

One of our members has just made an AMAZING offer!!

An anonymous donor will contribute to the temple \$200 for each new purchaser of scrip (someone who has never ordered scrip before) or for new SCRIP purchases made by prior supporters, but who have not ordered scrip within the last 4 months. The offer expires on the first of October or when a maximum of \$5000 is reached!

Please reach out if you have any questions or wish to place a scrip order to scrip@vassartemple.org or office@vassartemple.org 845.454.2580.

VACCINATION STATUS

We have been advised by the URJ that asking for vaccination status is legal and in no way a violation of medical record confidentiality, as religious organizations are not subject to HIPAA. Service greeters will enforce this policy. Your options for documenting your vaccinated status include:

- Share this in advance by sending a photo or scan of your vaccine card to vaccine@vassartemple.org This information will be kept on file for this purpose only and the list provided to service greeters.

- Show your vaccine card (original or photo) or digital NYS Excelsior Pass at the door. The greeter will give you the option to be added to the “approved” list.
- Use this address to let us know that you have a health or age restriction that makes you unable to be vaccinated. (Parents, please let us know if you plan to attend with children younger than vaccine age.) If you prefer to have this exchange confidentially with Rabbi Altman, contact rabbi@vassartemple.org and she will list you as “exempt” on the greeters’ list without further personal information.

REMINDER

We will transition back to our prayer book, Mishkan T’filah, on June 25th. Earlier indoor services will include visual tefillah on Zoom, and those present in the sanctuary will have the book option. We will have books available during outdoor services. For home participants going forward, please see the information below regarding book options.

Options for Mishkan T’fillah:

1. We are happy to loan copies of the book for when we suspend weekly use of visual tefillah. Please contact the office for assistance or stop by during office hours (10-2) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday.

2. Online flip book: (free)

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

3. Kindle: (for purchase)

[https://www.amazon.com/Mishkan-Tfilah-Complete-Festivals-Transliterated-](https://www.amazon.com/Mishkan-Tfilah-Complete-Festivals-Transliterated-ebook/dp/B01AWYWZFY/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=ccar+press&qid=1620173840&s=digital-text&sr=1-1)

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4. Hard copy: (for purchase)

https://www.ccarpress.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=50113

Join Sisterhood for our
CHAI NOON LUNCHEON
Outdoor Patio Dining

Friday, June 18th
at 12 Noon, of course



273 Titusville Road
Poughkeepsie

Dutch Treat
RSVP to
sisterhood@vassartemple.org



Talmud Study with Rabbi Golomb

June 24 at 12 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

Talmud Study will be on Summer Break during July and August and will resume on September 9.

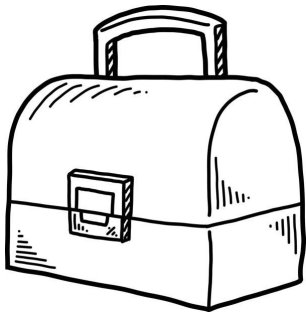
OUR ANNUAL PROTEIN PLENTY DRIVE!

June 1 - June 30, 2021

As has been our temple tradition, at this time of year when donations to food pantries always dwindle, we would like to stock Community Action Partnership's 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



"Vassar Temple Cares About Hunger"



We need YOU!

Calling all Vassar Temple Chili Makers and Corn Bread Bakers!

Please bring your donations of chili and cornbread to the temple and put them in the freezer marked for Lunchbox. The recipe for chili is below. Thank you!

Vassar Temple Lunch Box Chili Recipe: Please follow this recipe because all individual chili donations will be put together and heated on-site at The Lunch Box. Please deliver your chili to the Temple in disposable containers

(either freezer bags or plastic containers). If you want to label your container, we can try to return it to the Temple. This recipe should serve approximately 15. Please do not make the chili spicy. Use chili powder for flavor and do not 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 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 28 oz. can of chopped or crushed tomatoes (or equivalent fresh)

Extra water or stock if necessary

Salt/pepper

Chili powder



The Birthday Project is still

virtual!

Each year, under the leadership of our member Jas Russo and with the support of our members and the Jewish Federation, we have fulfilled the needs of local children on Mitzvah Day. Due once again to the cancellation of the in-person event, we were unable to proceed with the annual Birthday Bag Project but again have a different way to support the Boys & Girls Club of Poughkeepsie.

The Club has requested our support in stocking their facility with items

focused on being physically active and with supplies for their new garden, which will provide a healthy green space and environmental education opportunities.

Please consider participating in one of the following ways:

- Purchase items directly from our Amazon "wish list" at the following link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2P730C6AUF3RP?ref=wl_share
- Send a check in any amount to Vassar Temple with "Birthday Project" on the memo line. The total collected will be transformed into scrip (gift cards) to fulfill the project.\

We appreciate your donations by July 1st. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile Social Action project!

Attendees at our first in-person service, Installation Shabbat, were treated to a surprise step towards reopening: the **To-Goneg**, where individually wrapped goodies were provided to take home (or eat outside after departure).



ARZA
Association of Reform Zionists of America

You are invited to a briefing for ARZA member congregations to hear from our movement in Israel and our representatives in the National Institutions and to learn more about opportunities to deepen engagement with Israel. Join us to see a bigger picture of the importance and impact of ARZA membership. Please read Rabbi Altman's column about ARZA in the June Bulletin and watch for membership information in your annual dues mailing.

Monday, June 28 at 3 pm

Register at <https://urj.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkf-->

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Vassar Temple Social Action and United Way invite you to join the
Juneteenth 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge

June 18 - July 16, 2021



Every weekday from June 18 - July 16, you will receive an email that provides audio, visual, and print resources about specific current and historical topics in our community. You can choose to read an article, watch a video, or listen to a podcast - or do all three. Depending on your choice, each challenge will take from few minutes up to an hour. For more info and to sign up go to www.uwdor.org/juneteenthequitychallenge



**Jewish
Community
Preschool**
of the Hudson Valley

The Jewish Community Preschool (JCP) of the Hudson Valley is welcoming a new generation of students who are looking for a place to thrive. Vassar Temple is thrilled to be hosting the new Jewish Community Preschool, opening in September. The school's dedicated board and advisors have worked for several years to bring this vision to reality, and we are

delighted to partner with them in support of this Jewish Community endeavor. Check out the school's brand-new site at <https://jcphv.net/>



Just as Shabbat Services help brighten our week, so do the Bimah flowers, which brighten our Sanctuary. If anyone would like to make a \$55 donation to sponsor our flower arrangements, please call the temple office at 845.454.2570 or email office@vassartemple.org.

FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICE: Please contact office@vassartemple.org by Friday morning if you have a name to be added for the healing prayer or a Simcha you would like to share.

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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