PRESIDENT’S REPORT

We have had a busy start to 2023, with some exciting programs and events.

We started in January with “Soup and Havdalah.” It was a big hit with everyone. Thanks to Liza for organizing this event and to Rabbi Rochelle for joining us!

In February we had a wonderful Sisterhood Shabbat, and Sophie Miller and her dad provided wonderful music for us to enjoy. We also acknowledged Jane Levy’s outstanding work of making new covers for our Torahs. We made donations in her honor to her favorite charity, Foodlink, and to Kollel. Thank you to Julie Alweis and Francine Swire for the beautiful service and to Barb Baron and Susan Fogal for arranging the wonderful potluck dinner afterwards.

Thank you Liza Robbins Theuman for arranging a wonderful retreat with singer/songwriter Sue Horowitz. We received positive feedback from our attendees.

Many thanks to Liza and Nancy Westendorf who arranged our successful Interfaith Event in conjunction with members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, a Black Sorority engaging in many activities similar to Sisterhood.

Many thanks to Susan Fogal and Melissa Bronstein and their team for the College Connection mailings.

We continue our support of the Bagel Brigade which provides bagels to several organizations (including TEMPRO). We could use a few more volunteers to help with this project to cover for vacations. It takes about 1 hr of your time once a week. If you are interested, please contact Liza Robbins Theuman.

Thank you to everyone involved with planning and supporting the various activities, Pencils and Paper, Hospitality and Cradle Roll, just to name a few.

And thank you to Sue Lurie and Dawn Wisset for struggling through our new QuickBooks and pc program updates. They make everyday tasks “interesting.”

I hope everyone can find something interesting to join our programs. We are always looking for new faces to volunteer in the hope that we can provide new and interesting activities for our members. So, if you have a little time on your hands or new ideas, please consider volunteering for your Sisterhood.

Thanks to Dawn Wisset and Juleen Squires for getting our Connections out in a timely manner!

I hope you won’t tire of my efforts to try and thank everyone who makes our programs work, and if I have forgotten you, I apologize!

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

Monica Skerker

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Thank You!

ARTFEST ON THE AVENUE
Our SEVENTH annual art show will be on Sunday, October 22, 2023. As usual we will have many returning artists with a mixture of new ones. If you are an artist, or know of one who may be interested in participating in our show, have them contact Ellen Solomon at 585-244-7011 or 131ellens@gmail.com.
Watch for more information regarding the show as well as volunteer opportunities in the Fall 2023 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.

SISTERHOOD OPEN BOARD MEETINGS
We hope you’ll join us for our open board meetings!
We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Adult Lounge.
Upcoming dates for meetings are:

Tuesday, May 9
Tuesday, June 13 (tentative)

A complete list of meeting dates for the 2022-2023 year are listed in the Blue Book.
PENCILS AND PAPER

Pencils and Paper is a program through Jewish Family Services. The goal of the program is to provide FREE school supplies to teachers in high poverty schools. Sisterhood volunteers help to sort and bundle numerous amounts of school supplies for area classrooms. Teachers shop for supplies twice a year for an estimated $1,400 worth of supplies each time. We volunteer for two hours a visit. It is a fun and rewarding experience working with others to provide much needed school supplies to classrooms in need.

For more information click on the website https://jfsrochester.org/pencils-and-paper/

For more information about the list of schools served by Pencils and Paper click on https://jfsrochester.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/P2enrolledschools.3.23-1.pdf

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sandy Kushner at skushner13@hotmail.com or call 585-689-5271.

ANNUAL CARD PARTY AND GAME DAY

Monday May 8, 2023

Join us for the Annual Card Party and Game Day! Check-in begins at 10:30 am in Room 100 with coffee and tea. Bring your own group and your favorite game. Let us know your choice so we can seat you accordingly. If you need to join a group, let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you in another group. You’ll also have the opportunity to try your luck at our 50/50 Raffle!

Lipman’s will provide box lunches with a choice of sandwiches (corned beef, turkey, or white tuna salad), a pickle, and a bag of chips. Dessert will also be available.

Cost is $25 per person, nonrefundable. Register using the form below.

If you have any questions, please contact Ellen at 131ellens@gmail.com or 244-7011.

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MY FOOD CHOICE IS:
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Make check payable to: WRJ/TBK Sisterhood ($25.00) and return entry form and fee to: WRJ/TBK Sisterhood, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester NY 14618. RSVP BY MONDAY, MAY 1!!!
**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER**

WRJ/TBK Sisterhood welcomes our new member:

Theresa Schwartz

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!

**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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**VIRTUAL MOVIE DISCUSSIONS**

We continue to meet every month to discuss movies that are 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.

The past few months we watched *Still Alice*, a movie about an Alzheimer patient. In February we watched *20 Pearls*, a documentary about the inception and history of Alpha Kappa Alpha. It was a nice introduction to our understanding of the Interfaith Event! In March we joined NCJW members at the JCC and watched the documentary *The Janes*, a very timely topic in view of the Supreme Court’s ruling on Roe v. Wade. Several members of the original Janes were available for a post movie discussion! It was a great discussion with insights from the original organizers.

For more information contact Monica Skerker at 381-9367 or mskerk26@gmail.com.
**Connections**

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**ONGOING**

**Mah Jongg** The group meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 in room 106. 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”** 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.

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**CALENDAR**

**May 2023**
- Mon. May 8: Card Party
- Tues. May 9: May Open Board Meeting
- Fri. May 26: TBK Holiday (Shavuot)
- Mon. May 29: TBK Holiday (Memorial Day)
- TBA
  
**June 2023**
- Tues. June 13: June Open Board Meeting (tentative)
- TBA
  
**July 2023**
- TBA
  
**August 2023**
- TBA

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“He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Wherefore I now bring the first fruits of the soil which You, O Lord, have given me.”

*Deuteronomy 26:9-10*