

Proclamation

In Honor & Recognition of Vassar Temple

WHEREAS, the Vassar Temple, Congregation Brethren of Israel, has been an integral part of the fabric of Dutchess County for 175 distinguished years; and

WHEREAS, the Vassar Temple has held various locations throughout its rich history, symbolizing resilience and adaptability in the face of change; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1848, the Vassar Temple has served as a beacon of light, fostering faith, community, and social justice in Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, the Vassar Temple, as a member of the Union of Reform Judaism, has flourished as a House of Prayer, a House of Learning, a House of Assembly, and a House of Justice, embodying the core values of inclusivity, education, engagement, and righteousness; and

WHEREAS, the Vassar Temple has actively engaged in numerous social action initiatives, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to serving the underserved and advocating for social justice, environmental stewardship, governmental integrity, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, the 175th Anniversary Gala of the Vassar Temple represents a momentous occasion to celebrate its past achievements, reaffirm its commitment to the future, and honor the dedicated members who have supported its mission throughout the years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Yvonne D. Flowers, Mayor of Poughkeepsie, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2024, as "Vassar Temple Day" in the City of Poughkeepsie, and I urge all residents to join me in congratulating the Vassar Temple, Congregation Brethren of Israel, on this significant milestone and in recognizing its invaluable contributions to our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Poughkeepsie to be affixed this 14th day of April 2024.



A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "Yvonne D. Flowers".

Yvonne D. Flowers, Mayor
City of Poughkeepsie, New York