

## Do you need help connecting to the VIRTUAL High Holy Days Services?

We realize that during this pandemic many of our temple activities have gone to a virtual platform. We don't want you to miss a thing. If you need help getting connected, please reach out to the office at 845.454.2570





## Lunch Box SOS - This Sunday, Sept 6 (Labor Day Weekend)

In response to increased needs during the pandemic, Vassar Temple and the Mid-Hudson Islamic Association have been partnering to provide and serve two meals per month at The Lunch Box. We provide “grab and go” entrées that we purchase from a local restaurant, and take turns providing fruit, dessert, and beverages.

Sorry for the short notice—your help is **especially** needed this Sunday, Sept. 6 to provide desserts: Vassar Temple has pledged to provide 100 servings of dessert (cookies, brownies, etc.). Volunteers: We need two volunteers to work with two volunteers from the MHIA from about 11:30 am-1:30 pm to handle the contactless lunch distribution process. All public health precautions are observed and security will be present. Please contact the office for further info.

Looking Ahead: With our MHIA partners we will help provide another hearty lunch Tues. Sept. 22 for about 150 of our hungry neighbors, including many young families. We will need two Temple members to help distribute food that day (same hours), as well as donations of fresh fruit (apples & bananas seem to “carry away best”). Again, please contact the office if you can help. Thank you, all, for your generosity and for your willingness to provide for others!



**FIGHT FOR RACIAL JUSTICE BY SENDING POSTCARDS  
TO ENCOURAGE VOTERS OF COLOR IN VOTER SUPPRESSION STATES.**

We are joining with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, and the Reclaim Our Vote campaign, affiliated with the NAACP and many other national organizations to send postcards to voters of color in six states (Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, & Mississippi) which have significant problems of voter suppression.

We can supply everything you need to write cards. All you need is the time and motivation to write. Contact [civicengagement@vassartemple.org](mailto:civicengagement@vassartemple.org)

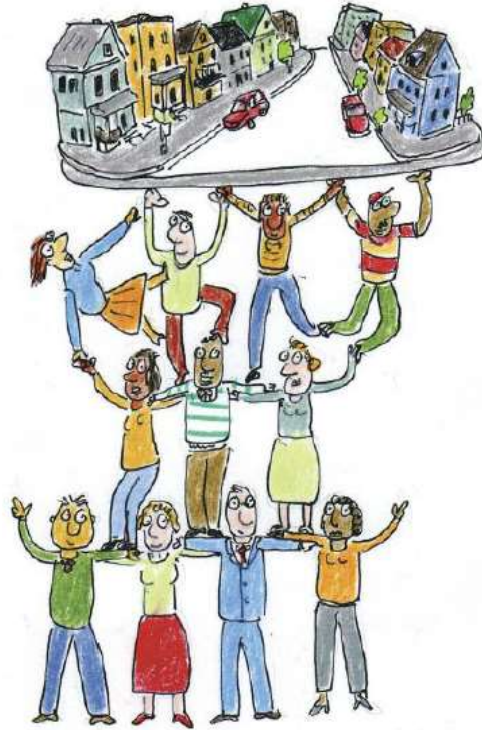
If you have no time to write but still want to participate, you can contribute to the Community Tzedakah fund to support our efforts.



**The Vassar Temple Sisterhood has your holiday needs.**

From a honey dish to hold apples and honey, a gift for little one of Jewish Bee, to sounding of your own Shofar and holiday cards. Keep the spirit of holiday going in your house!





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 neediest. 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)



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 call the temple office at 845.454.2570 or email [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.