

Topic: Brotherhood Happy Hour

Time: July 26, 2021, 5:00 PM

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Outdoor Shabbat Experience

Saturday, August 14 at 10:30 am

Join us for a spiritual outdoor shabbat morning experience, followed by an optional hike, in bucolic Peach Hill Park. You are invited to bring a reading related to a nature theme, or some appropriate music to enhance the experience. There are picnic tables, but bring a folding chair just in case, along with any refreshments and beverages you'd like.

Afterward, there will be an optional hike to the highest spot in the Town of Poughkeepsie. If you wish to attend Torah Study first, the park is only a 9-minute drive from the temple. The event is on, light rain or shine. Peach Hill Park is off Salt Point Turnpike, located, at 32 Edgewood Drive, Poughkeepsie 12603 (opposite Dutchess Racquet/Tennis Club). For questions, if you are planning on coming, or if you are bringing a reading or music, please contact Ron Rosen at nature@vassartemple.org

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

Join our Hebrew for Adults - Beginner Class

15 weeks (September - January) / Cost \$75 plus materials

Contact Marcia Tanzman at hebrew@vassartemple.org if you are interested. Day and time will be determined.

Book Club to Discuss “The Assignment” on August 18

Vassar Temple’s Sisterhood Book Club will discuss “The Assignment,” by Liza Wiemer. Inspired by a real-life incident, “The Assignment” explores discrimination and antisemitism from the perspective of high school students.

Seniors Logan March and Cade Crawford are instructed by a favorite teacher to argue for the final solution - the Nazi plan for the genocide of the Jewish people. Logan and Cade decide to take a stand, and soon their actions draw the attention of the student body, the administration, and the community at large. How do you defend the indefensible? But not everyone feels as Logan and Cade do, and it’s not long before the situation explodes, and acrimony and anger prevail.

Showcasing the power of student activism “The Assignment” is available in paperback, through Amazon, with copies available in the local library system. The meeting will take place through Zoom, on Wednesday, August 18, at 2:00 pm. As an exciting bonus, the author, Liza Wiemer, will be joining our discussion. To RSVP or get more information, please contact bookclub@vassartemple.org.

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/>