service 12pm Talmud Study via Zoom with Rabbi Golomb	18 12pm Chai Noon VTS Luncheon	19 4:30pm Hebrew School 7:30pm Finance CMTE	20 2pm VTS Book Club	21 7:30pm L'dor va dor Shabbat Service	22 9am Torah Study 10:15am Shabbat Morning Service
23 9am Religious School 9am, Take down the Sukkah	24	25	26 4:30pm Hebrew School	27 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm Board Meeting	28 6pm, Simchat Shabbat Noach Service & Dinner 	29 NO Torah Study 10am Maddie Karitis Bat Mitzvah
30 9am Religious School CROP Walk	31 12pm Talmud Study via Zoom with Rabbi Golomb					

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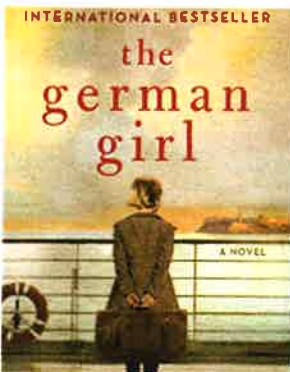
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Book Club to Discuss *The German Girl* on October 20 ~ 2pm via Zoom



Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss *The German Girl* by Armando Lucas Correa. Based on a true story, *The German Girl* has been described by critics as a beautifully written story about generations of exiles.

Before everything changed for Jews in Berlin, 1939, Hannah Rosenthal lived a charmed life. But now, the streets are draped in ominous flags and Hannah and her family are no longer welcome in places that they considered home. A glimmer of hope appears on a transatlantic ocean liner, the St. Louis, promising Jews safe passage to Cuba.

The story moves ahead to New York, 2014. Anna Rosen receives a mysterious package from an unknown relative in Cuba, her great Aunt Hannah. Its contents inspire Anna and her mother to travel to Havana to learn the truth about their family's mysterious and tragic past.

Betty Renner will lead the discussion to which everyone is welcome. To RSVP or get more information, please contact me at bookclub@vassartemple.org. I look forward to seeing you all.

Linda Babas