



Vassar Temple

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Lisa-Sue Quackenbush to Receive the Arnold Award



Join us Saturday, September, 13 at 7pm in the social hall for our Selichot program, opening with a dessert reception to honor Lisa-Sue Quackenbush, who will be presented the Arnold Award in recognition of her contributions to the religious life of the congregation.

The daughter of Sandor and Gayle Margolin (z"l), Lisa-Sue has worshiped at Vassar Temple all her life. She received her religious education here, and later taught Sunday School here, where her own children attended religious school, too. Over the years she has helped organize worship services for Sisterhood Shabbat, Repro Shabbat, and Pride Shabbat, has participated on a variety of committees including the High Holy Day Committee, Rabbi Search Committees, Cemetery Committee, and Accessibility and Inclusivity Committee, has devotedly served as President of both the Sisterhood and the Congregation, and is known far and wide for donating her baked goods, including her signature brownies and macaroons, to onegs and special events throughout the year. In the realm of *gemilut chasidim*, Lisa-Sue has participated in Crop Walks, Lunch Box, and postcard writing to encourage voter registration. In short, Lisa-Sue steps up to do whatever needs to be done, does it all with diligence and grace, and she is a perfect recipient for this coveted award.

The gala dessert reception will be followed by Havdalah. We will then travel upstairs to the sanctuary for an inspiring 8pm Selichot service led by Rabbi Stombaugh, to help us prepare spiritually for the upcoming High Holy Days. If you cannot come to share the evening in person, watch Temple e-mails or contact us at office@vassartemple.org for the Zoom link.



Joint Sisterhood-Brotherhood

Lunch in the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 8th at noon

Details will follow, but we are providing advance notice in the hope that those who are working may be able to arrange to join us for an extended lunch hour!

From the Rabbi's Desk: More Than Ten Days



Ready or not, the High Holiday season is already here.

Growing up in my Reform Jewish community in Seattle, the High Holidays meant two things: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Ten days. That was the timeframe for *teshuvah*—for reflection, for apologizing, aiming for how to become a better person. I loved it then, and I love it even more now.

Ten days moves fast; services, honey cake, kugel and bagel spread. Occasionally—if time and energy allowed—my family would build a sukkah in our backyard, which was always fun. But Sukkot was not central to our High Holiday experience. By the time it arrived, we were usually back in school and onto the next thing.

It was not until years later, after exploring different communities across the spectrum of Jewish practice and around the world, that I began to understand the season more fully.

One of the people who helped me see the longer and deeper arc of this holiday was Rabbi Alan Lew, whose book *This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared* we are studying together (not too late to join us!). In his framing, the High Holiday season is not ten days long—it is nearly three months! It does not begin with Rosh Hashanah, but with Tisha B'Av, the most mournful day on the Jewish calendar, commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. And it extends all the way through Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and culminates in Simchat Torah.

Rabbi Lew describes the season as a journey: a passage from the destruction of one house to the building of another. Along the way, we move through the wilderness of personal and collective change—transformation made possible by the technology of *teshuvah* and community rituals.

If *teshuvah* is really meant to help us return to our truest selves—to repair relationships, restore integrity, and realign with what matters—then the expectation to do so in just ten days feels... daunting and unreasonable. The idea that we can fix everything in that tight window? That is a recipe for overwhelm, not transformation.

But spread across three months? That feels human and sacred. That feels possible.

This expanded understanding of the High Holiday season also reveals something beautiful about how Judaism works: it is not just about individual growth. It is also about collective transformation. We move through this season together—not only at services but around dinner tables, breakfast spreads, and Sukkot, the holiday that is really just a week of dinner parties in makeshift huts we build outside.

This season is not just about fasting and shofar blasts—it is about gathering. With family and friends. With neighbors across the Hudson Valley. With people we have come to know over the past year, and with those we are just beginning to connect with. It is about showing up for each other, making space at the table with plenty of kugel.

Seeing this season in its full arc has helped me understand something deeper: that Jewish ritual is a *map*. A way of staying connected to what we value most—and to each other.

So as we begin this season together, I hope this perspective gives you a moment to step back. To ask:

- What is the shape of this season for me?
- What do I want to reflect on—not just in the ten days, but across these months?
- Who do I want to gather with?
- What do I want to carry forward into 5786?

May this new year bring us sweetness, perspective, connection, and growth. May it invite us into something deeper and wider than we have known before. And may we step into it—side-by-side—with hope, honesty, and heart.

Shanah Tovah'

Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh

President's Message:



Summer has somehow moved aside for that “season” that happens before autumn really arrives; late summer? I’ll admit that autumn is my favorite season, but summer brought many joys outside of some super-hot days. At Temple, some sprucing up was going on. We had carpets cleaned in some areas, the Rabbi’s office was readied for Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh, and we are continuing to re-organize the Temple library. Charlie and I enjoyed a Flexible Feast and hosted one with Judy and Eric Rosenfeld. I hope some of you were able to attend a feast; it was fun! It was a joy to bring on new board members as the board year starts in the middle of the summer. Our former board members do tend to stay busy with Temple committees, and we are

grateful. Some Temple members had to leave us, but more joined (or returned to) Vassar Temple and that is wonderful! When members are joining for positive reasons, they are saying “I want to be part of this!” There is no better way to prove the health of this institution and its wonderful congregation. Our thanks go to the membership committee of Laura Brundage and Susan Colodner.

Rabbi Stombaugh has already been teaching an adult ed class on *This is Real: A High Holy Day Journey* that started in late July and flows through mid-October! I look forward to Rabbi Stombaugh’s perspective on the High Holy Days. As I have learned more about Selichot, Sukkot and Simchat Torah at Vassar Temple, the holidays take on a much richer and fuller meaning. Join me, your board, and fellow congregants in experiencing the holidays, each unique and worthwhile. This time also reaffirms our commitment as a URJ congregation and as Reform Jews in a big way. We are here at Temple because we want to be here, and to join Reform Jews around this country and around the world. The Reform movement was very vocal in the World Jewish Congress elections, and our voice continues to be important in Jewish life! We’re not just here at Temple due to anxiety or worry regarding the trouble and antisemitism in the world. It remains a huge problem for Jews everywhere. Your board is working on issues relating to security of our building, electronic security (email, etc.), and social media on a continuing basis. You will be hearing more about these things. The board is committed to finding that balance between being active in our wider community and remaining a comfortable, safe and spiritual space for our congregation.

And yet, still I write about the need for the hostages to come home from Gaza! It has gone so long, and the hostage families are very clear about their need for this to stop and bring their loved ones home. The war and violence needs to finally stop so all children can grow up in comfort and safety, not in fear. Those in power **please** make progress for the hostage families and all affected by this war!

May we all have peace in the new year 5786.

Happy New Year! *L'Shanah Tovah!*

Roni Stein

Bimah Flowers for our Services September 2025

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.

September 2025 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

September 5:	David Steinberg and Kathy Moloney in memory of Jay H. Steinberg
September 12 & Selichot:	Daniel Scherrer and Jo Schaffel in honor of our parents
September 19 & Rosh Hashanah:	Matlin Family in memory of Lila and Melvin Matlin
September 26:	Kimberly Harris in honor of the Vassar Temple Community for our support and kind welcome

Summer 2025 Updates and Corrections:

August 8:	Sandra Mamis in memory of Margot P. Similes
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Religious School Update

Welcome back to Vassar Temple for a new year in religious school!

Not only do we have a new rabbi visiting our students on Sunday mornings – we have new teachers and a fresh troupe of *madrachim*.

In 5786, the Alef class, grades K-2, will be taught by Thomas Carr, who was a very able and devoted madrich in that class last year.

Gimel, grades 3-4, will be taught by Suzanne Turrisi, an experienced teacher who comes to us from Temple Beth-El.

Hay, grades 5-6, will be taught by Lila Horberg-Decter, our Vassar College faculty member who will be starting her second year with us.

Zayin, grades 7-8, will once again be taught by me—but Rabbi Jeff will study with the “big kids” for a period every other week.

I’m particularly delighted that Rabbi Jeff plays the guitar, as we’ve been trying to get Jewish music into our curriculum for as long as I’ve been here.

Whether you’re the parent of a student, or any interested Vassar Temple member, please give some thought to what you might share with us to strengthen community learning. If you have a family story, recipe, tradition, or ritual object—send me an email, because the students would love to hear about it!

Rabbi Shoshana Hantman

Religious School Director

Scriptural Readings ~ September

September 6

Ki Teitzei

Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19; Isaiah 54:1-10

September 13

Ki Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8; Isaiah 60:1-22

September 20

Nitzavim

Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20; Isaiah 61:10-63:9

September 27

Vayeilech

Deuteronomy 31:1-30; Hosea 14:2-10;
Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

Torah Study with Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh 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 e-mail list.

Talmud Study on Zoom with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb will resume on a daytime schedule in the fall. For dates, study sheets, and to be placed on the Talmud Study e-mail list, contact him at pjgolomb@verizon.net.

*All welcome
No prior knowledge required
No charge to attend*

New Paths

This month we'll gather for a New Paths Sabbath morning service at 10:15am Saturday, September 6 (hybrid). 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.

Shabbat Yeladim (Children's Shabbat) ~ Saturday, September 13

All young children from tots to first grade are invited to meet Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh, celebrate the Sabbath, and learn about the upcoming holidays of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur on Saturday, September 13 at 10:30am at Vassar Temple.

There will be music and singing, stories, and a brief, child-friendly service. Tell your friends and neighbors--this event is free and open to the whole community. Healthy snacks will be served. Vassar Temple is a welcoming, inclusive Reform congregation. For more information and to RSVP contact office@vassartemple.org or call the Temple 845-454-2570.



דו יו ריד הברו

Do you read Hebrew?

Do you want to learn?

Checking for interest in a beginners Hebrew Class starting in October, 2025.

- Classes will meet weekly via Zoom
- There will be a fee for the class
- If interested, contact office@vassartemple.org

More details will follow.



Final prep for the annual Sisterhood Bargain Basement

Tashlich at Sunset Lake ~ September 23 at 4pm

For many generations, Jewish communities have gathered at bodies of water on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and recited the *Tashlich* prayer to symbolize our wish to rid ourselves of our sins and errors, and to be forgiven by God. *Tashlich* has now become an increasingly popular and meaningful Jewish practice for people of all ages, enabling them to feel that they're starting out the new year with a clean slate. As part of our own High Holy Day observances, we will be able to "cast our sins" (in the form of environmentally safe fish food) into the water Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 4pm at Sunset Lake on the Vassar College campus. Bring the children! It is a short drive to the lake, following the Rosh Hashana Family service held at the Temple. Light refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Ritual Committee. In case of inclement weather, this event will take place the following day (Wed. 9/24) at the same location and time. If you've never done this before, make this the year you come to *Tashlich*, and start the year 5786 with a clean slate!



Cemetery News

Thanks to the hard work of our incredible Cemetery Committee, our sacred properties are looking well maintained. A recent project was the installation of a simple pipe dividing fence in the Lagrange Avenue North property, between Vassar and Shomre Israel cemeteries. This replaced a section of old fence that had fallen over, taking with it some of our oldest monuments, removed previously.



One of our youngest members enjoys helping her family with the mitzvah of caring for our Pershing Avenue Founders' Cemetery

We were excited to meet with City of Poughkeepsie Councilmembers for Ward 4 (where the Temple is located) and Ward 7 (where the historic Pershing Avenue Founders' Cemetery is located) to discuss improvements at Pershing to benefit the neighborhood. While the fenced burial ground sits in the back of the parcel, the front area is open space used only for access. Owners of the houses on both sides have been making substantial improvements, which have helped enormously with overall conditions. We hope to partner with the City and other local organizations to create a meditative green space, reflecting our long history in the community. We also plan to explore City landmark status for this unique site, which might help us to obtain grant funding for care of the historic burial site. A special shout-out to our member Lydia Brown, who has taken it upon herself to do periodic maintenance at Pershing such as removing invasive plants. This volunteer work is a blessing to the congregation.

We are instituting **Cemetery Volunteer Days** to help with smaller maintenance tasks and provide opportunities for our members to get to know the properties. Please come out to help with this special mitzvah! The first two days are planned for fall Sundays from 10 -11:30am (we'd love help from Religious School parents – drop off your child(ren) and join us, return in time for pickup). Bring basic gardening tools, gloves, and water.

September 14 (rain date 9/21) - spiff up the Lagrange Avenue South side prior to the annual memorial service (weed, add gravel, edge footstones, pick up litter, etc.).

October 26 (rain date 11/2 before the joint Sisterhood/Brotherhood lunch) - basic maintenance at the Route 44 site (easy shrub and tree trimming, etc.).

RSVP to cemetery@vassartemple.org so that we can plan accordingly, provide directions, and contact you in case of a weather delay.

Susan Karnes Hecht,
Chair

Dutchess Interfaith CROP Walk Against Hunger

Sunday, October 16 ~ Save the Date! Sign Up Now

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 come back 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., with pit stops at houses of worship along the way. Walk as much of the route as you are able. And everyone is invited to patronize the bake sale at HQ. You can support this life-sustaining effort as a walker or as a donor!



Walkers: Walk on your own; start between 10am-2pm,* or walk with family, friends, or a temple group. Can't make the time/date/location? Plan your own walk! Prefer to bike or otherwise "do your own thing?" Terrific! To participate, sign up for the Vassar Temple team at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/vassar-temple>. Click on the blue "Join the Team" button and follow the directions. Ask friends, family, associates, and contacts on social media to sign up online to sponsor you, and you won't even have to go around collecting any money.

Donors: Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted, and are tax-deductible to the extent of the law. To sponsor the team as a whole, go to the above link, scroll down to "Support Vassar Temple and CWS," and click on "Make a Donation." To sponsor any individual team member, including Rabbi Jeff, scroll down to the list of "Team Members" and click on the "Donate" tab next to the individual walker's name. To hand in a check (made out to "CWS Crop"), please contact Ron (see below).

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. To donate baked goods (especially needed: cupcakes and individually wrapped servings of cookies or brownies) contact socialaction@vassartemple.org.

*Please note, this year HQ & rest stops will close at 3pm.

Update on Grants

Work is proceeding for our three-year federal Nonprofit Security Grant. We are excited to have executed our contract with New York State (which administers the grant) and received approval of our required (and complicated!) FEMA Environmental and Historic Preservation submission. Both steps are compulsory prior to moving on to the procurement phase, which is now in process. We placed a mandatory public advertisement for bids on the various projects which comprise the grant and are now providing more detailed RFPs (Request for Proposals) to interested vendors. The bigger projects require sealed bids, and we must utilize a pre-determined scoring matrix. All of these regulations support fair and open competition for government funds. We have also been submitting required quarterly reports documenting our work. We are extremely grateful for the guidance and expertise provided by Community Security Initiative.

We need to expand grants as part of the Temple's income stream. Grants must be for a particular purpose, and there's a vast world of funding sources that can be searched and filtered appropriately.

Committees, indeed all members of the congregation, are encouraged to submit specific ideas for grant writing to fundraising@vassartemple.org.



Knit and Crochet for a Kinder, Warmer Community

The cold winds of winter are on their way, and for many, a warm hat or scarf is a luxury they simply don't have. This year, you can help change that. By picking up a pair of knitting needles or a crochet hook, you can create a simple, handmade gift that offers warmth and comfort to a neighbor in need.

Don't worry if you're a beginner. A basic scarf is just a long rectangle of stitches, and there are countless easy patterns available. The act of creating is not only a productive way to pass the time but is also a relaxing and mindful hobby. I can help with basic instructions, also with more complicated projects like hats.

Once you've finished your project, drop it off in the hallway bin at the Temple. Your stitches are more than just yarn; they're a tangible act of kindness.

This season, let's turn our crafting into a force for good. A simple, handmade scarf or hat can make all the difference, one stitch at a time. The staff at Dutchess Outreach will make sure each item will warm a neighboring child or adult. (Of course, Dutchess Outreach will gladly accept store-bought items!)

Contact me with questions or assistance with knitting.
I'm always happy to help knit.and.crochet@vassartemple.org.

Marilyn McGaulley Lampell



Climate Corner – an update from our Dayenu Circle

Join us in postcarding with the **Environmental Voter Project**, a non-partisan organization that uses research-based methods to turn out infrequent, but registered voters who are likely to factor environmental concerns heavily into voting decisions.



Our current postcarding campaign is to mobilize Virginia voters for the 2025 general election. Cards must be mailed on September 17. Cards, addresses, and script are provided, and we ask that you donate stamps for the cards that you write if possible. Please contact dayenudutchess@gmail.com to help with postcarding.

Dayenu has joined forces with Jewish Earth Alliance. We co-sponsored a pre-*Tisha B'Av* Virtual Lobby Day for Climate Solutions on July 23 with staff in Senators Schumer's and Gillibrand's offices (meetings occurred in almost all states). What is the connection to *Tisha B'Av*? It is not just a day of mourning for what has been lost. It is also a day when we recall how our ancestors picked up the pieces and built for the future. We honor this legacy by advocating for the world we want.

Dayenu supports **Sun Day**, a national day of action on September 21 to celebrate renewable energy and people power, and stand up to those who are doing everything they can to stop the clean energy transition. As we prepare to gather for Rosh Hashanah, the spiritual "birthday" of our light-filled world, we recommit to transformation and to realigning our actions with our values. Watch for more information on local events. Here in New York, we can take a stand on funding climate action. While NYS has been a climate leader, it's in danger of falling short of its ambitious goals. We call on our elected leaders to continue making progress in a just and equitable way. A Cap and Invest program could set a strict pollution limit and direct earnings to the communities that have borne the brunt of fossil fuel damage. Send a message to Governor Hochul supporting these actions at <https://dayenu.org/take-action-new-york/>.

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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 ...?"

(Isaiah 58)



Grocery bags and food list available in the Temple
or take home a grocery bag from
Rosh Hashana services September 22, 23 or 24



Please bring it back full of non-perishable foods
by Yom Kippur, October 2 – we'll stuff the truck!

Help will be available to
unload your car that morning.



When shopping, please select any foods
listed here, unopened and not out of date:
peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, coffee,
tea, cereal, mayo, ketchup, baby formula, and
these canned goods: tuna, soup, fruit,
vegetables, ravioli, stew

SISTERHOOD RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Submitted by Sandra Mamis

Rosh Hashanah Tzimmes

My mom, z"l, had a sweet tooth. So Rosh Hashanah, and its many sweet dishes symbolic of the hope of a sweet new year, was always appealing. Her signature dish for erev Rosh Hashanah was tzimmes with an ingredient most are likely to find surprising, even unusual: chocolate chip cookies, which provide a depth of flavor and thickening!

Ingredients

- 4 pears, cored and roughly chopped, but not peeled*
- 4 apples, cored and roughly chopped, but not peeled*
- 4-6 carrots, peeled and cut into chunks*
- Green cabbage, chopped
- 3 cups of water or chicken broth
- Chicken: leg quarters and breasts, deepening on preference
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon
- Brown sugar: amount related to palate preference with respect to sweetness (altered by how sweet the fruit is)
- Salt to taste
- 15 peppercorns
- 1 box of chocolate chip cookies

* amounts adjusted depending on how many servings are needed



Instructions

- Blanch cabbage in liquid [water or broth]. Add chicken pieces, carrots and seasonings; simmer gently until chicken is almost cooked, approx. 45 minutes.
- Add pears and apples, simmering until soft but not falling apart: ~15-20 minutes. Add cookies, gently simmering until they are incorporated.

Serve with challah.

L'Shanah tovah

Sisterhood welcomes new members!

- ♦ Jane LaLone (a returning member!)
- ♦ Ariel Lampell
- ♦ Jodi Reifer

Thanks For Joining



Sisterhood Chai Noon Luncheons ~ September 18

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Chai Noon Luncheon, which meets at noon on the 18th of most months (when the date does not conflict with holidays or weekends), will meet on Thursday, September 18. Specific details about the restaurant 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.

Sept 5, 2025

Beatrice Plansky
 Susan Vance
 Stuart Dick
 Seymour Niesen
 Phyllis Mamis Bell
 Martha Feinman
 Louis Rosen
 Jack L. Cohn
 Regina R. Olivar
 Irving Revitz
 Molly Garber
 Florence Altman
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Sept 12, 2025

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 Karen Kirk
 Barbara Mason
 Norman Lesk
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 Solomon Diamond
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 Donald Hulnick

Sept 19, 2025

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 Martin Gross
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 Michael Hanagan
 Norman Weiner
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September YAHREZEITS

Sept 26, 2025

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Our condolences to:

The family of **Harold Seymour Albinder**, father of Daniel Albinder and grandfather of Alisha Albinder-Camac

The family of **Charles Volkman**, husband of Barbara Volkman

2025/5786 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 13th

7:00pm – Dessert, Havdalah & Presentation of Arnold Award

8:00pm – Selichot Service in the sanctuary

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Monday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah: Tuesday, September 23rd

10:00am – Morning Service

2:30pm – Family Service at Vassar Temple

4:00pm – Tashlich at Sunset Lake, Vassar College (September 24th in case of inclement weather)

Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service: Wednesday, September 24th at 10:00am

Memorial Service: Sunday, September 28th at 2:00pm at VT Cemetery on LaGrange Avenue

Kol Nidrei: Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00pm

Yom Kippur: Thursday, October 2nd

10:00am – Morning Service

1:00pm – Family Service in the Sanctuary

2:00pm – Study Session led by Sam Finnerman

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

4:00pm – Afternoon Service

5:30pm – Yizkor (Memorial) Service

6:00pm – Ne'ilah (Concluding) Service followed by Havdalah

and Ritual Break the Fast meal for those registered will follow Havdalah

Erev Sukkot: Monday, October 6th

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

7:00pm – Service

Simchat Torah: Monday, October 13th






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

7:00pm – Erev Simchat Torah Service with Klezmer

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Yizkor Service: Tuesday, October 14th at 10:00am

Please look for details about these services in the Bulletin, weekly email, and website.

Calendar of Events—September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day ~ office closed	2	3	4 7pm Ritual CMTE	5 7:30pm Shabbat Service	6 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
7 9am Religious School & Pancake Breakfast  10:30am Lunch Box 	8 7pm Sisterhood Monthly Meeting 	9 7pm Adult Ed, This is Real	10 4:30pm Hebrew School— 1st class	11 4pm Endowment CMTE	12 7:30pm Shabbat Service	13 SELICHOT 9am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Yeladim 7:00pm Dessert, Havdalah & Presentation of Arnold Award 8:00pm Selichot Service
14 9am Religious School 10am Cemetery Volunteer Day	15	16	17 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Finance CMTE	18 12pm VTS Chai Noon Beekman Arms 	19 7:30pm Shabbat Service	20 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths
21 9am Religious School	22 RH EVE 7:00pm Erev RH Service 	23 RH—office closed 10am RH AM Service 2:30pm RH Family Service at VT 4pm Tashlich Service at Sunset Lake	24 RH Day 2 —office closed 10am RH AM Service	25 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm VT Board	26 7:30pm Shabbat Service	27 9am Torah Study 10:15am Shabbat Morning Service
28 9am Religious School 9am Sukkah Raising 2pm Cemetery Service 4pm Adult Ed, This is Real	29	30				

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

Brotherhood News



Please join us on Sunday, September 28 at 9am to put up the Sukkah. Bring a step ladder and a screwdriver if you can. It usually takes about an hour to erect the Sukkah. We take down the Sukkah on Sunday, October 19, at 9am. Hope that you can join us.

The Brotherhood Shabbat is on Friday, November 21. The men of the Temple lead the service.

If you would like to participate, please contact me at brotherhood@vassartemple.org.

Glenn Tanzman

JWV

Upcoming meeting dates for the JWV are Sundays September 14, October 12 and November 9.

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