



Vassar Temple

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Congregation Brethren of Israel, Founded 1848—Bulletin Volume 173 No. 3 ~ October 2024

Shana Tova



Support Vassar Temple's Annual Yom Kippur Food Drive

"Is this the fast I seek, a day of self-affliction? ... Is not THIS the fast I look for: to unlock the shackles of injustice, to undo the fetters of bondage, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every cruel chain? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and to bring the homeless poor into your house?" ~ (Isaiah 58)

- Bags & food list available in the Temple or take home a grocery bag from Rosh Hashana services October 2, 3 and 4.
- Please bring it back full of nonperishable foods by Yom Kippur October 12—we'll stuff the truck!
- When shopping, please select any foods listed here, containers unopened and not out of date: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, coffee, tea, cereal, mayo, ketchup, baby formula & these canned goods: tuna, soup, fruit, vegetables, ravioli, stew

SHANA TOVAH ~
WISHING YOU A NEW YEAR OF HAPPINESS & PEACE

Holiday Highlights

Saturday, September 28 ~ 7:30pm	<i>Gala Arnold Award dessert reception & Havdalah, honoring Martin Charwat, followed by Selichot Service to spiritually prepare for the High Holy Days</i>
Thurs, October 3 ~ 4pm	<i>Tashlich Ceremony at Sunset Lake (Vassar College)—Brief, family and pet friendly - cast your sins upon the waters for a fresh start to the New Year. Refreshments. Follows the Family Rosh Hashana Service (3pm). (Rain date for Tashlich 10/4)</i>
Friday, October 4 ~ 10am:	<i>Second Day RH Service with special programming</i>
Friday, October 11 ~ 7:30pm:	<i>Kol Nidre with cellist Nanette Koch</i>
Wednesday, October 16 ~ 5:45pm:	<i>Sukkot - BYO dinner to eat in the succah (indoor seating also available) 7pm Service</i>
Wednesday, October 23 ~ 5:45pm	<i>Simchat Torah Service with Klezmer & Dinner (see related article)</i>

From the Rabbi's Desk:



We will usher in the Jewish New Year with the shadow of the October 7th massacre looming large as the secular anniversary of that fateful day will fall in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We hope and pray that the hostages will have been freed and that the fighting will have ended by then, but as of this writing and with brutal murder of the six hostages, it is hard to be optimistic.

A number of local events to remember October 7th are being planned; please check the weekly newsletter for more details and additional programs:

- On Monday, October 7 at 6:30pm Vassar Temple will join with the Poughkeepsie Jewish community for a program of commemoration hosted by Temple Beth-El, co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation and area synagogues. I have been part of the planning committee for what we anticipate will be a moving service with readings, songs and prayers of memory and hope.
- Jewish Federation is co-sponsoring two other events in the county: on October 5 in Newburgh, in partnership with Jewish Federation of Orange County; and on Oct. 7 in Rhinebeck. Of course, people are welcome to attend any of these programs, regardless of where they live.
- We will dedicate the *Eleh Ezkera*, the martyrology portion of the Yom Kippur afternoon service, to October 7th by sharing some of the stories of those who were murdered, along with related poetry and music.

Highlights and new elements of this year's Holy Day worship services:

During the **Rosh Hashanah second day** service this year we will explore different names for God and how they may speak to us personally. As always, this informal, participatory service held in the East Chapel includes the major elements of the holy day liturgy.

One of the unique facets of the Yom Kippur liturgy is the recitation of the **Vidui, Confessional**. It includes the *Al Chet* prayer, the litany of sins that the community confesses. In Judaism, we understand sins as ways in which we have "missed the mark." Confession is an essential step in *teshuvah*, repentance. The practice of confessional prayers dates to the Talmud where we find a variety of personal prayers offered by the rabbis. Over time that variety was lost as the confessional prayers became fixed. An innovation of Reform Judaism has been the addition of sins of a more contemporary nature to the traditional *Vidui*.

This year we would like to turn back to the creativity of the Talmudic rabbis by inviting people ANONYMOUSLY to submit sins that relate to our lives today to be added to the *Vidui* during services. As with the traditional *Al Cheit*, they may not necessarily be sins that any individual has committed, but ones reflective of our times. Those interested in participating can do so via a link to a form that will be in the weekly newsletter just prior to Rosh Hashanah and again before Yom Kippur. I will be the only one to see the submissions and I will choose some to read at each service; again, all will be done anonymously.

Thanks to **Gail D'Alessio and Sam Finnerman** for leading a study session on the Holiness Code and to **Linda Cantor** for leading meditations on Yom Kippur afternoon.

The afternoon Haftarah reading, the story of **Jonah**, will be told via a dramatic presentation.

This year's **Yizkor** service will be from *Mishkan HaNefesh* with its beautiful poetry and candle lighting ritual. The Yizkor booklet will still be printed with the names of our loved ones. Those unable to attend in person can either request that a booklet be mailed to them or emailed.

Wishing you and your loved ones a year of healing, peace and happiness. *L'shanah tovah tikateivu.*

Rabbi Renni Altman

President's Message:



Happy New Year! *L'Shanah Tovah!* Like many of you, I suspect, fall is my favorite time of the year. The beautiful trees of the Hudson Valley and nearby Catskills, the wonderful sleeping temperature and of course the food. All sorts of apple dishes, and winter squashes become part of my dinner table; soups and stews are the next favorites on the list! A simple thing like apples and honey at Rosh Hashanah is so wonderful and how we look forward to that break-fast at the finish of Yom Kippur. Food is an important part of marking holidays at synagogue and in our homes. Honey cake, chicken with apples and wine and a roasted vegetable bring Rosh Hashanah front and center in our home. Charlie and I wish you wonderful holiday meals at your home!

Our schedules don't always allow us to see each other at the same time around the Temple. You may be bringing children to religious school, others are taking a Judaism 101 class, or helping on a committee at a meeting, or maybe you can only be part of Temple on Zoom. But at Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and soon after, at Sukkot and Simchat Torah, we try to see each other in person at Temple; we really try to connect and experience the New Year together. We went through a few years of not being together and it was hard. Many of us learned how different an experience can be in a group such as our congregation. If wearing a mask at services will help you feel more comfortable, please do wear one. We'd all like to feel comfortable and join together in worship. I look forward to seeing so many of you soon!

In the wider world where it seems that there is so much to grouse about, we look forward to a year that is positive at Vassar Temple for its congregation. Our membership continues to slowly rise to a more comfortable level. With building challenges, we have been able to move forward and have received donations to help offset those challenges. You will hear the High Holy Day Appeal and that is a yearly way to lend support to Vassar Temple. As well, there are several congregants who have and will continue to step up and give of their time to keep projects moving along. The support of this congregation is so appreciated; it is like a family bonding together. There is always a place for you if you want to pitch in and give support. From Temple committees and leadership to helping with a program, you can be part of the journey. Of course, we are always planning projects and programs, so make sure you stay in touch especially with your monthly bulletin and weekly Temple emails.

I am grateful to the Ritual & HHD committees, and all the committees that work diligently to bring us the wonderful and meaningful services we will experience. Thanks to Rabbi and Cantor for how they lead us through the High Holy Days along with wonderful music for our worship. Thanks to our Tech crew who bring the services to our wider Temple family, and Temple staff with whom we function so much better! You will see your board members ushering and greeting and doing lots of things and I thank them for doing those things with such grace.

As of this writing, there is no cease fire, and many hostages are not home.

BRING THEM HOME!

Roni Stein

Bimah Flowers for our Services ~ September 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.

October 2024 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

- October 2-4: Matlin Family in memory of Melvin & Lila Matlin
- October 11-12: Ralph & Marian Schwartz in memory of Max H. & Shirley P. Richter and Albert E. & Gloria Schwartz
- October 18: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)
- October 25: Vassar Temple Sisterhood Bimah Flower Fund (silk flowers)

Judaism 101 ~ Year 2

Our next session of Judaism 101 ~ Year 2 will meet on Sunday, October 20 at 9:45am. Our study this year will build upon last year as we explore topics such as Reform Judaism, Jewish history, women in Judaism, Israel and deepen our understanding of the holidays as we go through the year. Newcomers are welcome— participation in last year's class is not a requirement. The class will meet in person at the Temple.

Please RSVP to office@vassartemple.org.

Join Us!

I am Susan Budson Fink, your new first vice president, but only for one year. And why is that — because I am 80 years old and would like to hand the baton to someone younger who will take us into the future of Vassar Temple.

We need your love of Judaism, your feeling of community, your organization skills, and your tech skills. Please join us on the board or on temple committees. Do you know Zoom, Google docs, have an idea for a speaker or program, would like to sponsor an Oneg or temple dinner, be a lay leader for services or lead us in song? Join Sisterhood and make pickles, knit scarves or cook for Reyut. Join Brotherhood and build our Succah and make latkes for Hannukah.

We want to celebrate simchas together and give support to each other in times of sadness. We need you! For the New Year join us and become a deeper part of our Jewish community.

Susan Budson Fink

שנה טובה
Happy New Year

Scriptural Readings September

October 5

Haazinu:

Deuteronomy 32:1-52; Hosea 14:2-10, Micah 7:18-20, Joel 2:15-17

October 12 - Yom Kippur

Deuteronomy:

29:9-14, 30:11-20, Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, 32-37; Isaiah 58:1-14, Jonah 1:1-4:11

October 19

Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot:

Exodus 33:12-43:36; Ezekiel 38:18-39:7, The book of Ecclesiastes is read

October 26

B'reishit:

Genesis 1:1-6:8; Isaiah 42:5-43:10

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

Torah Study with Rabbi Renni Altman, DD, meets at 9am Saturday mornings (hybrid). No class 10/12. Come join our lively discussions! Contact us at office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570 to be placed on the Torah Study e-mail list.

Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, generally meets on Zoom from noon to 1:30pm on two Mondays per month. To be placed on the Talmud Study e-mail list and receive the dates and study sheets, contact him at pjgolomb@verizon.net.

All welcome

No prior knowledge necessary

No charge to attend

New Paths

We'll gather for New Paths Sabbath morning services at 10:15am Saturday Oct. 5 (hybrid) and Saturday Oct. 26 (Zoom only). 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, spiritually-oriented Shabbat morning experience. A brief informal kiddush follows. Contact office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570 to be put on the New Paths e-mail list, if you need the Zoom link, or to borrow our special prayer book if participating on Zoom.

Tiny Temple and PJ Library Celebrate Sukkot

Young children up through age six and their families: come celebrate the harvest festival of Sukkot and Simchat Torah with Tiny Temple and PJ Library, at Vassar Temple, Sunday, October 20 at 11:00am. Join us for a holiday story, fun activities and learning, and weather permitting, we'll snack in the outdoor succah. Tiny Temple is always free, open to the whole community, and is sponsored by Vassar Temple, an inclusive Reform congregation located at 140 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie (www.vassartemple.org). For questions and to RSVP, please contact tinytemple@vassartemple.org.



Religious School Update

The Seth A. Erlebacher school is so happy to welcome back our students and their families after the summer. We have several new faculty members teaching on Sundays. Lila Horberg Decter, from Brookline, MA, is an incoming first-year student at Vassar College. She thinks she will major in neuroscience, and has been a chapter director of the Jewish Youth Climate Movement. Lila is also a ballerina! She is teaching the Gimmel class.

And we're pleased to have Naama Brown, from Washington DC, joining us. Naama is also just starting at Vassar College, and has completed a gap year with Tivnu: Building Justice, in Portland, OR. She has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and is passionate about theater. Naama is teaching the Vov class.

Eliana Mor, in her second year at the College, returns to us this fall. She is a computer science major and math minor. Eliana plays frisbee and is in the college knitting club. She is teaching Dalet. And Tova Gelb, now a senior, started her fourth year with us and is teaching the lively Aleph class.

In our Hebrew program, our experienced teachers Shira Teich and Emily Kaplan are joining Naama in helping students learn language and prayer skills on Wednesdays.

Our valuable madrichot Lilly Gold and Hadami Gendron assist in the Aleph class, and Thomas Carr and Manhattan Modell are assigned to older classes.



Here's to a great 5785!

Rabbi Shoshana Hantman
Religious School Director

Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah/Yizkor Service

Thursday October 24. 10:30am

Rabbi Altman will lead this Festival morning worship in an informal setting in the East Chapel.



A significant component of the liturgy is *Yizkor* (the memorial service). We take time to remember our loved ones at such seasons of joy and celebration. *Yizkor* is a time to connect with the souls of our loved ones on a deeper level; tradition has it that during *Yizkor* the souls of the departed descend from heaven and are joined with those who are close to them. Many find it of comfort to participate in this service among their Temple family. Given that this is the Hebrew date of the *yahrzeit* of the massacre on October 7, we will include related prayers in the *Yizkor* portion of the service.

SISTERHOOD RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Noodle Kugel ~ Susan Colodner

This recipe is from my beloved mother-in-law, Sandy Colodner, who made this kugel every year for Rosh Hashanah for the forty years I had the pleasure of knowing her. She passed the recipe to me and I now make it for the Jewish holidays.

Ingredients (makes 1 loaf)

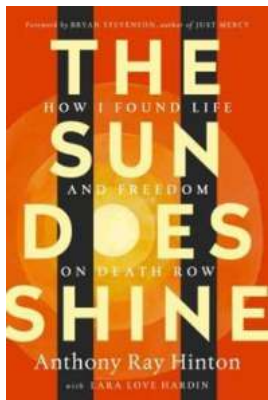
- 1 pound medium flat noodles
- 6 tablespoons melted margarine
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 cups yellow raisins
- 1 24-ounce jar applesauce

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees
- Boil, drain and rinse noodles with cold water
- Add melted margarine, eggs and all other ingredients and mix until well combined
- Grease 13X9 glass or metal baking pan
- Add noodle mixture to pan
- Bake for 45 minutes or until top is browned



VTS Book Club to Read *The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Ray Hinton



In 1985, 29-year old Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. Knowing that it was a case of mistaken identity, he believed that the truth would prove his innocence and ultimately set him free.

But with no money and a different system of justice for a poor black man in the South, Hinton was sentenced to death by electrocution. He spent his first three years on Death Row at Holman State Prison in agonizing silence, full of despair and anger toward all those who had sent an innocent man to his death. But as Hinton realized and accepted his fate, he transformed not only his own spirit, but those of his fellow inmates. Hinton was ultimately released in 2015. *The Sun Does Shine* is an extraordinary testament to the power of hope sustained through the darkest times. ([Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))

It is also the 2024 *Big Read* book selected by the Poughkeepsie Public Library District. Many copies are available via the Mid-Hudson Library System. Please go to <https://poklib.org/big-read/> for a complete list of wonderful *Big Read* activities.

Discussion of this book will be on Thursday, October 17, 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.

Sisterhood News

Vassar Temple Sisterhood started the year off with our Cucumbers to Pickle event. The event went well with pickle snacks (pickle popcorn, pickle chips and cucumber with lox and cherry tomato). Each person who attended brought sanitary items for the ladies' room and outreach.

I'd like to thank all who ordered from Pampered Chef. The Sisterhood did fantastic in less than a month to hit our goal of \$1,000 to get back 40 percent. This was a fundraiser to take the place of the yearly calendar. Unfortunately, Vassar Temple Sisterhood will no longer do the calendar due to a lack of advertisers and purchasers.

The Pancake Breakfast was run by the Sisterhood for the opening day of Sunday School. We served regular and gluten-free pancakes with maple syrup, parfaits of yogurt and fruit, and fresh fruit to launch a great start off for the year. Sisterhood also ran a Judaic Shop pop-up table of bargains.

We had a great night on September 11 with Alden Solovy speaking. He was sponsored by the Fanny & Doris Berlin Lecture Fund of Sisterhood and Adult Education Committee of Vassar Temple. There was a terrific turn out and also a book signing of Alden's most recent released book.

The September Chai Noon luncheon was at Patsy's Roadhouse in Hopewell Junction. It was fun to meet and chat with friends from the Vassar Temple community.

Please knit or crochet a hat or scarf (or both) for Dutchess Outreach. The items are for young and old and colors do not matter. Put a smile on a person's face with the warmth of a hat and or scarf for the chilly weather ahead.

Join Vassar Temple Sisterhood at our next event.

Polly Lewis

Sisterhood President

Simchat Torah Dinner & Service ~ With Klezmer!



The Living Shtetl, the amazing Klezmer group from NYC led by clarinetist Alex Parke, is returning to perform at Vassar Temple's Erev Simchat Torah Service Wednesday, October 23, at 7pm. The ensemble will also include Ilya Shneyveys on accordion and strings, and Ben Holmes on trumpet. Guests and the community are welcome to attend. Enjoy their joyous performance and come dance with the Torah! They are amazing musicians, and in high demand; we are very fortunate to have them here in Poughkeepsie. Donations to Vassar Temple designated to help defray the cost of the klezmer group are appreciated. The service will also include our ritual tradition of unrolling the scroll all around the room.

Prior to the service, at 5:45pm, there will be a dinner catered by Adams for which there is a charge. You must RSVP in advance & pre-pay for the dinner. For menu information, to RSVP for the dinner, and to let us know if you need a gluten-free or vegan option, please e-mail ritual@vassartemple.org. If you'd like to eat outdoors in the sukkah, weather permitting, please bring a lawn chair. Seating will also be available in the social hall.

A Big “Thank You” to Everyone Who Pledged to the Endowment Fund

The “Days of Awe” will soon be behind us and we at Vassar Temple have so much to be thankful for. Not the least is that we are entering a time of greater financial stability, thanks to the generosity of more than 50 of our members who have pledged and contributed to the Endowment Fund. While we are still a few final pledges away from reaching our \$500,000 goal, we are close enough to say without fear of exaggeration that you all have performed an amazing mitzvah. To those of you who have pledged, we wish to say an unrestrained “Thank You.” Embarking on this journey was a leap of faith that has now, and will continue to be, rewarded. We can now do so much more for the Temple than was possible before; the anxiety of not knowing if we could meet our financial obligations is greatly reduced. While the future is always uncertain, we look forward to 2025 with the confidence that the foundation that you built in the 175th year of Vassar Temple’s existence will be a foundation to which others will add to make Vassar Temple even stronger. You are an exemplar of what a committed congregation means. There are few accolades greater than that!

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

Dutchess Interfaith CROP Walk Against Hunger Sunday, October 27

This major annual community-based fundraising event supports sustainable responses to hunger, displacement, and disaster, at home and abroad. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised in our CROP walk go to local agencies who fight hunger throughout Dutchess County. We follow a safe six-mile route in Poughkeepsie, beginning and ending at Temple Beth El, 118 S. Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie, with pit stops at houses of worship along the way. Walk as much of the route as you are able. Please support this life-sustaining effort as a walker or donor!



Walkers: Walk on your own starting between 10am-2pm, or walk with family, friends, or a temple group. Can't make the time/date/location? Plan your own walk! All walkers, to sign up for our Temple team go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/vassar-temple>. Click on the blue "Join the Team" button and follow the directions. You can collect your donations online.

Donors: Donations in ANY amount are gratefully accepted! To sponsor the team as a whole, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/vassar-temple>. Scroll down and under “Support Vassar Temple and CWS,” click on “Make a Donation.” To sponsor any individual team member, scroll down to the list of “Team Members” and click on the “Donate” tab next to the individual walker’s name.

For more information, to donate by check, or to arrange to walk with a temple group, please contact Ron Rosen, our Temple's team captain, at Cropwalk@vassartemple.org.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

Our JWV Herman Siegal Post 625 will hold its October meeting on October 13 with schmooze at 9am and meeting at 9:30 at Shomre Israel. As Shomre Israel is strictly kosher the Post will supply nosh stuff and coffee.



*Ralph Schwartz
Senior Vice Commander*

SUSTAINING FUND

In Memory of:

Dr. Shawna Kummel

Greta Blaine

Ira Greenberg

Jeanne Loth Rubin

Leo Klausner & Samuel Scope

Maurice Goldemberg

Henry Cantor & Linda Claire Cantor

Ida Goldberg

Richard David Budson

For the complete recovery of:

Sandra Mamis

In Honor of:

The marriage of Adam Garber, son of Vivian and Ed Garber

COMMUNITY TZEDAKAH FUND

MUSIC FUND

In Honor of:

Martin Charwat receiving the Arnold Award

Susan & David Hecht's new grandson, Julian Miles Hecht

THE WINDOWS PROJECT

In Honor of:

Paul Ciminello's Birthday

VASSAR TEMPLE ENDOWMENT FUND

ROBERT H. LIPSCHUTZ SCHOLAR'S FUND

In Memory of: Elaine Lipschutz

TREE OF LIFE FUND

In Honor of:

The birth of their grandson, Julian Miles Hecht

HINENI FUND

In Honor of:

Muriel Lampell's Birthday

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Martin Noble

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Alfred Scope

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Sara Jane Goldberg & George Papageorge

Margery & Arthur Groten

Francine Kaplan

Doi Cohen

Kimberly Harris

Marlene Straus

Vivian & Edward Garber

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Marian & Ralph Schwartz

Doris Cohen

Cathy & Gabe Bokor

Drs. Richard Friedland & Janice Weinstein-Friedland

Margery & Arthur Groten

James Robinowitz

Anne Lescher

Bobbi Hulnick

Arthur Gellert

Vivian & Edward Garber

Perla & Charles Kaufman

Anne Lescher

Susan and David Hecht

Perla & Charles Kaufman

Anne Lescher

*thank
you*

October 4

Rose S. Weigert
Dr. Ely Rosenthal
Sadie Gross
Robin Rayfield
Jessie Barker
Alfred J. Bogad
Mildred Shapiro
Daniel L. Cohen
Mary Stolack
Jeanne Loth Rubin
Gertrude C. Clarfeld

October 11

Charlotte Zuckerman
Raphael Horn
Bessie Rabin
Linda Claire Cantor
Minnie Israel
Ira Greenberg
Aaron Parish
Margaret Ciminello
Lucilla Albinder
Sarah Pauline Benton
Joseph Sparks Sr
Susan Doppelt Pearlman
Lisa Heidelberger
Norman Kramer

October 18

Howard Cohen, MD
Jean W. Dampf
Keith Randall
Gertrude Hines Groten
Rose Hines
Jean Strauss
Harold Posner
Maia Scherrer
Marion Bennet Sawyer
Charles Finnerman
Evelyn Locke
Dr. Martin Rabin
Evelyn Gurst
Ida Goldberg
Morris Bronfeld
Abraham Swatlo
Shirley Hope Mann
Dr. Barry G. Jordan
Julius Ostrovsky
Lisa Lemberger
Morris Fertig Ritter
Ruth Muraskin

October 25

Dorothy Wender
Lisette Goldemberg
Leo Klausner
Sophia S. Wolfson
Susan Salit Lowe
Henry Cantor
Samuel Scope
Murray Sigalow
Charlotte Konick
Toby Solomon
George Tofel
Joshua Russell Karp
Monroe Robbins
Lawrence Schaffel
Herman Katz
Sidney Locke
Bernard Himelstein
Leo Feinstein
George A. Rugar, Sr
Jacob Haber
Lawrence Slate
Nathan Schmukler



OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

Do you have a family member/child going to college?

Vassar Temple would like to send a seasonal note/package from the temple. We would just need their name, mailing address and email. Please send information to collegebound@vassartemple.org.



SAVE THE DATES!!

Can you help Brotherhood put up the Sukkah on
Sunday, October 6, at 9am?



Can you help Brotherhood takedown down the Sukkah on
Sunday, October 27, at 9am?

Reyut Needs Your Help!

We'll be in the temple kitchen on Sunday, November 3rd from 9 am to noon making some hearty soups and we'd love for you to join us. Come help us cook for part or all of the morning. Let us know if you'd like to bring some ingredients for the soups or donate towards covering the cost of ingredients.

RSVP to Judy at reyut@vassartemple.org.



Rabbi Search Committee Update

The search for our new rabbi is well underway. An update and description of the process is below.

- The application was drafted, submitted and approved by CCAR in mid-August. We appreciate the support from office staff and other Temple members who assisted with assembling the required data for the application.
- We are receiving applications from candidates. This is a rolling process, and we review the resumes as they are submitted.
- The Committee began first round interviews by Zoom in September. This will continue as we receive additional applications.
- The Committee is participating in CCAR trainings and outreach.

Please note that **we are not able to discuss the candidates or interviews with anyone outside of the committee as per the CCAR guidelines.** CCAR has very strict confidentiality guidelines that we are following. The congregation will be notified when the committee has decided to bring candidates to visit our community. At that time, we will encourage involvement from committee chairs and Board leadership. We greatly appreciate everyone's support. If you have questions or concerns, please contact searchcommittee@vassartemple.org.

Andi Ciminello

Chair, 2024 Rabbi Search Committee

Vassar Temple Break the Fast

Join us for Break the Fast on Saturday, October 12 following *Neilah* (concluding Yom Kippur service) and Havdalah. Enjoy salads, kugel, eggs, cheese, vegetables, fruit, fish, bagels, sweets and more!

- Prepaid reservations are a MUST!
- Children under 13 \$5, and adults \$18.
- Reservations are confirmed by receipt of payment.
- RSVP by October 7.
- Make checks payable to Vassar Temple; note Break the Fast in the memo line.

We hope to welcome in the New Year together.



2024/5785 HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

All services, with the exception of outdoor and off-site gatherings, will occur in a hybrid fashion, Zoom links will be provided to members and guests via email in advance.

Selichot Service: Saturday, September 28th

7:30 pm - Dessert and schmoozing in the social hall, followed by the Arnold Award presentation and Havdalah

9:00 pm - Selichot Service in the sanctuary

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah: Thursday, October 3rd

10:00 am - Morning Service

3:00 pm - Family Service at Sunset Lake, Vassar College (sanctuary in case of inclement weather)

4:00 pm - Tashlich at Sunset Lake, Vassar College (October 4th in case of inclement weather)

Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service: Friday, October 4th at 10:00 am

Memorial Service: Sunday, October 6th at 2:00 pm at Vassar Temple Cemetery on LaGrange Avenue

Kol Nidrei: Friday, October 11th at 7:30 pm

Yom Kippur: Saturday, October 12th

10:00 am - Morning Service

1:00 pm - Family Service in the Sanctuary

2:00 pm - Study Session with Gail D'Alessio and Sam Finnerman ~ "The Holiness Code"

3:00 pm - Meditation in the sanctuary led by Linda Cantor

4:00 pm - Afternoon Service

5:30 pm - Yizkor (Memorial) Service

6:00 pm - Ne'ilah (Concluding) Service followed by Havdalah and Ritual Break the Fast

Break the Fast meal for those registered will follow Havdalah

Erev Sukkot: Wednesday, October 16th

5:45 pm - BYO dinner in the sukkah (indoors in case of inclement weather)

7:00 pm - Service

Simchat Torah: Wednesday, October 23rd

5:45 pm - Dinner (details will follow in temple publicity, outdoors weather permitting)

7:00 pm - Erev Simchat Torah Service with Klezmer

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Yizkor Service: Thursday, October 24th at 10:30 am

Calendar of Events—October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 RH Eve No Hebrew School 7:30pm Erev RH Service	3 RH Day 1 Office Closed 10am RH AM Service 3pm RH Family Service 4pm Tashlich Service (both PM Services at Sunset Lake ~ Vassar College)	4 RH Day 2 Office Closed 10am RH AM Service 7:30pm Shabbat Service	5 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
6 9am Religious School 9am Sukkah Raising 10:30am Lunch Box 2pm Cemetery Service	7 6:30pm Community October 7th Commemoration, hosted by Temple Beth-El	8 3pm Sisterhood Monthly Meeting	9 4:30pm Hebrew School	10	11 YK Eve 7:30pm Kol Nidrei	12 YK 10am YK AM Service 1pm YK Family Service 2pm Study Session 3pm Meditation 4pm YK PM Service, Yizkor, Ne'ilah & BTF
13 No Religious School	14 Office Closed Indigenous Peoples' Day	15	16 Sukkot Eve 4:30pm Hebrew School 5:45pm Erev Simchat Torah Dinner 7pm Erev Simchat Torah	17 Sukkot Day 1 2pm VTS Book Club 7pm Ritual CMTE	18 Sukkot Day 2 12pm Brotherhood & Sisterhood Luncheon at the Sukkah 7:30pm Shabbat Service	19 Sukkot Day 3 9am Torah Study 10:15am Shabbat Morning Service
20 Sukkot Day 4 9am Religious School 9:45am Judaism 101 11am Tiny Temple	21 Sukkot Day 5	22 Sukkot Day 6	23 Sukkot Day 7 Sh'mini Atzeret & Erev Simchat Torah No Hebrew School 5:45pm Erev Simchat Torah Dinner 7pm Erev Simchat Torah Service with Klezmer	24 Office Closed 10:30am Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah AM Service 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm VT Board	25 7:30pm Shabbat Service	26 9am Torah Study (tentative) 10:15am New Paths (Zoom only)
27 CropWalk 2024 9am Religious School 9am Sukkah Takedown	28	29 7 pm Rabbi Search CMTE	30 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Finance CMTE	31		

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Join us for a special *Chai Noon Luncheon Around The Sukkah* A combined Vassar Temple Sisterhood & Brotherhood event!



DATE: Friday, October 18, 2024, at 12 noon

LOCATION: Around the Sukkah!

COST: \$18 per person
(make checks out to VT Sisterhood
w/ Sukkah Luncheon on the memo line)

RSVP to: SukkahChaiNoon@vassartemple.org
(Reservations are a MUST ~ The deadline to sign up is October 15)

HOPE TO SEE YOU AROUND THE SUKKAH!