

WRJ/TBK Sisterhood Winter 2018-19

# Connections

## 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 Fogal and Ellen Solomon*

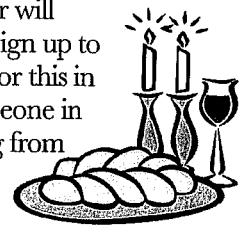
## WRJ SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

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](mailto:jalweis@gmail.com) or 585-270-8845.



## 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](mailto: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.





## 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.

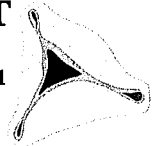
New this year was our 50/50 raffle. Thank you to all our WRJ members who bought and/or sold tickets. We sold \$1220 worth of raffle tickets. This proved to be a worthwhile endeavor and we hope to sell as many or more raffle tickets before next year's show.

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.

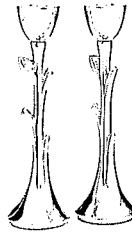
Please watch for information on next year's show.

*Ellen and Rona, Co-chairs*

## JEWISH SOLDIERS PROJECT BAKED GOODS FOR PURIM Drop off on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, tallasim, 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, ex 233.

## KNITTING/CROCHETING/ NEEDLEWORK

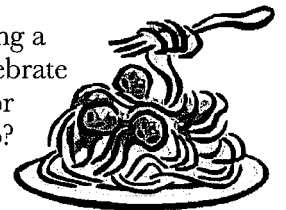
The Knitting Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1-3:30pm in Room 102 of the Spector Wing. Bring a project you're working on or make hats, scarves, mittens and afghans for local schools and hospitals. All levels of skill are welcome. Questions? Call Diane Pinchoff at 446-0384.



## 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

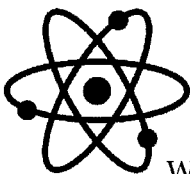
Coffee and Conversation will take place at Susan Fogal's home at 12 Trotters Field Run, Pittsford on Thursday January 10th at 7 pm. RSVP to Susan at [smfogal@frontiernet.net](mailto:smfogal@frontiernet.net) or 381-7056.

**We are looking for someone to host in March and May.** If you are interested, please contact Cindy Finestone at [cindyannf27@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:cindyannf27@yahoo.com).



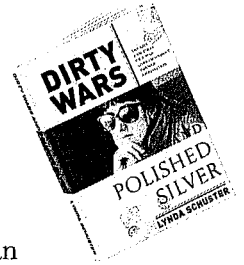
## 2019 I LOVE SCIENCE

**AWARD** for funding for girls toward the URJ Six Points Sci-Tech Academy next summer.

Women of Reform Judaism (Sisterhood) at Temple B'rith Kodesh is pleased to offer the *I Love Science Award* to girls entering grades 5-9, who will attend the URJ Six Points Sci-Tech Academy summer camp in 2019.

Girls whose families are members of TBK are eligible to apply for this merit award. The application deadline is February 28, 2019. The winner will be notified by March 20, 2019. To receive application information, contact the Sisterhood office at 244-7060, ext. 233 or [wvj@tbk.org](mailto:wvj@tbk.org). Please log on to the camp's website ([6pointsscitech.org](http://6pointsscitech.org)) to learn more about the camp.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [skushner13@hotmail.com](mailto:skushner13@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.

## 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](mailto:131ellens@gmail.com) or 244-7011.

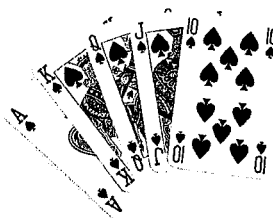


## SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE THROUGH WRJ/SISTERHOOD BERNSTEIN AWARD FOR JUDAIC STUDIES



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](mailto:131ellens@gmail.com). Please include a list of who you plan to sit with.

## 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

## PUT PURIM ON THE CALENDAR

March 20-21, 2019 - Please mark your calendars on MARCH 1 to order your Purim mishloach manot.

Chocolate, hamentashen, juice, silly stuff - packed and delivered personally by your Sisterhood. And we are baking our own hamentashen - I supply the recipe and info, Sisters do the baking, at home and/or at temple. The baking will take place at TBK the week of March 4. Exact dates and times to come in early January. \$7 for home delivery, \$14 for mailing. So many people love this tradition, and we need YOU to participate. Use the order form below to make a lot of friends smile. Inquiries may be directed to Kathleen Wilkinson - [kwewnewmail@gmail.com](mailto:kwewnewmail@gmail.com).



### SHALACH MANOT ORDER FORM DUE BY MARCH 1, 2019

*Feel free to duplicate this form for additional names.*

sender's name: \_\_\_\_\_

sender's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

sender's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 B'rith Kodesh Sisterhood  
2131 Elmwood Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14618

Questions? Call the Sisterhood office at 244-7060, x233.

**CHAG SAMEACH PURIM!**

## 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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| Lois Tucker          | Feb 01 | Gladys Wolsky          | Mar 31 |
| Randy Perlson        | Feb 03 |                        |        |
| Sherry Goldstein     | Feb 08 | Karen Morris           | Apr 04 |
| Terri Richardson     | Feb 08 | Barb Orenstein-Present | Apr 09 |
| Eleanor Levy         | Feb 09 | Carol Shulman          | Apr 09 |
| Jill Medved          | Feb 10 | Juleen Squires         | Apr 09 |
| Doris Cohen          | Feb 11 | Sandra Goldman         | Apr 13 |
| Charlotte Cohen      | Feb 13 | Melissa Pheterson      | Apr 14 |
| Bernice Shank        | Feb 13 | Sue Lasker             | Apr 16 |
| Barbara Braverman    | Feb 19 | Margery Baittle        | Apr 23 |
| Gail Pogal           | Feb 20 | Debbie Gordon          | Apr 28 |
| Ellie Holtzman       | Feb 22 | Wendy Moss             | Apr 28 |
| Tammy Cohen          | Feb 24 |                        |        |
| Annette Satloff      | Feb 24 | Susan Sorriero         | May 01 |
| Sandra Arnold        | Feb 27 | Karen Lustig           | May 02 |
|                      |        | Linda Lowenstein       | May 04 |
| Nancy R. Rosenberg   | Mar 01 | Cathy Harris           | May 07 |
| Lois Lapidus         | Mar 03 | Joyce Heilbronner      | May 11 |
| Linda Ruda           | Mar 09 | Margie Wiseman         | May 11 |
| Harriett Shulman     | Mar 10 | Beneta Silberstern     | May 13 |
| Liza Robbins Theuman | Mar 11 | Linda Raff             | May 15 |
| Ellen Broder         | Mar 15 | Barbara Reisinger      | May 15 |
| Joyce Moss           | Mar 17 | Hanna Lester           | May 17 |
| Linda Rubens         | Mar 17 | Maxine Bittker         | May 18 |
| Fraida Levinson      | Mar 21 | Joan Feinbloom         | May 22 |
| Bobbi Rubens         | Mar 21 | Natalie Schwartz       | May 25 |
| Fran Studley         | Mar 22 | Ellen Solomon          | May 25 |
| Melissa Bronstein    | Mar 23 | Judy Loeb              | May 28 |
| Monica Skerker       | Mar 26 | Barbara Pannaman-Daley | May 30 |
| Ellen Rosen          | Mar 29 |                        |        |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of recipients @ \$1.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Brith Kodesh Sisterhood. Mail to the Sisterhood Office, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14618

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We wish you all a Happy Purim.*

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### 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 Post 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 (585-442-6808) 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 Campbells and General Mills food products packages. Deposit any time in the box outside the WRJ/Sisterhood Office.

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

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