

## Israel at 75: A Milestone with Mixed Emotions

Friday, April 21 at 7:30 pm ~ HYBRID

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Lisa Grant, PhD



Join us on *Shabbat Tekumah*, the Shabbat in between Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. Rabbi Lisa D. Grant will help us navigate the mix of emotions we feel as we mark this significant milestone during a most turbulent time in Israel's history. Rabbi Grant is the New York Rabbinical School Program Director, Eleanor Sinsheimer Distinguished Service Professor in Jewish Education, and Coordinator of Special Seminary Projects at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. A primary area of her research and teaching is the place of Israel in American Jewish life. The service will have an Israel focus in our prayers with special readings from Israeli Reform Rabbis. Cantor Goldmann will enrich our worship with related songs.

Vassar Temple members are invited to participate in a

### ***Genizah Service ~ Ritual Burial of Sacred Texts***

Am HaSefer, the People of the Book

Our reverence for the written word dictates that sacred items

that can

no longer be used as intended be lovingly buried, so that they will not fall into further disrepair or be subject to desecration.

**Sunday, April 23 at 1 pm**  
**(backup date 4/30 - please watch the weekly email)**  
**Vassar Temple Cemetery, Lagrange Avenue (north side)**

Congregants have the opportunity to bring personal items that require burial. Rabbi Altman will lead a brief Genizah service.

**SACRED TESTS** are books or ritual items (e.g., tefillin, klaf from a mezuzah, Haggadah) that have the name of God in Hebrew (photocopies do not require burial). We have a significant amount of Temple materials (particularly obsolete prayer books) that will be buried, with space for member needs as feasible.

Please RSVP to [cemetery@vassartemple.org](mailto:cemetery@vassartemple.org) telling us what you'd like to bring and how much space is required.

*Donations to our Cemetery Fund for the opportunity to perform this mitzvah will be gratefully accepted and be earmarked for cemetery maintenance and improvement.*

**Personalizing the Past: Research Services of the  
Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center, USHMM**



**Susan Evans, Ed.D.**

from the Survivors and Victims Resource Center of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum will present an overview of the museum's research services for individuals wishing to conduct family history related to the Holocaust. She will include examples of digitalized documentation and how individual inquiries are processed.



**Vassar Temple Sisterhood Chai Noon Luncheon on Tuesday,  
April 18**

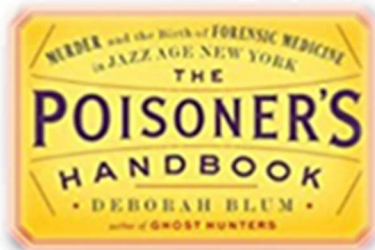
Vassar Temple Sisterhood's next Chai Noon Luncheon is on

Tuesday, April 18, at noon. We are booked at the 110 Grill (Galleria Mall, near Macy's) at 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie 12601 (845-632-3480). As always, we get separate checks, and the restaurant is wheelchair accessible.



We hope you will join us for good food and good conversation.

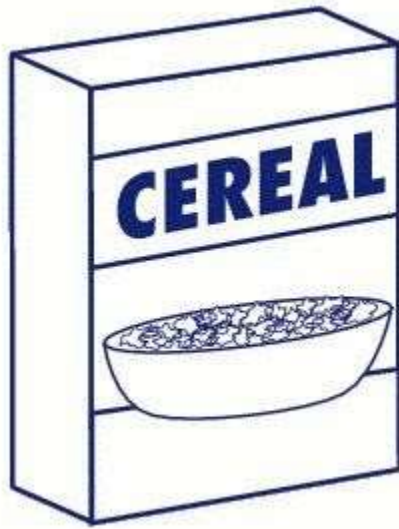
**Book Club to Discuss “The Poisoner’s Handbook” - we will meet in-person at College View Tower!**



Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss “The Poisoner’s Handbook” by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Deborah Blum. The book has been described by critics as a fascinating Jazz Age tale of chemistry, detection, poison, and murder. In early 20th century New York, poisons offered an easy path to the perfect crime. The author explores how scientists Charles Norris and Alexander Gettler laid the foundation for the modern field of forensic science. They set the justice system on fire with their trailblazing scientific detective work, becoming the pioneers of forensic chemistry.

The “Poisoner’s Handbook,” equal parts true crime, twentieth-century history, and science thriller, is available in paperback through local book stores, as well as in various formats through the library system. The meeting will take place in-person on Thursday, April 20, at 2:00pm. Betty Renner and Marian Schwartz will lead the discussion, to which everyone is welcome. We hope to resume meeting in person, instead of on Zoom. To RSVP or get more information, please contact Linda Babas at [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org)

**CEREAL COUNTS!!!**



School-age children, and everyone else in need, should be able to start their summer mornings with a bowlful of nutrition & energy. Please donate new boxes of breakfast cereal to the 2023 Cereal Counts drive!

- Drop off between now and Saturday, May 6 in the Can Jam Bin at VASSAR TEMPLE
- Drop off at the new Jewish Federation Office, 104 Fulton Avenue, Suite 1A, POK 12603 (call for hours 845-471-9811)
- Bring on MITZVAH DAY Sunday, May 7, to event HQ, Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, POK 12603

Questions? [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

## **PLEASE HELP UKRAINIAN REFUGEE CHILDREN**

You can still help Ukrainian refugee children with your donation, with which we will purchase gift cards to enable them to watch familiar TV shows and movies in their native language, and to help them purchase basic clothing. Checks can be made out to Vassar

Temple with "Refugee Gift Cards" written on the memo line.  
Thank you! Questions? [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)





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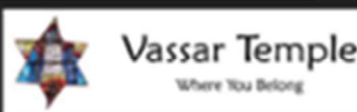
## Community Yom HaShoah Program

Monday, April 17 at 6:30pm  
James and Betty Hall Theatre  
at Dutchess Community College

**An Observance in Honor of the 80th  
Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising**

***The Women of the Warsaw Ghetto*  
Elizabeth R. Hyman, Historian & Archivist**

Registration is suggested.  
Masks are encouraged, but not required.  
RSVP to [www.jewishdutchess.org/events](http://www.jewishdutchess.org/events)



The event will be in person and live streamed. Visit:  
[www.jewishdutchess.org/events](http://www.jewishdutchess.org/events)  
for details and directions.





Yom Hashoa Commemoration  
Alicia Svigals and Donald Sosin Cine-conduct  
"The City Without Jews" (1924),  
a silent film with live music



April 18th 2:00 PM



FDR Presidential Library  
Henry A. Wallace Center  
4079 Albany Post Road Hyde Park  
This is a free event. Registration required at  
[www.jewishdutchess.org/events](http://www.jewishdutchess.org/events)



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The Jewish Federation  
OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

REGISTER HERE FOR "The City Without Jews" |

## OFFERING AT VASSAR COLLEGE

We Remember: Songs of Survivors

Tuesday, April 18 at 6 pm

Location: Villard Room, Main Building

Musical Performance and Discussion



***JUDE ROBERTS** (above playing the guitar), son of Gail D'Alessio, will be a featured member of the group*

This event is a Holocaust Remembrance Day presentation based on the documentary film *We Remember: Songs of Survivors*. The documentary highlights the work of local musicians and Holocaust survivors in the Hudson Valley. The event will feature a short film clip, musical performance, and discussion with all involved in the project—including one of the Holocaust survivors.

Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed to commemorate those who perished in the Holocaust as a result of the actions carried out by Nazi Germany and to remember the brave resisters of the period.

Co-sponsored by the Dean of the Faculty Office, the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practice, Music Department, and Jewish Studies Program.

[FOR INFORMATION CLICK HERE](#)

## Mitzvah Day, A Day of Caring and Service

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Location: Congregation Schomre Israel

18 Park Avenue Poughkeepsie, NY12603

Mitzvah Day projects include Clearing Pershing Cemetery, Supporting Seniors, PJ Library Activities, The Lunch Box, Cereal Counts, and more. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 am.

To view the full flyer and register

[CLICK HERE](#)



SUNDAY MAY 7, 2023

Mitzvah Day Headquarters:  
Congregation Schomre Israel 18 Park Ave  
Poughkeepsie, NY

Breakfast at 9:00 am

Projects include: Clearing Pershing Cemetery,  
Supporting Seniors, PJ Library Activities, The  
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For more information and to register, visit:  
[www.jewishdutchess.org/events](http://www.jewishdutchess.org/events)

**Friendship Caravan!**  
MAY 30, 2023

The Tzofim Friendship Caravan is celebrating over 40 years of bringing excitement, energy and friendship to North America through friendship and performance! The first Caravan came to the United States in 1973 to bring a message of hope and peace for Israel. Since that first Caravan, the program has grown to three different Caravan travelling across North America.

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!**

**Temple Beth-El**  
118 South Grand Avenue in Poughkeepsie

**4:45pm to 5:45pm:**  
Interactive learning activities for kids of all ages

**5:45pm-6:30pm:**  
Enjoy an Israeli style dinner

**6:30pm:**  
The Tzofim Friendship Caravan Concert

**The Concert is Free**  
Dinner:  
Free for 12 and under  
Ages 13-17: \$5.00  
Ages 18 and over: \$10.00

RSVP for Dinner before 5/25 to  
Karen.Jacobs at kjacobs21@gmail.com  
or Temple Beth-El at 845.454.0570  
with payment at the door

**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

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The Rabbi Erwin Zimet Memorial Institute  
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The Jewish Federation of the Hudson Valley  
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America. Join us as the Friendship Caravan comes to Temple Beth-El! For full flyer and details [CLICK HERE](#)

**The Admiral Players Spring Production will be...**  
**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF!**



**Arlington High School**  
1157 State Rte 55, Lagrangeville, NY 12540

April 21st @ 7:30pm

April 22nd @ 7:30pm

April 23rd @ 2:00pm

For tickets, please visit: [arlingtonhs.booktix.com](http://arlingtonhs.booktix.com)

- Ticket sales begin on 3/31.
- Online sales are credit card only.
- Tickets at the door are cash only.



## Israeli Scouts return to Poughkeepsie

**Tuesday, May 30th**

**We are looking for people who can host a teen overnight**

On Tuesday, May 30th, a group of Israeli Scouts will be putting on a free concert for the local Jewish community at Temple Beth El. They're similar to our Boy/Girl Scouts, and this trip to the US is part of a "Friendship Caravan" meant to bring excitement and energy to North America through friendship and performance. It's still a couple of months away, but right now we are looking for households that could host either one or two scouts for one night in their homes. The scouts are all high school age, and we just need to know if you have a preference for male or female and if



your home has any pets (for allergy situations).

You don't have to have children in the house to be a host - they are just looking for a place to stay for the night and some breakfast in the morning. This is a great chance to meet some truly wonderful Israeli teens and share experiences between our two countries.

**INTERESTED? Contact the office**  
at [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org)

**Do you enjoy knitting and/or crocheting?**



Vassar Temple Sisterhood is looking for volunteer knitters and/or crocheters to assist Dutchess Outreach. We need 50 (or more) scarves and hats by the end of October 2023. Please put finished items in plastic storage bags labeled adult or child-size on the outside. Let us know if you can assist! [sisterhood@vassartemple.org](mailto:sisterhood@vassartemple.org)



**Planning has started for Vassar Temple's incredible 175th anniversary,** and we want everyone to be a part of this special occasion! Please read the invitation to participate [HERE](#) and contact us at [vassar175@vassartemple.org](mailto:vassar175@vassartemple.org) to get involved!