President’s Report

It’s been a busy season for my family as we attempted to downsize. You accumulate a lot of “stuff” in 43 years at the same address and it is a challenge to make sure your donations go to a good cause! We are now happy in our new home!

Sisterhood has also had a busy spring continuing our traditional and new programs. Sisterhood Shabbat was a big success thanks to all who participated. And thanks to Fran Swire, Julie Alweis, and Liza Robbins Theuman for organizing it. And thank you to Barbara Baron for organizing our delicious Potluck dinner after the service.

This wonderful Friday night service (on 2/23) was followed by our annual Retreat on Saturday led by Rabbi Barbara Symons, author of “Prophetic Voices Renewing and Re-Imagining Torah”. The participants all enjoyed as Ruth Sternberg taught us to make collage art.

Our Bagel Brigade continues to help the hungry in our community and we are grateful to Bagel Land and all the volunteers who participate.

We were again able to provide hamantaschen for the Jewish Soldiers Project led by Keith Freedman, who is very grateful to Sisterhood for their support. The College Connection committee sent goodies out to our college students.

This year we also have a new activity “Rosh Chodesh yoga” which is becoming very popular. Thank you to Janet Walker for keeping this activity going.

Last week we had our Interfaith Event, where several clergies, including our Rabbi Rochelle, discussed how each faith addresses hunger in its community. Thanks to Liza for setting this up and to Melissa Pheterson for graciously and enthusiastically stepping in to moderate this event at the last minute.

We are fortunate to have so many members facilitate so many events! We try to expand the activities so that all our sisters can find something they enjoy and participate! If you see something you like in our programs, please join us. And if you are passionate about an activity you enjoy, please consider sharing it with us. Don’t be afraid to volunteer, we won’t make you handle it by yourself. There are always ladies available to help you.

I apologize in advance for forgetting to thank everyone who volunteers and helps make our programs work!

I wish everyone a happy Passover and may our brothers and sisters in the world have peace again.

Monica Skerker
Movie Discussions

We continue to meet every month to discuss movies that are mostly available on Netflix. Everyone watches the movie on their own prior to our meeting. The dates will vary during the month, so please watch the weekly eblasts for the actual movie, date, and the Zoom link for the discussion. We choose movies based on our attendees’ preferences. The reviews vary, not everyone likes every movie we choose, but everyone loves the discussion and idea exchange afterwards. The topics vary greatly but we always learn something new.

In December we watched The Burial a true story about a lawsuit instigated by a small family funeral home against a national giant. January’s movie miniseries was All the Light We Cannot See based on a novel by Anthony Doerr. It is a historical drama about a French blind girl and a German soldier during the battle of Saint Mallo in France during WWII. Our February movie, Rustin chronicled the life of gay civil rights activist Bayard Rustin who helped Martin Luther King Jr. and others organize the 1963 March on Washington.

For more information contact Monica Skerker at 506-5350 or mskerk26@gmail.com.

Sisterhood Open Board Meetings

We hope you’ll join us for our open board meetings! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and take place in the Adult Lounge. Please check the activity list on the outside door to confirm that the room has not been changed.

Dates for coming meetings are:
Tuesday, May 7th
TBA in June

We do not meet in July and August. A complete list of meeting dates for the 2023-2024 year is listed in the Blue Book.

Please watch for 2024-2025 meeting dates!
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.

To make an appointment, please call 244-7060.

Jewish Soldiers Project

The Jewish Soldiers Project is an ongoing project that Sisterhood supports. We are proud to have made a donation toward adopting soldiers for Passover.

Pencils and Paper

Thank you to all who donated or helped at Pencils and Paper this school year! Watch for new volunteer opportunities for the 2024-2025 school year!
Welcome to Our New Members

WRJ/TBK Sisterhood welcomes our new members:

Esther Golove
Ashley Mault
Vera Plotkin
Marti Wilmot
Theresa Yamanoha

The best way to make membership a meaningful experience is to give your time and/or talent. As the Temple and community depend on us, so we depend on you! We are involved in so many things, on so many different levels, that we are sure that you will find something that fits you just right! We hope to see you soon!

Know Someone In Need of Cheer or Celebrating a Mazel Tov?

If you know someone in need of cheer or celebrating a mazel tov, please let our Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Bev Weinstein, know so she can send a card from Sisterhood. You can contact Bev at bevmorrie@aol.com.

Rosh Chodesh Yoga

Sunday, May 5th
10:00 am in the Adult Lounge

Please join us for chair yoga led by Beth Hornak on the Sunday closest to Rosh Chodesh. We will continue until June. Watch your Monday eblasts for additional information.
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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 a $1.00 donation to our YES Fund. Paula Ouzer-Mauro, our “Birthday Wishes” Chair, will gladly send a note for you. It’s just that simple!

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Jenna Hiller  Jun 03
Gene Spiro  Jun 04
Paula Ouzer-Mauro  Jun 05
Kathleen Wilkinson  Jun 07
Amy Ressel  Jun 08
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Vancy Boyar  Jun 12
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Ongoing Activities

**Mah Jongg** The group meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 in room 103. For more information, please contact the Sisterhood office at wrj@tbk.org or 244-7060, ext. 233. Please note that there will be no Mah Jongg on June 12th. TBK offices will be closed that day for Shavuot.

**Blessed Sacrament** We volunteer at Blessed Sacrament on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact the Sisterhood office at wrj@tbk.org or 244-7060, ext. 233.

**Donations** Please watch for various updated collection needs.

*“Box Tops for Education”* Box Tops for Education’s program now allows for donations to be made electronically. To donate easily from home, go to the Box Tops for Education website to download their app. Set up your account to support Public School 52 Frank Fowler Dow in Rochester. You’ll be able to scan your receipts to donate instantly. Paper box tops are also welcome and can still be dropped off at the Sisterhood office.

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

Upcoming Dates

**May 2024**
- May 5: Rosh Chodesh Yoga
- May 7: Open Board Meeting
- May 20: Movie Discussion
- May 27: TBK Offices Closed (Memorial Day)

**June 2024**
- June 12: TBK Offices Closed (Shavuot)
- TBA: Open Board Meeting
- TBA: Movie Discussion
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