

**Vassar Temple shares this message with our congregation as a member of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council.**

The Board of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council stands shoulder to shoulder with so many religious and non-religious organizations in denouncing the murder of George Floyd. We support peaceful protests that ask our nation to address the unaddressed causes of racism that sicken our society and our souls. The work ahead of us is profoundly challenging, but our faith traditions demand that we look upon each other with the eyes of compassion.

We call all people to sit in judgment upon their hearts, knowing that it is our actions and our inaction that reveal our character. Let this be the moment where the oppressed are heard, supported, and uplifted. Let this be the moment where those who have ignored the pain of racism in America awake to see the injustice suffered by too many Americans. Let this be the moment we work together to bring about justice for all.



**DUTCHESS COUNTY  
INTERFAITH COUNCIL, INC.**

**Please join us to welcome Shabbat!**

**Friday, June 12th**

**7:30 pm - Zoom service with Rabbi Altman and Cantor Goldmann**

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am - Online Torah Study**

Friday, June 19th

7:30 pm

Join us for this special Shabbat service when we will recognize those members of the Board of Trustees who have completed their terms of service and install our new Officers and Trustees. Please help us to express the congregation's appreciation for their service to and leadership of Vassar Temple with your presence.



**FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICE** Please contact [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org) by Friday morning if you have a name to be added for the healing prayer (names will not be read aloud) or a Simcha you would like to share.

There are three options available to access our prayer book, Mishkan T'Filah:

1. Contact the Temple office to borrow a copy
2. Kindle has a discounted version available
3. **UPDATED:** below is a new link for the flipbook of *Mishkan Tefillah*; this is the complete version that we use in the synagogue so pagination in the book itself will be the same. Updated flipbook with repagination:

<https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/resources-repaginated/#>

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**SATURDAY TORAH STUDY** If you would like to be added to Rabbi Altman's email list for Torah Study, please contact the office.

There are three options available to you for the needed text:

1. Contact the temple office to borrow a copy
2. Kindle has this available as well
3. Please feel free to follow along in your own copy of the Bible

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**PLEASE NOTE:** While the office is closed, we will use email to acknowledge donations in lieu of our usual cards. Please continue to monitor your email in order to be up to date on all information related to the temple.



## OUR ANNUAL **PROTEIN PLENTY!!** DRIVE

**June 1 - June 30, 2020:** As has been our temple tradition, and with special urgency this summer, we would like to stock Community Action Partnership's food pantries in Poughkeepsie, Dover, Red Hook, and Beacon with protein-rich foods, which they can distribute to children, families, and adults of all ages in need.

**How to help?** During June, you're invited to send a tax-deductible donation of any amount to Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. (Please write "Protein Plenty" on the memo line). 100% of the donations will be used to purchase supermarket scrip from the temple, so the temple benefits, too! Questions? Please contact [socialaction@vassartemple.org](mailto:socialaction@vassartemple.org)

## "Vassar Temple Cares About Hunger"

## HELP VASSAR TEMPLE AND ALSO OUR NEIGHBORS-IN-NEED!



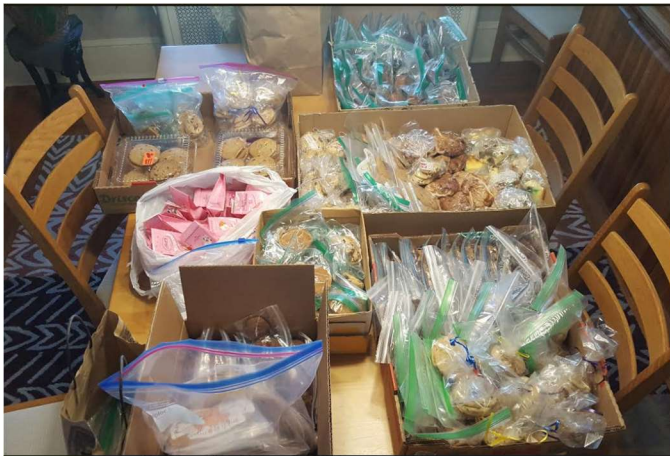
IT'S EASY! Organizations such as, but not limited to, Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, Grace Smith House, Family Partnership, and Hudson River Housing are supporting many families who are financially challenged, more so than ever, during these difficult times.

If you would like to help, you can purchase scrip (gift cards) to be distributed to the most needy. Cards will be used for food and other non-perishable family and household supplies.

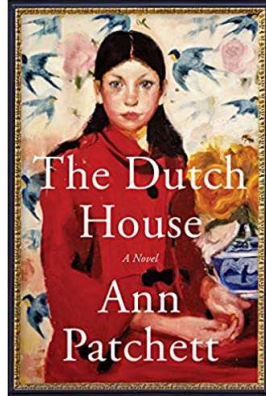
Send your check to the Temple, labeled "donation, scrip." Vassar Temple will make some revenue off of the scrip sales and, at the same time, you will be doing a mitzvah for members of the community who desperately need help.

For any questions please contact [scrip@vassartemple.org](mailto:scrip@vassartemple.org)

**A huge thank you** to the over 25 members who baked and contributed cookies, brownies, cakes, granola bars, and other amazing sweets for The Lunchbox. We asked for 150 servings and got well over 500 - enough to distribute at The Lunchbox meals throughout the week.



The numbers are growing at The Lunchbox and other food sites around the county. Vassar Temple continues its longstanding commitment to social action and support for our neighbors-in-need. We are very proud and honored to partner with our friends from the Mid-Hudson Islamic Society. We are now supporting two meals each month to meet the increased demand. If you have questions, please direct them to [lunchbox@vassartemple.org](mailto:lunchbox@vassartemple.org)



**Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club to Discuss "The Dutch House"**  
**Wednesday, June 17 at 2:00 pm**

To RSVP or get more information, please contact the temple office  
at [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org).

Vassar Temple's Sisterhood Book Club will discuss "The Dutch House," by New York Times best-selling author, Ann Patchett: a richly moving story that explores the indelible bond between two siblings, the house of their childhood, and a past that will not let them go. "The Dutch House" is available in paperback through Amazon, with multiple copies available through the local library system.



Just as Shabbat Services help brighten our week, so do the Bimah flowers which brighten our Sanctuary. If anyone would like to make a donation to sponsor our silk flower arrangements while services are being held virtually, please email the temple at [office@vassartemple.org](mailto:office@vassartemple.org). The sponsor's name and remembrance or Simcha will be acknowledged just like with our fresh Bimah flower arrangements.

**SCRIP CONTINUES!** Please continue to support us through this important fundraiser. We will make safe arrangements to get cards to you. For the duration of our office closure, please contact [scrip@vassar temple.org](mailto:scrip@vassar temple.org) to place your order.



**Bounty of the Valley CSA will be operating again this year!**

Get your weekly delivery of pre-boxed, fresh-picked, organic vegetables from Liberty Farm in Ghent, NY. Pickup will be at Temple Beth El on Thursdays between 4:00 and 6:00 beginning in mid-June and running 20 weeks. Small, Medium, and Large shares are available.

A \$36 membership fee allows us to provide for those in need with a tzedakah share. Optional egg and flower shares are available as well!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to get fresh organic veggies weekly, and to support our local farmers. TELL YOUR FRIENDS, TOO!

Sign up at [www.libertyfarmsny.com](http://www.libertyfarmsny.com)

You can contact us at [bountyofthevalley@gmail.com](mailto:bountyofthevalley@gmail.com) with any questions

The City of Poughkeepsie has developed this webpage to provide you with the latest information pertaining to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and to serve as a resource guide. <https://cityofpoughkeepsie.com/coronavirus>