

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have slogged through another winter with COVID and I'm sure everyone is anxious to be done with this pandemic! We continue to keep connected via Zoom and are slowly moving towards in-person gatherings and meetings.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat was a big success this year. We had a totally new service and had two wonderful musicians: Eliana Alweis and Sophie Miller. Many people commented positively about the program. Thank you to Francine Swire and Julie Alweis for organizing such a wonderful Shabbat.

Rabbi Rochelle again led our Sisterhood Retreat with her outstanding insights and wisdom. We are very grateful for her presence and inspiration. Thank you to Judy Loeb and her team for coordinating this program.

Sisterhood has pledged to support the "Free Religious School Tuition" initiative which was presented to the TBK Board. If adopted by the TBK Board of Trustees, we will contribute financially for an initial three-year period. The program may be extended based on successful feedback.

Sisterhood made a donation to CCAR to honor our own Rabbi Stein for his work with that organization and also to honor our six women rabbis (five previous women rabbis and our current Rabbi Rochelle). Sisterhood is grateful for their continued support and guidance.

Our Interfaith Event this year gave us insight into the lives of five Afghan women who were able to come here on SIV visas for the work they did supporting US troops. The event was attended by over 130 people of different religious affiliations. Thank you to Nancy Westendorf and Liza Robbins Theuman for arranging this program.

Our Sisterhood members are active in many projects, some for fun and others to help our Temple and community. It takes determination and effort to make our programs successful. Our VPs and their teams work tirelessly so that we may all have meaningful programs and activities. I have only highlighted a few here, but there is a lot going on all the time. These include walks,

Chai lunches, movie discussions, in-person Mahjong. In addition, some of us continue to support P.A.D. parties, Pencils and Paper, the Bagel Brigade and social action projects in the community. If any of these activities appeal to you, please join us to serve your Sisterhood, your Temple and the community!

I want to thank all our Sisterhood officers who continue to work tirelessly to provide us with meaningful and fun projects! Have a wonderful and healthy spring and summer!

Regards,

Monica Skerker

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COLLEGE CONNECTION

In March, the College Connection committee sent packages to 25 students for Purim. The packages included a pre-wrapped chocolate dipped hamentashen, a bag of Bissli, Elite chocolate sticks with Pop Rocks wrapped in

bright wrappers, Paskesz lollipops, and a card from Sisterhood. The packages were labeled with bright labels themed for Purim.

ARTFEST ON THE AVENUE

After a two year hiatus we are looking forward to holding our SIXTH annual art show on October 23, 2022. We already have several new artists signed up as well as many returning artists. If you know of any artists who may be interested in participating, have them contact Ellen at 131ellens@gmail.com or 244-7011.

Watch for more information as well as volunteer opportunities in the fall edition of Connections.



JUDAICA SHOP

We are open by appointment!

As always, we are a great shopping choice for all of your Judaica needs - when planning for a bar or bat Mitzvah, for a tallit, or a gift! We carry jewelry, giftware, tallasim, mezzuzot, shabbat items, candles and more holiday items.

TBK members always receive a 10% discount on all regularly priced merchandise. Special orders welcome.

New items arriving all the time, so check us out! To make an appointment, please call 244-7060.

PENCILS AND PAPER

Jewish Family Services provides free school supplies through its Pencils and Paper program. Rochester City school teachers, from high poverty schools, can shop twice a year and receive an estimated \$800 worth of school supplies at each shopping trip. Sisterhood members have an opportunity to volunteer at Pencils and Paper throughout the spring months. During our two hour visits we sort, bundle and stock shelves with classroom materials. If you are interested, please call Sandy Kushner at 585-689-5271. Watch the weekly Sisterhood eblast for upcoming dates.

VIRTUAL MOVIE DISCUSSIONS

The ever popular movie discussions continue every month. We watch the movie individually (usually on

Netflix) and then get together for about 45 minutes to talk about it. Movies are chosen based on the group's preference each month. The dates vary slightly each month, also based on the group's preference and availability. These past few months we have watched *The Lost Daughter, The Power of the Dog, Dumplin*, and, most recently, *The Unforgivable*. Watch the Sisterhood weekly emails to see the current movie and the date, time, and Zoom link for the discussion!

CHAI LUNCHES

Below is information about upcoming Chai Lunches. Please RSVP to Liza Robbins Theuman at ltheuman@yahoo.com if attending so reservations can be made. If less than 4 people are attending, the event will be canceled.

May 18 - 11:30 am at Boomtown Café

June 18 - Join after services in the Adult Lounge with your own bag lunch

July 18 - 12 noon at Harris Whalen Park upper shelter

Aug 18 - 12 noon at Harris Whalen Park upper shelter

SISTERHOOD OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

We hope you'll join us for open board meetings! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and will take place in the Adult Lounge or by Zoom call.

Upcoming dates for meetings are:

Tuesday, May 10 Tuesday, June 14 (tentative)

A complete list of meeting dates for the 2021-2022 year is listed in the Blue Book.

YES FUND EVENT with Elana Arian

Please join WRJ/TBK Sisterhood at the 2022 YES Fund Event on Saturday, June 11th at 12:00p.m. as we listen and learn with Elana Arian. Elana is one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music. A

composer, multi-instrumentalist, prayer leader, and recording artist, Elana inspires communities across the country with her soulful songwriting and spirit.

Please support the YES Fund of Women of Reform

Judaism. Minimum suggested contribution \$36.

HELP WANTED FOR THE BAGEL BRIGADE!

Give a Little, Help a LOT

WRJ/TBK Sisterhood needs volunteers to pick up bagels from Bagel Land at 12 Corners and bring them back to TBK. Participants will then bag the bagels for distribution to TEMPRO, AME Zion's Beyond the Sanctuary Program, Asbury Methodist Breakfast Program and the KOP grocery delivery program. The Bagel Brigade welcomes drivers who can help one or more mornings a week. For more information, call Liza Robbins Theuman at (585) 201-2024.



NORTHEAST DISTRICT NEWS

Boston Area Day Event

An In-Person Boston Area Day Event will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022 starting at 11:30 am at Temple Shalom, Newton, Massachusetts. **The Guest Speaker will be Artist Bette Ann Libby, who will talk about her mosaics and how Judaism influences her art.** A small fee of \$10.00 will be charged to cover lunch and refreshments. Registration for this Area Day will begin at the end of April. **Everyone in the District is Welcome.**



In Person Weekend

SAVE THE DATE FOR: An In-Person Weekend with WRJ Northeast District *Together Again*! The event will be held June 17-19th. We will have the opportunity to nurture ourselves and our bonds at the Albany Marriott, Albany, NY with Artist in Residence Elana Arian, one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music.

Racial Equality Trip to the South

Travel with your WRJ sisters to Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham to learn more about the fight for racial equality in the 1950s and 1960s and the modern-day continuation of this work. This trip, which takes place Wednesday, October 19th through Sunday, October 23rd, will provide us with education and inspiration, all within a Jewish framework, springing attendees into action to become better advocates for racial equality and justice. We hope to see you there!

https://wrj.org/resources-events/civil-rights-journey.

JEWISH SOLDIERS PROJECT

TBK Sisterhood once again supported the Jewish Soldiers Project with the donation of a case of hamentashen purchased from OH NUTS. These hamentashen were delivered to Keith Freedman who then delivered them to the many soldiers throughout the world. Here are just a couple of examples of how Purim is celebrated by our brave men and women:

The soldiers here at Fort Hood loved the cards from the children along with the Hamantaschen.

Thank you so much for your kindness to our brave Jewish men and women in uniform. Please relay to those that sent the wonderful cards, that they do mean a lot to my soldier and as so to me. Please note the attached picture.

Shalom Aleichem, my friend. V/R Herbert (Gidon) Paulman Jewish DRGL Fort Hood



Purim onboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S Truman, one of a dozen ships we sent Mishloach Manot packages.



SENDING BIRTHDAY WISHES

Below you will see the names of your friends and family, and, perhaps, even yourself. We hope that you will check off the names of those to whom you wish to send birthday greetings. The cost of each greeting that you send is \$1.00. Paula Ouzer-Mauro, our "Birthday Wishes" Chair, will gladly send a note for you. It's just that simple!

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Karen Lustig	May 02	Leslie Baker	Jul 22
Linda Lowenstein	May 04	Linda Trachtman	Jul 29
Cathy Harris	May 07		
Joyce Heilbronner	May 11	Ayala Emmett	Aug 04
Margie Wiseman	May 11	Paula Harris	Aug 04
Beneta Silberstern	May 13	Harriette Ginsberg	Aug 05
Linda Raff	May 15	Naomi Karolinski	Aug 07
Maxine Bittker	May 18	Laura Chaba	Aug 10
Jeanne Feldman	May 20	Jane Curwin	Aug 10
Natalie Schwartz	May 25	Toby Silverman	Aug 17
Ellen Solomon	May 25	Rusti Berent	Aug 18
Judy Loeb	May 28	Monica Gurell	Aug 21
Barbara Pannaman-Daley	May 30	Joan Clar	Aug 22
Rebecca Utech	May 31	Julene Gilbert	Aug 22
		June Glaser	Aug 23
Rachel Wexler	Jun 01	Marsha Cherry	Aug 24
Jenna Hiller	Jun 03	Charlene Caplan	Aug 26
Gene Spiro	Jun 04	Lynn Eckleben	Aug 26
Paula Ouzer-Mauro	Jun 05	Beth Seeley	Aug 26
Kathleen Wilkinson	Jun 07	Susan Reed	Aug 28
Pamela Stone	Jun 09	Joan Rosenthal	Aug 28
Vancy Boyar	Jun 12	Debby Rosenfeld	Aug 31
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Sandra Kushner	Jul 18	Dwaine Levy	Sep 30
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Deuteronomy 26:9-10

CALENDAR

May 2022

Tues. May 10 May Open Board Meeting 7:30

Wed. May 18 Chai Event TBA Movie Discussion

June 2022

Tues. June 14 Tentative June Open Board Meeting 7:30

Fri. June 17-Sun. June 19 NE District Event in Albany

Sat. June 18 Chai Event
TBA Movie Discussion
TBA Event with Elana Arien

July 2022

Mon. July 18 Chai Event
TBA Movie Discussion

August 2022

Thurs. August 18 Chai Event
TBA Movie Discussion

ONGOING

Mah Jongg The group meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 in room 106 (please note room change). For more information, please contact the Sisterhood office at wrj@tbk.org or 244-7060, ext. 233.

Blessed Sacrament Our volunteer activities at Blessed Sacrament are currently on hold. We look forward to our involvement when the pandemic allows in person support.

Donations Please watch for various updated collection needs.

"Box Tops for Education" and "Labels for Education" for School 52 Please watch emails for updated information on these programs.

Donations for Tempro Please continue to collect travel size and full size shampoo, soaps and creams which we will distribute to the Tempro houses.