

Refugee Shabbat Evening Service
Friday, March 5 at 7:30 pm via Zoom

Co-sponsored by Vassar Temple, Temple Beth El, and Congregation Shir Chadash. The clergy of all three congregations will participate.

Guest speaker: Miriam Feffer, HIAS Vice President for Development. Q&A during oneg.

Torah Study with Rabbi Altman
Saturday, March 6 at 9:00 am

New Paths with Rabbi Altman
Saturday, March 6 at 10:15 am

Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb
Thursday, March 18 at 12:00 pm

Vassar Temple Shabbaton
Saturday March 13

10 am Shabbat Morning Service
11 am Panel Discussion

“The Pandemic Through Three Lenses: Science, History and Ethics”

The service will be led by Rabbi Renni Altman, assisted by members of the congregation. Following the service, the presentation and panel discussion will be moderated by Melissa Wall and will feature three expert speakers:

- Dr. Anil K. Vaidian, Commissioner of the County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, speaking on understanding herd immunity
- Dr. Miriam Cohen, Evalyn Clark Professor of History, Vassar College, speaking on lessons from the 1918 pandemic that can guide us today, and
- Rabbi Altman speaking on Jewish teachings about the ethical challenges of the pandemic.

You are invited to a very special 2021 convening of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council's Annual Membership Meeting.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 5:30 PM

We will share a brief report of activities from the past year, one that has been challenging for congregations in the county on many fronts. But, this period has also been inspiring in the love, dedication and perseverance exemplified. We will gather in unified spirit and reaffirmation. Following the short business meeting is a profound program launching the DCIC peace and reconciliation initiative, *Engaging Differences: A Journey Toward Understanding*,

keynoted by Kenneth S. Stern, Director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate. You won't want to miss this stimulating address and conversation on how Dutchess County congregations can advance their interfaith voices in bridging the civic and cultural divide in our lives and of our times.

Lunchbox update!

Here's your "to-do" list

Fruit! We need fruit donations for this Sunday, March 7. The best options are oranges, bananas, and apples. Please bring fruit to the Temple or to our home. Reach out to lunchbox@vassartemple.org for directions.

Plus...you can begin stocking our freezer with chili and cornbread for the Thursday March 18 meal. Chili recipe below.

Send **donations** to the Temple with Lunchbox in the memo line. This supports upcoming meals.

Thank you!

Andi & Paul Ciminello

Vassar Temple Lunch Box Chili Recipe

Note: Please follow this recipe because all individual chili donations will be put together and heated on-site at Lunchbox. Please deliver your Chili to Temple in disposable containers (either freezer bags or plastic containers). If you want to label your container, we can try to

return it to Temple. This recipe should serve approximately 15. Please do not make the chili spicy. Use chili powder for flavor and not to add too much spice. Many of the residents/clients will not eat overly spiced food. We want the meal to be nutritious and hearty.

Ingredients:

- 3 lbs ground meat (turkey)
- 2 large onions
- 2 large green or red peppers (sweet peppers, not hot)
- 2-3 15 oz cans beans (kidney or black beans)
- 2 20 oz cans of chopped or crushed tomatoes (or equivalent fresh)
- Extra water or stock if necessary
- Salt/pepper
- Chili powder

SPRING 2021 LECTURE SERIES:

Women of Faith, with Bruce Chilton, Institute of Advanced Theology @ Bard

Sundays, March 21, April 18th, and May 16th at 1:00 pm

During a time of unique cultural and political challenge in the United States, this series will investigate the unique contributions of women within the traditions of Judaism and Christianity to a human, peaceful future. Women from both traditions will be paired in a comparative analysis:

March 21st: the medieval period

Hildegard of Bingen

Inés Esteban

April 18th: the early modern period

Francesca Sarah of Safed

Theresa of Avila

May 16th: the twentieth century

Eleanor Roosevelt

Trude Weiss-Rosmarin

HUC Connect

The Hebrew Union College (HUC) is offering six stimulating lectures in a Zoom-based series that runs from February-June and are free to all VT members:

- *Judaism & Civil Society*
- *Judaism & Culture*
- *Judaism & History*
- *Judaism & (Grand)Parenting*
- *Judaism & Religions*
- *Judaism & Women's Studies*

Please note that the Vassar Temple Adult Education Committee will also be obtaining recordings of the following three sessions:

- *The Qu'ran and the Jews*
- *Creative Thinking as Our Compass*
- *Chagall and the Bible*