



Vassar Temple

Where You Belong

Congregation Brethren of Israel, Founded 1848—Bulletin Volume 173 No. 1 ~ July-August 2024

Hanukkah in August Fundraiser—August 1 thru 31



Let's provide back packs filled with school supplies to children living in local shelters and motel rooms! Let's provide little children in need with basic clothing (underwear, socks, sweat pants, tee shirts) so that they can attend school!

All donations will benefit children in need ages 6-11 enrolled at Morse Elementary School in Poughkeepsie. **Help these children start the school year right!**

Please make a contribution online in any amount to the Vassar Temple Community Tzedakah Fund, designated for Morse School. Or send your check made out to Vassar Temple with Community Tzedakah Fund on the memo line.

For questions, or to volunteer to sort and pack the clothing & school supplies we purchase: socialaction@vassartemple.org

This "Mitzvah Now" is a joint project of JFedDC, PJ Library, and the Jewish Social Action Coalition members: Vassar Temple, Temple Beth-El, Congregation Shir Chadash, Congregation Schomre Israel, and The Harding Club.

Flexible Feast 2024: Summer Shindig!

Invitations were mailed at the beginning of June, and information has been in our email newsletter. If you did not receive your invitation please contact the office. There are incredible meals coming up in July and August and we will continue to take reservations as space permits. Thank you for your support of this popular event!



From the Rabbi's Desk:



For much of this summer, the weekly Torah readings will be from *Bamidbar*, the Book of Numbers. *Bamidbar* is not a translation of "Numbers;" it comes from the key opening word of the book, and it means "in the wilderness." More so than "Numbers," *Bamidbar* is a better description of the book as a whole because the book covers most of the years of the Israelites' wandering *in the wilderness*.

Bamidbar is also a fitting focus for our study of Torah over the summer for a number of reasons.

Bamidbar, "wilderness," is a place of openness and exploring new possibilities. For the ancient Israelites, the years in the wilderness, especially as recounted in the stories in *Bamidbar*, were a time of great transition. Their physical journey from Egypt to Canaan was also a spiritual one as they journeyed from being a group of former slaves into a people in covenant with God.

This summer marks a transition in Vassar Temple leadership as Roni Stein steps into the Presidency. Thankfully, most board members will continue to serve, albeit with some changes in positions. We are pleased to welcome Bob Abrams back to the board and extend a special welcome to a new board member, Miriam Cohen. We are still seeking to fill two positions: First Vice President and Secretary. Thanks to Marcia Tanzman for continuing temporarily as Secretary. Our board is a very positive, open and productive place, where each person's voice counts. I would urge anyone who might consider a position to step forward or, if you are approached by leadership, to accept. I look forward to working with this board and leadership to plan for Vassar Temple.

When we think of *Bamidbar*, *in the wilderness*, our attention is drawn to the outdoors. Living in the

Northeast, summer is our outdoor time. It is our time to reconnect with nature—be it through gardening, walks in the beautiful trails of the Hudson Valley, barbecues, picnics, outdoor concerts, relaxing at the beach or the lake, or simply sitting outside.

Spending time out in nature can even be a spiritual experience; it is where many of us have felt some moment of Divine connection. At picnic Shabbat, I shared the following prayer by the Hassidic Master, Rebbe Nachman of Bratzlav; perhaps it will inspire you to spend time out in nature this summer:

Grant me the ability to be alone; may it be my custom to go outdoors each day among the trees and grass—among all growing things and there may I be alone, and enter into prayer, to talk with the One to whom I belong. May I express there everything in my heart and may all the foliage of the field—all grasses, trees, and plants - awake at my coming, to send the powers of their life into the words of my prayer so that my prayer and speech are made whole through the life and spirit of all growing things, which are made as one by their transcendent Source. May I then pour out the words of my heart before your Presence like water, O God, and lift up my hands to You in worship, on my behalf, and that of my children!

Enjoy summer!!!

When you read these words, I will be in my *Bamidbar* on vacation. I am grateful to those who will lead services, teach Torah study and be on emergency coverage so that I can replenish for the coming year.

Rabbi Renni Altman



President's Message:



Welcome to summer! It is a season to change your routine, enjoy the warm weather and maybe get in a vacation or staycation. Whatever you get to do, enjoy it! Things do slow down a bit at Vassar Temple too. The year is always so busy, and summer is a great time to reset. Lots of thoughts go to what went well, what we can modify, and what can we add to our year? Friday services continue through the summer as do some other Temple services and/or holidays. Some planning goes on for a few events to get together: looks like another Flexible Feast is in the works! Always keep an eye on the weekly emails for updated information on all things happening at Temple. It is interesting how you can be busy but seem more relaxed at this time of year!

And then the fall planning starts! As you read this column, your Temple board and pretty much every committee is planning for the fall. A calendar is set in the late spring for setting up most of the activities and events that go on at Temple. We've had our Congregational meeting which comes at the end of the Temple year, but also sets us up for the upcoming year. Ritual committee and the High Holy Days committee are already at work planning the religious life of our Temple for the upcoming year. Religious School, its director and dynamic committee, is getting ready for the school year. Temple committees, the auxiliaries (Sisterhood, Brotherhood), the office and building maintenance are all catching up and planning! Rabbi will be filling you in on her summer and plans in her column next door.

My plans as President are to work well with the Temple board, the staff, the Religious School, the auxiliaries, and of course, Rabbi and the congregation. This is not listed in any order of importance because one learns that when plans are going well, and people are working together well, Vassar Temple is a great place to be in so many ways. When there is an important issue to be addressed, we usually find a way to do that and move on. Having attended several URJ/WRJ events, not every congregation is able to achieve that, and I am grateful that this culture is important to Vassar Temple. I plan on continuing the support for the progress on improving the building that hosts all our services and activities. As well, it remains important for Vassar Temple, as a founding member of the Dutchess County Jewish community, to keep its voice strong and relevant.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Lisa-Sue Quackenbush for her guidance in executive and presidential matters. She was very specific in creating an atmosphere of cooperation and purpose. This made taking care of any issues or problems so much easier and made those fun events even more so. I look forward to working with her as Immediate Past President. All good things to Susan Karnes Hecht who is leaving the board; she has been our organizational whiz and I hope I've learned well. Our board is a very positive and motivated group already looking to the new year!

I'm sure I'll get to see many of you through the year, and if you have any questions you can contact me at VassarTemplePresident@gmail.com.

Roni Stein

Bimah Flowers for our Services ~ July and August 2024

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 \$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.

July 2024 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- July 5: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- July 12: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- July 29: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- July 26: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)

August 2024 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- August 2: Sandra Mamis in memory of Margot P. Similes
- August 9: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- August 16: Maddy D'Angelo in memory of Frederick Goldsmith
- August 23: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- August 30: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)



May 2024 Update:

- May 31: Richard and Linda Cantor in honor of the marriage of their granddaughter Lily Cantor to Emily Bellor

What is a New Paths Service?

The style of a New Paths service was developed many years ago at *P'nai Or* Religious Fellowship. Some of you may have heard of Marcia Falk, Arthur Waskow, Debbie Friedman and Rabbi Zalman Shachter-Shalomi who all served on the development committee of this siddur. From our own community, Rabbi Stephen Arnold, Shep Jackson, and Ron and Gloria Robbins were also supporters and contributors to this endeavor.

We invite you to join us in an alternative style of service—in the round with poetry and discussion as well as prayer and communion. If you can't get to the Friday night service or would like to stay after Torah Study—it will lighten and brighten your Shabbat. Join us for kiddush and motzi afterwards.

In the fall, we'll resume our regular New Paths Service schedule; two Saturday mornings each month. Let the Temple office know and you will be put on the email list - in person or virtual. We look forward to seeing you!

Susan Fink

JWV

Our JWV Herman Siegal Post 625 will hold its next meetings on July 14 and August 11 at Shomre Israel. The meeting format will follow that which we used before the pandemic.

Meetings will begin at 9:30am and there will be a half hour schmooze at 9am. Shomre Israel is strictly kosher. The Post will supply nosh stuff and coffee.

Scriptural Readings July & August

July 6

Korach:

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

July 13

Chukat:

Numbers 19:1-22:1; Judges 11:1-33

July 20

Balak:

Numbers 22:2-25:9; Micah 5:6-6:8

July 27

Pinchas:

Numbers 25:10-30:1; Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

August 3

Matot/Mas'ei:

Numbers 30:2-36:13; Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4

August 10

D'varim:

Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22; Isaiah 1:1-1:27

August 17

Va-et'chanan:

Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11; Isaiah 40:1-26

August 24

Eikev:

Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25; Isaiah 49:14-51:3

August 31

R'eih:

Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17; Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Study Groups at Vassar Temple July & August

Torah Study with Rabbi Renni Altman, DD, meets at 9am Saturday mornings and is usually hybrid. Come join our lively discussions! For July, we will be lay-led and Zoom only (July 13 led by Muriel Horowitz and July 27 led by Marcia Tanzman).

Contact us at office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570 for details, for the summer schedule, and to be placed on the Torah Study e-mail list.

Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, which generally meets on Zoom from noon to 1:30pm on alternating Mondays, will be on hiatus for the summer. For further information and to be placed on the Talmud Study e-mail list, contact him at pigolomb@verizon.net.

All welcome
No prior knowledge necessary

Access and Parking in Front of Vassar Temple

Access to and parking in front of Temple can be challenging. For some congregants and visitors it is essential! As a reminder, from the Temple walkway to the corner is Handicapped Parking. In front of the Temple walkway is a ramp area for drop-off of those with mobility issues. When parking, please leave the ramp area and some room on either side for a person who needs special access. Your understanding is greatly appreciated!



Climate Corner ~ an update from our Dayenu Circle

A NYS budget was passed that contained none of the legislative priorities identified by climate advocates. This was surprising given the extensive push for the Climate Jobs and Justice Package, Gov. Hochul's inclusion of pieces of the HEAT act in her executive budget, and the Assembly's support of several bills. Fossil fuel lobbyists fought hard this year, since passing these bills would create a precedent impacting the entire country. While this is deeply disappointing, it is also an indication of the power that the climate movement is building. (We're hopeful that, as of Bulletin printing, there may be positive movement on legislation.)

We can be exceedingly proud that the Union for Reform Judaism, in the most significant effort to date by a major Jewish organization, recommended that its various institutions divest their funds from fossil fuels. Finance is an effective mechanism for climate action, and the movement in communal norms makes a difference to the larger effort to move investment to clean energy.

Last summer, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism joined forces with Dayenu to submit hundreds of comments to the Environmental Protection Agency advocating for stringent standards for pollution-emitting power plants. This effort had an impact on the EPA's recent adoption of robust rules to curb pollution from coal and gas plants, which are responsible for a quarter of US emissions and pollute the areas around them, often disproportionately affecting low-income communities and communities of color.

We completed Environmental Voter Project postcards for the Nevada primary and are now writing cards for the Florida primary, to be mailed in early August. Contact us if you can help. Individual advocates play a major role in promoting the climate and environmental justice values of the Reform Movement. Please contact dayenudutchess@gmail.com to get involved in our activities.



Summer is Here. It's Time for Your Pledge

The Endowment Fund campaign is now over a year old. Like a toddler, we are standing up and walking with steady steps, but still in need of encouragement and a firm hand. That is where you come in. Whether you have personally been asked to contribute or not, you must know by now that the need for the Temple's endowment is no less now than when it was launched. While we have reached one milestone after another, we still need additional contributions to complete our goal of \$500,000. **That is where YOU come in!** If you have been holding off on your pledge, please hold off no longer. **We need you.** We are tremendously grateful to those who have already given. For those who are about to make their initial commitment, we will thank you no less once your pledge is received. ALL contributions are welcome. Please help make this a summer when the Endowment Fund is completed. It's up to you. Take the time; make that pledge!

Martin Charwat & Lou Lewis,

Co-Chairs Endowment Committee



SISTERHOOD RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Fried Green Tomatoes ~ submitted by Marianne Abrams

Ingredients (makes 1 loaf)

- 4 large green tomatoes
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup cornmeal
- ½ cup bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons coarse Kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 quart vegetable oil for frying



Directions:

- Slice tomatoes 1/2 inch thick. Discard the ends.
- Whisk eggs and milk together in a medium-size bowl. Scoop flour onto a plate. Mix cornmeal, bread crumbs and salt and pepper on another plate. Dip tomatoes into flour to coat. Then dip the tomatoes into milk and egg mixture. Dredge in breadcrumbs to completely coat.
- In a large skillet, pour vegetable oil (enough so that there is 1/2 inch of oil in the pan) and heat over medium heat. Place tomatoes into the frying pan in batches of 4 or 5, depending on the size of your skillet. Do not crowd the tomatoes, they should not touch each other. When the tomatoes are browned, flip and fry them on the other side. Drain them on paper towels.

Upcoming Sisterhood Chai Noon Luncheons



Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Chai Noon Luncheon, which meets at noon on the 18th of the month (when the date does not conflict with holidays or weekends) will meet on July 18 (Thursday) and September 18 (Wednesday), but will not meet in August because the 18th falls on a Sunday. Specific details about the July and September restaurants will be mailed to everyone 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.

Hunger Does Not Take A Vacation, VT Annual Protein Plenty Drive runs through July 15

At this time of year when donations to food pantries always dwindle, let's stock local food pantries 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. You're invited to send a tax-deductible donation of any amount to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please write "Protein Plenty" on the memo line of your check. If donating by credit card through the Temple's Community Tzedakah Fund, please designate 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"

Founders' Award

The Vassar Temple Founders' Service Award is given annually to identify and honor an individual, or a household, who has provided consistent and beneficial service to Vassar Temple over an extended period of time. The awardee's service acts as an inspiration to others, demonstrating leadership by example. The service provided must have clear benefit to the Temple and may additionally benefit the Jewish community and/or the community at large.

This year's Founder's Service Award recipients, Susan Karnes Hecht and David Hecht, were presented with this award by last year's recipient, Ron Rosen at our annual Congregational meeting, on June 4th. There is no doubt that this dynamic duo have both separately and together shown great leadership and dedication to nearly every committee and cause at Vassar Temple over the years. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our Congregation, we sincerely thank you, Susan and David, for your service to Vassar Temple and the wider Jewish community.

We are grateful that you will continue to offer your expertise and support to all things—Vassar Temple.



Mazel Tov to:

Richard and Linda Cantor on the marriage of their granddaughter
Lily Cantor to Emily Bellor

Fern and David Wolf, proud grandparents of James Morgan Parish, born on May 30th to
their daughter Jennifer Wolf and her husband Rob Parish (and big sister Anna Parish)

Social Action News

Thanks to all who participated in our late spring projects, **Purim Pasta Plus**, **Cereal Counts**, and **Dutchess County Mitzvah Day**, and especially to those who helped organize and supervise these activities: Rabbi Hantman, Rabbi Altman, Susan Hecht, Ron Rosen, Joel Kelson and Ralph Schwartz. Your efforts benefited so many: our hungry neighbors, women and children staying at Grace Smith House domestic violence shelter, residents of local nursing homes, homeless veterans, cancer patients, the kids at Children's Home, and you cared for our Appalachian Trail and local Jewish cemeteries.

And now, just because summer's here, don't forget our on-going, year-round social action projects! You can drop off non-perishable foods any time in the **Can Jam** bin (contact Joel at canjam@vassartemple.org to help make a delivery to a food pantry). You can help with **Shelter Meals** (prepare requested foods in your home and bring to Judy Harkavy the 4th Thursday of the month—she will deliver it to the homeless shelter. Judy's at shelter@vassartemple.org). To help us provide a monthly meal for those in need, just bring requested ingredients to the Temple, or come to cook or give out meals at Family Partnership Center's **Lunch Box** the first Sunday of the month (contact Paul Ciminello at LunchBox@vassartemple.org). For any general questions, to volunteer to help with other social action activities, or to suggest new projects, please contact Marian Schwartz at socialaction@vassartemple.org—she'd love to hear from you!



Condolences to:

The family of Elaine Lipschutz
& The family of Kent Mardon—
both beloved congregation members
of Vassar Temple for many years

*thank
you*

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**When making a contribution to Vassar Temple,
please consider donating to the Robert H. Lipschutz Scholar's Fund**

This fund was established in memory of Robert H. Lipschutz to perpetuate the values and ideals he espoused. His dedication to Jewish education and community service translates to an award every other year to enable a Vassar Temple college-age student to pursue a special project in Jewish Studies and to funding for special music programs. A committee to determine the award is made up of the Rabbi, the Religious School Director and members of the Adult Education, Music and Youth Committees.

July 5

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Norman Matlin
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Miles Markowitz

July 26

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Mae Berger
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Louis I. Worona
Rosa Pilar Tangredi
Muriel Weingart
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Evelyn Herman
Beverly Groffman

August 16

Jacov Markovitch
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Eve Canter Goldberg
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Maier Sawyer

August 30

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AUGUST YAHREZEITS



Calendar of Events—July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 4th of July Office Closed 	<i>5</i> 4th of July WKND Office Closed 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 10:30am Lunch Box 	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 7pm Ritual CMTE	<i>12</i> 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<i>13</i> 9am Torah Study ZOOM only 6pm Summer Soul FF Event
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 7pm Finance CMTE	<i>18</i> 12pm VTS Chai Noon Luncheon 7pm VT Board	<i>19</i> 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 1pm Family Falafel Feast FF Event	<i>1</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 6:30pm Shelter Meal	<i>26</i> 7:30pm Shabbat Service	<i>27</i> 9am Torah Study ZOOM only 5pm Bites & Delights FF Event
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>30</i>			

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm Ritual CMTE	2 7:30pm Shabbat Service	3 9am Torah Study
4 9am Bargain Basement Sale 10:30am Lunch Box 	5	6	7	8	9 7:30pm Shabbat Service	10 9am Torah Study 10:15am Shabbat Morning Service
11	12 Tisha B'Av Eve	13 Tisha B'Av	14	15	16 7:30pm Shabbat Service	17 9am Torah Study 6pm Asian Delights FF Event
18 2pm Sisterhood Opening Meeting— Pickle Making 	19	20	21 2pm VTS Book Club 7pm Finance CMTE	22 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm VT Board	23 7:30pm Shabbat Service	24 9am Torah Study 10:15am Shabbat Morning Service
25	26	27	28	29	30 7:30pm Shabbat Service	31

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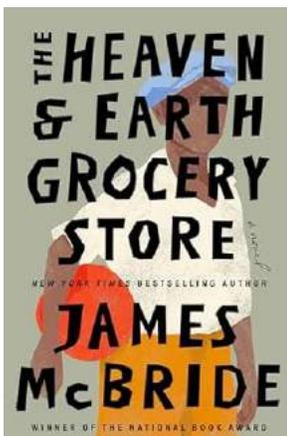
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VTS Book Club to read *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride



When workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven and Earth Grocery Store. When the state came looking for a deaf boy to institutionalize him, it was Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe's theater and the unofficial leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, who worked together to keep the boy safe. As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive.

(Amazon.com)

Discussion of this book will be on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 2:00pm, in-person at the Collegeview Tower meeting room, 141 Fulton Avenue, Poughkeepsie. All are welcome. For questions, please contact bookclub@vassartemple.org.