FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

As we write this article Thanksgiving is upon us and Chanukah is not far behind. We have a good start to this year's WRJ events. Rabbi Tulik delighted us with her talk at our Membership Celebration in October. Many thanks to Monica Gurell, our VP for membership, who planned this wonderful event. Not only was Rabbi Tulik a joy to listen to and learn from, but the refreshments were absolutely delicious.

Our visit to the new Pencils and Paper warehouse was very informative. Our second visit will be on December 6 (while this publication will be going to print) and we are planning a third and fourth trip in February and April. Thank you to Cindy Finestone, our VP for Programming, and our Chair of this activity, Sandy Kushner for helping to make this happen. Jewish Family Service is the sponsor of this extremely important endeavor which distributes school supplies to many local schools where there is a high poverty level. It is a great hands-on experience for all who attend no matter what their age. We are thrilled to be able to contribute.

Our trip to the Susan B. Anthony House was both interesting and fun and a first for many of our members. The Chanukah Bazaar was quite successful. Thank you to those of you who shopped with us. The Bazaar was a win-win situation for all; Sisterhood made money to help support TBK, and our shoppers saved some money at the same time.

On Sunday, November 18 we collected Chanukah cookies, dreidels, gelt and other goodies for the Jewish Soldiers Project. This was the biggest collection of items so far since we started our affiliation with the project. Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthy activity.

We have a few new things coming up this winter and spring: a Sunday afternoon movie at the Reserve in Brighton and a visit to Laughing Gull Chocolates to learn and make chocolate in January, a jewelry making evening in February, a Post Passover Pasta Party in April (bring your family—this is not limited to WRJ members), and a Card Party in May. Watch for more information as it gets closer.

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Check out our Facebook page and like us, so you can be up to date on all of our events.

Co-Presidents
Susan Fogel and Ellen Solomon

WRJ SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
Friday March 8, 2019
6:00pm followed by either an extended Oneg or a dinner (watch for more details)

WRJ Sisterhood will lead the congregation in prayer and we would love your participation. Hebrew and English reader participants are needed. It is an opportunity to experience a service of ruach, song, prayer, and friendship as we pray together as Sisters on International Women's Day.

A lovely extended Oneg or dinner will follow. Food help is needed so please sign up to help. Perhaps you would like to sponsor this in memory or honor of that special someone in your life? We look forward to hearing from you! Please contact Julie Alweis at jalweis@gmail.com or 585-270-8843.

WRJ BOOK CLUB FORMING

Our two book clubs are going strong but we thought it was time to start a third. We have several women who have expressed interest in joining so this seems to be the perfect time to start one. You can pick the time, place and type of books you choose to read. If interested, please call or email the WRJ office at wrj@tbk.org or 244-7060, ext. 233.

Once we have a group of names we will contact all of you so you can meet and decide how you want to proceed.

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FOURTH ANNUAL ART SHOW
We are thrilled to report that we had another successful Art Show on October 21. To quote one of our many artists “kudos to you and your amazing teams for a well-run show.” Thanks to our talented committee: Dorian Fine, Susan Fogal, Sandra Goldman, Jane Levy, Bev Weinstein and Nancy Westendorf, we were ready to welcome our varied artists and attendees to our show. Once again the weather cooperated to welcome our many shoppers. They were greeted by our many volunteers and the beautiful and varied silent auction items which were set up in the hallway approaching the art show entrance. We had several new artists this year as well as many returning ones. New this year were some felt sculptures, handwoven jackets and scarves, Asian inspired silk scarves, warm and cozy hand knit sweaters as well as practical and beautiful mittens and hats. These artists were joined by those returning artists featuring sculpture, wooden cheeseboards and cutting boards, 3D photography and of course jewelry galore-all sizes, styles and colors.

We could not have done this without our many additional volunteers who were cashiers, silent auction ‘helpers’, greeters and the extras who were on hand to help out where needed or just schmooze with the artists and shoppers. We all spent many hours planning and attending art shows to get new artists.

Many thanks to our Silent Auction donors: The Eleventh Hour, Rudy Gabel, Sandra and Dave Goldman, Maynard’s, Golda Rayburn, Ellen Solomon and VP Innovations.

Thanks also to our Patrons for this year: Betsy Bobry, Dorian Fine, Jane Levy, North Coast Dental Group, PDQ Delivery Service, Selma Saks, Ellen Solomon, Beverly Weinstein and Rona Wyner. Thank you to Don Crane and Jeff Wilson for their help with the room set-up and Terri Richardson for help coordinating with temple.

This year was our 50/50 raffle. Thank you to all our WRJ members who bought and/or sold tickets. We sold $1220 worth of raffle tickets. This proved to be a worthwhile endeavor and we hope to sell as many or more raffle tickets before next year’s show.

And of course, thank you to the many volunteers and bakers who are too numerous to mention here and to those of you who came, shopped and spread the word to your friends and family. Special thanks to our ‘husbands’: Dave Goldman, Andy Iserson and Irwin Solomon who graciously gave of their time.

Please watch for information on next year’s show.

Ellen and Rona, Co-chairs

JEWISH SOLDIERS PROJECT
BAKED GOODS FOR PURIM
Drop off on Sunday, March 3rd 9:00am to noon

The Jewish Soldiers Project will once again be sending holiday packages to Jewish service members who are currently deployed overseas. The Project is in need of homemade or store bought, kosher baked treats.

Hamentashen would be wonderful, but any bite sized baked goods and cookies are welcome. Please drop off your donation at the main entrance in the back of the temple. There will be a table set up right inside the door. Look for information to come for donations for the Passover package in April.

WRJ/SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP
Planning for a bar or bat Mitzvah? Need a tallit or gift? Invited to a house warming or shower? Need a hostess gift? Your Sisterhood shop is the place to go! We carry jewelry, giftware, tallisim, mezzuzot, shabbat items, candles and more holiday items.

Please stop by!!! TBK members always receive a 10% discount on all regularly priced merchandise. Special orders welcome. The Judaica Shop is open on Sundays when religious school is in session or by appointment. Please call 244-7060, ext 233.

KNITTING/CROCHETING/NEEDLEWORK
The Knitting Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1-3:30pm in Room 102 of the Spector Wing. Bring a project you’re working on or make hats, scarves, mittens and afghans for local schools and hospitals. All levels of skill are welcome. Questions? Call Diane Pinchoff at 446-0384.

POST PASSOVER PASTA PARTY
Sunday, April 28th

New this year we are planning a ‘Post Passover Pasta Party’ to celebrate the end of the holiday. Watch for more information! Want to help? Contact Kathleen at 385-1234 or kwewnewmail@gmail.com.
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
Thursday, January 10th 7:00pm
Come join fellow members at our informal get together to share a little "Coffee and Conversation". Our next Coffee and Conversation will take place at Susan Fogal's home at 12 Trotters Field Run, Pltsford on Thursday January 10th at 7 pm. RSVP to Susan at smfogal@frontiernet.net or 381-7056.
We are looking for someone to host in March and May. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Finestone at cindyannf27@yahoo.com or 202-3812. You pick the location, date and time. It's a great way to meet fellow sisterhood members!

VALENTINE'S JEWELRY MAKING
Sunday, February 10th
2:00pm to 4:00pm
Whether you're already an expert jewelry maker, or a novice to this craft, please come join fellow members at Cindy Finestone's home in Brighton at 465 Warren Avenue. This will be a fun afternoon of creating up to three bracelets. Two will be to keep, and the third to donate. The donated bracelets will be given to children in need so that they will be able to give that special lady in their life a Valentine's gift (mother, grandmother, aunt, etc.) Please feel free to bring any costume jewelry you may want to donate as well. Cost $15.00. RSVP to Cindy Finestone at 202-3812 or cindyannf27@yahoo.com.

BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR LYNDA SCHUSTER OF DIRTY WARS AND POLISHED SILVER
Date to be determined
Calling all book lovers! Here is an opportunity to not only read a wonderful book, but also to then have a discussion about it with its author! Author Lynda Schuster is a former foreign correspondent for the Wall Street Journal and covered Central and South America, the Middle East and Southern Africa. Her memoir, Dirty Wars and Polished Silver, chronicles her time covering foreign wars and her life as the wife of a United States ambassador. It begins and ends in Israel.

All those who have read the book will then have the opportunity to come together as a group to Skype with Ms. Schuster. She will first discuss the book's genesis, content, and writing style. This will be followed by a question and answer period. Hope you can join us in this marvelous opportunity.

You can learn more about Lynda Schuster and her works at https://lyndaschuster.com/books.
We will have books to "share" amongst those wishing to participate. More information to follow. Please contact Cindy Finestone at cindyannf27@yahoo.com or 202-3812 with questions.

TRUFFLE MAKING WORKSHOP
Thursday January 24th 6:30-8pm
at Laughing Gull Chocolates
1868 East Main Street Rochester 14609
Cost $35.00 per person

Ready to try something new? Come and join other members of sisterhood to experience Laughing Gull Chocolates' one-of-a-kind Chocolate Making Workshop. Roll up your sleeves and learn the secret to making great tasting, ethical chocolate. During this hands on session, participants will practice the art of truffle-making, from making ganache to rolling and dipping truffles, while engaging in a conversation about the history of chocolate. Come enjoy good company complemented by delicious fresh local snacks. You will leave with an assortment of truffles to take home, a new perspective on chocolate, and endless bragging rights as a chocolate connoisseur! Space is limited. Please RSVP to Cindy Finestone at cindyannf27@yahoo.com or 585-202-3812.
PENCILS AND PAPER
Thursday, February 28th
10:30am to 12:30pm
Wednesday April 10th
3:00pm to 5:00pm
For those of you who have not been able to attend our previous visits to Pencils and Paper, we have two more dates coming up in February and April. In trying to accommodate as many people’s schedules as possible, the times will vary. Our February opportunity is in the morning. This will give all of those mothers with school age children a chance to come and experience this wonderful organization first hand. Our April opportunity is in the afternoon to accommodate those parents who would like to bring their school age children to volunteer. Rochester has the second-highest child poverty rate among U.S. cities with a population of 200,000 or more, and many students do not know the joy of new supplies for school. We can help those students feel that same excitement by providing donated supplies as well as volunteer hours to help students all year. The Pencils and Paper program has provided no-cost shopping to over 290 teachers from 26 schools in our community directly impacting over 5,600 students.

Hope you can join your fellow Sisterhood members at Pencils and Paper at 1099 Jay St, Building N, Mailbox A3, Rochester, NY 14611. Please RSVP to Sandra Kushner at 689-5271 or email skushner15@hotmail.com. When you RSVP, indicate if you would like to meet at temple on the day of the event to car pool. Also, if you have any school supplies you would like to donate, feel free to bring them with you.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE THROUGH WRJ/SISTERHOOD BERNSTEIN AWARD FOR JUDAIC STUDIES

The Philip S. Bernstein Scholarship Award is given to one or more young people in our congregation. This award originated as a WRJ/Sisterhood loan fund more than 50 years ago. It was renamed in 1986 to honor the memory of Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, who served as spiritual leader of our temple for more than five decades. In 1999, the fund was redesigned to be a monetary award rather than a loan. The recipients exemplify all the qualities for which Rabbi Bernstein stood. The award is given based upon commitment to Judaism and sincere interest in the pursuit of studies related to that commitment. The award will be given to persons of high school age and above who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to Judaism. The scholarship is not based on financial need. Deadline for application is April 15th. For more information, please contact WRJ/Sisterhood office at 244-7060, ext. 233.

Please join us for...
WRJ’S FIRST LUNCHEON AND CARD PARTY!
Tuesday, May 21, 2019
10:30am to 3:00pm
$25 per person includes: Delicious deli platters and salads from Brownsteins, coffee, tea, etc. and delectable homemade desserts. Morning beverage included.

Bring your own group and your favorite game: Bridge, Mah Jongg, Canasta or your favorite board game. Let us know your choice so we can seat you accordingly.

Send your checks to: WRJ/TBK Sisterhood, 2131 Elmwood Ave. 14618. Questions: contact Ellen at 244-7011 or 131ellens@gmail.com. Please include a list of who you plan to sit with.

Join WRJ for a relaxing movie at the Reserve Clubhouse...
SUNDAY MOVIE AT THE RESERVE ON THE ERIE CANAL
Sunday, January 13 at 2PM
“The Little Traitor”

A delightful coming of age tale with an unlikely bond between a British soldier (Theodore Bikel) and a young Jewish boy at the time of the birth of Israel. This is based on a book by renowned Israeli author, Amos Oz.

The Reserve is located off of Clinton Avenue South. There is no fee, but donations are welcome. Please RSVP to Ellen Solomon. You can contact her for directions or any questions as well at 131ellens@gmail.com or 244-7011.

WRJ/B’RITH KODESH SISTERHOOD IS ACTIVE ON FACEBOOK!

Please like our page “WRJ/ Temple B’rith Kodesh Sisterhood” to see updates on events and more!
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

WRJ/Sisterhood welcomes our new members, below. The best way to make joining a meaningful experience is to give of 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!

Leigh Evans
Rickie Gordon
Sharon Kaiser
Valerie Levine
Leah Margolis
Margy Taylor

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. Naomi Karolinski, our “Birthday Wishes” Chair, will gladly send a note for you. It's just that simple!

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SHALACH MANOT ORDER FORM

DUE BY MARCH 1, 2019

Fee free to duplicate this form for additional names.

- Sender's name:
- Sender's phone number:
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- Recipient's name:
- Recipient's address:
- Message you would like to send to recipient:
- Local delivery ($7.00 each): send by mail ($14.00 each):
- Total due:

Make checks payable to: WRJ/TBK Sisterhood
Mail form and checks to:
WRJ/ Temple Beth Kodesh Sisterhood
2131 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618

Questions? Call the Sisterhood office at 244-7060, x 233.
CHAG SAMEACH PURIM!
Purim is a time for celebration and joy. We wish you all a Happy Purim.

CALENDAR

December 2018
Mon. Dec. 25  Blessed Sacrament Supper Program

January 2019
Thurs. Jan. 10  Coffee & Conversation 7:00pm
Sun. Jan. 13  Sunday Afternoon at the Movies 2:00pm
Tues. Jan. 15  WRJ Open Board Meeting 7:30pm
Thurs. Jan 24  Laughing Gull Chocolates Truffle Making 6:30-8:00pm

February 2019
Sun. Feb. 10  Valentine’s Jewelry Making 2:00-4:00pm
Tues. Feb. 19  WRJ Open Board Meeting 7:30pm
Thurs. Feb. 28  Pencils and Paper 10:30am-12:30pm

March 2019
Fri. Mar. 1  Shalach Manot orders due
Sun. Mar. 3  Jewish Soldiers Project drop off for Purim packages 9:00am-noon
Fri. Mar. 8  Sisterhood Shabbat
Tues. Mar. 19  WRJ Open Board Meeting 7:30pm

April 2019
Wed. Apr. 10  Pencils and Paper 3:00-5:00pm
Tues. Apr. 16  WRJ Open Board Meeting 7:30pm
Sun. Apr. 28  Past Passover Pasta Party (time TBD)
TBD  Jewish Soldiers Project drop off for Passover packages

ONGOING

Knitting/Crocheting Drop-in on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in the Spector Wing. Please note that the group will be meeting only once in December on the 11th.

Mah Jongg every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the Spector Wing. Additional players welcome.

Monthly meals at Blessed Sacrament on the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 5:45 pm. Call Gail at (585-442-6008) or Ruth at (585-442-5862).

Donations for local organizations: Please remember to bring a food donation in support of various food pantries, cosmetics for women’s shelters and baby food.

“Box Tops for Education” and “Labels for Education” for School 52: Please save these labels found on Campbell’s and General Mills food products packages. Deposit any time in the box outside the WRJ/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.