



Vassar Temple

Where You Belong

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An “Aladdin” Purim ~ Saturday March 23 Dinner 5:30pm—Hybrid Program 7:30pm

Our 2024 Purim celebration will feature a megillah reading, a family service, and a Purim spiel set to the music of the movie “Aladdin.”

Adults and children are needed for both singing and non-singing roles—contact ritual@vassartemple.org ASAP to sign up—no auditions! This will be a light and funny Vassar Temple event, so come one, come all, to make merry on this joyous holiday. Come in costume—follow our “Aladdin” theme, or dress as a character from the story of Purim, or in any favorite costume, whether you're coming in person or participating on Zoom! There will be prizes for all who come in costume, and homemade hamantaschen treats. Don't forget to have a box of pasta handy to shake like a grogger and drown out the name of the villain Haman when it is read. Following the holiday, the Social Action Committee will deliver all your boxes of pasta to a local food pantry. So, join us for a fun and entertaining evening on this joyous holiday!



The Temple Brotherhood will be sponsoring a vegetarian pasta dinner prior to the spiel, at 5:30pm. There is no charge for the meal, but donations to help defray expenses are appreciated. Just contact office@vassartemple.org to RSVP for dinner and to let us know of any special dietary needs, or for the Zoom link for the service and spiel. To volunteer to help cook and/or serve the dinner, please contact Glenn Tanzman at Brotherhood@vassartemple.org.

Vassar Temple's 175th Anniversary Celebration Gala: Sunday, April 14, 2024, 5pm



February's Question was: What three festivals do our beautiful sanctuary stained glass windows represent and by who were they gifted to the temple?

The answer is: *The Sukkot window was a gift of Beatrice and Martin Gross in loving tribute to their parents, Pauline and Joseph Gross and Rose and Samuel Weisman. The Shavuot window was gifted in memory of Dr. Melvin Matlin by his family. This window is notable for the fact that it contains children, in recognition of Dr Matlin's esteemed career as a pediatrician.*

The Pesach window was gifted by the Vassar Temple Sisterhood.

The March Question: Identify the only Vassar Temple extended family in our recorded history that has had six members serve as President. Name the six individuals. *The answer will be in the next bulletin.*

From the Rabbi's Desk:



"In a confluence of calendars, Purim once again falls in March, Women's History Month.

Appropriately, the holiday is based upon the Book of Esther, one of two biblical books named for a woman, and features two female characters who embody qualities of strong women.

The first is Queen Vashti, a real biblical "woman's libber!" Following a week of feasting and merrymaking—

the king with the men and the women with the queen—the king calls for Vashti to appear before him to show off her beauty to the people and the officials. Vashti dares to refuse. According to the midrash, the king wanted Vashti to appear wearing **only** her royal crown. According to Persian custom of the time, it was only "women of ill repute" who would enter the smoky den of drunk men at these banquets. The dumfounded king turns to his foolish advisors who fear that "the queen's behavior will make all wives despise their husbands... and there will be no end of scorn and provocation" (Esther 1:17,18). Vashti is banished and dispatches are sent to all provinces of the king's realm "that every man should wield authority in his home..." (Esther 1:22).

The setting is set for Esther's appearance. An unlikely heroine at first, ultimately Esther is transformed into a courageous woman who devises an ingenious plot to secure the survival of her people.

The Esther we meet at the beginning of the story is beautiful and kind, finding favor with all. She is the dutiful niece of Mordecai who follows his instructions, including keeping her Jewish identity a secret when she enters the beauty contest (i.e., taken into the king's harem for a year) and when she becomes queen. Esther is oblivious to Haman's plot and the disaster about to befall her people. In fact, when she hears that Mordecai is walking around in sackcloth and ashes (a sign of mourning), she doesn't inquire why, but sends him proper clothes to wear! It is at this

point that Mordecai informs Esther of Haman's plot to destroy the Jews and challenges her to overcome her initial hesitancy and take the steps that only she can to save her people.

Behind the quiet, accommodating demeanor expected of her, Esther has a shrewd and wise side that is now revealed. Though she is queen, her position is not guaranteed, as was demonstrated by Vashti's banishment and the fact that she hasn't been called to the king for thirty days. Queens are easily replaceable; a Prime Minister is not. Through her invitations to the King and Haman to private banquets, Esther plants seeds of jealousy within the King. By the time she reveals her identity and Haman's plot, the king is already convinced that Haman wants his queen and will do as Esther asks.

Esther makes good use of her position, assesses the personalities involved and taps into an inner strength she may not have even known that she had. Thus it has been for many women who had to overcome stereotypes and risk stepping out of the limited expectations and opportunities afforded them to forge new paths for their success. This month as we commemorate Women's History month and Purim, we celebrate the Vashtis who had the courage to walk away from misogynistic situations and the Esthers who learned how to use their power for their own benefit and for the good of others.



Please join us on Saturday, March 23 (see page 1 for details) for this joyous, raucous holiday, an aspirational celebration of the victory of good over evil (something we can all use nowadays).

Rabbi Renni Altman

President's Message:



I recently celebrated a birthday over brunch with my family. I'm not big on birthday parties. I've always felt that a celebration denotes having earned something. I relished in the party my family threw for me when I graduated nursing school as a mother of three and a non-traditional student. It was the most challenging thing I've ever done and I definitely earned the right to party then.

Birthdays come yearly, no work or earning involved. No need to party. When I mentioned this to a friend, she strongly disagreed with me. She pointed out that over the years I had tackled various debilitating health issues, held different jobs and reimagined my life with two different careers. I have raised a family, volunteered my time and have taken on various leadership positions in my congregation and community. My 60 active years on this earth certainly should give me pause to take stock of my life, plan for the future and most definitely hold a reason for celebration, she stated.

Please don't misunderstand my sentiment here. I am grateful every day for the love and life that I have. But when you are in the throes of living your life, you don't often take a step away and look at the scope of it all. Maybe a birthday celebration is warranted to make us all stop and take stock of our lives, have a moment of gratitude, pivot if needed, and look ahead to the future.

Sixty years, while significant to me, pales in comparison to the 175 years we are celebrating as a congregation at Vassar Temple. Think of the challenges, obstacles, accomplishments, education, leadership, rituals, life cycle events, community collaboration, joys, sorrows, moving from one century into another, and another. If ever there was reason to

celebrate, this is it! Honoring our past, embracing our present and looking forward to, and planning for, our future is truly a pivotal moment to stop and honor our very existence.

When you receive your invitation to our 175th Gala (if you haven't already), please read every well thought out and beautifully crafted word that is there. So much time and effort has gone into this year and this event that honors Vassar Temple. Please join us in the festivities. Please support us in any way you can. You are our history. We wouldn't be here without you. You are our present. We can't function without you. But most importantly, you are our future. We head into the next 175 years truly for your benefit.



They say that membership has its privileges. Nothing is more true about Vassar Temple. What a privilege it is to be a member of a congregation with the history and staying power of Vassar Temple. Please join us April 14 for this celebratory gala evening. This is definitely a party well-earned and worth celebrating!

Lisa-Sue Quackenbush

Bimah Flowers for our Services

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 a flower arrangement in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.

The donation to sponsor Bimah Flowers is now \$60 and checks should be made out to Vassar Temple Sisterhood with Bimah Flowers written on the memo line. Should there be more than one sponsor for a Shabbat a larger flower arrangement will be provided. Sponsored flowers are fresh floral arrangements.

March 2024 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- March 1: Donated by Sophia Collins with gratitude to Vassar Temple members for their care and support
- March 8: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flowers Fund (silk flowers)
- March 15: Donated by Sandra Mamis in memory of Harry Mamis
- March 22: Donated by Martin Noble in memory of Erica Robbins and Martin Noble, Sr. and Sandra Mamis in memory of Kurt Similes and Katherine Lerner Mamis
- March 29: Donated by Gail D'Alessio in memory of Bob DiBennardo



Community Seder ~ Monday, April 22

The first Passover seder is on Monday evening, April 22. In order to provide a community seder, volunteers are needed to organize the shopping, prepping and cooking of the meal. Please contact Ron Rosen at seder@vassartemple.org to assist.



Interested in Becoming an Adult *B'nei Mitzvah*?

If you never had the opportunity as a teen, have basic Jewish knowledge and can read Hebrew (or be willing to learn quickly) contact Rabbi Altman (Rabbi@vassartemple.org). We are looking at a service in Spring 2025 but would organize an informational meeting this spring.

New Paths ~ March

Everyone is invited to join us at Vassar Temple for a New Paths Sabbath morning service Saturdays, March 2 and 16 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. A brief informal kiddush follows. We meet "hybrid" (both inside the Temple and on Zoom).

Contact office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570 to be put on the New Paths email list, or if you need the link or to borrow our special prayer book if participating on Zoom.

Scriptural Readings ~March

March 2

Ki Tisa:

Exodus 30:11-34:35; I Kings 18:1-39

March 9

Vayak'heil:

Exodus 35:1-38:20; II Kings 12:5-16

March 16

P'Kudei:

Exodus 38:21-40:38; I Kings 7:51-8:21

March 23

Vayikra:

Leviticus 1:1-5:26; Esther 7:1-10; 8:15-17
or I Samuel 15:2-34

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

Torah Study with Rabbi Renni Altman, D.D. meets at 9am on Saturday mornings (hybrid). Come join our lively discussions. Contact office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570 for details and to be placed on the Torah Study email list.

Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb will meet on Zoom from noon to 1:30pm Mondays, March 4 and 18. For details, study sheets, and to be placed on the Talmud Study email list, contact him at pgolomb@verizon.net.

All Welcome
No prior knowledge necessary
No charge to attend

Religious School Update ~ March

Judaism is not a religion of beliefs or creed primarily; it's defined by our communal lives, which are based on interpreting holy text.

Mitsva means commandment, or in more modern sensibility, obligation. The Torah lists 613 *mitsvot*; later rabbinic interpretation brings us thousands more.

What are some good starting points for Jewish children who want to participate in Jewish life by doing *mitsvot*? Here's a list:

Tzedakah — make a tzedakah box, put money in it and then decide where to donate it. You can also raise money for a cause.

Gemilut Hasadim — deeds of loving kindness, actions that improve the quality of life for people, such as:

- Visiting sick or lonely people
- Working on healing/fixing relationships
- Helping in a homeless shelter or food bank
- Volunteering at an animal shelter

Kibbud av v'em — Honoring your parents

Hachnasat orchim — Welcoming people

Mitzvot that have to do with worship, home practices or Torah study:

- Attend a Friday evening or Shabbat morning service (anywhere counts)
- Recite the blessing over lighting Shabbat candles
- Recite the blessing over wine and the *motzi* over bread
- Put up a mezuzah on your bedroom doorpost or somewhere else in your house
- Read a book or watch a movie with a Jewish theme or subject
- Make a *talit*
- Attend Jewish holiday services or events
- Bake a challah



Rabbi Shoshana Hantman
Religious School Director

Bakers Needed

Please join us for Sisterhood's annual Hamantaschen Baking Day, Sunday, March 3 (snow date March 10) 9am to 1pm in the temple kitchen. Make friends while making Hamantaschen for our Purim service and for outreach to congregants and our out-of-town college students.

RSVP to Judy Rosenfeld at hamantaschen@vassartemple.org to let her know you're coming and/or making dough. If you can, please bring a batch of dough and a rolling pin. Remaining ingredients will be provided by Sisterhood.

Not able to come and help? Please make a batch of dough and leave it in the temple freezer in a ziploc bag—just let Judy know.

Hamantaschen Dough

- 4 cups sifted flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened (please use real butter—the pastries are superior and all batches cook evenly regardless of dough source)
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 tablespoons milk or orange juice

Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Cream butter and sugar in separate larger bowl.

Add egg and vanilla and beat well. Add dry ingredients alternating with juice to the butter and sugar mixture, mixing until well blended. The dough will seem a little soft (not like bread dough). Refrigerate.

This dough freezes well and can be made ahead of Hamantaschen Baking Day. Leave it in the refrigerator to thaw overnight.

Thank you.



Tiny Temple Fun ~ Sunday, March 3 at 11am

All young children up through kindergarten are invited to bring their grownups to Vassar Temple for this free program of fun and learning, featuring hands-on activities, stories, and song. We will be preparing for the joyous holiday of Purim by making our own hamantaschen cookies! (Snow date March 10.) To RSVP, please contact the office at 845-454-2570 or office@vassartemple.org.

Spring Is Coming

The first day of spring arrives this month, signaling hope: for new or continued life, for turning over a new leaf, for fulfilling those promises we made in our New Year's resolutions a few short months ago. Was one of them: "In 2024 I will contribute to the Vassar Temple Endowment Fund" (because I know that it is one of the most important ways I can help the Temple in the long run)? If so, now is the time to cross this resolution off your "to-do" list by making your pledge. If not, it's not too late to ADD such a resolution and join the nearly four dozen Temple members who have already pledged. Your gift will be a mitzvah that brightens and strengthens the Temple's future. Spring is coming. What you plant today will yield a bountiful harvest for years to come.

Martin Charwat & Lou Lewis

Co-Chairs of the Endowment Fund



Civic Engagement: Meet Our Local Elected Officials

In January we welcomed newly elected District Attorney, Anthony Parisi, to Vassar Temple. It was a cold night; however, approximately 20 participants came out to speak with Anthony about public safety, hate crimes and overall civic engagement. City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers (see photo) joined us in February to meet our community and share her vision for Poughkeepsie. This series will continue over the next few months with invitations to other elected officials. We plan to reach out to other community leaders. These are not political events. Rather, they are opportunities to speak with our sitting elected officials about issues of importance to the Jewish community.



Asylum Seeker Update

The asylum seekers at the Red Roof Inn have been busy working, learning English, working towards getting their working papers and driver's licenses, and taking classes. Three terrific men are now enrolled in a course to become certified Home Health Aides! Drivers are needed for the 20-minute trip from Red Roof to Dutchess BOCES Career Tech Institute (8:30-9am) and back to Red Roof (1-1:30pm) and you can sign up for a slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA5AA29A2FE3-47509959-ride#/>. Thanks to the support of our community, the winter clothing registry for the men, and a go-fund-me to help the daughter of one of the men get heart surgery, were both very successful, and the little girl is doing fine. None of these men's accomplishments would have been possible without your donations of items, food and funds, tutoring, providing rides, delivering meals and donated goods, and so much more. It is not certain how much longer the men will be at the Red Roof Inn, but we remain committed to showing them our support as they move forward on the next steps of their journeys.

Vassar Temple Social Action

Attention Jewish Campers

It's that time of year to be thinking ahead to attending summer camps. If any of you are considering a Jewish camp, please consider writing a few lines to Sisterhood to let us know why the Jewish camp experience will be meaningful to you. Submit your name, camp name and your reasons for attending this particular camp and Sisterhood may be able to help you out with a bit of financial assistance. We are thrilled to be able to help out in this small way. Please send your email within the next month to Sisterhood@VassarTemple.org.



SAVE THE DATE



175th Anniversary Shabbat Service

Friday, April 19, 2024 at 7:30pm

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism

A special service is being prepared that will include prayers and musical compositions reflecting the evolution of the worship style of Vassar Temple: traditional melodies from its origins as an Orthodox synagogue and excerpts and songs from the three Reform prayer books we have used: *Union Prayer Book*, *Gates of Prayer*, *Mishkan Tefillah*.

There will be a 6pm Pot Luck Dinner before the service. Meat or pareve dishes requested. Please RSVP to ritual@vassartemple.org to let us know what you are bringing.

Jewish War Veterans ~ March 17

Jewish War Veterans Post 625 will meet at Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, on Sunday, March 17. The meeting starts at 9:30am, preceded by a "schmooze" at 9am. Special guest speaker will be Victor Zamoloff of Vet 2 Vet. Hamantaschen and other kosher snacks will be served. All are welcome to attend! For further information contact Ralph Schwartz rschwa9881@aol.com.



Jewish War Veterans
of the United States of America

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In Honor of: Irma Jacobs on the occasion of her
Birthday

The marriage of Jas Shantel to Sean Daniels

In Memory of:

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Sandra Mamis



COMMUNITY TZEDAKAH FUND

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In Honor of: Andi Ciminello's Birthday

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In Memory of:

Lila Matlin, our mother, grandmother and
great grandmother on her fourth yahrzeit

Barbara Matlin Aronson & Family

Next time you make a donation, consider donating to the **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:**

Contributions to this fund may be in any amount to commemorate a happy occasion or in tribute to loved ones and friends. This fund is administered solely at the Rabbi's discretion to provide additional professional materials or services and to make financial assistance available to individuals and causes deemed appropriate. Your donation may go to help a fellow Temple member in need.

For your donation, write a check payable to "Vassar Temple Rabbi's Fund."

SISTERHOOD RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Grandma Frankel's Sweet and Sour Meatballs. My grandmother always made this for the holidays and I love to give it as a comfort food when someone is in need ~ Fern Wolf:

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup matzah meal
- 1/2 cup instant rice (for Passover omit rice and add more matzah meal)
- 2 eggs
- small onion, chopped
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 large can crushed tomatoes
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 small can sauerkraut, drained
- raisins - optional

The words "Comfort Food" are written in a large, elegant, cursive script. The text is dark blue and is centered within a white rectangular box.

Directions

1. Mix first six ingredients and form into balls
2. Mix rest of ingredients in a large saucepan and bring to slow boil
3. Add the meatballs to saucepan, reduce heat and simmer on low heat for at least an hour, until meatballs are cooked through
4. The longer it simmers, the better it tastes!

Sisterhood Chai Noon Luncheon ~ Monday, March 18



Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Chai Noon Luncheon, which meets on the 18th of the month (when the date does not conflict with holidays or weekends) will have its next meeting on Monday, March 18. Specific details about the March restaurant will be mailed to you 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.

Treasurer's Report: A Note About Receivables

A receivable is an item on the balance sheet that indicates a payment is due to the Temple. Usually it represents an invoice that has been issued and we are awaiting payment or a pledged amount that has not yet been received.

When new members join the Temple, they are asked to make a donation to the Capital Fund in addition to payment of annual dues. This is a one-time assessment payable over five years, and is therefore entered on our accounts as a receivable. When a payment is received, the receivable balance is reduced and the payment is recorded as income.

The Capital Fund is important to the Temple. Those funds are used for major maintenance projects and unanticipated repairs to our building and infrastructure. During the last several years, the Temple has been inconsistent in sending invoices and reminders to those who have not completed their contribution to the Capital Fund, and the receivable amounts on the balance sheet have grown.

We will be going through our records to determine where amounts are owed to the Capital Fund. If you hear from us, please make sure your records are reconciled with what we are showing. Let us know if there are discrepancies. And let us know the time frame you will need to complete your contribution. We will accommodate your requests as best as possible. Our goal is to reduce receivables to a manageable, up-to-date amount and maintain a Capital Fund balance that will enable us to care for our Temple's physical property.

Thank you,

Maxine Finkelstein

Treasurer



Celebrating Cantor Goldmann's big birthday

Thank You Vassar Temple

As we have been doing since the pandemic, in lieu of holding our Souper Sale and delivering cases of canned soup to area food pantries and senior residences, we have been able to provide them supermarket scrip with funds generously donated during the year to the Community Tzedakah Fund. And thank you for your donations to our annual winter fundraiser for Hudson River Housing's Wind Chill Fund, in support of their overnight homeless shelter. Times have been hard, but we are fortunate to have so many wonderful helping agencies in our community, and to have the continuing commitment of our congregation when called upon to support them. Thanks also to those who have been faithfully helping with our ongoing Lunch Box, Can Jam, and Shelter Meal activities. If you would like to join the social action committee in our work, or to suggest new projects, just contact socialaction@vassartemple.org!

March 1

Bessie Kaplan
 Sonya Markovitch
 Shirley E. Reifler
 Matilda Banchek
 Morris Haas
 Frances Lewis
 Francesca Vadersen
 Lena Lath
 Betty Ewen
 Saul Marks
 Frank Devan
 Irving M. Rosenthal
 Irving Schechtman
 Lila Matlin

March 8

Louis D. Dampf
 Rose Landau
 Gilbert Feinman
 Geraldine N. Leeds
 Howard Perry
 Norman Steinberg
 Rae Jacobs Rauh Brown
 Miriam Genshaft
 Rabbi Robert Rozenberg
 Gertrude Silverman
 Esther G. Rheingold
 Edward B. Goldstein
 Phyllis Marilyn Ritter
 Tessie Turk
 Ruth Parry
 Morris Lessin
 Gertrude M. Plimack
 A. Alfred Podell, MD
 Bee Plimack
 Ralph Partridge
 Nathan Grunfeld
 Rozalia Grunfeld

March 15

Dr. Simon Riechman
 June Heiser Shub
 Morris Abraskin
 Silvia Domes
 Meyer Harold Bagun
 Dr. Louis Shub
 Kaye Roth
 Lewis Acker
 Anna Frankel
 Howard Smith
 Gloria Schwartz
 Svetlana Beckerman
 Ethel Graves
 Bettina DelVescovo
 Belle Weiss
 Fred Lehman
 Reuben Temlockl
 Sara Leslie Goldman Fite
 Joseph Feuer
 Meyer A. Wolfson
 Judith Newman
 Esther Temlock
 Lillian Schwarz
 Lena Baskin
 Scott Buxbaum
 Harry Mamis
 Elaine Mayer

March 22

Ann R. Margolin
 Bruce Weber
 Pearl Bettigole Goldberg
 Eli Gellert
 Mary Ann Robinowitz
 Sol G. Lipschutz
 Kurt Similes
 Sarah Singer
 Gary Feder
 Michael Feder
 Gary Schischa
 Erwin Schischa
 Katherine Lerner Mamis
 Claire Sherwin
 Gwendolyn Harlam
 Ruth Kovacs
 Matalie Hamburg
 Mae Miller Klampert
 Annemarie Teutsch
 Etta Simon Podret
 Benjamin Clarfeld
 Herman Jacobs
 Fannie Berlin
 Lee Rosenthal
 Charles Frankel
 Martin Lowenthal
 Harold Rosen
 David Jordan
 Kathi Winchock

March 29

Victor Fein
 David Blanksteen
 Samuel Karnes
 Harvey Kaflowitz
 Erica Robbins
 Chris Brown
 Patricia Adler
 Esta Feder
 Chanie Solomon
 Betty Mead
 Zoey Rachel Gillman
 Rose Baum Kraut
 William M. Rothstein
 Pearl Teperman
 Martin Turk
 Cora Frances Solomon
 Dorothy Esner
 Morris Domes

March Jahrzeits

Calendar of Events—March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30pm Shabbat Service	2 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
3 Hamantaschen Baking Day 9am Religious School 9:45am Judaism 101 10:30am Lunch Box  11am Tiny Temple	4 12pm Talmud Study	5	6 4:30pm Hebrew School	7 7pm Ritual CMTE	8 7:30pm Shabbat Service	9 9am Torah Study 10:15am Shabbat Morning Service
10 Hamantaschen Baking Day (snow date) 9am Religious School	11 7pm Vassar Temple Sisterhood Meeting	12	13 4:30pm Hebrew School	14 7:30pm Cemetery CMTE	15 6pm Simchat Shabbat Service ~ younger Religious School grades will participate	16 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
17 No Religious School 10am-11:45am Community Purim Carnival at Temple Beth-El 	18 12pm Talmud Study 12pm Chai Noon Sisterhood Luncheon	19	20 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Finance CMTE	21 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm VT Board	22 7:30pm Shabbat Service	23 Purim Eve 9am Torah Study 10:15am Shabbat Morning Service 5:30pm Purim Pasta Dinner 7:30pm Purim Service and Spiel 
24 Purim NO Religious School 9:45 Judaism 101	25	26	27 No Hebrew School	28 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm VT Board	29 7:30pm Shabbat Service	30 9am Torah Study
31 No Religious School						

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information regarding changes to in-person events

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Annual Kedem Passover Sale

We are once again sponsoring a Kedem Winery sale for the holiday with a huge variety of Kedem and other kosher labels at a range of price points.

Juices, gefilte fish, olive oil and vinegar are also available. Shop from the convenience of your home! Orders and payment are due by April 1, and your order will be at the temple by April 11. If you need assistance, we can arrange delivery. The complete list and order form will be available in the weekly email and on the temple website.

This year's list has some new wines! You can also obtain the list from the temple office or our fundraising team (fundraising@vassartemple.org). Don't see what you're looking for? We can contact Kedem with your inquiry. Thank you for your ongoing support!

