



# Vassar Temple

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## Presentation by Tibor Spitz ~ Sunday, November 20, 2pm



Vassar Temple is proud to present Tibor Spitz, Holocaust survivor and renowned artist, for a lecture, slideshow presentation and an exhibition of some of his art works on November 20, 2022 at 2pm in the temple social hall.

In 1929, Tibor Spitz was born in a little town in the high mountains of northern Slovakia, which at that time was a part of Czechoslovakia. Because of his Jewish origin he was not allowed to attend school between the ages of 10 through 15. For three of those years he lived under the threat of being murdered on the spot or being deported to a death camp in nearby Poland.

Tibor was recently featured as one of the four survivors in the PBS documentary *We Remember: Songs of Survivors*. The documentary features his escape with five other family members into the nearby forest where they lived hidden within a mountainside cleverly camouflaged for seven months; 200 days and nights during the coldest winter of the century. He will present a slideshow which features his story and the heroic and clever efforts of his and his family's heroic and clever efforts to escape the Nazi terror regime.

Tibor returned to school after the war and earned multiple degrees, including a Ph.D. in chemistry. He became a prolific artist after his retirement at the age of 68 and he will be exhibiting some of his works of art at the presentation. Please join us for an afternoon with the amazing Tibor Spitz.

## An Introduction to the Safe Haven Story ~ November 9, 7:30pm

### August 1944: One boatload of refugees. Thousands of stories.

Those who watched "The U.S. and the Holocaust," the extraordinary documentary by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick, and Sarah Botstein, learned a little bit about the Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario in Oswego, NY. There's so much more to the story, and it's completely a case of truth being stranger than fiction.

Please join us at Vassar Temple on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30pm for a closer look at this remarkable chapter in American and Jewish history. Banna Rubinow, who moved to Poughkeepsie three years ago from Oswego, served on the Safe Haven board of directors for nearly 25 years, during which time the Safe Haven Museum and Education Center was created. She'll share stories about the refugees' experiences before, during, and after their time at the Fort Ontario shelter, show a 40-minute documentary about Safe Haven, and answer questions. The date of this presentation has been chosen to commemorate Kristallnacht, the notorious Night of Broken Glass, which occurred on November 9-10, 1938. The Vassar Temple Sisterhood will provide refreshments.

## From the Rabbi's Desk:



November is *Hakarat HaTov* month! That is not an official designation, just my descriptive term. *Hakarat HaTov*, “appreciating the good,” is one of the virtues of the Jewish spiritual path known as *Musar*. *Musar*, according to Alan Morinis founder of the *Musar* Institute, teaches us “how to initiate our hearts to better ourselves and the world.”

Early in November, we start planning for Thanksgiving (even earlier if you're flying!). Though in its origins Thanksgiving was an expression of the pilgrims' gratitude for their new land and its bounty, over time, it has evolved into an opportunity for family and friends to gather together and express appreciation for the blessings of their lives.

One of the ways that we strive to cultivate a greater appreciation for our own blessings is by helping those who aren't as fortunate as we are. Thanksgiving has become a time in which many people bring the joy of this day to those who are struggling by providing holiday meals at shelters and soup kitchens. (If you are interested in volunteering to prepare food for either the shelter we support or for Lunch Box [see p. 12], please contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org))

For many years, Vassar Temple has had its own special Thanksgiving project. Through “Trim-a-Thanksgiving” we provide all of the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving meal to formerly homeless families now living in apartments through the good work of Hudson River Housing. Our religious school children and youth take part in this project that relies on YOUR donations (please see p. 7 for more information).

Of course, Thanksgiving is still a time to give thanks for this great nation. The blessings of living in this democracy, even with all of its imperfections, ought

never be lost on us or taken for granted. November is also time to act on *Hakarat Hatov* for our country by doing one of the most important things that we can do as American citizens—cast our vote. Voting is one of the most important ways in which we not only express our pride as citizens, but it is also a crucial tool in our efforts to build an America that lives out its highest ideals.

While studies show that Jewish voter turnout averages around 85% in contrast to just 50% of the country overall, turnout in the past has generally been much lower in non-presidential years. True, that may be different this year for numerous reasons. I hope that I am “preaching to the choir” and that many of you have already taken advantage of early voting. If not, I implore you to vote—and to urge your family and friends to do the same! Typically, young people vote in very low numbers in non-presidential elections. Every vote matters! There are important elections on local, state and national levels this year.

Your vote can help New York take a significant step forward in the battle against climate change. The NYS Environmental Bond Act will invest \$4 billion in projects that would help protect clean water, reduce pollution, conserve family farms, and reduce local climate risks and it will support 84,000 jobs. Environmental advocates and industry leaders call for its support, as does our Reform Movement, through RAC-NY as part of its Climate Covenant, which our Board of Trustees has endorsed.

Gratitude is intrinsic to Judaism. When Leah gives birth to her fourth son, she names him Judah, meaning “I am grateful.” (Gen. 29:35) Jew, *Yehudi*, is derived from Judah, *Yehudah*. How will you express your gratitude for the blessings of your life this month of giving thanks?

*Rabbi Renni Altman*

## President's Message:



Besides being Temple President, I work as a registered nurse at Planned Parenthood, in Hudson. I care for and educate patients on all manner of reproductive health issues including birth control, sexually transmitted infections, gender affirming hormone therapy, and abortions. I love my work. I make a difference every day and with every patient.

My job is rewarding and includes teaching my patients who are eager and thankful to learn about their bodies and how to take care of them. The stressful part of my job is the volume of patients that need and require services and dealing with the protesters that greet me most every morning in the parking lot. There's also the daily onslaught of national threats and constant upgrades to policies and security to keep our patients and our staff safe.

My feelings about abortion have always been that abortion is healthcare. And healthcare decisions are personal. Every patient has the autonomous right to make decisions about their own bodies. In the same way that I would never judge you if you were getting a breast augmentation, a face lift, or a hip replacement, I will not judge you for getting an abortion. Honestly, your decisions about your body are none of my business.

It becomes my business, however, when I have to be concerned over my safety and the safety of my patients. Are any of these protestors crazy enough to bring a weapon? Is that random bag sitting outside the door when I arrive at work garbage or something more ominous? Is that new nervous patient in the waiting room truly worried about being seen or are they not really a patient at all, and are planning to yell, "Don't kill your babies" at other patients?

All of these scenarios are real and have happened at my job. No worker or patient should have to be worried about their personal safety going to their workplace or going to the doctor. Healthcare facilities should be safe spaces. Everyone has the right to safe, quality healthcare. I used to frequently and fervently say, "This is how I feel and I will die on this hill." In this political environment, I may think this, but it seems too ominous to utter out loud.

In case you didn't know, Jewish law generally prioritizes the life of the pregnant woman over the life of the unborn fetus. Our sacred Jewish practices and teachings affirm Judaism's deep reverence for life. In cases, where the life or health (physical, emotional or mental) of the woman is in jeopardy, Jewish law **REQUIRES** abortion to preserve the life and health of the woman.

I am proud and empowered that my faith takes such a stance. Honestly, on really hard days, it gives me the strength to continue to be brave enough to do the necessary work that I love.

When you go to the polls this month, keep in mind what your local politician's stance is on this issue. Consider how much you want the government dictating your healthcare and the healthcare of your loved ones. If we allow the government to dictate this piece of healthcare, what's next? Don't we already fight our insurance companies hard enough to justify medical treatments and certain medications? Make your vote count! Affordable, quality healthcare for all should be a basic human right. I've rethought this. I am back to firmly and proudly standing on top of this hill. I guess I never really left.

*Lisa-Sue Quackenbush*

## Religious School Update

With the fall holidays now behind us, we are moving forward with full attention to our values curriculum. We begin the month concluding the study of *B'tzelem Elohim*, recognizing that each person is created in the image of God and all that implies in terms of our treatment of other people. Appropriately, that unit will end with our "Trim-a-Thanksgiving project," our annual congregational *tzedakah* project, coordinated with Hudson River Housing, where we provide previously homeless families with all of the fixings for their first Thanksgiving dinner in their own apartment. The religious school children will decorate the baskets that the food will go in and enrich them with their handmade cards. As we transition into our new unit on *Gevurah*, strength, this activity will demonstrate an important element of *gevurah*—pride and self-esteem, which is experienced so profoundly by the basic ability of living in one's own home.

*Rabbi Renni Altman*



## To Vassar Temple! New Members:

Nathaniel & Jessica Gold and their children Myer and Lilly

Francine Kaplan

Garrett & Brittney Weiss and their children Gavin and Caden

Paul & Rebecca Ostrovsky

**Mazel tov!** Joseph Bertolozzi's Bridge Music received the Art in Public Places Award in the Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards presented on October 6th.

## 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.

### November 2022 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- November 4: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- November 11: Donated by Hilary and Lew Wrobel in honor of U.S. military veterans
- November 18: Donated by Martin Noble in memory of Rose Noble
- November 25: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)



## Scriptural Readings

### November 5

#### Lech L'cha

Gen 12:1-17:27; Isaiah 40:27-41:16

### November 12

#### Vayeira

Gen. 18:1-22:24; II Kings 4:1-37

### November 19

#### Chayei Sarah

Gen. 23:1-25:18; I Kings 1:1-31

### November 26

#### Tol'dot

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

## 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, D.D., on Saturdays from 9-10am (tentative Nov 5 and 12). Class is hybrid (Zoom only Nov 26). Contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) to be placed on the class e-mail list.

“**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from Ancient Texts**” on Zoom Mondays, November 14 and 28, noon-1:30pm, taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. For study sheets & link: [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net)

Join Us ~ No previous training required  
No charge to attend

## New Paths Service

Join us for New Paths Sabbath morning services on Saturdays, November 5 and 19 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 Vassar Temple and on Zoom, but contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) or 845-454-2570 to be sure if there will be an in-person option, and to get a Zoom link.

## Shabbat Y'ladim (Children's Sabbath)

All children, from birth to first grade, are invited to bring their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and/or friends to Vassar Temple on Saturday, November 19 at 10:30am, to join with Rabbi Altman and our music teacher, Olivia Dilorio, for a celebration of Shabbat. Rabbi Altman's stuffed bear friends Kachol v'Lavan will be there too, to take part in the singing and stories. Tell your friends and neighbors—this Sabbath morning service specially designed for young children is free and open to the whole community. For questions and to RSVP, please contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).



## Caring for our Cemeteries

In my January 2021 column I wrote extensively about the history and needs of our cemeteries. A robust committee of dedicated long-term members has since formed and been working extremely hard, enabling me to offer this update.

Notable progress has occurred on property maintenance. A professional maintenance company has completed two rounds of major cleanup in the three sections on LaGrange Avenue. We are now moving into periodic visits to cover bigger tasks that are not done by the day-to-day caretaker, keeping things more manicured and making it feasible for that individual to maintain. Come spring we plan to re-seed the back area with shade-tolerant grass, following additional tree pruning to maximize sunlight.

Cleaning of all stones in the current (south) and Hebrew Fraternal Benevolent Society sections has been completed by a professional monument company. As finances permit, we hope to do additional cleaning in the old (north) section, realign several extremely crooked stones in the south section, and repair completely fallen stones in the oldest area.

We are determining the status of remaining Benevolent members who are entitled to burial; this will allow us to begin planning for improvements at the Route 44 location, so that we may offer the remaining space to our members.

A sign company has been engaged to design consistent, tasteful signage for all LaGrange sections, the Route 44 entrance, the top of that road, and the entrance to our section of that property.

Typically, the source of income to our Cemetery Fund has been the perpetual care fee paid when a member is laid to rest. Recently, however, we've received several extremely generous donations (acknowledged in the Bulletin) from long-term families that have enabled us to do this work. Our ability to continue with upgrades, plan for the Route 44 site, and consider improvements to our Founders' Cemetery downtown depends upon fund health and careful management that also takes into account legal requirements to set aside for the future.

When making sustaining donations to the Temple, please consider the Cemetery Fund (now available on our website donation link). Honoring and respecting our ancestors and congregational history is one of our most important missions.

*Susan Karnes Hecht*

## Jewish War Veterans ~ November 13

Our JWV Herman Siegal Post 625 meeting of Sunday, November 13 will be held live. It will be held at Schomre Israel. The meeting format will follow what we used before the pandemic. Future meetings will be on December 11 and January 8, 2023. The meeting will begin at 9:30am and there will be a half hour schmooze at 9:00am. Post 625 will supply nosh stuff, coffee, and it will be strictly kosher. The use of masks is optional. We look forward to seeing you there. Email [Rschwa9881@aol.com](mailto:Rschwa9881@aol.com) for more info.

*Ralph Schwartz*  
**Senior Vice Commander**

## Trim-a-Thanksgiving & Turkey Trot “Vassar Temple Cares About Hunger”

### THREE WAYS TO HELP!

- 1) *Please drop off nonperishable food items from the list below* to complement the Thanksgiving meal of local families in need. Just bring them to the temple and place in the CanJam bin in the hall by Wednesday, November 16.

#### **SHOPPING LIST**

- *Canned yams/sweet potatoes*
  - *Canned cranberry sauce & canned gravy*
  - *Boxes of stove-top stuffing mix*
  - *Canned vegetables*
- 2) *Donate a frozen turkey*—drop it off at the temple freezer.
  - 3) *Make a financial donation to the Vassar Temple Community Tzedakah Fund*—specify for “Thanksgiving.” This is very important—it enables us to purchase turkeys, turkey pans, and other holiday treats.

Our religious school students will make cards and decorate baskets, and our temple youth will fill the baskets to be delivered to the families prior to the holiday.

***Together we can help these families now!***

We are partnering with Hudson River Housing for this project. Questions? Please contact Marian at [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org).



**SUSTAINING FUND****In Honor of:**

Gail D'Alessio receiving the  
Arnold Award

Cantor Goldmann

**In Memory of:**

Anthony Stein  
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Louis Heidelberger  
Philip Browner  
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Kathy LaLone Austin  
Esther Mardon Bernstein  
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Sam Garber  
Solomon Tanzman  
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Solomon Charles Cantor  
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Philip D'Angelo  
Katherine Weiss

**MUSIC FUND****In Honor of:**

Gail D'Alessio receiving the  
Arnold Award

**In Memory of:**

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**For the rehabilitation and care of the grand piano:**

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## Condolences

To the family of Carol Mardon—Mother of Russ and Steve Mardon

To the family of Sophie Heymann—Mother of Cantor Elizabeth (Michael) Goldmann

To the family of Barbara Hyman—Wife of Leonard Hyman



**November 4**

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**November 11**

Albert E. Schwartz  
 Gertrude F. Troeger  
 Tamar Grand  
 Michael Aronson  
 B. Jay Newman  
 Elizabeth (Libby) Wolf  
 A. Louis Rubin  
 Kathy Austin  
 Larry Kornreich  
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 L. Richard Rosenberg  
 Arthur George Henderson  
 Solomon Tanzman  
 Henry Rosenmann  
 Solomon Charles Cantor  
 Evelyn Heidelberger  
 Ellen Bernard  
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 William Payne

**November 18**

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 Paul Susser  
 Leopold Scharf  
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 Robert Feitelson

**November 25**

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## We are more than halfway there!

Thank you from VT Sisterhood for your generous contributions to our chair fund!

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Target 120

Achieved 89



## Desserts Wanted for Onegs:

Do you like to bake but don't want to eat it all yourself? Can't resist picking up cakes or cookies in the bakery aisle and then realize you bought too much? We'd love to enjoy your culinary treats at one of our onegs. We're not asking anyone to provide food for an entire oneg (although we wouldn't say no if you wanted to). We just thought people may want to bring their extra desserts in for onegs from time to time. If this sounds like you, email [oneg@vassartemple.org](mailto:oneg@vassartemple.org) to let us know that you're leaving something for an oneg in the kitchen and be sure to label it so we know what you're leaving and when you left it.



## “Hanukkah in August”

Packing school supplies and children's clothing for delivery to Morse School.

## SISTERHOOD COOKBOOK:

### Carrot Kugel Recipe from Sandra Mamis

Thanksgiving is the quintessential American\* holiday created initially as a time to give thanks for all the sacrifice and hard work done to achieve a successful harvest...much like the festival of Sukkot. In modern times it has evolved more as a day to gather with family and friends with a large feast highlighting the event. Family favorite recipes vary widely with side dishes often taking center stage, components of which pay homage to the seasonal fruits and vegetables available in the fall. This family carrot kugel recipe is a great accompaniment to both poultry and meat. It is easy to make; it is parve, unless butter is substituted for the margarine. Note also, that while some similar recipes use flour, the matzoh meal utilized here makes a lighter version so it can also be used on Pesach, if one is so inclined.

#### Ingredients

- 4 eggs, separated
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 2-3 large apples, grated
- 2-3 cups carrots, grated
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup slivered almonds, optional
- 3/4 cup matzoh meal
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 4 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger\*\*
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg\*\*
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves\*\*

#### Directions

- Spray or oil a 12-cup Bundt pan or an 8-cup baking dish, pre-heat the oven to 375 degrees
- Melt the margarine. Stir in the remaining ingredients, including the egg yolks, but NOT the egg whites
- Then beat the egg whites and then carefully fold into the rest of the mixture, pour into prepared baking dish
- Bake for approximately 40 minutes; a tooth pick placed centrally should come out clean, can be served hot or warm



\* Thanksgiving is celebrated on different dates elsewhere including Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Liberia with similar holidays in Germany and Japan.

\*\* The individual spices could be substituted with a 1-1/2 teaspoons of pumpkin pie spice or apple pie spice, if you already have that in the cupboard.

## Chai Noon Luncheon

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Chai Noon Luncheon, which usually meets on the 18th of most months (when the date does not conflict with holidays or weekends) will be meeting on Friday, November 18. Specific details about the restaurant will be sent in Vassar Temple's weekly newsletter a few days 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.

## Vassar Temple Refugee Resettlement

On February 5, I reported that the Zazai family, Mohammad, MaryAm, Rohan and Rehan, arrived in Poughkeepsie. We had formed, initially, a six-member Community Sponsorship Circle, to welcome them and guide them through the initial phases of resettlement in our country and community. This committee eventually expanded to ten as additional tasks required. We were under the aegis of HIAS as a Sponsor Circle Umbrella agency in partnership with the Community Sponsorship Hub as part of the national Sponsor Circle Program.

Andi Ciminello was charged with housing, employment and general assistance. Vivian Garber helped her to find an appropriate apartment. Paul Ciminello worked with Eve Gendron and Adil and Shaheen Ameer to fit it out for their use. It was bright and airy in a safe neighborhood in a secure building.

The various bureaucratic tasks were handled by Marilyn McGaulley (Social Services), Sandy Corwan (Education), Marty Charwat (Transportation), Lisa-Sue Quackenbush (Medical) and Rick Wender (Legal). Banna Rubinow and Chris Baltus were great help filling in often as unexpected situations arose. Translation assistance was offered by Rashid Khan. Without their expertise, the processes would have been much more difficult.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have the support of the Mid-Hudson Islamic Association whose assistance with language and help in becoming accustomed to day-to-day life in America were spearheaded by Adil and Shaheen Ameer. It is this sort of interfaith cooperation that we all wish for and cherish.

Marty was able to obtain a grant from the Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigrants which helped enormously. The Harding Club of Poughkeepsie also made a generous contribution.

I wish to thank all our temple members, 40 or more in all, who have contributed to this effort, be it through gift cards (scrip), money, or in-kind donations. Your generosity made our task so much simpler. The Zazai's have moved to Houston, Texas to be near family within a large Afghani population. We wish them well. It has been an honor to help them make their first steps into a new life.

*Arthur H. Groten, M.D.*




## Lunch Box Update

Joint meal preparations with MHIA for Lunch Box will resume the morning of November 7. 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](mailto:lunchbox@vassartemple.org) if you can volunteer.



# Calendar of Events—November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 4:30pm Hebrew School	<i>3</i> 7pm Ritual CTME	<i>4</i> 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<i>5</i> 9am Torah Study (tentative) 10:15am New Paths
<i>6</i> 9am Religious School 10:30am Lunch Box  	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 4:30pm Hebrew School  7:30pm VT Sisterhood Safe Haven Presentation	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> OFFICE CLOSED Veteran's Day  7:30pm Shabbat Service  	<i>12</i> 9am Torah Study
<i>13</i> NO Religious School	<i>14</i> 12pm Talmud Study via Zoom with Rabbi Golomb	<i>15</i> 5:30pm Endowment Fund CMTE	<i>16</i> 4:30pm Hebrew School  7:30pm Finance CMTE	<i>17</i> 7pm Board Meeting	<i>18</i> 12pm Chai Noon VTS Luncheon  7:30pm Brotherhood Shabbat Service	<i>19</i> 9am Torah Study (tentative) 10:15am New Paths 10:30am Shabbat Y'ladim
<i>20</i> 9am Religious School 2pm Tibor Spitz Presentation	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> NO Hebrew School	<i>24</i> OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day  6:30pm Shelter Meal  	<i>25</i> OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Weekend  7:30pm Shabbat Service	<i>26</i> 9am Torah Study— Zoom only
<i>27</i> NO Religious School	<i>28</i> 12pm Talmud Study via Zoom with Rabbi Golomb	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 4:30pm Hebrew School			

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

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## Yom Kippur Food Drive ~ Thanks to You All

A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed food and funds to the Yom Kippur Food Drive:

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