



Temple Isaiah Sisterhood Newsletter

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A Message From Co-President Judi Brosnan

I write this having just returned from the Women of Reform Judaism (WJR) Biennial. I am filled with passion, ideas, questions and simultaneously both a mental and physical exhaustion and electricity that is impossible to describe. Praying with 5,000 other Jews from this country and around the world, dancing alongside a parade of 20+ Torahs, singing (albeit poorly) with the best cantors and song leaders in our country and listening to some of the most provocative speakers of our time is only part of what makes the biennial a not to miss experience.

Listening to the President of the Union for Reform Judaism Rick Jacobs, as well as countless other great thinkers, I was reminded that I am not just a Jew, not just a member of Sisterhood or a member of Temple Isaiah, but I am part of a MOVEMENT! With this knowledge comes a responsibility to *my* people, to *our* people; to build community, to perform acts of Tikkun Olam and to welcome strangers into our tents/houses of worship and into our hearts. We are called to stand by and to support one another, regardless of whether that is people we already know or the strangers among us.

Our Sisterhood is doing a great job of this! A perfect example is the Sisterhood Membership Appreciation Dinner that was run by Jamie Tassel, Ruth Wasser and an amazing group of women (after all, it takes a village). They thought outside the box. Their enthusiasm was palpable and it resonated with all of us. Folks who don't often, or ever, attend Sisterhood events showed up, had fun and realized that this community might offer something that they are looking for, something that they didn't even know was missing from their lives—a warm and caring community. Little did they know that they too are part of a movement.

Not only am I part of the Reform Movement, I am a woman and as such I am part of the Women's Movement

and proud to be so! Listening to Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, who is dedicated to promoting equality, justice and religious freedom, speak passionately about the plight of women in Israel, I am deeply moved to join her. She and her team founded the “Women of the Wall” crusade which advocates for women to pray freely at the Western Wall, wearing prayers shawls and other religiously significant garments, singing and reading from the Torah. I propose that we support Anat and her/our cause and purchase a Women of the Wall Garden of Eden Four Mothers Tallit for our Sisterhood. A portion of the sale will go to support the work of the Women of the Wall. We can all share in wearing this Tallit with pride.



Lilly Ledbetter spoke passionately about her fight for women's rights in this country. For ten years Ledbetter fought to close the gap between women's and men's wages. Ledbetter won a jury verdict of more than \$3,000,000 after having filed a gender discrimination suit in federal court. The U.S. Supreme Court later overturned the lower court's ruling. Ledbetter will never receive restitution from Goodyear (where she worked for 19+ years) but she said, “I'll be happy if the last thing they say about me after I die is that I made a difference.”

Let each and every one of us work to make a difference! I will look in the near future for ways that I can support these “Movements.” I ask you to join me. Let us start a conversation and continue on the path of these great thinkers and doers!

Judi Brosnan

IMPORTANT! The deadline for submissions for the Spring edition of the newsletter is February 10. Please send all submissions to our communications team at SisterhoodCommunications@gmail.com with “Newsletter” in the subject line. Formats can be text, .pub, .doc, .docx, or jpg. Please, **NO PDF's**. We reserve the right to edit articles as needed for content and length.

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Life Between Our Fingers

A Reflection by Fran Detweiler

Recently, when looking over my notebook of writing ideas, I was surprised by what I discovered. With about a dozen topics I had jotted down over the years, I had the illusionary idea that I would have several chances at literary fame! Unfortunately, as I read these themes for inspiration, I soon realized that this was unlikely to be the case. You see, I found that almost all of my thoughts held a similar theme—the conviction that it is the **little things** or the **everyday experiences** that life is really all about. Or as Rose Rosen, our own Temple Isaiah and Sisterhood member, once expressed to me, as her mother had so many years before to her, “The important part of life is really the **Life Between Our Fingers!**”

Indeed I agree that it is not only the five or so momentous occasions that make up our lives: the graduation, the wedding, the new baby, the holiday, Saturday night, et cetera! For if that were the case we would be left to spend all of our valuable time in anticipation of the next *finger!* Perhaps what Rose’s mother was really saying was that what is important in life is the **journey** as

we travel each and every day between one momentous occasion to the next. And if that is the case perhaps we should try a bit harder to **celebrate** these not so *ordinary* days of our lives!

Working with young children all of my adult life, I feel extremely fortunate, as this experience has always reinforced such a “**live in the present**” philosophy! As an example, when preschoolers are engaged in any sort of activity—building with blocks, drawing a picture, singing a song, taking a bath, they are working, playing, enjoying and learning all at once! For them the **process** is at least (if not more) important than the product. Indeed, every good preschool teacher knows this! Note: Could this way of living be one of the reasons that children almost always resist bedtime? Are they having too good a time awake (living in the moment) with little need to dream?

However you may argue that we are not children, and that work and play are separate for us. I agree, but that doesn’t mean that we can’t

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Thursday Study Classes with the Clergy

In our spring class, Our Favorite Jewish Texts, our clergy will each take turns bringing forward the texts that have most shaped their Rabbinate and Cantorate and their selves. Texts presented will be wide-ranging from biblical text to modern poetry – by the end of class, they might just turn out to be your favorite texts, too! The classes will be co-taught by our clergy, Rabbi Jaffe, Rabbi Perlman, and Cantor Doob. Class dates are February 11 and 25 and March 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Classes are held from 9:30 am until 11:00 am.

Come for the learning, the snacks, and the community! Participation is without cost, though we request that participants support Sisterhood by registering as members. (Men may join as associate members.)

For questions contact Rebecca Shahmoon, 781-641-0728,
rivkashah@verizon.net.

Sisterhood Weekend Away

January 15-17, 2016

Making Our Journeys Sacred

(Register using this form, or online at <http://tinyurl.com/WWA2016>)

Need a little break from your 24/7 life? Join Sisterhood January 15-17 for a weekend of women's fun and Jewish spirituality. Temple Isaiah Sisterhood presents "Making Our Journeys Sacred" with Temple Isaiah's Director of Jewish Living, Rabbi Amy Hertz, and Jewish Educator and Song Leader Beth Goldstein.

"Life is a journey, a sacred journey."
Rabbi Alvin Fine

The perennial story of the Jewish people is one of sacred journeys. Our ancestors physically left Egypt, wandered in the desert and, ultimately, found a way to the Promised Land. They were changed along the way by the experience of the journey.

We too are on sacred journeys. We are in a continuing process of exodus - always going out of our spiritual and metaphorical Egypts; moving from the narrow, small places; striving towards places of expansiveness, aspiration, and holiness. We, too, have been changed by our experiences, by our past, by our hope for the future. And yet, we know that, even still, we have not fully left our Egypts and we have not fully arrived in our Promised Lands. We are still on our way. We are still on our life's journey.

Join the women of Sisterhood, along with Rabbi Amy and Beth, as we explore journeys in Jewish tradition.

Inspired by the story of the weekly Torah portion which includes the story of the Exodus from Egypt, we will consider the journeys of our ancestors, the journeys of Jewish women past and present, and the journeys of our own hearts, as we ask ourselves the question: What will we do this year to ensure we make our journeys sacred?



We will be staying at the Portsmouth Sheraton Harborside Hotel, in nearby Portsmouth, NH. Enjoy the quaint downtown area and the fun shopping.

Don't miss out. Study and worship with your sisters. Do a little swimming. Go for a long walk. Shop! Count yourself in!

We will board a bus at St. Brigid's Parking lot on Worthen Road at 1 pm Friday. (No bus available for one-night option. Please plan to arrive by 9 am Saturday if you are not arriving on Friday.) Bring your favorite snacks to share for the bus ride—alcoholic beverages are definitely allowed! We arrive at the hotel by three pm, settle in and relax for a bit. Then the fun begins with an icebreaker and dinner in the hotel.

Questions: contact Judy Fine-Edelstein, 781-860-9009 or judyfine.edelstein@gmail.com, with questions, dietary restrictions, etc.

RSVP by December 15!!!

<i>YES! Count me IN!</i>	
Confidential financial assistance is available. Please contact Lois Woodbury (lois.woodbury@gmail.com or 781-862-7147).	
Name:	
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Select one of the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Weekend option	\$299.
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Night only (no transportation, pls arrive by 9 am Saturday)	\$175
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<input type="checkbox"/> Single room upgrade (two nights)	add \$130
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Please submit form and payment by December 15, 2015. Mail to Randi Levine, 22 Clarke St., Lexington, MA 02421	

SCHEDULE (subject to change)
FRIDAY
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat Services</i>
Shabbat Dinner
Song Session
<i>Our People's Journey: A Framework for our own Spiritual Lives</i>
Oneg Shabbat
SATURDAY
Breakfast
Shabbat Service
<i>A Woman's Journey</i>
Lunch
Shop, Exercise, Relax
<i>Seudah Shlishit—Songs, Food & Sharing Our Journeys</i>
Havdallah
Dinner
Fun Free Time (bring games!!)
Sunday
Breakfast
<i>Learning Session (TBD)</i>
Concluding Circle
Board the bus at noon

Please let us know if you have food allergies or restrictions that need to be accommodated at meals.

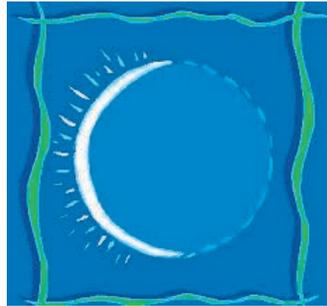
Rosh Chodesh (Head of the Month)

Rosh Chodesh (Head of the Month) is the celebration of the new moon. This observance, dating from Biblical times, is recognized as a women's holiday: a day associated with women's renewal and celebration.

Each month Sisterhood women gather at each others' homes on a Monday or a Wednesday evening (we alternate days to afford people the opportunity to come,) and take turns hosting and facilitating these meetings. We explore a breadth of subjects on themes related to Judaism or womanhood, sharing and exploring ideas, looking inward, and enjoying the warmth of a thoughtful evening with other Sisterhood women.

Rosh Chodesh Tevet will meet on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 pm, at the home of Karen Schorfheide-Ray, 9 Damon Park, #1, Arlington. Sandi Rosenfeld and Kate Ray will lead a discussion on free or inexpensive ways to explore Boston for all ages. Great if you have out of town visitors, an active family, or an interest in fun on a budget. Interesting Jewish sites and events will be included. RSVP to Sandi Rosenfeld at rxsandi@hotmail.com or call her at 781-862-7480.

Rosh Chodesh Shevat will meet on Tuesday, January 12 at the Temple at 5:30 pm for dinner, followed by discussion at 6:00 pm. This is a joint program with Tichon Isaiah, led by Jacquie Serebrani-Kesner. Our topic will be "Across the Generations" as we discuss Judaism and interactions between the generations. This is a special opportunity to interact with the youth of our



Temple family. Join us for dinner and discussion, or just the discussion. RSVP to Temple Isaiah's Director of Jewish Learning, Leslie Grossman, at lgrossman@templeisaiah.net.



Rosh Chodesh Adar I will meet on Monday, February 8 at the Temple at 7:30 pm. Sandi Rosenfeld will lead a discussion on the Proverb: A Woman of Valor. According to Proverbs, man puts a woman on a pedestal as long as she serves man. Is she a woman who triumphs over the difficulties in life? What do you think defines a modern day Woman of Valor? RSVP to Sandi Rosenfeld at rxsandi@hotmail.com or 781-862-7480.

Rosh Chodesh Adar II will meet on Monday, March 14 at 7:30 pm, at the home of Sandi Rosenfeld, 3404 Main Campus Drive, Lexington. Candice Kiss will lead a discussion on chametz and spring cleaning. What are the different types of chametz in our lives? In what ways do various forms of chametz enslave us? How can we rid our homes and ourselves of chametz? Together we'll explore what the Jewish texts have to say about chametz, and share effective strategies for cleaning up our homes and our lives! RSVP to Sandi Rosenfeld at 781-862-7480 or rxsandi@hotmail.com.

Month/Date	Hostess/Location	Facilitator(s)	Topic
Rosh Chodesh Tevet Wednesday, December 16	Karen Schorfheide-Ray	Kate Ray & Sandi Rosenfeld	Hosting in Boston
Rosh Chodesh Shevat Tuesday, January 12	Temple Isaiah	Jacquie Serebrani-Kesner	Across the Generations (Note special time: 6 pm, following 5:30 pm dinner)
Rosh Chodesh Adar I Monday, February 8	Temple Isaiah	Sandi Rosenfeld	A Woman of Valor
Rosh Chodesh Adar II Monday, March 14	Sandi Rosenfeld	Candice Kiss	Chametz and Spring Cleaning
Rosh Chodesh Nissan Wednesday, April 13	TBD	Abbe Smerling	Collections: Share a Piece from your past
Rosh Chodesh Iyar Wednesday, May 11	Abbe Smerling	Pam Awrach	Bubbe Meises
Rosh Chodesh Sivan Monday, June 6	Temple Isaiah	Jacquie Serebrani-Kesner	What Makes a Home a Home—The Book of Ruth

YUD Continues Exciting Programs



From our crafty in the Sukkah to our annual Boston Jewish Film Festival outing, the Yud has enjoyed a fantastic start to the year! In addition to these YUD events, the women of YUD participate in many of the general Sisterhood activities. Kudos to Yuddies Ali Karasic and Audrey Gould for their effort organizing the Children's Section of the Sisterhood Rummage Sale and to Rebecca Smerling Marcus for her contributions to the Annual Sisterhood Membership Supper.

Stay tuned for more info about new programs/events around learning and personal growth, social action, and just plain social opportunities. Listed below are few upcoming events -- exact dates will be announced on our listserv as they're known and also posted to our Facebook group.

December 1: Book Club

December 20: Annual Chanukah Party!

February 28: Wellness Workshop

May 15: 4th Annual Jerusalem Potluck

June: Summer Kick-Off Party!

July: Fun Run

Join our email list at <http://bit.ly/JoinYud> & join our Facebook group at <http://bit.ly/LikeYud>.

The "Y Team" is the group of women who keep the Yud chugging along. Care to join us? We are currently seeking others to join our planning committee and ensure that the YUD remains part of the Isaiah community for years to come! Email The "Y Team" at yudtempleisaiah@gmail.com for more info.



Yud programming is geared towards the interests of a younger generation of Sisterhood and provides members a connection to their greater Temple Isaiah community and to Judaism. If you think you have a lot in common with this group, see the article above for contact info.

Future Plans for Wellness Programs

Many of you have attended our popular Wellness programs, where topics have ranged from "The Art of Slowing Down in a 24/7 World" to "Laughter Is the Best Medicine" and from "An Experiential Evening on Stress Management" to "Menopause in the 21st Century," with all sorts of topics in between. After many years of chairing and/or working on this committee, the members of the Wellness leadership team have chosen to move on to other opportunities. Therefore, if we are to continue the Wellness Program—whether as it was or in a modified form—we will need to have women who are willing to step up and make it happen. If we do not have Sisters willing to work on Wellness, then Wellness Programs will need to take a break. Please consider volunteering

on the Wellness Committee so that these programs can continue. Wouldn't it be great to know that you helped bring our Wellness Programs to fruition?! Please contact Gail Maurer (jamgam1@aol.com or 617-448-6264) if you are interested in being part of the Wellness Committee.

(Note: Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 7:00 pm, was originally scheduled to be a Wellness program. Due to the uncertainty of the Wellness Program, that date and time will be used for a Sisterhood Jewish-themed movie night. Please mark that date on your calendar and stay tuned for further information. Please contact Gail Maurer (jamgam1@aol.com or 617-448-6264) with questions or comments.)

Sisterhood Circles

Do you enjoy playing board games? Reading? Walking? Are you caring for a loved one with special needs? Have you always wanted to learn Yiddish or Mah Jongg? "Circles" are groups of women who connect with other Sisterhood members to participate in activities that they enjoy. Here's what's happening and how to get involved:

KNIT, PURL, LEARN (NEW CIRCLE)

Are you a knitter who is a natural teacher? Are you someone who has tried to knit before but just can't get the hang of it? Or have you never really thought about knitting before, but you're looking for a new hobby? If so, then we want you! This new circle will meet on alternating Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. For more information contact Renee Gelin, jesmom@gmail.com. Schedule: Wednesdays 10 am at Temple Isaiah on 12/2, 12/30, 1/27, 2/24 and Thursdays 7:30 pm at Temple Isaiah on 12/17, 1/14, 2/11 and 3/10.



SECOND FAMILY (NEW CIRCLE)

Every year the holidays roll around with the usual hype and anticipation. However, for those of us far from family it is challenging to find ways to feel part of these times. Often, too, friends celebrate these special times with a long-established group which doesn't think to include new people. Let's create and enjoy our own holiday traditions: For example, we could have a bountiful Thanksgiving in one of our homes, a break fast after Yom Kippur, a Fourth of July pot-luck picnic and a walk to the fireworks, or matzoh ball soup and gefilte fish together on Pesach!

Don't worry if you are busy for any given holiday. As few as three women could still celebrate together. To join or for more information contact Marilyn Jacobs 781-216-8625 or by email eej3@aol.com.

GRANDMOTHERS & GRANDKIDS (NEW CIRCLE)

When you are spending time with your grandkids, do you ever wish you could have a play date with other grandmas and their grandkids? Would you be interested in a Circle whose participants get together once or twice a month to explore different playgrounds or indoor play spaces? For more information, contact Renee Gelin at jesmom@gmail.com.

EVENING BOOK GROUP

Mondays monthly; coffee 7:30 pm, discussion 8-9:30 pm. Open to all Sisterhood members. Please see separate article, on page 6, for details and RSVP info for the complete fall schedule. Contact Carol Sacerdote, carolsac@rcn.com or 781-861-7298.

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

Mondays monthly; 10:00 am to noon. All are welcome. We choose our books and meeting times as we go along. To RSVP and ask questions, please contact coordinator: **Carole Goldberg**, 781-891-3626 (preferred contact) or c.goldberg7@verizon.net.



GAMES

Every other Friday at 12:30 pm. Please join Sisterhood members in the Temple library for about an hour and a half of games. We play Taboo, Scattergories, Trivial Pursuit, Apples to Apples, Encore, Celebrity, Set, Speed Scrabble, and Boggle, to name a few. New members are encouraged and we will teach newcomers. It is lots of laughs and is good to stretch the mind as well! Contact **Abbe Smerling**, 781-862-0455 or aksmerling@aol.com to join the email list.

MOVIES

We are a group of fun, friendly, and interesting women who get together once a month to discuss a movie we've seen. The group



meets at Panera Bread in Lexington for lunch on the first Wednesday of the month. This group is looking for a contact person. Please contact Renee Gelin to find out more or to volunteer at 781-258-0916 or jesmom@gmail.com.

BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED BEGINNERS MAH JONGG

Interested in learning to play mah jongg? Know the basics but would like to learn more and play regularly? We have options for this circle, depending on the interest level. We can do a new beginners' class, meeting for three consecutive weeks to learn the basics and then continue to practice together for as long as desired. We can also do a review class and then organize a regular game of those interested. To participate, or if you have other Mah Jongg related ideas or questions, contact **Randi Levine** at rkleinlevine@alumni.tufts.edu or 781-863-5906.



DROP-IN MAH JONGG FOR EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

Thursdays at 12:30 pm at Temple Isaiah. Please let Nina know if you plan to drop in. This is a friendly, non-betting game. All Sisterhood players are welcome. Contact Nina Rayfield-Tate at 781-275-8780 or t8brood@gmail.com.

DOG WALKING

We are looking for a contact person for a dog walking circle—exercising and socializing for both your dog and you. We'd like to meet for one hour each week, starting across the street from the Temple. Participants will select exact times. Contact Renee Gelin at jesmom@gmail.com or 781-258-0916.



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Sisterhood Circles (continued)

POTLUCK PARTIERS

If the Gourmet Circle seemed too “fancy” for you, sign up for the Potluck Partiers Circle. Maya Katz and Sally Huebscher are chairing this circle with ideas for a Sunday Brunch, Italian Jewish Feast, a Kugel Cook-off, and more. We need your input and you. Joining this circle puts you on the email list for information and invitations. Contact Sally at sally.huebscher@me.com or 781-863-8159.



WALKING GROUP

Usually on Tuesday morning and by arrangement

We enjoy exercise and each other's conversation, plus scenery and gardens on residential streets, conservation land and the bike path. This group meets at Peet's in Lexington center and walks for about an hour, weather permitting, year round.



Walk with us whenever you're available, and please check the group email for occasional changes in schedule. Please contact Carol at 781-861-7298 or carolsac@rcn.com to be on the email list, or to be matched with walkers interested in other dates/times.

THE YUD

Yud programming is geared towards the interests of a younger generation of Sisterhood and provides members a connection to their greater Temple Isaiah community and Judaism. Over the past year, we gathered for Havdalah in the Sukkah, a "Vodka and Latkes" Chanukah party, and a Jerusalem potluck dinner, with a few hikes and happy hours sprinkled in between. Join our listserv at <http://bit.ly/JoinYud> or find us on Facebook at <http://bit.ly/LikeYud>. The Yud is co-coordinated by Dana Hagenbuch and Jessica Markowitz, who can also be reached at yudtempleisaiah@gmail.com.



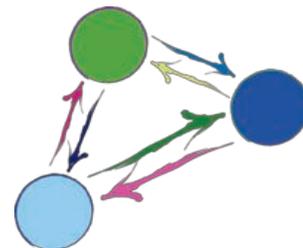
YIDDISH ANYONE?

Meets monthly at various members' homes.

Our Yiddish group meets once a month on various afternoons at 1 pm at members' houses. We share Yiddish stories and try to speak in Yiddish as much as possible. We do not meet during January/February/March. Exact meeting times will be arranged according to participants' schedules. Anyone interested should contact Elly Edelstein, elly12@verizon.net or 781-275-3243.

FORM A NEW GROUP

If you have an idea for a circle that isn't listed here, please contact Renee Gelin at jesmom@gmail.com or 781-258-0916. She will help you start a new group.



Tu B'Shevat Seder

Monday, January 25, 6:30 pm

Open to women, men, children and families

Come join us on Monday, January 25, in the Temple Isaiah meeting room, as we celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees. It will be a fun and informative time together at our seder table as we partake of fruits and of the seven species called out in the Torah as abundant in Israel, talk about the connections between Tu B'Shevat and ecology, self, and Israel, and experience our Tu B'Shevat as one family.



Tu B'Shevat, first observed by Kabbalists in the sixteenth century in Sephardic communities, has spread in recent times and is now celebrated in many Jewish communities around the world.

There is something in this participatory Tu B'Shevat seder for everyone, whether it is ecology, self-knowledge, spirit, song, history, or Israel. Come by yourself, with your family, or with your friends. Just be sure not to miss this wonderful Tu B'Shevat seder!

Although no formal 'meal' will be served, we will partake of fruits and nuts as we eat them raw, cooked in our soup, as part of a salad, and in our dessert. All food served will be vegetarian.

Reservations are requested by Thursday, January 21, to Gail Maurer at jamgam1@aol.com or 617-448-6264. Please include your name, phone number, number of adults and/or children attending, and your email address. Please also note any food allergies that may be an issue.

This event is free to Sisterhood members, \$15 for other adults, \$10 for children under Bar/Bat Mitzvah age, with a family maximum cost of \$36, which can be paid at the seder. Please also contact Gail with any questions, comments, or to volunteer to help! Many hands make light work.

*Although we are hoping for clear and sunny skies, there have been times when Mother Nature has had other plans. If the seder is canceled due to inclement weather, you will be notified.

Monday Evening Book Group

This book group meets monthly, usually on a Monday (except where holidays conflict as noted). Feel free to come every month or only once in a while. This group is open to all Sisterhood members, and welcomes your opinions and participation. Please respond to each monthly hostess.

The time for each meeting is 7:30 pm for coffee, 8:00—9:30 pm for book discussion, unless otherwise noted. For further information or to be put on the email list, please contact the coordinator, Carol Sacerdote, at carolsac@rcn.com or 781-861-7298.

On November 30, following Thanksgiving weekend, our book is *The Dinner* by Herman Koch. Translated from the Dutch, it is about two couples who go to dinner together at a fashionable restaurant in Amsterdam to discuss a problem about their boys. Much is left unsaid for most of the meal. The book has been a sensation in Europe. Eileen Cohen is our discussion leader and we will meet at the home of Rose Rubin, 28 Middleby Road,

Lexington. Please respond to Rose at larkesnest@hotmail.com or 781-861-8748.

On December 21 we will discuss *City of Women* by David Gillham. Susan Marx will be the discussion leader for this novel about ordinary German women in Berlin during World War II. We will meet at Temple Isaiah, upstairs in the Lefty Lounge. Coffee and discussion times are as above. Rebecca Shahmoon will host us at the temple. Please respond to Rebecca at 781-641-0728 or rivkashah@verizon.net.

On Monday, February 1, we will discuss *The Last Days of Dogtown*, the latest book by one of our favorite local authors, Anita Diamant. Harryot Goldstein will lead the discussion of this historical novel, set in a village near Gloucester on Cape Ann, Massachusetts, in the early 1800's. Diamant gives us a compelling picture of the kinds of people who lived at that time, what their lives were like and how they were intertwined. We will meet at Temple Isaiah in the LEFTY Lounge

on the second floor, with coffee at 7:30 pm and book discussion from 8-9:30 pm. Please respond to the hostess, Barb McIntosh, at barbmcentosh@verizon.net or 617-429-6435.



On Monday, February 29, at the Leap Year meeting, our book is *After Dark* by Japanese author, Haruki Murakami. It's about a series of encounters that take place in the wee hours of the night in Tokyo. Murakami draws us into his world and takes on a trip through the night where his characters' relationships are seen differently from what they are in the light of day. Discussion leader is Carol Sacerdote and we'll meet at Temple Isaiah in the LEFTY Lounge on the second floor, times as above. RSVP to our hostess, Rosalie Weiss, rosalieweiss@me.com or 781-275-8885.

Social Action Committee

Sisterhood to Make Birthing Kits for Haiti

On Sunday afternoon, March 6, Sisterhood's Social Action Committee will host an event to make birthing kits. In case of snow, we will meet on Thursday evening, March 10.

Did you know that women in developing countries often give birth on the dirt floor of their homes? We women of Temple Isaiah have access to the world's best medical care. We assume and



expect that when we give birth, we and our babies will be safe. But not everyone is so lucky. Lacking

proper sanitation, third world women and their babies often pick up infections. Thousands of babies around the world die within days of birth simply because of these preventable infections. We

can help. We can put together simple birthing kits to assist

women to have a sanitary birth and save themselves and their babies. The kits are amazingly simple: a square yard of clean plastic sheeting, plastic gloves, sterile wipes, a clean razor blade, several plastic clips or lengths of string, a small bar of soap. All the pieces go into a zip-up plastic bag. That's it! The kits then are shipped off to where they are needed.

We will be making birthing kits for the Agape Project which provides medical support to Haiti. Temple members Robert Nierman and Roy

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To Our Sisters, with Love

Mazel Tov!

Linda Wertheimer Mintz, on the publication of her book, *Faith Ed*;
Sue Tafler, on the birth of her granddaughter, Bayla Mae Yukich;
Karen Funkenstein, on the marriage of her daughter, Amy, to John Henry Nolan IV;
Ruth Fleischmann, on the marriage of her daughter Sarah, to Tristan Riggs;
Renee Gelin, on the publication of her book, *Adventures in Widowland*;
Martha Supnik, on the birth of her grandson, Elijah Supnik;
Masha Traber, on the birth of her granddaughter, Serena Ivy Wolfson.

May their memory be an abiding blessing...

Sol Pluda, husband of **Regina Pluda** and father of **Heidi Tyson**;
Babette Weinberg, mother of **Janie Weinberg**;
Helaine Savage, mother of **Pam Awrach**, and a founding member of Sisterhood;
Mike Fossier, husband of **Linda Fossier**;
Mark Yesley, father of **Ellen Silberman**;
Howard Glazer, grandfather of **Emily Messinger**;
Mark Gottlieb, brother of **Ellen Kazin**;
Harvey Finberg, brother of **Harriet Silverman**;
Naomi Kaplan, long-time Sisterhood member;

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Life Between Our Fingers (continued)

“soften the borders” of our lives a bit. For example, if we let ourselves socialize at the supermarket (it’s free: no coupon required), enjoy a discussion with a fellow employee at lunch, or share an unscheduled cup of coffee with a friend, we might just feel more **emotionally fulfilled** at day’s end.

A while back, listening to public radio station WBUR, I heard the show’s host dramatically introduce his program, and I had to giggle. The program was entitled “The Sciences Get Happy,” and the speaker asked enticingly, “Are you really happy? Do you really enjoy your job? Do you ever have a chance to enjoy the simple things? Think about the purity of a child’s joy and imagine tapping into **that!**”

Many wonder why a person would

choose to work with very young children. For me this question has always been a simple one to answer. As a teen I babysat as much as I could and would have said, “Because they are just so adorable!” Later on, after studying Early Childhood Education and beginning my teaching career, I would have replied, “Because the Early Childhood experience is the foundation of a child’s education.” Finally, years later still, and as a mother of two twenty-something children, I realize that, when in the company of young children, I not only give of myself, but I receive an **incredible gift** as well; a glimpse into the **simple life!** I find this in the eyes of a child and it teaches me to recognize the **significance** and **joy** in so many every day

occurrences. I truly believe that to be a child is to make every day a **“holiday of living!”**

Working with young children has never been for me a very lucrative profession. However as I continue to visit a number of schools for *Music and Movement*, and assist a friend in her amazing family childcare program, I understand that this work gives me a very **rich life**. Indeed this profession has helped me to better comprehend what Rose’s mother taught her so many years ago. What is really important is the **“LIFE BETWEEN OUR FINGERS!”**

Rummage Sale Report

On the final day of the Rummage Sale, I got home at 5 pm, took a long hot shower, put on a dress and went to dinner with Howard, and our dear friends, Karen and Jeff Arbetter. We spent the night over a bottle of wine and Karen and I told Howard and Jeff stories of the Rummage Sale. We laughed, we cried, and Howard and Karen came up with the idea for my birthday present this year. They want to get me vanity license plates saying: RUMAGEQN. You figure it out.



Ready to go!

The Sale is over but the stories still resonate each and every day, and the feeling of accomplishing so much through the Sale is worthy of telling everyone. Our volunteers brought joy to people who receive so little, made every customer feel welcomed, and served the mission of our Sisterhood and Temple Isaiah through Tikkun Olam.

So everyone always asks us, how much did we raise? Did we do better than last year? Well, here's what I have to say about that. We did. We had over 160 volunteers, more than we've ever had. We had our teens help us on Saturday night and see the work we do for the community and know that they were part of a mitzvah. The teens contacted organizations to send our donations. We had Scouts older and younger teaching one another the importance of work and kindness. We were left with only 14 bags that Janey Solis and I drove to serve the Waltham community homeless families. In years past we had over 100 bags needing to be donated. We had our LABBB kids who were AMAZING, carrying all our supplies to the shed, we had our Sisterhood women recycling our hangers and boxes and taking items to Goodwill, cleaning our social hall so that it looked, when I returned from delivering the bags, as if the Sale hadn't even happened.

So when asked did we do better? We did!! And of course, we made an amazing amount of money: close to \$28,000.00.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank the women, teens, Scouts, and staff. It's a privilege to work with such extraordinary people. If I missed your name, please forgive me but let me know:

Sisterhood and Temple members, Mimi Aarens, Bronte Abraham, Robin Abrams, Ellie Agranat, Karen Arbetter,

Eva Arond, Marilyn Baker, Ilene Benghiat, Marjorie Bladd, Lisa Bloom-Charette, Holly Boker, Sandy Bornstein, Judith Brosnan, Karen Budnick, Liz Burnett, Marsha Byrnes, Sarah Carrier, Jeanne Clifford, Eileen Cohen, Liz Cohen, Harriet Crafts, Lilian Dayan, Cimadoro, Olive Damitz, Willem Damitz, Laura Derby, Fran Detweiler, Mimi Dohan, Elaine Dratch, Gladys Dratch, Lynne Fisher, Susan Foote, Sylvia Frazer, Elisabeth Freier, Beth Fried, Karen Funkenstein, Mollie Garberg, Renee Gelin, Lynn Geltman, Mary Dana Gershanoff, Terri Goldberg, Harryot Goldstein, Audrey Gould, Ruth Greenberg, Joyce Greif, Dana Hagenbuch, Michele Hilley, Bob Huebscher, Sally Huebscher, Shirley Hurwitz, Esther Isenberg, Sarah Israel, Kathy Jacob, Meryl Junik, Ali Karasic, Joanne Kaye, Myah Kaye, Bonnie Kelly, Selma Kent, Mickey Khazam, Dawn Kociubes, Barbara Koren, Lenore Korn-Gillespie, Stephanie Lawrence, Laurie Levy, Ann Lieberman, Shayna Loeffler, Ruth Lynn, Sandy Macey, Ruby Marcus, Buzzy Marley, Karen Maslow, Estelle Mathur, Brianna Nadelberg, Jane Paulson, Jen Prior, Naomi Priver, Judith Rissman, Susan Ritter, Sandi Rosenfeld, Irene Rosenzweig, Rose Rubin, Sally Rubin, Wendy Rudner, Marilyn Ryngiewicz, Carol Sacerdote, Dolly Sadow, Fredda Sage, Edward Shamash, Rosslyn Shamash, Nancy Shepard, Ruth Sherman, Gini Shevrin, Harriet Silverman, Alesia



The "Back Office"

Singer, Shelley Slater, Paula Slotkin, Abbe Smerling, Rebecca Smerling, April Smith, Barbara Smith, Elaine Smith, Barbara Snyder, Robyn Snyder, Evelyn Solis, Janey Solis, Janet Solomon, Aviv Spitz, Lisa Spitz, Judy Stein, Francine Stiglitz, Eileen Sussman, Sue Tafler, Leora Tec, Howard Temkin, Masha Traber, Margie Weil, Stephen Weil, Lauren Weiss, Debbie Wengrovitz, Mira Whiting, Jack Woodbury, Lois Woodbury, DiAnne Wyner and Karen Zallen.

Friends and family, Ashling Shelton, Shannagh Shelton, Allison Burson, Janna Crafts, Anthony Deranian, Zoe Halpert, Diane Karasic, and Leah Wyner.

LEFTY members, Elias Benghiat, Sarah Bernstein, Gabe Brown, Julia Burnett, Justin Clifford, Ione Heigham, Evan Jardine, Max Kaye, Daniel Resnick and David Roizin.

Troop 119 Boy Scouts, David Feliciano, Noah Fryou, William Fryou, Aansh Jha, Eddie Jiaxin Zhou and Lulian Kan.

Community friends, Anne Baritz, Carlos Cardenas, Jan

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Member Appreciation Dinner Volunteers Are Appreciated!

Sisterhood Appreciation Dinner was a sparkling success thanks to the wonderful team of volunteers who dedicated their time and talent to create a fantastic evening!

The event was enthusiastically led by Jamie Tassel and Ruth Wasser, who brought fresh perspective and new ideas to this multi-faceted event. Nearly 200 women enjoyed connecting with Sisterhood members while sampling delicious tastings and inspired libations at the reception, followed by dinner and an exciting auction!



Special thanks to Richard Foster for providing the outstanding appetizers from Corner Office Gourmet; and to Gini Shevrin and Sally Huebscher for dazzling desserts made by Will Nosack, and to Sarah Wasser and Neil Tassel for hosting the spirited tastings!

Sincere thanks to our planning committee and advisors: Harryot Goldstein, Becky Derby, Katie Cutler, Ruthie Liberman, Naomi Priver, Janine Cohen, Ellen Cameron, Rebecca Smerling, Sally Huebscher, Gini Shevrin, Irene Rosenzweig, Abbe Smerling, Judi Brosnan and Karen Schorfheide-Ray.

And our volunteers: Caren Zakon, Bronte Abraham, Micah Abraham, Laurie Wolk Shea, Sarah Foster, Sandy Bornstein, Karen Meyers, Zach Meyers, Jacob Meyers, Ellen Cameron, Debbie Wengrovitz, Ruth Fleischmann, Susan Foote, Liz Weiss, Kathryn Prager, Ruth Greenberg, Vicki McIsaac, Mimi Aarens, Karen Zallen, Karen Maslow, Barbara Mende, Laura Lees and Carol Sacerdote.

And thanks to our Auction donors:

Ami Stix, Barbara White, Bonna Terban, Buzz Marley, Emily Passman, Harriet Silverman, Irene Rozenzweig, Jaime Adler, Jamie Tassel, Jane Wolfman, Karen Laufer, Karen Schorfheide-Ray, Kathy Fields, Laura Derby, Linda Stimson, Linda K. Wertheimer, Lisa Bloom-Charette, Michele Hilley, Mimi Aarens, Mira Whiting, Nina



Tate, Rebecca Smerling, Renee Gelin, Ruth Fleischmann, Ruth Wasser, Sally Castleman, Sally Huebscher, Sandi Rosenfeld, Sarah Foster, Trish Carey and Yolanda Taylor.

Thanks to Sukkot Volunteers

Every year, Sisterhood volunteers decorate the Temple Isaiah bima with fruits and vegetables of the season for Sukkot. Thank you to Lynne Fisher and Esther Isenberg for creating the beautiful display. The fresh produce was provided at a deep discount by Russo's of Watertown; please thank them when you shop there! Helpers Paula Slotkin, Karen Schorfheide-Ray and Gini Shevrin provided the needed woman power, while Harvey Fisher provided some extra muscle! Thanks also to custodian Ed Preciado.



When Sukkot is over, fresh volunteers dismantled the display, under the guidance of Lynne and Esther: Susan Marx, Elaine and Howard Smith, Chuck Horowitz, Bruce Lynn, Heidi Tyson, Regina Pluda, Eileen Sussman, Molly Bresnihan, and Leslie Litman, with the aid of the custodial staff, especially Mike Bussell.

All the produce was picked up by temple member Ivan Basch to be delivered through the nonprofit, Food Link, to the Arlington Food Pantry.

Rummage Report (continued)

Carrigan, Nick Enzmann, Amy Legee, Donnah Nickerson-Reti, Curtis Reti, Michelle Rowland, Nancy Smith Lin, Annabelle Snyder and Candy Zito-Wolf.

Our businesses who donated their goods and services: Trader Joe's, My Cleaners, Stop and Shop and Matt Paine at Home Team Moving Company.

And of course, our office and custodial staff, especially Betsy Herman, Jenny Keegan, Andrea Russo, Claudia Knight, Deb Marty, Anne Marie Cuozzo, Nina Tate, Roz Verone, Mike Bussell, Antonio Guevara, Yanira Guevara, Max Gulezian, Steve Jaworski, and Ed Preciado.

With gratitude, Irene Rosenzweig

Women of Reform Judaism Assembly Report

by Marsha Byrnes

In early November, I attended the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Assembly/Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial in Orlando. It was a wonderful experience. The Shabbat services with all biennial attendees are always wonderful, and the dinner with the huge Isaiah contingent was great, but in addition, I attended some excellent WRJ workshops and events.

WRJ gave an award to Lily Ledbetter, the woman whose name is on the legislation to make it easier for women to find out that their male colleagues are making much more money than they are for the same job. She gave a terrific speech and I bought a copy of her book, *Grace and Grit*, which was really eye-opening. She turned her life upside down and ended up with very little for herself, but she has made things better and fairer for many other women.

Rabbi David Wolfman has been working with WRJ leadership for the last couple of years to help make some needed changes to be more successful in the 21st century. David gave a great speech (and workshop) explaining the challenges that face us to reach younger women and continue to carry out our goals to support women and strengthen Reform Judaism.

Anat Hoffman, the Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, and Rabbi Noa Sattath, Director, gave an informative workshop on the situation in Israel as it pertains to women's rights. Although many challenges remain, it's amazing how much they have accomplished and how optimistic they continue to be about the future of pluralistic Judaism in Israel.

My favorite WRJ workshop was "Hot Topics in Social Justice" with Barbara Weinstein, the Associate Director of the Religious Action Center in Washington. She brought along five of the Eisendrath

Legislative Assistants, who are spending the year after college working on social justice issues at the RAC. Those young people were so knowledgeable, articulate, and passionate that it was just fantastic!

In addition, there was a concert with Julie Silver, Peri Smilow, Beth Schafer, and Michelle Citrin, which was just wonderful! I also did some

business meetings separate from the URJ Biennials, and to elect its officers and board members every three years instead of every two. There will, however, be workshops at the URJ event specifically aimed at WRJ women, and I am planning to be there. I



Temple Isaiah contingent, celebrating Rabbi Jaffe's 60th birthday!

fun Israeli dancing and came down two giant water slides! Not so much sleep though!

The next URJ Biennial is December 6-10, 2017 and it will be in Boston. There will not be a concurrent WRJ Biennial then, because WRJ has decided to hold its North American

expect lots of people from Temple Isaiah and our Sisterhood will be there too. WRJ-Northeast District will be holding a local convention in Albany from November 3-6, 2016. Please save the date.

Birthing Kits (continued)

Crystal are founding members of Agape, which has been aiding Haiti since the devastating earthquake several years ago. They are thrilled that we are making birthing kits. Agape delivers thousands of pounds of equipment and supplies every year in April or May. They have actually managed to construct an entire new hospital there. This spring their shipment will include our birthing kits.

Think of it! Forty women can put together 1000 kits in two hours! The Social Action Committee will gather the materials. You just need to show up and offer your hands. We hope you will plan to join us in this special mitzvah, women helping women. Please put the date on your calendar now, and make a huge difference in the lives of the women of Haiti.

Visit the Sisterhood Judaica Shop for Your Chanukah & Passover Needs

The First Light of Chanukah is Sunday evening, December 6, so you still have time to visit the Judaica Shop, located in the Temple lobby, for all your Chanukah needs, from dreidels to Chanukah menorahs.

You can come to Sisterhood's Judaica Shop any week for all you need to make your Friday evening table beautiful and your Shabbat joyous and delicious. We have candle sticks and Safed candles; Kiddish cups; and challah knives, boards, and covers; as well as cookbooks; tzedakah boxes; mezzuzot; and lots more. Don't forget the Judaica Shop when you need to find the perfect Bar/Bat Mitzvah gift or wedding gift.

Planning ahead: our Sisterhood Judaica Shop will have its display of haggadot in the Temple lobby, with order forms and ordering instructions, from date through date. These dates will allow us to be sure your haggadah order arrives before Passover starts (First Seder is Friday April 22). If you have any questions please email Marjorie at judaicashop@templeisaiah.net or call her at 781-862-6355.

We can also help you make your Seder table beautiful (or help you find the perfect gift), whether you are looking for a lovely Seder plate, matzah plate, Elijah's cup, Miriam's cup, or candle sticks.

The Judaica Shop is open regularly on Sunday morning (9:00 am – 1:30 pm) and Wednesday afternoon (3:45 pm to 5:30 pm) when Religious school is in session. If you are making a special trip to the Temple to shop at any of these



times, please call the office to confirm that the Shop is open. We are glad to open also by appointment; call Marjorie (781-862-6355), Wendy (781-862-9952), or Jacque (781-439-4586), or email judaicashop@templeisaiah.net.

Profits from the Shop are distributed with Sisterhood tzedakah to Temple Isaiah, our local communities, national organizations, and Israeli organizations.

We are always looking for volunteers to staff the Shop (Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons when Religious School is in session); it is fun and we will train you. (Please call Marjorie Bladd at 781-862-6355 to volunteer.) Thank you!



Thank You

The Sisterhood Newsletter is produced by a small team of volunteers. Many thanks go to the women who proofread this issue to find any errors: Jen Prior, Nancy Pinn, Sue Tafler, Kathryn Prager, Barbara Mende. Thank you as well to the many contributors. Lastly, thank you to David Gardner of Boyd's Direct, for his assistance with layout and aesthetics.

Gini Shevrin, Editor

A Purim Mitzvah: Count Yourself In!

Once again, Sisterhood fulfills the Purim mitzvah of sending small gifts of sweets known as Mishloach Manot bags to every Temple Isaiah and Sisterhood member family.

WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU – COUNT YOURSELF IN!!

Look out for a volunteer signup Doodle in February, which will be in the Sisterhood e-blasts.

Pre-Build: Join us for a few daytime and/or evening gatherings to assemble items for the bags. We will send information in February via the Sisterhood e-blasts about the times and places for these gatherings.

Build: The complete bags will be assembled on **Friday, March 18.**



We will meet in the social hall at 9:00 am and work until they are finished. We should be there for five hours, so stop by anytime to pitch in.

Distribution and Pickup: Bags will be ready for delivery on **Sunday, March 20.** We need many drivers willing to be responsible for a route of 10 – 12 houses, as well as volunteers to staff shifts in the library "distribution center" during the morning between 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. We would also appreciate youth volunteers during that time to act as runners taking bags to the cars of the delivery volunteers.

We do need a significant number of drivers to cover the entire congregation! Please volunteer to deliver in your own neighborhood.

These baskets are our gift to Temple Isaiah. If you would like to help support the work of Sisterhood, we will gratefully accept donations which will be used to help cover the cost of this project, with any remaining funds going to support our Temple and various charities."

If you have questions, contact Laurie Wolk Shea at chez-shea3@comcast.net or Barbara Snyder at bgs25@me.com.



SAVE THE DATES:
3/18, Friday: Assemble Bags
3/20, Sunday: Deliver Bags

Opportunities for Tzedakah

The Basket

Sisterhood continues to collect personal cleaning supplies, housekeeping supplies, and kitchen supplies for women and children in shelters. School supplies are also useful. The regular sizes of these products are most appropriate. Bring in travel size items too! Place your contributions in the baskets at the entrance to the Temple. For more information contact Janey Solis at 781-899-9725.



Bima & Oneg Flowers



If you're looking for a wonderful way to honor or remember someone for a special occasion, you can do so by sponsoring flowers for a Shabbat service. Sisterhood provides flowers for Friday evenings when there is no Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Sisterhood will order the floral arrangements when appropriate, will send a note of congratulations or thanks to the honorees. The cost of the flowers is \$70, and you or the honoree will be able to take them home after Shabbat.

Email Linda Farkas-Wagner at r.w.wagner@verizon.net or call her at 781-860-9129 for available dates in 2015-16 for Shabbat Flowers.

JOIN US FOR POPCORN, WINE, AND CHEESE
when Sisterhood hosts a Jewish-themed movie night
on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 pm. Please mark your
calendars and stay tuned for further information.

Please contact Gail Maurer
(jamgam1@aol.com or 617-448-6264)
with questions or comments.

Mah Jongg Cards for 2016

HEAR YE, Mah Jongg Mavens: it's time to order your 2016 cards. Standard cards are \$8. Large cards are \$9. Please send a check for the proper amount, made out to "Temple Isaiah Sisterhood," to:

Fredda Sage
92 Whits End
Concord, MA 01742

All orders must be received by *January 15, 2016*. No exceptions.

If you have any questions, Fredda can be reached at 978-369-6896 or freddasage@gmail.com.

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\$ _____

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**MAH JONGG
MADNESS!!
SAVE THE DATE
Sunday Afternoon
May 1, 2016**

Find us on Social Networks!

We have a private Facebook group—go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/isaiahsisterhood> and ask to join, we'll hook you up right away.

Follow us on Twitter—@TI_Sisterhood

YUD'ies are invited to join the YUD Facebook group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/theyudi/>

It's never too late to join Sisterhood! You'll find a link to the [online registration](#) on the Temple Isaiah Web site, www.templeisaiah.net. On that page, click on "Community," and then "Sisterhood." On the Sisterhood page, you'll see a link that allows you join our email list (this does not register you as a member, but you will receive our emails), and a link just below that to register for membership, if you haven't already. Count Yourself In!

Sisterhood Calendar 2015-16

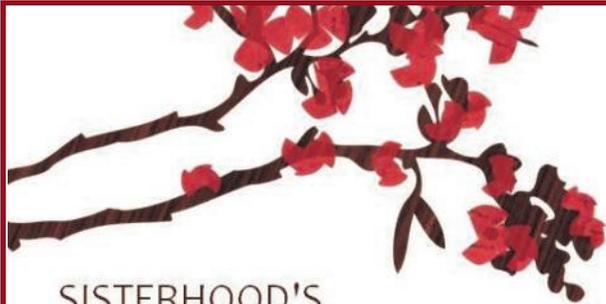
December		
1		YUD Book Club
2	7 pm	Social Action Committee Meeting @ TI Library
2	10 am	Knit, Purl, Learn @ Temple Isaiah
3	7 pm	Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
10	7 pm	Lilith Salon #2 @ TI Meeting Room
16	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Tevet @ Karen Schorfheide-Ray's
17	7:30 pm	Knit, Purl, Learn @ Temple Isaiah
20		YUD Hanukkah Party
21	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>City of Women</i> by David Gillham @ Temple Isaiah
30	10 am	Knit, Purl, Learn @ Temple Isaiah
2016 January		
6	7 pm	Social Action Committee Meeting @ TI Library
7	7 pm	Board Meeting
10	3 pm	Lilith Salon #2 @ TI Meeting Room
12	6 pm	Rosh Chodesh Shevat @ Temple Isaiah with Tichon Isaiah
14	7:30 pm	Knit, Purl, Learn @ Temple Isaiah
15		Mah Jongg Card Orders Due to Fredda Sage
15-17		Women's Weekend Away, Portsmouth, NH
25	2 pm 6:30 pm	Tu B'Shevat Seder Setup Seder
27	10 am	Knit, Purl, Learn @ Temple Isaiah
February		
1	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>Last Days of Dogtown</i> by Anita Diamant @ Temple Isaiah,
3	7:00	Social Action Committee Meeting @ TI Library
4	7:00 pm	Board Meeting
8	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Adar I @ Temple Isaiah
11	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
11	7 pm	Jewish Movie Night! @ TI Meeting Room
11	7:30 pm	Knit, Purl, Learn @ Temple Isaiah
24	10 am	Knit, Purl, Learn @ Temple Isaiah
25	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
28		YUD Wellness Workshop
29	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>After Dark</i> by Haruki Murakami @ Temple Isaiah
March		
2	7 pm	Social Action Committee Meeting @ TI Library
3	7 pm	Board Meeting
3	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
6	3—6 pm	Social Action: Birthing kits
10	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
10	7:30 pm	Knit, Purl, Learn @ Temple Isaiah
14	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Adar II @ Sandi Rosenfeld's
17	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
18		Purim Bag Build-out
20		Purim Bag deliveries
24	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
28	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>Mathematician's Shiva</i> by Stuart Rojstaczer @ home of Susan Marx
April		
4	7 pm	Lilith Salon #3 @ TI Meeting Room
6	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Sivan @ Temple Isaiah
6	7 pm	Social Action Committee Meeting @ TI Library
7	7 pm	Board Meeting
10	2 pm 4 pm	Women's Passover Chocolate Seder Setup Seder
13	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Nissan @ Ruth Budd's
25	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>Catcher in the Rye</i> by J.D. Salinger @ home of Ceci Warsawski
May		
1	10 am	Social Action Event (TBD)
1	afternoon	Mah Jongg Madness Event
4	7 pm	Social Action Committee Meeting @ TI Library
5	7 pm	Board Meeting
11	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Iyar @ Abbe Smerling's
15		YUD Jerusalem Potluck
22	tbd	Spring Brunch (YES or Legacy Fund)
23	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>Pickup</i> by Nadine Gordimer @ home of Judy Palmer
June		
1	7 pm	Social Action Committee Meeting
2	7 pm	Board Meeting
5	4 pm	Lilith Salon #4 in TI Meeting Room
6	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Sivan @ Temple Isaiah
15	7 pm	Lilith Salon #4 in TI Meeting Room



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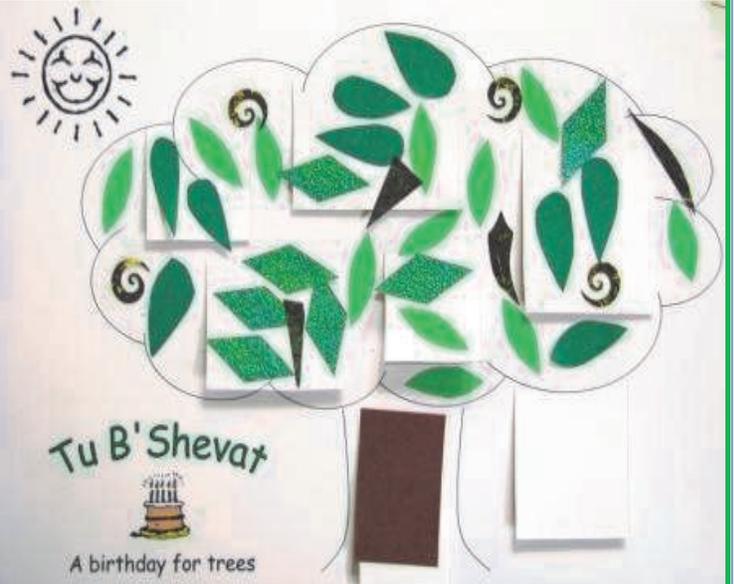


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WOMEN'S WEEKEND AWAY

FRIDAY, JAN 15 - SUNDAY, JAN 17, 2016
SHERATON PORTSMOUTH HARBORSIDE HOTEL
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

***RSVP By December 15!
See details on page 3***



Tu B'Shevat Seder

***Monday, January 25, 2016, 6:30 pm
Open to women, men, children and families***

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