

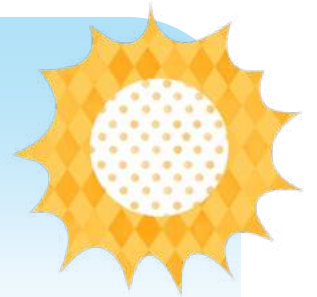


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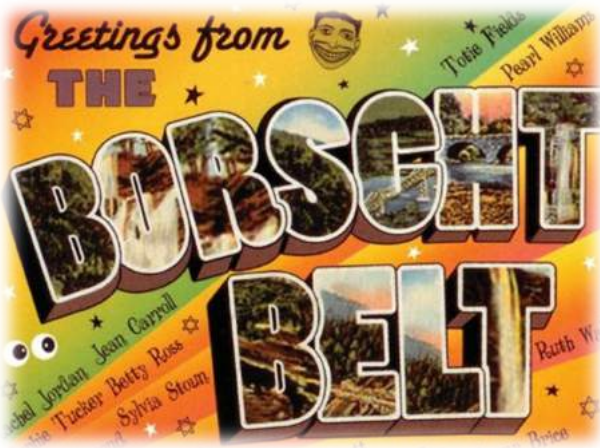
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The Borscht Belt Boys: Growing up Jewish in the Catskills



*Tuesday, June 13 at 7 pm
via Zoom and In-Person at Vassar Temple*

Hal Lesser (Vassar Temple) and Lew Sims (Temple Beth-El) will share memories of their childhoods growing up Jewish in the Catskills during the 50s and 60s. Raised on farms, they shared many experiences in the hamlet of Kerhonkson that came alive during the summer in bungalow colonies, hotels and Jewish day camps in this once vibrant era.



Sponsored by Vassar Temple's Adult Education Committee; this program is FREE but donations are greatly appreciated. **Pre-Registration is REQUIRED** for Zoom participants.

RSVP: office@vassartemple.org or 845.454.2570, please let us know if you will be attending in-person or via Zoom.



From the Rabbi's Desk:



“When I was growing up, I acted like the boy I was supposed to be, but I couldn’t feel that I was really that boy, couldn’t identity myself with other boys, couldn’t feel like I was really present in any relationship, because every relationship was based on gender. I wasn’t just my parents’ child; I was supposed to be their son. I wasn’t just a kid on the block; I was supposed to be one of the boys. I wasn’t just a

Jew; I was supposed to be a Jewish male. And so, even though I was surrounded by people who thought they knew me, I grew up feeling invisible, afraid, and alone.

But I was alone with God. All the things that cut me off from other people—my lack of a body that felt like mine, my inability to fit into gender categories, my sense of being utterly, unspeakably different—made me feel close to God. God knew who and what I was. God created me, fitting my mismatched body and soul together. God was always there, day and night, as I tried to live and sometimes tried to die. We were an odd couple, me struggling with a body that didn’t feel like mine, God existing beyond all that is, was, and will be. But when it came to relating to human beings, God and I had something in common: neither of us could be seen or understood by those we dwelt among and loved.

And so, as long as I can remember, being transgender has brought me closer to God.”

These poignant words, written by Dr. Joy Ladin, the first openly transgender professor at an Orthodox Jewish institution (Stern College for Women at Yeshiva University) give us some insight into the pain experienced by those who do not fit neatly into the gender binary of our society. (It took a lawsuit for her to continue at Stern after she transitioned.)

With 7.1% of US adults and nearly 21% of Generation Z adults (those born between 1997-2003) self-identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or something other than heterosexual,¹ the LGBTQ population are no longer strangers. They are family and friends, professional and social acquaintances—and they are some of us.

Sadly, too much of the LGBTQ population lives in pain and fear. Gains made in recent years for equal rights and recognition are now taking strides backwards with anti-LGBTQ legislation. The transgender population is most at risk, with the NIH reporting that 82% of transgender individuals have considered suicide and 40% have attempted, with suicidality highest among transgender youth.² According to the Trevor Project, **fewer than one in three** transgender and nonbinary youth found their home to be gender-affirming. However, those who live in a community that is accepting reported **significantly lower rates of attempting suicide** than those who do not.³ Becoming an LGBTQ welcoming community of faith is more than just an act of justice; it is also a matter of *pikuah nefesh*, saving a life.

In her May bulletin column on this topic, Lisa-Sue Quackenbush rightly challenged us to move beyond our LGBTQ Safe Zone sign by educating ourselves about gender diversity. We will begin at our Pride Shabbat Service on June 2. Charlie and Roni Stein will speak about their journey as parents of a transgender adult and Lisa-Sue will share some of the insights she has gleaned through her work at Planned Parenthood.

Dr. Ladin wrote about the closeness she felt to God through a common bond of invisibility and misunderstanding. Let us ensure that Vassar Temple will be a place where people can bring their full selves and feel seen, where they can experience the Divine Presence, not through isolation, but through the caring relationships of sacred community.

Rabbi Renni Altman

¹ <https://news.gallup.com/poll/389792/lgbt-identification-ticks-up.aspx>

² <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32345113/>

³ <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2022/>



President's Message:

It's so relaxing to come to Temple, sit in a pew and engage in our beautiful and joyous ritual services. It's reassuring to drop our kids off for Religious School and pick them up again and know they are being well educated. It's invigorating to attend adult ed classes and attend various programs at Vassar Temple either in person or on Zoom. It's uplifting to work side by side with

other members on social action causes. We participate in Temple life gratefully and without always thinking about what goes into the moment. So much of what has come to fruition in these past, present and future months is due to the absolute dedication and perseverance of so much of our leadership, committees and many of you.

Temple governance and leadership is not for the faint of heart; nor does it happen in a vacuum. Countless hours of thought-provoking and labor-intensive hours have gone into the work of so many essential committees in our Temple to keep us not only functioning, but growing and thriving.

Our Temple Congregation Budget is to be presented to the Congregation for vote on June 14. It's difficult to know what our plans and costs are for tomorrow, yet we must try to make an educated guess as to what our plans and costs are at Vassar Temple through June 2024. I am in awe and have great appreciation for all that has been done to help us plan our future in a thoughtful and fiscally responsible way.

The pandemic had us all in the mindset of getting through each day as it happened. It was hard to know what the future would bring and we all pat ourselves on the back for getting through another day, another week, another month or another year. We may not

know what tomorrow will bring, but we must look and plan for the future with enthusiasm, vigor, and all the while understanding and respecting our fiscal responsibility.

I thank you all for the efforts you put forth as leaders in this congregation and as members who help guide us into the days ahead at Vassar Temple. I ask you to please attend the Congregational Budget Meeting, June 14, in support of those of us who are the planners of Vassar Temple's future and to ask questions and cast your vote. I also ask you to attend the Installation Shabbat Service of our 2023-2024 Board of Trustees on June 16 in support of those who choose to lead. Because of you, our future is strong and bright. Thank you!

Lisa-Sue Quackenbush



**Wednesday, June 14 at 7pm
Annual Congregation Meeting**

**Friday, June 16 at 7:30pm
Installation Shabbat Service**

Scriptural Readings

June 3

Naso II

Numbers 6:1-7:89; Judges 13:13-25

June 10

B'haalot'cha

Numbers 8:1-12:16; Zechariah 2:14-4:7

June 17

Sh'lach L'cha

Numbers 13:1-15:41; Joshua 2:1-24

June 24

Korach

Numbers 16:1-18:32; I Samuel 11:14-12:22

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. Join our lively discussions! Class is hybrid. Anticipated to be held throughout June, July and August. May be lay-led if Rabbi is on vacation.

Contact office@vassartemple.org for updates and to be placed on the class e-mail list.

"The Talmud: Modern Ideas from Ancient Text" on Zoom alternate Mondays (June 5 and 19 noon-1:30, taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. Class on hiatus during July-August

For study sheets and the link:

pjgolomb@verizon.net

Bimah Flowers for our Services ~ June 2023

Just as Shabbat Services help brighten our weeks, so do the Bimah flowers which brighten our Sanctuary. Please let the office know if you would like to sponsor our flower arrangements in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. Due to rising costs, sponsoring Bimah flowers will increase from \$55 to \$60 beginning with July sponsorships.

Should there be more than one sponsor for a Shabbat, a larger flower arrangement will be provided. Sponsored flowers are fresh floral arrangements.



June 2023 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- June 2: Gail D'Alessio in memory of Charles Simon Steinbuck, and Susan Budson Fink in memory of Allen Fink
- June 9: Ken and Amy Horn Oclatis in memory of Beatrice and David Horn
- June 16: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- June 23: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- June 30: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)

Past Bimah Flowers Update:

- April 28: Sisterhood to thank everyone for their support of Sisterhood

New Paths Service ~ June 2023

Join us at Vassar Temple for New Paths Sabbath morning services on Saturdays June 3 & 17 at 10:15am. The moving liturgy includes both traditional and contemporary writings, mostly in English. "We take the time to let the service get through us, rather than getting through the service." Time is allowed for questions and discussion, and participants may bring supplemental materials to share. Each New Paths service, whether lay-led or rabbi-led, provides a unique, thoughtful, spiritually oriented Shabbat morning experience. We meet "hybrid" (both inside the Temple and on Zoom). Contact office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570 if you need the Zoom link, if you are attending remotely but do not have a New Paths prayer book, and for dates of July-August New Paths Services. Policies for safe in-person attendance are on our website www.vassartemple.org

Picnic and Outdoor Service Friday, June 9 at 6pm

Vassar Temple's Annual Picnic and Outdoor Service will be held on the patio and front lawn of the Temple on Friday, June 9, beginning at 6pm. The menu will feature vegetable and veggie/cheese paninis, cheese pizza, cold beverages, and dessert. For those with food restrictions, dairy-free and gluten-free paninis and gluten-free pizza are available. Casual dress is fine! Please bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket. The kabbalat shabbat service led by Rabbi Renni Altman will begin after dinner.

A special invitation is extended to returning college students to join us. Everyone planning on attending the picnic is asked to RSVP by June 6 to picnic@vassartemple.org. Please let us know how many adults and children in your family are attending, and if anyone has dietary restrictions, please give us their name and needs, and we will have a specially prepared dinner labeled and waiting for them. The cost of the Picnic Shabbat dinner is \$15.00 per adult; children eat for free. Please pay ahead of time by check or cash. Checks should be made payable to Vassar Temple with "RC Picnic Shabbat" in the memo line. In case of inclement weather, the event will take place indoors in the Social Hall.





Religious School Update ~ June 2023



Thank you, Vassar Temple, for welcoming me back so warmly after a twelve-year absence! Although some of the faces have changed, the positive, upbeat, and supportive atmosphere are still the same. It feels good.

Although it's odd to come aboard in April instead of summer, it's valuable to meet the students and teachers before I begin summer planning. The school year wound up with Mitzvah Day, a thank-you Teacher Appreciation Shabbat service, and a last-day celebration with the awarding of graduation certificates, a naming ritual for several young students, a retrospective slide-show and, of course, ice cream.

I want to thank especially Rabbi Altman for her support and guidance, the Religious School committee for their valuable work, the teachers, madrichim, and friendly students (and their parents), and most of all, the astonishingly talented and devoted Karen Clark. If Karen decides to run for public office, I'll knock on doors for her.

Happy summer!

Rabbi Shoshana Hantman

Religious School Director



Improvements to Temple Credit Card Processing

We are pleased to announce that we are now able to accept all credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, Discover, Amex) as well as debit cards for transactions through our website and office.

Member transactions (dues, Capital Fund pledges, school tuition, fees) are available on our website at <https://vassartemple.org/pay-dues-fees/>.

For donations, please go to <https://vassartemple.org/donate-to-funds/>.

We appreciate your consideration that use of debit cards incurs lower processing fees for the temple.

Thank you for your support!

Climate Corner

June update from our Dayenu Circle



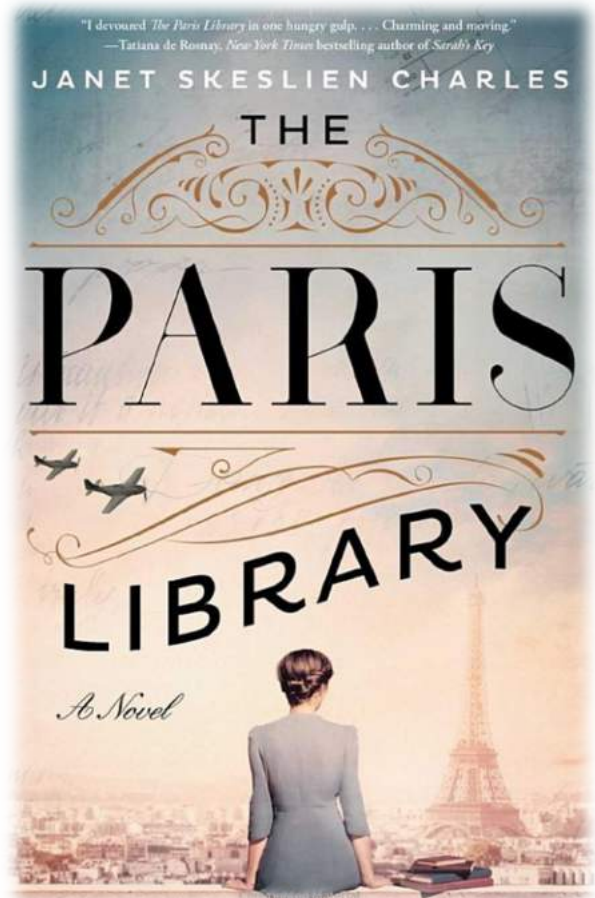
Would you like to help make Vassar Temple more sustainable and save money in the process? We are forming a *Green Team* to review all aspects of our operations for these opportunities. This will be a broad range, from reviewing our recent energy audit, to materials procurement, office and kitchen operations, outdoor property management and native plantings, encouraging carpools for events...all fair game! There are a number of great resources for houses of worship to help us plan this journey.

Contact dayenu@vassartemple.org to be involved!

Book Club to Discuss *The Paris Library* ~ June 21

Based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during World War II, Janet Skeslien Charles's *The Paris Library* is a moving and unforgettable ode to the importance of libraries and the power of books. Odile Souchet seems to have the perfect life with her handsome police officer boyfriend and a dream job at the American Library in Paris in 1939. When the Nazis march into the city, Odile stands to lose everything she holds dear, including her beloved library. Together with her fellow librarians, Odile joins the Resistance with the best weapons she has: books. But when the war finally ends, instead of freedom, Odile tastes the bitter sting of unspeakable betrayal.

Multiple copies of this novel, including large print and CD versions, are available through the local library system. All are welcome to discuss this timely read on Wednesday, June 21 at 2pm, in person at the College View Tower community room, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie. Please RSVP to bookclub@vassartemple.org.



Cemetery Notes

Our dedicated Cemetery Committee recognizes the high priority of caring for our sacred burial spaces and honoring our own and congregational ancestors. We're pleased to report...

- Ongoing property management in all sections on Lagrange Avenue.
- Completion of stone cleaning in both the South (current) section and the Hebrew Benevolent Society area.
- Progress in creating an accurate map of the South section and plans to do the same in the North (old) section.
- A successful Genizah Service (ritual burial of sacred texts) in collaboration with the Ritual Committee. The area created for books/sacred items is deep and will support additional burial as materials again collect.
- The return of the Mitzvah Day cleanup of our historic cemetery on Pershing Avenue.
(pictures below)



- That the Pershing Cemetery was featured in a public library program about historic cemeteries in the City of Poughkeepsie.
- Working with our counterparts at Temple Beth-El on an equitable plan for winter maintenance costs at our shared Route 44 location.
- Progress in prudent management of our Cemetery Funds in collaboration with the Finance Committee.
- Progress in an overall policy review, soon to come to the Board.

We are calling for volunteers to assist with periodic litter pickup and clearing of dirt and grass from the flat military plaques. This is an excellent opportunity for students to perform community service! Please contact cemetery@vassartemple.org.

Genizah Service

A Genizah service—ritual burial of sacred texts—was held in the Vassar Temple cemetery on April 30. Vassar Temple Religious School students climbed into the book area to help place these sacred materials lovingly to rest in accordance with Jewish tradition. Members also placed unusable family belongings to rest. The books were covered by hand with earth, with the plot filled in later by our cemetery caretaker. The event was organized by our Cemetery and Ritual Committees. The designated area is deep enough to be accessed again in the future for additional books, and the surface will be planted with native wildflowers to support life-sustaining pollinators. We appreciate everyone who came out to lend a hand and witness this ritual despite the inclement weather.



Pictured are organizers Ellie Krevolin and Susan Karnes Hecht with Rabbi Altman.

Thank You Vassar Temple

Thanks to one and all who participated in Mitzvah Day 2023, our Jewish Federation-sponsored day of service by the local Jewish Community. You truly made a difference, whether you led or worked on an outdoor cleanup project, donated breakfast cereal or hygiene items for those in need, made a comic book for a child in a shelter, baked for Lunch Box, created a cozy blanket for a cancer patient, or assisted with any of the other service projects we carried out that day! Special thanks to Judy Rosenfeld, Gil Seligman, Susan Karnes Hecht, Ralph Schwartz, Paul Ciminello, our Religious School Director Rabbi Shoshana Hantman, and our RS parents who helped in planning and leading the projects.

We are also grateful to those of you who made donations toward gift cards for Ukrainian refugee children. If you have suggestions for future projects of the Vassar Temple Social Action Committee, or would like to explore joining us in our work, we'd love to hear from you! Email socialaction@vassartemple.org.

Marian Schwartz

Social Action Chair



MITZVAH DAY



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To Nancy Belok who was a recent Honoree
at the Haiti Project's Art & Soul Gala

To Judy & Eric Rosenfeld on the marriage of
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June 2

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 Rachel Diamond
 Regina Mendel
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 Margaret "Honey" Sylvester
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 Gertrude Tavss
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June 9

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June 16

Sallie Cohen
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 Paul Kraut
 Emily Himelstein
 Harry Kaltwasser
 Beatrice Gross
 Miriam Gellert
 Samuel Cohen
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 Dr. Kurt Holzer
 Sylvia Arnold
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 Benjamin Budson
 Sylvia Decovnick
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June 23

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 Frieda Kazachin
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June 30

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June Jahrzeits

Sisterhood is Looking for Knitters!

We are collecting 50 hats and 50 scarves to donate to Dutchess Outreach in October. In case you are in need of a pattern—see below.

Scarf Pattern ~ Size US 7 knitting needles and worsted-weight yarn

- Cast on 34 stitches
- Row 1 (Right side): K2, (P2, K2) across
- Row 2: P2, (K2, P2) across
- Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for pattern until piece measures approximately 54" from cast on edge or to desired length. Bind off all stitches in pattern.

Hat Pattern ~ Size US 7 knitting needles and worsted-weight yarn

- Directions are for size Small (Women's); changes for size Large (Men's) are in parentheses
- Cast on 100 (112) stitches
- Row 1 (Right side): (K2, P2) across
- Repeat Row 1 for pattern until piece measures approximately 10½"(11") from cast on edge, ending by working a wrong side row
- Hat Crown Shaping
 - Row 1 (Right side): (K2 tog, P2) across: 75(84) sts
 - Row 2: (K2, P1) across
 - Row 3: (K1, P2 tog) across: 50(56) sts
 - Rows 4-6: (K1, P1) across
- Size Small Only
 - Row 7: P2 tog, (K2 tog, P2 tog) across: 25 sts
 - Row 8: K1, (P1, K1) across
 - Row 9: P1, (K1, P1) across
 - Row 10: K1, (P1, K1) across
- Size Large Only
 - Row 7: (P2 tog, K2 tog) across: 28 sts
 - Row 8: (K1, P1) across
 - Row 9: (P1, K1) across.
 - Row 10: (K1, P1) across.
- All Sizes Row 11: K1, (K2 tog, K1) across: 17 (19) sts
- Cut yarn leaving a 16" end. Thread yarn needle with end and weave through remaining stitches. Draw up firm; fasten securely.



Sisterhood Chai Noon Luncheon ~ Tuesday, July 18, 2023

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 not be meeting until Tuesday, July 18. Specific details about the July 18 meeting regarding the restaurant, name and address, 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 newsletter 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.

SISTERHOOD RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Andi Ciminello's Curried Greens Soup

Ingredients

- 1 bunch kale, stems removed
- 1 to 2 large onions, rough chopped
- 1 to 2 large cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
- 3 to 4 large carrots, peeled and cut into strips
- 4 to 5 potatoes, peeled and large cubed (no need to peel if using small yellow potatoes)
- Olive or canola oil for sautéing
- Fresh dill, parsley or cilantro, ends trimmed
- 5 cups vegetable broth
- 1 can coconut milk (full fat)
- 1 heaping teaspoon Asian green curry paste
- 1-2 teaspoons curry powder



Directions

- In a large saucepan sauté the onion, garlic, carrots, and potatoes in olive or canola oil for a few minutes over medium-high heat. Add curry powder. Add fresh dill, parsley or cilantro.
- When potatoes and carrots are a bit soft add 5 cups vegetable broth and the kale. Let this cook for 15-20 minutes.
- Add the can of coconut milk and green curry paste. The curry paste is very spicy, so go easy.
- Cook everything together in a large pot until it's all soft.
- Use an immersion blender to puree the whole pot. Makes about 3 quarts.

Sisterhood Salad Supper ~ June 26

Please join us at the Annual Sisterhood Salad Supper, Monday, June 26 at 6pm. RSVP to VTSdinner@vassartemple.org by Friday, June 16. Please bring a dairy or pareve dish to share and let us know what you plan to bring for planning purposes. Check Temple emails for location.



Vassar Temple's



Sunday, June 4
We Return Finally!

Hours are 9:30am to 12:30pm ~ Bag Sale from 2pm to 5pm

Seasonal items & clothing, shoes, books, luggage & purses, and more...

For donations:

- Items should be new or gently used and not out of season
- NO old computers and other electronic devices, textbooks and items that are not saleable
- Items unfit for sale cost us money in fees to remove them
- If we cannot accept your item, it is because we feel it will not sell
- Donations can be made the week prior during Temple hours: Tuesday, May 30 to Friday, June 2 (10am to 2pm)
- Some evening hours will be announced
- Please DO NOT leave anything outside the building!

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED & APPRECIATED!!

- We will issue a letter for any student that needs volunteer hours
- Contact Temple office or bargainbasement@vassartemple.org with any questions

Calendar of Events—June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm Ritual CTME	2 7:30pm Pride Shabbat Service 	3 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
4 9:30am Bargain Basement  10:30am Lunch Box	5 12 pm Talmud Study	6	7	8 7:30pm Cemetery CTME	9 6pm Vassar Temple's Annual Picnic and Outdoor Service 	10 9am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
11	12	13 5pm Brotherhood Happy Hour 7pm The Borscht Belt Boys: Growing up Jewish in the Catskills 	14 7pm Annual Congregational Meeting	15	16 7:30pm Installation Shabbat Service	17 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
18	19 OFFICE CLOSED  12 pm Talmud Study	20 5:30pm Endowment Fund CMTE	21 2pm VTS Book Club  7pm Finance CMTE	22 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm Board Meeting	23 7:30pm Shabbat Service	24 9am Torah Study (tentative)
25	26 6pm Sisterhood Salad Supper 	27	28	29	30 7:30pm Shabbat Service	

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

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Annual Protein Plenty Drive ~ A Vassar Temple Tradition, Through July 15

At this time of year, when donations to food pantries always dwindle, let's stock Community Action Partnership's pantries in Poughkeepsie, Dover, Red Hook and Beacon with protein-rich foods, which they can distribute to children, families and adults of all ages in need! A special focus is children who may be missing their free school lunch over the summer.

How to help?

Through July 15, you're invited to send a tax-deductible donation for Protein Plenty, in any amount, to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please write "Protein Plenty" on the memo line of your check. Or you can donate by credit card to the Temple's Community Tzedakah Fund, designating the donation for "Protein Plenty." 100% of these donations will be used to purchase supermarket scrip from the temple, so the Temple benefits, too! Questions? Please contact socialaction@vassartemple.org.

"Vassar Temple Cares About Hunger"