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L'dor V'dor ~ Evening Shabbat Service

Led by Rabbi Jeffrey Stombaugh and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann Friday, November 7, 2025 at 6 pm ~ in-person and via Zoom

Please join us at this special service as we honor long-time congregation members, and welcome our new and returning members.

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From the Rabbi's Desk:



Way back in the summer, when we mailed invitations for the High Holy Days, we tucked in something a little different — a spiritual pledge card. Not a financial appeal or membership form, but an invitation to make a commitment to yourself and to this community. The choices were wide-ranging: repairing the world (tikkun olam), doing Jewish with others, connecting with interfaith families, self-care, meditation, engaging with Shabbat differently, cooking or baking, leadership, hospitality, nature, and more.

Now that we've gathered those cards, the results tell a beautiful story. The most-checked box by far was *tikkun olam*, the work of repairing the world. If our community has a shared instinct, it's this: when asked how we want to live our

Judaism, we reach for healing — for action that makes our world and community better.

But here's what moved me most: the diversity. Some of you checked every single box. Others wrote in practices we hadn't thought to include: caring for the ill, centering joy, strengthening family bonds. Nobody treated *tikkun olam* like a standalone project. You know instinctively what Genesis is about to teach us: repair isn't one thing. It's everything, all at once, imperfectly woven together. And you're not going to get it right the first time.

The early chapters of Genesis are a masterclass in divine revision. First, the creation of the world: light, dark, water, sky, animals, humans, Shabbat. "This is good, that's good, that's very good." Then the Garden of Eden with Adam, Eve, the serpent, and the end of innocence. Then Cain and Abel and the first murder. By the time we get to Noah's flood, God is hitting the reset button entirely. "Not a bad first draft! But we'll keep some of the basics like the earth, humans, and Shabbat, and start over." Soon after comes Babel — another reset, scattering everyone across the world. Then Sodom and Gomorrah.

We get to watch God working through building the world through drafts, being challenged by disappointment, even catastrophizing: "This can only end badly, better throw it all away now." Creation isn't a one-time event in Genesis; it's an ongoing process of correction, learning, and beginning again.

Which brings us to this season and our pledge cards. The temptation after the New Year is to treat them like a resolution — a seasonal commitment to revisit when the leaves turn again. But Genesis gives us a different perspective: persistence. If God couldn't get creation right the first time, why would we expect to master repair in a single year?

The work you named on those cards — tending relationships, showing up for Shabbat, caring for the sick, feeding your spirit so you can feed others — this isn't seasonal. It's the work of a lifetime. And the goal isn't to check every box perfectly or to finally fix everything that's broken. The goal is to stay committed. To keep drafting. To believe, even when the first attempt fails, that repair is still possible.

So as we turn the scroll back to Bereshit, we turn toward one another with this reminder: creation — and re-creation — is never finished. Our sacred work isn't to get it right once and for all. It's to keep trying, keep shaping, and keep believing that a repaired world is still within reach.

That's the pledge. Not perfection. Persistence.

Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh

President's Message:



As I am writing this column, it is October, and I am looking toward November with all its activities. But what stopped me and lots of others this week was the news that there was an agreement between Israel and Hamas (representing the Palestinian people) to cease the violence and bring the hostages home! This agreement has several parts to totally make this happen. Hopefully, all parties will negotiate in good faith and honor their commitments to this process. This agreement came from negotiations of several countries and included high level representatives of the USA. Regardless of who are the people and countries involved, the prayers of the hostage families are finally be answered!! May two years of war finally be over. May children and their families know nothing but peace.

I also have good news. My mom will be turning 100 years old this month. She came from radio all the way to the smartphone age, from growing up in the depression of the 1930's to WWII, the sixties and to the world of CNN and Facebook. It has been quite a ride, and we still find out new things she remembers. So, check in on some of those stories if you have a super senior in your life!

November is also the month for several things to note. Right on the 2nd of November is the Paid-up Membership Luncheon for Sisterhood and Brotherhood. If you are a paid dues member of either of the auxiliaries, RSVP and come join a fun and tasty time. Try not to miss the annual *L'Dor V'Dor* Shabbat service at Vassar Temple, from generation to generation. On November 7, please join this heartwarming and meaningful service. Our Brotherhood service is on November 21. This service is led by the men of Brotherhood and members are encouraged to participate. As is tradition, Sisterhood will provide the Oneg after the service. The second in a series of creative activities led by Eve Gendron will be on the 17th. Be prepared to sip, snack and center your creative energies! As always, check the Temple emails and online Temple calendar for all details on Temple events and activities. You don't want to miss out.

This month is when I look forward to Thanksgiving. We all think about how thankful we are for what we have in our lives and who we have in our lives. I'm not a football fanatic so for me it's the food. And even the leftovers are yummy; how many of us make Thanksgiving casserole with the leftovers? Thankfully, not much complaining about that in my house! To all Vassar Temple members and your families and friends, have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

All the best.

Roni Stein



Bimah Flowers for our Services November 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.

November 2025 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

November 7: Jennifer and Douglas Rubin in honor of their daughter Sarah's Bat Mitzvah

Hilary and Lew Wrobel in honor of U.S. military veterans, and

Andi and Paul Ciminello in memory of Bobbi Hulnick

November 14: Sandra Mamis in honor of the birthdays of Rachel, Steven and Michelle Mamis

November 21: Ellie and Benjamin Krevolin in memory of Jenny Krevolin

Martin Noble in memory of Rose Noble, and

Susan Budson Fink in memory of her parents Rose and Daniel Budson

November 28: Marilyn McGaulley Lampell in memory of John McGaulley



Religious School Update

On September 21, just before Rosh Hashana, the religious school students collaborated on some *t'shuva* exercises. These are some of their thoughts.

QUESTION: What stops you from apologizing, when you should apologize?

ANSWER: "Because you're afraid. Because you don't think they deserve an apology. Because it means you can't do it again. Because you're not sorry. Because you don't have the courage to admit you messed up."

QUESTION: If you were writing a letter to the person you were one year ago, what would you say?

ANSWER: "Don't yell. Learn to be more calm. Be more brave. Practice your piano."

QUESTION: If you were writing a letter to the person you will be a year from now, what would you say?

ANSWER: "Be the one to stand up for others. Focus more in school – get better grades. Work harder at sports. Be the person who knows what it means to be Jewish."

QUESTION: How can you make life better for people you see every day?

ANSWER: "Tell the teacher what s/he accomplished for you. Thank the bus driver. Tell the lunchroom server that the food looks great. Let your friends know you appreciate them. Offer to do an errand for your parents. Pet your pets. Follow the teacher's instructions and don't make their life harder than it has to be."



Rabbi Shoshana Hantman

Religious School Director

November Scriptural Readings

November 1

Lech L'cha:

Genesis 12:1-17:27; Isaiah 40:27-41:18

November 8

Vayeira:

Genesis 18:1-22:24; II Kings 4:1-37

November 15

Chayei Sarah:

Genesis 23:1-25:18; I Kings 1:1-31

November 22

Tol'dot:

Genesis 25:19-28:9; Malachi 1:1-2:7

November 29

Vayeitzei:

Genesis 28:10-32:3; Hosea 12:13-14:10

Vassar Temple Study Groups

Torah Study with Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh meets hybrid at 9am on Saturday mornings (no class November 1st & 8th). Come join our lively discussions. Contact office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570 for details and to be placed on the Torah Study email list.

Talmud Study on Zoom, with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb, is on hiatus and will resume in January.

All welcome No prior knowledge required No charge to attend

New Paths

This month we'll gather for New Paths Sabbath morning services at 10:15am Saturday, November 15 (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.

Healing Service ~ November 22

A Healing Service, led by Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann of Vassar Temple, will be held Shabbat morning, Saturday November 22 at 10:15am.

This beautiful service is designed for anyone praying for healing of the body, soul or spirit for themselves or others, for caregivers, and for anyone, for any reason, in need of spiritual strength. The service will include prayers, reflections and songs that focus on healing and on Shabbat.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend the service, which will be hybrid (both in person and on Zoom). For the Zoom link, watch temple emails or contact office@vassartemple.org.

Changes are happening!



In preparation for our federal security grant application, the large shrubs in front of the building were deemed a hazard by the law enforcement personnel who conducted our vulnerability assessment, and they were recently removed.

We are taking the opportunity to create something beautiful while making the synagogue safer. A "remembrance garden" has been planted around the eternal flame sculpture in keeping with its theme. The garden features pollinator-friendly native plants, supporting sustainability and education in this important environmental area. Fall planting has been completed and the sculpture cleaned. Additional work will occur in the spring. The garden has been designed to provide multi-season interest with spring bulbs, wild geraniums, coneflowers, Black-eyed Susan, yarrow, aster, butterfly milkweed, and more. Our Cemetery, Dayenu, and House committees are collaborating on this project. The plants and seeds were donated by our garden team members from their home gardens. At this point you can see stalks and flowers gone to seed that will provide food and protective habitat, along with texture, over the winter. Next spring and summer we expect a first profusion of flowers! At least two full seasonal cycles, and ongoing TLC, will be needed to bring this project to fruition.

The sculpture was erected in 1993 by the Bloch family in memory of Elaine F. Bloch. The artist is well-known sculptor Joseph A. Burlini. A plaque on the sculpture's pedestal, now visible, contains a Hebrew quotation from Proverbs 20:27 with the translation "The human spirit is the light of the Eternal."

As these plants nourish our pollinators, we hope that you will also receive sustenance as you come and go from the synagogue, taking the opportunity for a moment of meditation and gratitude for the miracles of nature.

For more information about how you can support the local Pollinator Pathway please contact dayenudutchess@gmail.com.

Vassar Temple Presents

CREATING COMMUNITY

A series of evenings to gather and make something beautiful happen, led by Temple member Eve Gendron

No artistic experience needed! Non-Members and Friends welcome!

Snack, sip, and center your creative energies.

OCTOBER brings AUTUMN LEAF PRINTING!



Learn a simple technique using nature's handiwork to create your own art,

and make a set of beautiful notecards to take home.

Monday, October 27 7pm – 8:30pm

This is a fun(d)raiser for Vassar Temple.

\$36 includes all supplies plus wine/

Payment in advance or at the door

(check payable to Vassar Temple or cash). Contact the temple office in advance to use a credit card.

Registration is required.

RSVP to: create@vassartemple.org

Limit 24 participants. This program is for ages 16+.

Save the date for additional sessions:

November 17 (snow date 11/18), December 8 (snow date 12/9)

– projects to be announced.

Climate Corner ~ an update from our Dayenu Circle



Dayenu Dutchess is a co-sponsor of Dayenu's *Chutzpah* campaign to get out the vote. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to write postcards to Virginia for the non-partisan <u>Environmental Voter Project</u>. Watch for news of our next postcard campaign as we move towards the 2026 elections.

Dayenu in NYS opposes newly proposed fracked gas pipelines, with an initial focus on the NESE (Northeast Supply Enhancement) pipeline. This proposed pipeline would run through the waters off Staten Island, Brooklyn, and the Rockaways (as well as parts of New Jersey and Pennsylvania), bringing gas from Pennsylvania to downstate NYS. The NESE project threatens public health and the climate. It would stir up toxic sediment and lock us into decades of unnecessary toxic air and water pollution.

According to the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis:

- → Ratepayers would be on the hook for construction costs as well as the cost of new infrastructure to manage the gas.
- → The pipeline would not provide direct permanent jobs in NYS, with only about 9% of direct construction jobs located here and requiring highly specialized skills.
- → The pipeline profits would largely move out of state, as consumer payments would support the utility's payments to the developer in Oklahoma.
- → The NESE's adverse impacts are unnecessary as the utility, National Grid, is not facing an urgent demand. There is adequate time to develop other strategies to meet anticipated consumer need.

Governor Hochul has the power to stop the project and could make a decision at any moment. <u>Call Governor Hochul to reject the pipeline</u> and ask your friends, family, and community to do the same. Let's strive to meet the Jewish imperative to survive and thrive *l'dor vador* (from generation to generation) by urging the Governor to oppose this project and instead invest in a clean, just energy future.

Chai Noon Sisterhood Luncheon



Join us for our next Chai Noon Luncheon, Tuesday, November 18, at the exciting new restaurant everyone is talking about, Saba, located at 21 Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie.

They serve traditional dishes from the Middle East: falafel, hummus plates, salads, soups and of course desserts.

It's very casual and comfortable. Parking is in the rear. Enter through the back. There is a black awning marked 21 Raymond Avenue.

- Separate checks as usual
- Please RSVP to chai@vassartemple.org

JWV

The November Jewish War Veterans meeting will be held at Shomre Israel on November 9.

Kosher nosh will begin at 9am and the meeting will begin at 9:30am.

For more information contact Ralph Schwartz.



SISTERHOOD RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Submitted by Susan Budson Fink

Corn Pudding

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup flour
- ½ cup cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 pound fresh, frozen or drained canned corn (3 1/3 cups)
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups milk

Instructions

- Heat oven to 400 degrees and grease a 2-quart casserole.
- Combine flour, cornmeal, sugar, salt and cayenne in a bowl.
- Mix in butter and corn.
- In a separate bowl, beat eggs well.
- Beat milk into eggs and pour into corn mixture.
- Pour into casserole and bake 40 minutes, stirring 3 times in the first 30 minutes—the flour and cornmeal will sink to the bottom as the pudding cooks, which is why you must stir. The last time you stir, the mixture will be very thick on the bottom and like thin custard on the top.
- Stir and break up lumps by poking them with a spoon or fork, then cook for the last 10 minutes. Pudding should be soft but set in center and speckled brown on top.
- Makes six servings.





Maverick Modell, son of Micah and Misun Modell, is excited to be becoming a bar mitzvah on November 1st at Vassar Temple. He has one older sister, Manhattan. Maverick's favorite subjects in school are math and art and he's excited to be in Studio in Art this year as well as Algebra (both high school courses). He spends time after school at Chess Club and the Dungeons & Dragons Club. Maverick took on a variety of things for his Bar Mitzvah Project - most notably, he worked with Matthew Sperling on building the walkway behind the Temple, and he also volunteered during much of last year at the Food Bank at Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls, packing the bags of food to be delivered. Maverick is very grateful for the support of the Temple and the Sisterhood, who enabled him to spend a memorable summer at Camp Eisner, where this photo was taken.

Sisterhood welcomes our new member!

Gail Watson

many times and it's yummy!

Susan writes: I've made this





Social Action Happenings

Thanks to each and every one of you who brought in all those bags of food to stuff the truck on Yom Kippur! Special appreciation to Stop & Shop for donating the bags, to Lisa-Sue Quackenbush and everyone who gave out the bags on Rosh Hashana, to Ron Rosen for managing the truck, to the Steckman and Carr families (special shout-out to Thomas for staying until the very end), as well as to Joel Kelson, for helping load the truck on Yom Kippur, and to Ralph Schwartz for his invaluable help with literally every aspect of the project. The need right now is so great, and Dutchess Outreach was absolutely thrilled to receive all that food from us. As you all know, "Vassar Temple cares about hunger!"

The local Jewish Social Action Coalition, of which we are a member, is continuing to support Morse School (now known as Sojourner Truth School), with monthly food distributions to the families in most need, financed by a grant and in conjunction with the Regional Food Bank of NE NY. Due to District reconfiguration this year, the school now only goes up through second grade, with most of those in grades 3-5 attending Clinton School, so we are exploring ways to serve them directly as well. Thanks to Maddy D'Angelo for volunteering to help sort and pack the school supplies and clothing that were purchased for these children through the Hannukah in August fundraiser.

The Shelter Meals project continues to serve Hudson River Housing's emergency shelter for veterans at Liberty Station, by providing a monthly dinner for approximately 27 residents. If you would like to prepare a menu item in your home to be served at an upcoming meal, please contact Judy Harkavy at shelter@vassartemple.org. Judy also maintains the collection basket at the Temple for mini toiletries for shelter residents.

We are disappointed that we will not be doing Trim-a-Thanksgiving this year, because Hudson River Housing has discontinued that program without much advance notice to us. I especially love this project because everyone, from the youngest religious school children to the oldest senior members of the congregation, gets to contribute something special to the effort. If you know of another agency that would like to receive Thanksgiving food baskets, turkeys, roasting pans, and

trimmings from us next year, please let me know.

Your financial donations to Vassar Temple's Community Tzedakah Fund help fund our social action work. Thanks to all for your support, however you choose to help.

~Marian Schwartz,

Social Action Chair

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Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to this year's High Holy Day Appeal.

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November YAHRZEITS

Our condolences to the family of Enid Gohra, wife of Joseph Gohra



Tiny Temple with Rabbi Jeff Sunday, November 2 at 11am

Join us for Tiny Temple — an hour of joyful Jewish music, dancing, and fun with Rabbi Jeff on the guitar! This special gathering is designed for our youngest friends and their families to sing, move, and celebrate together in community.

Singing with our kiddos is one of Rabbi Jeff's favorite things, and this month he's especially excited to share a very special "thank you" song in honor of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Come clap, laugh, and lift your spirits as we make music and memories together at Vassar Temple!



Sarah Rubin will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 10am



Calendar of Events—November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10am Maverick Modell Bar Mitzvah BAR MITZVAH Mazel Tov
2 FALL BACK 9am Religious School 10:30am Lunch Box 11am Tiny Temple 12:30pm Sister & Brotherhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon	3 7pm Sisterhood Monthly Meeting	Election Day	5 12pm Wise Aging 4:30pm Hebrew School	6 7pm Ritual CMTE	7 6pm L'Dor V'Dor Service	10am Sarah Rubin Bat Mitzvah 16V Bat
9 9am Religious School	10	OFFICE CLOSED Veterans Day	4:30pm Hebrew School	13	7:30pm Shabbat Service	9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths Service
16	17 7pm Creating Community	18 12pm Sisterhood Chai Noon Luncheon 7pm Creating Community (SNOW DATE)	19 4:30pm Hebrew School 7pm Finance CMTE	20 7pm VT Board	21 7:30pm Brotherhood Shabbat Service	22 9am Torah Study 10:15am Healing Service
23 9am Religious School	24	25	26 4	27 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day 6:30pm Shelter Meal	28 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Wknd 6pm Shabbat Evening Service	29 9am Torah Study

Vassar Temple Fall Scrip Gift Card Shopping Extravaganza



In addition to the grocery gift cards that are always available at Temple (Adams, Hannaford, Price Chopper, ShopRite, Stop & Shop, and Tops) this fall we have an abundance—or a cornucopia if you will—of wonderful gift cards!

We have gas cards for Exxon/Mobil, Shell, and Speedway. For your snacky and entertainment needs, we have cards from Dunkin', Panera, Starbucks, Regal Cinemas, and Uber/Uber Eats. For your home needs, we have Ace Hardware, Home Depot, and Lowe's. For your healthcare needs, we have CVS. For your holiday gift shopping needs, we have Amazon, American Eagle, Barnes & Noble, Bass Pro Shop, Gap/Athleta/Banana Republic/Old Navy, Target, and TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home Goods/ Sierra Trading.

Please support Vassar Temple as you do your weekly grocery shopping, your house and home needs shopping, your holiday gift shopping and more. We have many smaller amount cards (\$10 and \$25 cards) that are

perfect for gifting your hairdresser/barber, your newspaper delivery person, teachers, dog walkers, etc. We have larger amount cards, (\$50 and \$100 cards) for your larger purchases as well. We all need and buy stuff! Please think of buying gift cards that will benefit your Temple!

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