

## **Floral Arrangement Class—Sunday, April 2, 1-3 pm**

Vassar Temple Sisterhood is offering a class on Floral Arrangement on Sunday, April 2, 1pm–3pm taught by Marianne's Floral Garden. The class will be held in the Social Hall with limited space. You will leave with an actual centerpiece for Passover!

The cost of the class is \$50. Please pay by March 24. Make out your checks to Vassar Temple Sisterhood and email [sisterhood@vassartemple.org](mailto:sisterhood@vassartemple.org). Your check will confirm your seat and pay for supplies for the centerpiece. Sorry, no walk-ins. Hope to see you all there!

## **PURIM PASTA "PLUS" ~ Food and Hygiene Drive**

**March 1 - March 31** Due to the unprecedented high demand at local food pantries, we invite you to bring any of the following items to the temple for this special drive throughout the month of March:

**FOOD:** spaghetti sauce, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned soup, canned vegetables, cereal, instant coffee, tea bags, mayo, baby formula, and pasta

**PERSONAL HYGIENE-FULL SIZE PRODUCTS:** toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, body lotion, feminine hygiene products

- Please do not donate unrequested items, previously opened containers, or outdated packages.
- Or make a financial donation to Vassar Temple, designated for the Community Tzedakah Fund, and we will shop for you.

Thank you for helping in any way you can!

## **LUNCH BOX UPDATE**

This month, Vassar Temple and MHIA served over 170 meals. This is the largest number of meals that we have ever provided and it underscores the incredible need for free food services that our community is facing.

Please help us provide this monthly meal by:

Purchasing a can (or two or three) of beans and dropping it into the designated “Lunch Box” container on the kitchen counter. Every month we use 30 pounds of beans in our chili.

- Making a donation to the Temple’s Lunch Box fund so that we can purchase 30 pounds of ground turkey used in our chili. A \$10 donation helps buy 3 pounds of ground turkey which becomes 5 meals.
- Purchasing a pound (or two or three) of ground turkey and placing it on the designated “Lunch Box” shelf in the freezer at the Temple. Every month we use 30 pounds of chili.
- Volunteering to help serve or cook the meal. VT prepares and distributes this meal every first Sunday of every month (except July and August).

## **Book Club to Discuss “The Poisoner’s Handbook”**

Vassar Temple Sisterhood's Book Club will discuss “The Poisoner’s Handbook” by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Deborah Blum. The book

has been described by critics as a fascinating Jazz Age tale of chemistry, detection, poison, and murder. In early 20th century New York, poisons offered an easy path to the perfect crime. The author explores how scientists Charles Norris and Alexander Gettler laid the foundation for the modern field of forensic science. They set the justice system on fire with their trailblazing scientific detective work, becoming the pioneers of forensic chemistry.

The “Poisoner’s Handbook,” equal parts true crime, twentieth-century history, and science thriller, is available in paperback through local book stores, as well as in various formats through the library system. The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20, at 2:00pm. Betty Renner and Marian Schwartz will lead the discussion, to which everyone is welcome. We hope to resume meeting in person, instead of on Zoom. To RSVP [bookclub@vassartemple.org](mailto:bookclub@vassartemple.org)

## **Do you enjoy knitting and/or crocheting?**

Vassar Temple Sisterhood is looking for volunteer knitters and/or crocheters to assist Dutchess Outreach. We need 50 (or more) scarves and hats by the end of October 2023. Please put finished items in plastic storage bags labeled adult or child-size on the outside. Let us know if you can assist! [sisterhood@vassartemple.org](mailto:sisterhood@vassartemple.org)