



Vassar Temple

Where You Belong

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Vassar Temple proudly announces
the installation of
Rabbi Jeffrey Stombaugh



Friday, April 17, 2026 ~ 7 pm

Installation Service Guest Speaker:
Rabbi Jonathan Singer,
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Senior Rabbi
Emeritus of Congregation Emanu-El,
San Francisco, CA

Join us as we celebrate new beginnings,
shared leadership, and the unfolding story of
Jewish life in our community

~ Followed by celebratory Oneg reception ~

From the Rabbi's Desk: *What Does Liberation Look Like?*



This year, there is a question about freedom that is on my mind: What does the moment of liberation look like?

Is it a new seed you plant in soil you can finally call your own? Is it the first leaf breaking through after a long winter — stubborn, small, and sure of itself? Is it a flower in full bloom, almost embarrassingly alive? What is the moment — your moment — when you recognize: this is what freedom feels like?

I ask because Passover begins this month, and this year more than most, I feel some urgency around the question.

We live in a complicated time — one that requires discernment, patience, and a refusal to settle for easy answers. The work of liberation — real liberation worth having — has never come quickly or cleanly. It asks something of us, our courage and persistence. And the willingness to examine what we truly believe, and why. The Passover seder offers us a map. A structure and set of access points that allow us to experience both the pain of the journey and the joy of freedom. From the very beginning of the seder we open the door and declare: *Kol dich'fin yeitei v'yeichul* — “Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and celebrate Passover with us.” (Passover Haggadah) Right away we are reminded of something essential: liberation is not solitary.

Freedom begins with making space for others.

The Torah underscores this point in a striking way. When the Israelites leave Egypt, they do not leave alone. The text tells us that a great mixed multitude — an *erev rav* — went out with them. Strangers. Seekers. People who did not share the same lineage, but who recognized something in this movement toward freedom and said: “I want to be part of that!” The story of Jewish liberation has always been wider than the Jewish people alone.

This is worth sitting with, especially now.

The path toward freedom — then and now — requires a multiplicity of voices. It asks us to make room at the table for people who come from different places, who carry different wounds and different hopes. That diversity is not a flaw in the story, it is part of the story.

So as you prepare your seder table this year, I invite you to sit with a few questions: What is the liberation I am still working toward? Who is in my own mixed multitude — the unexpected companions walking beside me? And what does my moment of freedom look like when I allow myself to imagine it fully?

And then, once Passover ends, another practice begins. The Counting of the Omer — 49 days stretching from Passover to Shavuot — is one of the most underrated spiritual tools in our tradition. It is a daily practice of attention and transformation, a way of grounding ourselves as we move from liberation toward revelation. If you've never counted the Omer and are curious about it, please reach out. I would love nothing more than to help you begin.

Because in our tradition, freedom is not only a destination. It is a practice. A daily act of showing up, looking inward, and choosing — again and again — to move toward the life we most want to live.

May your seder be filled with questions, laughter, and honest conversation. May your table be wide. And may this season of spring and liberation carry all of us — together — one step closer to the world we are still learning to build..

Chag Pesach Sameach,
Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh

President's Message:



As you read this column, Passover is about to begin. I am not sure when Passover last began on the first of April, but this year is no foolin'! It has always been a unique holiday to me in its story, the choice of foods, and where it takes place, which is generally at home. So much rich history; a story that can be studied and discussed year after year, decade after decade, long into centuries. A story of freedom, determination, purpose and hope. The Passover foods are some of the most creative recipes, particularly if you came from an Ashkenazi background. The number of things you can make with matzo is amazing; from pizzas to kugels to layer cakes; there have been some very ingenious cooks!

Much has changed in what is used in Passover recipes in our modern era. As well, many of us make dishes from our heritage and from around the world. One of my favorites is a type of vegetable frittata from Turkey, but my haroset is traditional Eastern European! Passover wines are also now so much more diverse and interesting. May your seder be full of family and friends, history and unique foods. May it be peaceful and a refuge from an anxious world.



If you are not attending a seder of your own, Vassar Temple is having a first night seder at Temple. It will be led by Rabbi Stombaugh and will be family-friendly and include many Passover favorites. Kudos to the committee for bringing this seder back. RSVPs are required to attend. Come join your Vassar Temple family for Passover!

Our synagogue also has several interfaith families, and we wish them a happy and joyous Easter!

In meeting with the Rabbi recently, we talked about all the celebrations in April soon to happen at Vassar Temple. They include the formal installation of Rabbi Jeffrey Stombaugh at Vassar Temple on April 17. The small plates reception before services does require an RSVP! All information for the installation is in the bulletin, weekly emails, and other Temple communications. The installation committee is very excited for our congregation, and board members will be happy to answer any questions you may have. As a congregation we have been happy to welcome Jeffrey Stombaugh as our new Rabbi and look forward to many years together.

April also is the month of Israel's independence. May it be celebrated with no war, and all its people living in peace with hope for the future. May its leadership work toward this most of all for its people.

Chag Pesach Sameach!

Roni Stein

Shabbat Yeladim is for Your Kiddo!

Shabbat Yeladim is a Jewish space for wiggles, music, stories, and the kind of Shabbat joy that might just get everyone to nap time—or a good *Shabbos shluff*.

- If your child is in diapers and happiest in a stroller listening to music—and it works with nap time—we want you there.
- If your kiddo is in preschool, kindergarten, first, or second grade, this space is especially for you.
- If your kiddo is in third or fourth grade—or a proud big sibling—you are absolutely welcome too.

Yeladim means “children” in Hebrew, and we mean that with intention: young children at the center, families all around them, and a community celebrating Shabbat with music, movement, and joy.

There is nothing we sing, learn, or do that isn't meant to be accessible—from our littlest learners to grown-ups and grand-grown-ups alike. I look forward to see you and your family and to celebrate Shabbat together in a way that feels joyful, warm, and full of life.

Snacks will be provided after each service. Please don't forget to RSVP office@vassartemple.org or 845.454.2570 so we can plan accordingly.

Warmly,
Rabbi Jeff

Shabbat Yeladim Dates

- April 4 ~ Passover themed!
- April 18 ~ Rabbi Jeff's Favorites in honor of his installation weekend!
- May 2
- May 9
- May 23



Seventh Day Passover Morning Service/Yikor

Wednesday, April 8 10:15 am

Celebrate the last day of Pesach at our Festival morning service, commemorating the moment of redemption at the crossing at the Sea of Reeds. Yizkor (a brief memorial service) will also be observed. During these seasons of joy, we pause to remember our loved ones; no doubt, we will have felt their absence around the seder table. It can be comforting to remember one's loved ones in the context of community.

April Scriptural Readings

April 4

Chol HaMo-eid Pesach

Exodus 33:12-34:26; Ezekiel 37:1-14;
Song of Songs is read

April 11

Sh'mini

Leviticus 9:1-11:47; II Samuel 6:1-7:17

April 18

Tazria - M'tzora

Leviticus 12:1-15:33; II Kings 7:3-20

April 25

Acharei Mot – K'doshim

Leviticus 16:1-20:27; Amos 9:7-15

Study Groups at Vassar Temple

Torah Study with the Temple's Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh Saturday mornings at 9am (hybrid). No class April 11 or April 25. Join our lively discussions. To be placed on the Torah Study email list contact office@vassartemple.org.

Talmud Study with Senior Scholar Rabbi Paul Golomb on Zoom two Mondays a month from noon to 1:30pm. Contact him at pjgolomb@verizon.net to be placed on the Talmud Study email list and receive the study sheets.

*No previous knowledge necessary!
No charge to attend!*

New Paths

This month we'll gather for New Paths Sabbath morning services at 10:15am Saturdays, April 4 and 18 (both 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, including music with Rabbi Jeff, in an intimate informal worship service. A brief simple 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.

Bimah Flowers for our Services April 2026

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.



April 2026 Bimah Flowers Sponsors:

April 3: Martin Noble in memory of Martin Noble, Sr.

April 10: Beth Plotsky in honor of her sons Gage's and Gavin's B'nai Mitzvah

April 17: Patti and Howard Weiner and Shoshana Stombaugh in honor of Rabbi Jeff's installation

April 24: Nir and Kathryn Naaman in honor of their son Ben's Bar Mitzvah,

and Lisa-Sue and Kurt Quackenbush in honor of their Double Chai Anniversary

Dutchess County Mitzvah Day ~ Sunday, May 3

*Community Service Projects & Carwash 10:30-noon

*Israeli Style Lunch Buffet at noon

Headquarters: Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

This year's Dutchess County Mitzvah Day will consist of a morning of community service, followed by a celebratory Israeli style lunch buffet accompanied by fun activities, entertainment, and surprises. Rain or shine, go straight to your project; they all will be held indoors (except for the carwash, of course!).

Pre-register from a choice of service activities designed for individuals of all ages as well as for families, mostly held at the headquarters and at a few select sites in Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park.

Projects include filling planter boxes, cooking at Lunch Box, doing a craft with nursing home residents, baking cookies for those in need, creating blankets for cancer patients, holding a car wash (great for teens!), packing cereal, and more.

Get your car washed—proceeds benefit charity. And then join with your fellow volunteers from throughout the local Jewish community to socialize and enjoy a complementary buffet lunch and entertainment at HQ!

Register early for the projects of your choice! Find project details and registration information in Vassar Temple emails, the *April Voice*, and at jewishdutchess.org. Project start times may vary. This event is organized by the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County with a committee from the local

Jewish community. And don't forget: Cereal Counts!

Cereal Counts! Annual Boxed Cereal Drive April 9- May 3

Not only children who may miss their free school breakfast over the summer, but folks of all ages can benefit from a nutritious, filling breakfast. When Passover ends (April 9), please start bringing new, unopened boxes of any breakfast cereal to the Can Jam bin in Vassar Temple. Or bring them to Mitzvah Day headquarters at Congregation Schomre Israel on Sunday, May 3. Cereal will be donated to food pantries at Dutchess Outreach, Sojourner Truth Elementary School, Rhinebeck Reformed Church, and Beulah Baptist Church. This project originated at Vassar Temple and later became a part of Dutchess County Mitzvah Day.

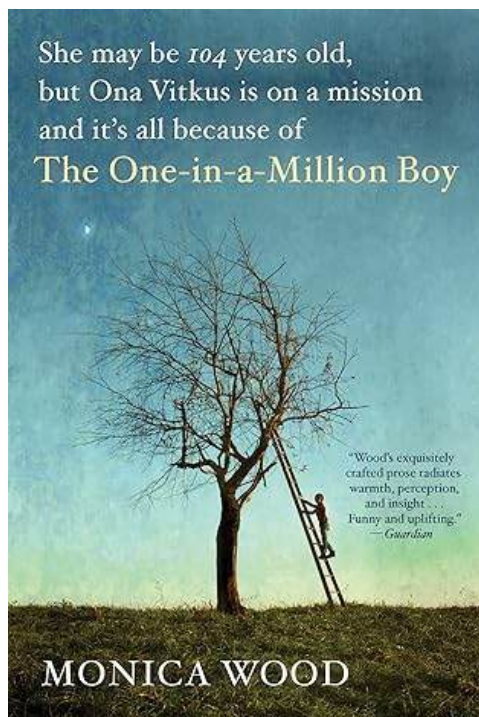


Evelyn Kahn Spirit of Sisterhood Award

Sisterhood members are invited to submit nominations for the 2026 award. This honor has been bestowed annually since 1993 to recognize a member who goes above and beyond in service to the organization. The nomination form, which includes a list of past recipients, is available at the temple or you can reach out to sisterhood@vassartemple.org for a copy. The nomination deadline is May 15.

1993 Elaine Lipschutz	2004 Joan Reifler	2015 Judy Rosenfeld and Nadine Zaritsky
1994 Anne Kahn	2005 Doi Cohen	2016 Amy Horn Oclatis and Danah Moore
1995 Marjorie Katz	2006 Perla Kaufman	2017 Lisa-Sue Quackenbush
1996 Lila Matlin	2007 Evelyn Partridge	2018 Melissa Erlebacher
1997 Naomi Goldberg	2008 Sharon Zant	2019 Fern Wolf
1998 Mildred Gould	2009 Emily Himelstein	2022 Linda Babas
1999 Bea Gross	2010 Sandra Mamis and Gayle Margolin	2023 Polly Lewis
2000 Rose Weigert	2011 Roni Stein	2024 Susan Budson Fink
2001 Muriel Lampell	2012 Susan Karnes Hecht	2025 Marcia Tanzman
2002 Helen Klein	2013 Marian Schwartz	2026 ???
2003 Susan Sommerfield	2014 Laura Brundage	

VTS Book Club to Read *The One-in-a-Million Boy* by Monica Wood ~ Thursday, April 16 at 2pm



“Winner of the Nautilus Award and the New England Society Book Award, *The One-in-a-Million Boy* is the incandescent story of a 104-year-old woman and the sweet, strange young boy assigned to help her around the house—a tale of intergenerational friendship that touches each member of the boy’s unmoored family.

‘The story of your life never starts at the beginning. Don’t they teach you anything at school?’ So says 104-year-old Ona to the 11-year-old boy who’s been sent to help her out every Saturday morning. As he refills the bird feeders and tidies the garden shed, Ona tells him about her long life, from first love to second chances. Soon she’s confessing secrets she has kept hidden for decades. One Saturday, the boy doesn’t show up. Ona starts to think he’s not so special after all, but then his father arrives on her doorstep, determined to finish his son’s good deed. The boy’s mother is not so far behind. Ona is set to discover that the world can surprise us at any age, and that in this story of found family, sometimes sharing a loss is the only way to find ourselves again.” (Amazon)

Discussion of this novel will be on Thursday, April 16, 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.



High Tea at VT
The VTS High Tea
on Sunday, March
15 was enjoyed
by all!



SISTERHOOD RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Submitted by Sandra Mamis

Chocolate Chip Passover Cookies (makes about four dozen)

Ingredients:

- 1½ cups Passover cake flour
- ¼ cup matzoh meal
- 2 eggs
- 1¾ cups brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups unsalted butter
- 2½ cups semisweet chocolate chips



Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Grease two baking sheets or line with parchment paper
- Mix the butter with brown sugar, vanilla extract, salt and eggs
- Blend in cake flour and matzoh meal, then stir in chocolate chips
- Scoop large tablespoons of dough onto baking sheets and flatten with spoon
- Bake until slightly golden, about 13 to 15 minutes

Remembering Cecile Arnold

Passover Brownies:

A recipe from Cecile Arnold in her honor submitted by Francine Kaplan

Instructions:

- Combine 4 eggs and 2 cups of sugar
- Add the mixture to 4 ounces of unsweetened chocolate melted in ½ cup of milk
- Add 1 scant cup of matzoh cake meal
- 2/3 cup melted butter
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- Bake in greased 9 x 13 pan at 350 degrees for about 35 minutes



Religious School Update

The first seder comes upon us on the first day of April.
I would like to offer you
this wonderful commentary from Elana Sztokman.



"For four daughters did the Bible speak:

The curious one, who excitedly asked everyone, 'What is this amazing looking matza?' and asked the same about every item on the table and in the world.

The passionate one, who loved the scents, colors, and flavors of the seder table and all the people around it, who sang and danced with all her heart, who put on plays with her cousins and laughed so hard the back-door neighbors heard her.

The caring one, who lovingly went around ensuring that everyone had what to eat and a hug to go with it, who never sat until everyone else was safe and happy.

And the sad, sometimes angry one, who remembered all the hurts and pains of women who came before her, the ones who never achieved freedom, the ones who were neither seen nor heard. She sat through the seder praying for healing for herself and her people, whoever they were.

And the first three daughters loved and accepted the fourth daughter, and they were so grateful to have her with them.

And they were all grateful for the presence of the other, knowing that each one enriched her."

Happy Passover to all.

Rabbi Shoshana Hantman
Religious School Director

School Library Volunteers Needed

Sojourner Truth (formerly Morse) Elementary School in Poughkeepsie is in need of volunteers to help organize library shelves, reshelve books as they are returned, and label cards for the children. Some of this work is physical, and would all be done during the school day. We need four more volunteers, who will work in pairs. Marlene Straus is coordinating the library volunteers for the Jewish Social Action Coalition, in which Vassar Temple is a partner. To learn more or to volunteer, contact socialaction@vassartemple.org.



Civic Engagement Committee at Vassar Temple

The Vassar Temple “Meet Your Elected Officials” series continues in late March and April with Town Hall meeting programs that are open to the community. Come join us and learn how our elected officials serve our community. The Committee hosted Anthony Parisi, Dutchess County District Attorney and other staff members in January.



In early March, Dutchess Family Judge Jeffrey C. Martin was welcomed to Vassar Temple for a lively discussion about the Family Court’s history and court operations. The discussion moderator was Rhinebeck Town Justice and longstanding Vassar Temple member, Lisa Rubenstein.

This is an opportunity to understand the roles and responsibilities of our government officials at all levels. It is also an opportunity for those officials to get to know Vassar Temple and the Jewish community.

Future Programs include:

Sunday, March 29 - State Senator Rob Rolison, Assembly Members Didi Barrett and Jonathan Jacobson



Sunday, April 12 - Dutchess County Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair



Sunday, April 26 - Dutchess County Legislative Panel: Yvette Valdes-Smith, Chairperson, Barrington Atkins, Majority Leader and Michael Polasek, Minority Leader. The discussion moderator will be Legislator and long-standing Vassar Temple member Emma Arnoff.



All programs are on Sundays from 3:00-5:00pm and are open to Vassar Temple members and community guests.

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Grandson of Howard Susser and Shirl Davis-Susser



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April YAHREZEITS

Tiny Temple at The Discovery Museum

Join Tiny Temple, PJ Library, and Rabbi Jeff at The Discovery Museum in Poughkeepsie Sunday, April 19, from 9am-11am. We promise lots of springtime fun, hands-on learning, crafts, activities, and, of course, music with Rabbi Jeff. The museum's address is 76 N. Water Street, and you must pre-register at programs@jewishdutchess.org. Contact them and watch Temple e-mails for more details!



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Calendar of Events—April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 PASSOVER EVE 1ST SEDER 5:30pm VT First Night Seder 	2 PASSOVER DAY 1 2ND SEDER 	3 PASSOVER DAY 2 7pm Shabbat Festival Service	4 PASSOVER DAY 3 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths Service 10:15am Shabbat Yeladim
5 PASSOVER DAY 4 10:30am Lunch Box 	6 PASSOVER DAY 5	7 PASSOVER DAY 6	8 PASSOVER DAY 7 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30am Seventh Day Pesach Service	9 7pm Ritual CMTE 7:30pm Cemetery CMTE	10 7pm Shabbat Service	11 10am Gage & Gavin Plotsky Bar Mitzvah 
12 9am Religious School 3pm Civic Engagement Dan Aymar-Bair: Dutchess County Comptroller	13 Yom HaShoah Eve 6pm Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration	14 Yom HaShoah 7pm Sisterhood Monthly Meeting	15 4:30pm Hebrew School	16 2pm VTS Book Club 	17 7pm Installation Service for Rabbi Jeffrey Stombaugh	18 9am Torah Study 10:15am New Paths Service 10:15am Shabbat Yeladim
19 9am Religious School 9am Tiny Temple at The Discovery Museum in POK	20 Yom HaZikaron Eve	21 Yom HaZikaron/ Yom HaAtzmaut Eve 7pm Finance CMTE	22 Yom HaAtzmaut 12pm Wise Aging 4:30pm Hebrew School	23 6:30pm Shelter Meal 7pm VT Board	24 7pm Shabbat Service	25 10am Ben Naaman Bar Mitzvah 
26 9am Religious School 3pm Civic Engagement Dutchess County Legislative Panel featuring Chair Yvette Valdes Smith, Majority Leader Barrington R. Atkins and Minority Leader Michael Polasek. Panel will be moderated by Emma Arnoff	27	28 3pm Development CMTE	29 4:30pm Hebrew School	30	31 7pm Shabbat Service	

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

Climate Corner – an update from our Dayenu Circle



The Dayenu Circle and Civic Engagement Committee are collaborating on a voter postcard project. Help us send Environmental Voter Project postcards to Pennsylvania for the state primary in May.

The Environmental Voter Project uses scientific methods to identify environmental voters and contacts lower-propensity voters to encourage them to vote more often. They research all campaigns with the long-term goal of making climate and environmental issues more important to elected leaders by having more people highly motivated by environmental issues vote regularly.



The mailing date for this campaign is April 15. We provide cards, addresses, and a short script. Writers are asked to provide postcard stamps.

Please contact Susan Karnes Hecht at rov.dutchess@gmail.com and include "EVP Cards" in the subject line.

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