



# Vassar Temple

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Congregation Brethren of Israel, Founded 1848—Bulletin Volume 171 No. 10 May 2023

The Community is Invited to Join With  
Vassar Temple, Temple Beth-El, & Congregation Shir Chadash for  
**A Sabbath of Music and Worship**  
With Composer-in-Residence Noah Aronson  
& Joint Community Choir

"Noah Aronson performs with joy, passion and a rich musicality that connects with audiences, heart-to-heart and soul-to-soul!"  
- Anita Diamant, author of *The Red Tent*

**Friday, May 19, 7:30 pm**

Shabbat Evening Service at Vassar Temple  
140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie

**Saturday, May 20, 10 am**

Shabbat Morning Service at Temple Beth-El  
(Followed by Luncheon and Song Circle)  
118 S. Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie

**Saturday, May 20, 7:30 pm**

Concert and Havdalah at Congregation Shir Chadash  
1168 Route 55, Langrangeville



**Free and open to the public**  
RSVPs appreciated to [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org)

This program is made possible through the support of the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, the Irving and Gloria Schlossberg Family Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and generous private donors.

## From the Rabbi's Desk:



Music is central to Jewish culture, especially to worship. Since the days when the Temple stood in Jerusalem and the Levites sang the psalms and played instruments, music has elevated the spirit and enriched Jewish prayer. Song gives us hope in times of darkness and increases our joy in moments of celebration.

Of the many joys of being back to in-person

worship, prime among them is our ability to sing together once again. It is with the power of song that we will return to an in-person Community Shabbaton later this month, May 19-20, in partnership with Congregation Shir Chadash and Temple Beth-El. We are thrilled that Noah Aronson, one of the leading composers of contemporary Jewish music today, will be our composer-in-residence.

The Shabbaton will be an extraordinary opportunity for our three congregations to be exposed to new Jewish music. While we often think of certain settings of prayers as having “come from Sinai,” in truth Jewish liturgical music has always been very fluid as composers, influenced by music trends of their times, bring those influences into their compositions for prayers. Through maintaining a balance between traditional and new settings, Jewish worship has remained vibrant and relevant across the centuries.

Noah Aronson is among those musicians who are changing the landscape of Jewish music. Many of his pieces have been integrated into worship services in progressive synagogues across the country, including ours. His beautiful setting for *Let There Be Love*, an interpretation of the *Hashkivenu* prayer written by the late Rabbi Chaim Stern, is a mainstay of our Shabbat worship experience.

A graduate of the Berklee College of Music, Noah has released four full-length solo albums of his own Jewish music and has embarked upon numerous creative projects, partnering with communities across the country to create new songs. In addition to performing at congregations throughout North America and abroad, Noah pursues his love of teaching by serving on the faculty of HUC-JIR's Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music and at music, ritual and worship conferences. You can read more about him and listen to some of his music at <http://www.noaharonson.com/>.

A most exciting element of the Shabbaton will be the participation of a choir composed of members of the three congregations. Cantor Goldmann and Joe Bertolozzi have been rehearsing with the choir who will be privileged to perform Noah's music under his direction.

Noah will enrich our worship through his participation in both Friday evening and Saturday morning services and will then offer a concert Saturday night, one that will be participatory in nature with both choir and audience joining in. As is our custom, each service will include the participation of clergy from the three congregations. We will host the service Friday night which will feature the choir; Temple Beth-El will host Shabbat morning services, to be followed by a kiddush lunch and a “song circle” led by Noah; and Congregation Shir Chadash will host the concert that will conclude with Havdalah and refreshments.

Planning for this Shabbaton actually began about three years ago and was originally scheduled for March, 2021. As with so many events of the “COVID era,” however, safety concerns forced its postponement until this spring. Thus, it is with real excitement and anticipation that we look forward to this Shabbaton coming to fruition in a few weeks.

Please see the front-page article and announcements in the weekly for details about each of the events. I hope that you will join Cantor Goldmann and me for what will certainly be an uplifting and joyful Shabbat in song with a gifted composer and musician.

*Rabbi Renni Altman*



## President’s Message:

*Keshet* is a Hebrew word meaning both “rainbow,” a symbol of LGBTQ pride, and “bow,” an instrument for action. It is also a national organization that works for LGBTQ equality in all facets of Jewish life. Keshet equips Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge to build LGBTQ-affirming communities, creating spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen

and valued; and advances LGBTQ rights nationwide.

Being seen and valued seems like something that is simple, natural and accepted. In the LGBTQ community, unfortunately, this is often not the case. This community is often ignored, bullied or marginalized in both subtle and not-so-subtle ways. Keshet has developed the leadership of LGBTQ Jewish teens and trained Jewish educators to prevent anti-LGBTQ bullying and celebrate LGBTQ identity as well as mobilizing Jewish communities to protect marriage equality and transgender rights.

Keshet is an amazing organization that envisions a world in which all LGBTQ Jews and families can live with full equity, justice, and dignity. The URJ, JGN (the Jewish Grandparents Network) and Keshet share a commitment to an inclusive Jewish community that reflects and affirms marginalized identities.

We at Vassar Temple have an LGBTQ Safe Zone sign (marketed by Keshet) out in front of our building and on our front door. We like to think this makes all people feel welcome, acknowledged and safe. I am not always sure that it does. I believe we need to feel a bit more comfortable as a congregation and as individuals as to what this means and entails. In order for us to exude the feeling of “Audacious Hospitality” (Reform Jewish movement’s focused effort on Racial Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) I

believe we need to educate and familiarize ourselves with some of the terminology and issues surrounding LGBTQ members of our community.

Some of us are comfortable with correct terminology, gender identity and use of preferred pronouns. Many in our congregation and of a certain generation are not. I am a firm believer in the adage “Without knowledge, action is useless, and knowledge without action is futile.” - Abu Bakr. Knowledge is a tool and the more comfortable we are in using these tools, the more authentic we can be in participating in Audacious Hospitality and truly welcoming members of the LGBTQ community into our congregation.

Every year, during the month of June, Pride month is celebrated by the LGBTQ community and beyond. June was chosen because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place back in 1969. And while we have certainly come a long way since the riots of 1969, it is imperative that we continue to do what we can to raise awareness, improve attitudes of society and encourage inclusiveness in our own congregation. Friday, June 2 at 7:30, Vassar Temple will celebrate Pride Month with a Pride Shabbat. Wear your Rainbow colors. Learn something new. Imbibe yourself with inspirational words and stories of those who continue to pave the way for better understanding and acceptance of those who feel misunderstood and marginalized.

For more information on some of these great organizations, I’ve included some links.

**Keshet:**  
[www.keshetonline.org](http://www.keshetonline.org)

**Jewish Grandparents Network JGN:**  
[www.jewishgrandparentsnetwork.org](http://www.jewishgrandparentsnetwork.org)

**URJ Audacious Hospitality:**  
[www.urj.org/what-we-do/audacious-hospitality](http://www.urj.org/what-we-do/audacious-hospitality)

*Lisa-Sue Quackenbush*



## Scriptural Readings

### May 6

#### Emor

Leviticus 21:1-24:23; Ezekiel 44:15-31

### May 13

#### B'har/B'chukotai

Leviticus 25:1-27:34; Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

### May 20

#### Midbar

Numbers 1:1-4:20; Hosea 2:1-22

### May 27

#### Naso I

Numbers 4:21-5:31; Judges 13:2-12

## 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 (no class May 20). Class is hybrid. Contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) to be placed on the class e-mail list.

“**The Talmud: Modern Ideas from Ancient Text**” on Zoom, on Mondays, May 1 and 15, noon-1:30, taught by Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb. To verify dates, for study sheets, and the link: [pjgolomb@verizon.net](mailto:pjgolomb@verizon.net)

All welcome!

No previous training required

No charge to attend

## Bimah Flowers for our Services ~ May 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.



### May 2023 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- May 5: Donated by Martin Noble in memory of Samuel Blaine and the Quackenbush family in memory of Gayle Margolin
- May 12: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- May 19: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- May 26: Donated by Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)

### April 2023 Update:

- April 21: Donated by Polly Lewis in memory of her parents, Dorothy & Reuben Lewis

## New Paths Service ~ May 2023

Join us at Vassar Temple for New Paths Sabbath morning service on Saturday, May 6 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](mailto: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, or if you have any questions. Policies for safe in-person attendance are on our website [www.vassartemple.org](http://www.vassartemple.org)

## Mitzvah Day is Back!

A Day of Community Service ~ Sunday, May 7, 2023

Kick-off Breakfast: 8:30am at Congregation Schomre Israel

18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Service project opportunities for everyone—kids, teens, adults, families

Learn more and sign up at [www.jewishdutchessd.org/events](http://www.jewishdutchessd.org/events)



**Cereal Counts**—Help combat summer hunger. Please bring boxed cereal to Vassar Temple, the new Jewish Federation office, or to Mitzvah Day. Cereal Counts benefits children of Morse School & local food pantries.


**Toiletry/Hygiene Item Drive**—Please bring full-size items to Vassar Temple or to Mitzvah Day. Benefits Grace Smith domestic violence shelter & Dutchess Outreach. Needed: shampoo, hair conditioner, body wash and bar soap.

**Questions:** [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org) or Jewish Federation of Dutchess County 845-471-9811

## Religious School Update ~ May 2023

Our religious school year will draw to a close this month with some very special activities. First will be the return of the community Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 7. Mitzvah Day has been on hiatus since COVID and we are thrilled that that under the leadership of the Jewish Federation, with a planning committee of representatives from the participating congregations and PJ Library, we are able to bring back this opportunity to provide much needed support in the community in a variety of ways. Our children and families will be able to participate in any number of family-friendly projects that range from making Mothers' Day cards for residents of the Grace Smith House, to outdoor planting and painting, to helping to clean up our historic cemetery on Pershing Avenue. More details and sign-up sheets will follow: ALL students are expected to participate and travel arrangements to sites will be made where needed.

Friday night, May 12, will be Teacher Appreciation Shabbat when we, as a congregation, will have the opportunity to recognize our wonderful teachers and *madrichim*. It will be a Simchat Shabbat service at 6pm with special tributes and Oneg! We are so grateful to our teaching staff and all that they have brought to our children during this past year:

-  Chloe Mengden—Kitah Aleph
-  Paige Kowalski—Kitah Dalet
-  Tovah Gelb—Kitah Hey
-  Kelly Fagel—Kitah Zayin
-  Laurel Obermueller—Hebrew for Kitah Dalet
-  Shira Teich—Hebrew for Kitah Hey



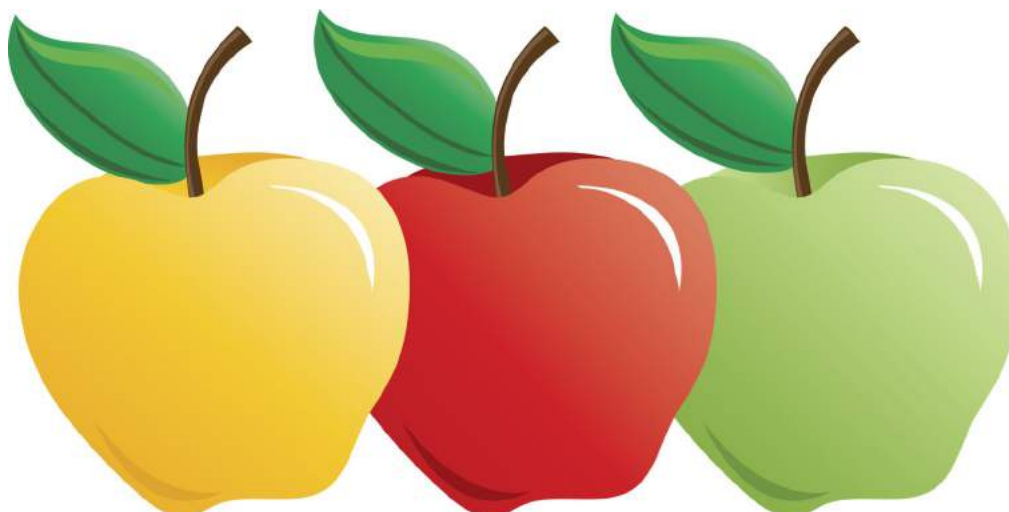
Hannah Gendron has been Assistant in the Religious School this year, helping out in the office, subbing, and doing whatever is needed. We wish her much success as she goes off to Brandeis University in the fall.

And our terrific *madrichim*: Thomas Carr, Hadami Gendron, Lilly Gold and Lana Lieberman. We wish Lana well as she goes off to college in the fall.

As has been Vassar Temple custom, there will be no religious school on Mothers' Day, May 14 so that children can treat their moms to a special day!

Our closing day of the year will be Sunday, May 21 when special end-of-the-year activities will be planned.

*Rabbi Renni Altman*



## Welcome to the new Religious School Director: Rabbi Hantman



We are so very pleased to welcome back Rabbi Shoshana Hantman as our Religious School Director. Rabbi Hantman served in this capacity at Vassar Temple from 2009-2011 and left to pursue full-time work and to write. She received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, her M.Ed. from Temple University, and rabbinical ordination by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She founded the independent Halutsim Hebrew School in 1992. In 2014 she published the award-winning “Passover Parodies: Short Plays for the Seder Table;” this was followed by “Choose Your Path” and “Hanukkah Parodies.” Her career has included a decade in the pulpit and over thirty years as a Jewish educator. She lives in northern Westchester County with her husband, Richard Weill, and their children Mollie and Isaac.

Rabbi Hantman stepped into her role here immediately following Spring break. As Religious School Director, Rabbi Hantman will oversee that program on Sunday mornings while Rabbi Altman will continue to oversee the mid-week Hebrew program.

Rabbi Hantman has very fond memories of her years at Vassar Temple and is excited to return to us and we look forward to her leadership, her creativity and all that she will bring to our teachers and students.

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

Saturday, May 13 at 10:30am

All young children up to first grade are invited to bring their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and/or friends to Vassar Temple on Saturday, May 13 at 10:30am. Rabbi Altman and her stuffed bear friends Kachol v’Lavan will be there to help us greet the Sabbath and to learn about the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. Tell your friends and neighbors—this short 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).



## Your Pledge to the Vassar Temple Endowment Will be a Game Changer

For many of us, requests for contributions get put aside and, in the end, are ignored or get tossed in the “circular file.” After all, there are many good causes calling for our attention and support, and our resources are limited. So, why should we—no, the question is why should **you**—make the Vassar Temple Endowment Fund **your** priority: something to which you should pledge **now**, rather than postpone to a future date or put in the “maybe I’ll do it, but I’m not sure” category?

The answer is that the Endowment needs your support in order to provide a steady stream of income to the Temple in perpetuity. Without it, we’ll need to keep “scrambling” to stay on top of ever-growing needs. Dozens of Temple members have already stepped up to show their commitment, and for this we are indeed grateful. Why don’t you join them in making the Endowment **your** **priority**, too? Let’s ensure that there will be another 175 years of Reform Judaism in the Hudson Valley.



*Martin Charwat and Lou Lewis,  
Co-Chairs, Temple Endowment Fund*

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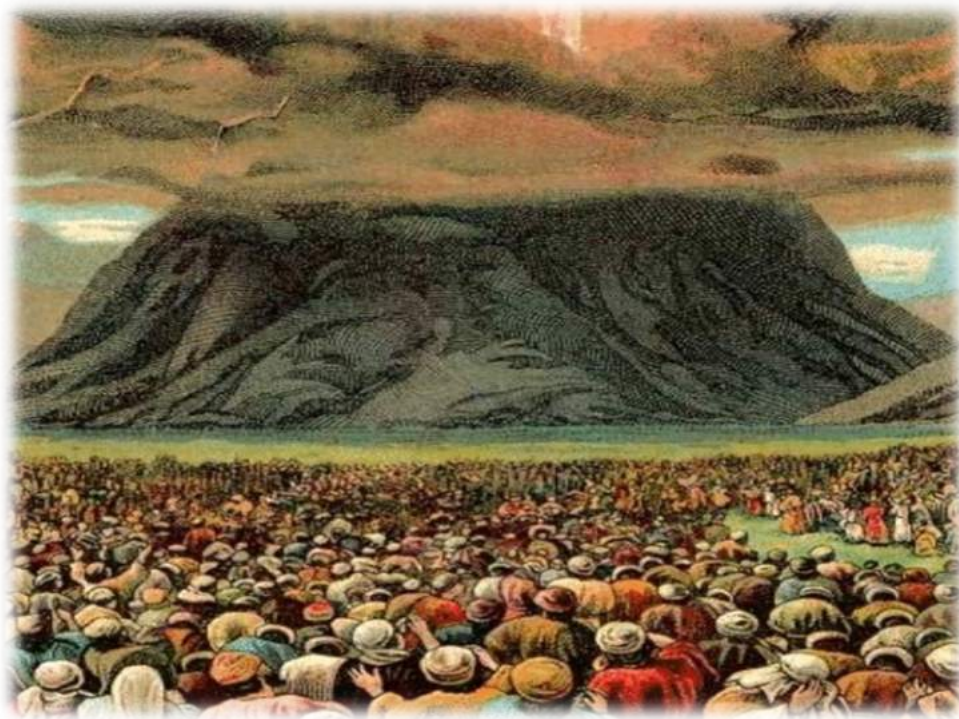
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## Shavuot Festival Service & Yizkor Friday, May 12 at 10:30am

Join us for Vassar Temple's Shavuot Festival Service, Friday, May 12 at 10:30 am. Shavuot commemorates and celebrates the revelation on Sinai and our receiving the Torah. At this time of joy, we also observe Yizkor in remembrance of our departed loved ones. It can be comforting to remember them in the context of your Temple community. The Festival Service & Yizkor will be hybrid. For the Zoom link, please watch Temple e-mails or contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).



### Sisterhood Chai Noon Luncheon ~ Thursday, May 18, 2023

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 Thursday, May 18. Specific details about the May restaurant will be emailed 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.

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 Naomi Berkowitz  
 Judith Schneider  
 Sarah Chernack  
 Nathan Lescher  
 Walter Kallman  
 Samuel Blaine  
 Toby U. Cederbaum  
 Ida Albinder  
 Edna Gibell  
 Eva Revitz  
 Ruth Myer  
 Helen Danilin Klein  
 Louis Lipp  
 Eugene Jacobs  
 Mary Kovacs  
 Paul Reznikoff  
 Seymour Shapiro

**May 12**

Betty Fein  
 Jack Rubinstein  
 Victor Collen  
 Harry L. Levitan  
 Dorothy Lewis  
 Leo Tauber  
 Gayle Margolin  
 Martin Frankel  
 Samuel Cederbaum  
 David Lawrence Wolfson  
 Manuel Darwin  
 Charlotte Miller  
 Kurt Lemberger  
 Susan Patricia Messing  
 Bernard "Paul" Buchalter  
 Bernice D. Rabin  
 Steve Ganeles

**May 19**

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 Eugenia Pearlstein  
 Josephine Lion Kahn  
 Joseph Markoe  
 Marjorie F. Katz  
 Nathan Landau  
 Samuel Sigalow  
 Charlotte Cohen  
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 Charles Kagan  
 Henry Feder  
 Hyman Hoffman  
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 Selma Goldsmith  
 Hyman Fink  
 Selma Friedman Satz  
 Rose S. Podell  
 Bernard Lesk  
 Eloise Ross  
 Ruth Browner  
 Ellen Rosenfeld  
 Grace Selzer

**May 26**

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 Harold Jacobs  
 Mary B. Sparks  
 Martin Cohen  
 Ken Richter  
 Martin Gally  
 Iris Krause  
 Miriam Niesen  
 Joseph H. Goodman  
 Annie Givner  
 Goldie Simon  
 Therese Lehman  
 Stuart Chertock  
 Alvin Kaskowitz  
 James Burns  
 Eugene Seigel

**May Yahrzeits**



**To Alisha Albinder Camac  
 for receiving the Next Generation Award!**

**Alisha will be honored at the upcoming  
 Jewish Federation Celebration on June 7**



## Tikkun Leil Shavuot: “Close Encounters Meeting God” Thursday, May 25 at 8pm

Congregation Shir Chadash, Temple Beth-El and Vassar Temple will join together for a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, a gathering to prepare oneself spiritually for Shavuot, the holiday celebrating the receiving of the Torah. The program will open with the Festival *Ma'ariv* service at 8pm, followed by dessert and study at 8:30. During the study session, the three temples' Rabbis, Glenn Jacob, Michael Fessler, and Renni Altman, will share their reflections on revelation and our relationship with God. This event is open to the community and is being hosted by Temple Beth-El. The program will be held in person with an online option. For the online link, watch temple e-mails or contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).

## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY Sunday, May 28 at 11am

Schomre Hadath Cemetery, 67 Lagrange Avenue, Poughkeepsie 12603  
(across from Vassar Temple Cemetery)

Presented by Jewish War Veterans Post 625  
Poughkeepsie High School JROTC Color Guard  
Roy C. Ketcham High School Wappingers Bugler  
Seating & Water will be available



## HONOR OUR FALLEN VETERANS

## Save the Date! Sunday, June 4 ~ A Renewed Bargain Basement Sale (formerly the Rummage Sale)

- Details will follow in the June Bulletin and weekly Temple emails.
- Please donate new or gently used seasonal items!
- Useful items are the best.
- Volunteers welcome!



## SISTERHOOD RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

### Moroccan Eggplant with Garbanzo Beans

This recipe is from Vassar Temple member Marcia Tanzman

#### Ingredients

- 1 large onion, cut in half and sliced thin
- 5 medium cloves garlic, pressed
- 1 medium red bell pepper, cut in 1-inch squares
- 1 medium eggplant, cut into 1-inch pieces
- pinch of red pepper flakes
- 2 teaspoons turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon garam masala
- 2 cups or 1 15 oz can garbanzo beans (BPA Free)
- 1 15 oz can lentils, drained
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 1-1/4 cups + 1 tablespoon vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup raisins or currants
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- salt and black pepper to taste

#### Directions

- Slice onion and press garlic.
- Heat 1 tablespoon broth in a 10–12-inch skillet.
- Sauté onion in broth over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring frequently.
- Add garlic, red bell pepper, eggplant, garam masala, and turmeric. Stir to mix well for a minute and add broth and tomato sauce. Stir again to mix, cover, and cook over medium low heat for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until peppers and eggplant are tender.
- Add garbanzo beans, lentils, red chili flakes, and raisins (or currants). Simmer for another 5 minutes.
- Season with salt and pepper.
- Top with chopped cilantro.



If you have not already registered for our online auction, don't miss it!

## VASSAR TEMPLE TREASURES

To benefit Vassar Temple & Vassar Temple Sisterhood

Goods ~ Services ~ Judaica ~ Handmade Items

Baked Goods ~ Collectibles ~ Art ~ Travel

Live bidding closes at noon on Sunday 5/7

## HOW TO REGISTER

Go to [www.biddingforgood.com/vassartemple](http://www.biddingforgood.com/vassartemple)

You can enter the site and view items before you register, but in order to bid you must click on "Register to bid" and enter your information.

## AUCTION TERMS






**Opening bid:** this is the lowest amount you can bid for a particular item.

**Increment:** this is the minimum amount that the bid must be raised each time the current highest bidder is passed.

**Reserve:** this is the minimum price that will be accepted in order for the item to be awarded. Only some of our items have a reserve. You will see that noted when you view the item. In case an item does not meet the reserve, the highest bidder may be contacted to see if a sale can be made.



# Calendar of Events—May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 12pm Talmud Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:30pm Hebrew School  7pm Joint Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 7pm Ritual CTME	<b>5</b> 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>6</b> 9am Torah Study  10:15am New Paths
<b>7</b> NO Religious School  8:30am Mitzvah Day  10:30am Lunch Box	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Lag BaOmer  5pm Brotherhood Happy Hour  	<b>10</b> 4:30pm Hebrew School	<b>11</b> 7pm Joint Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 6pm Teacher Appreciation Shabbat Service  	<b>13</b> 9am Torah Study  10:30am Shabbat Y'ladim
<b>14</b> NO Religious School  	<b>15</b> 12 pm Talmud Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Hebrew School ~ last day  7pm Finance CMTE	<b>18</b> 12pm Chai Noon Sisterhood Luncheon    7pm Board Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:30pm Joint Choir Rehearsal (tentative)  7:30pm Community Shabbaton with Noah Aronson at Vassar Temple	<b>20</b> NO Torah Study  10am Shabbat Morning Service with Noah Aronson at Temple Beth-El  7:30pm Concert with Noah Aronson (Congregation Shir Chadash)
<b>21</b> 9am Religious School ~ last day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7pm Annual Calendar Meeting	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Shelter Meal  8pm Tikkun Leil Shavuot <i>Close</i> <i>Encounters:</i> <i>Meeting God</i> hosted by Temple Beth-El	<b>26</b> Shavuot OFFICE CLOSED  10:30am Shavuot Festival Service & Yizkor  7:30pm Shabbat Service	<b>27</b> 9am Torah Study (tentative)
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED  	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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


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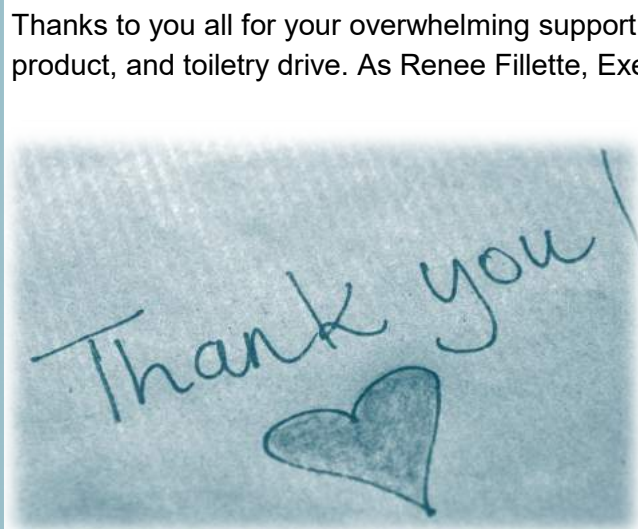
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Thanks to you all for your overwhelming support of our “Purim Pasta Plus” nonperishable food, hygiene product, and toiletry drive. As Renee Fillette, Executive Director of Dutchess Outreach, said in her thank you note, “Dutchess Outreach exists to help people when they need it the most. The hardship our community is now faced with has left many with no other option, and we’re here to help any way we can, with care and dignity... The impact of this work and your support often changes the course of a person’s life. None of this important work could happen without you.” And a special shout out to Joel Kelson and his daughter Mariel for delivering all our donated items to Dutchess Outreach’s food pantry.

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