



Temple Isaiah Sisterhood Newsletter

September-November 2016

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From Co-President Judi Brosnan

September is a month filled with hope and promise. Excitement about what's to come and nervous for new beginnings. Each year as September approaches I am brought back to my "little girl" self: walking to school, wearing stiff new corduroys and a new fall sweater; I remember how exciting the first day of school always felt. Hopeful. Sisterhood never fully rests during the summer but it begins again in a larger way come September. And I can't wait!

There are a few dates that you should put on your calendar now: September 15 is our Wine and Cheese get-together. It's a great way to kick off the start of a new year. Meet up with familiar faces and introduce yourself to someone new. Our annual membership dinner is on October 20. Last year's party was a great success. This year will bring on another amazing event including: great food, wine and a silent auction.

Have some fun. Get involved. Let's spend time together. Help out at the rummage sale. A win-win for everyone. We sell great clothes at great prices. We donate what we don't sell to homeless shelters. We raise thousands of dollars that we donate to a large variety of causes; local, national and in Israel. Last year we raised \$28,000! Not too shabby. Attend a movie night or a Lilith Salon (read a short article and come discuss it over wine). Join in a Rosh Chodesh (head of the month) to celebrate the new moon and to discuss a variety of topics. Come to a book group meeting. Join us on Tuesdays for a walk, Thursdays for drop in Mah Jongg or Fridays for Games. Come to a Seder to celebrate Passover or Tu'Bishvat. Attend a wellness event. Participate in the Women's Weekend Away. This year we will be together at the Hyatt in downtown Boston. Rabbi Amy and Song Leader Beth will again lead us in a meaningful and fun weekend.

There are countless other events as well. Please join in as many of these activities as you like. Do you have a new idea? We will help you get the word out to other sisters so that they can join you.



What does Sisterhood look like? It looks like you and me. What is Sisterhood? It is a community of all types of women doing a variety of different activities. What can Sisterhood do for you? You will not know unless you give it a try. Please join us this year. Try something new. What's there to lose? I truly believe that what you put into something is what you get out of it. Sisterhood is a work in progress. It is still being formed. There is room for all to participate. If you show up, I can promise that you will be welcomed and greeted and acknowledged. I for one am very excited about this September and about this Sisterhood. I am certain that this year will be a great success. Together we are Sisterhood.

Judi Brosnan

Count Yourself In!

This first newsletter issue of the Sisterhood year is sent to every household in the congregation. We invite all those who identify as female to give Sisterhood a try! We have a wealth of activities and are always open to new ideas.

See page 15 for information on joining, or join online at <http://tinyurl.com/Count-Yourself-In-2016-17>

IMPORTANT! The deadline for submissions for the winter edition of the newsletter is November 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 files**. We reserve the right to edit articles as needed for content and length.

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Wine & Cheese & Dessert Greet-Up Thursday, September 15

We kick off the 2016-17 Sisterhood year with our annual Wine & Cheese & Dessert Greet-up event on Thursday, September 15, at 6:30 pm.

We especially invite women who are new to Sisterhood, or who are just considering joining, to this laid-back evening of appetizers, cheese, wine and soft drinks. Join us; meet up with old friends, make a new friend, find out what's coming up in Sisterhood for the fall. RSVP's and questions may be directed to Paula Slotkin, paulaslotkin@gmail.com or 781-862-0232.



Help Needed October 14 to Decorate the Sukkot Bima

Are you looking for a short term volunteer opportunity that has a big impact on the Temple Isaiah community? Lynne Fisher and Esther Isenberg are looking for several strong hands to help pick up produce from Russo's in Watertown, bring it to Temple Isaiah and decorate the bima for Sukkot.

This year, the bima will be decorated on Friday morning, October 14, between 8:30 am and noon. The congregation will enjoy the beautiful display until Sisterhood dismantles it, on a date to be determined, and donates the apples, squashes, potatoes, etc, to a local food pantry. Help is needed on takedown day to dismantle and carry the food to cars, and then to unload at the food pantry location. Contact Lynne by phone at 781-862-8205 to help out.

Social Action Committee Notes

The Social Action Committee would like to express its thanks to all who helped with the first Birthing Kit Project last March. It was such a success that the project will be repeated.

In addition to our own volunteers, we received great support from local businesses. The Shah Dollar Store in Waltham sold us some of the materials we needed at ridiculously low prices because the proprietor was thrilled with our project. Carter's Outlet gave us very low prices on onesies and receiving blankets, again because they were impressed with the project. The Burlington Doubletree Hotel donated soaps. Friend Lumber in Burlington donated plastic sheeting.

Temple Isaiah's Knitzvah group made 100 tiny hats for the babies. Doris Allamong, mother of Sisterhood member Kathy Jacob, spent many hours preparing and sterilizing lengths of string for the kits.

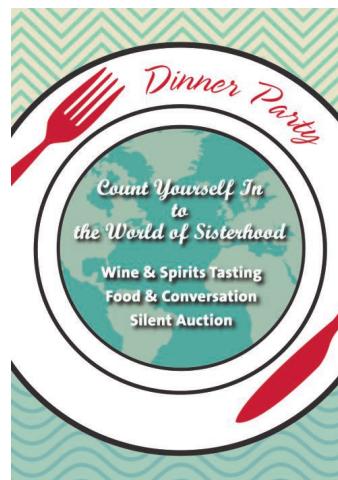
The following people donated money to help defray the costs of the project: Laura Lees, Robin Lipson, Ellen Westheimer, Evelyn Perlman, Cheryl Forsythe, Gini Shevrin, Ceci Warsawski, Sally Huebscher, Terri Goldberg and Lois Woodbury. Sisterhood came up with the rest of the funds we needed.

The Social Action Committee is very grateful for everyone's help.

Member Appreciation Dinner to be Held October 20

Mark your calendar NOW—the annual Sisterhood Membership Dinner is Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 pm in the Temple Isaiah Social Hall. This event is FREE to all registered Sisterhood members—so remember to register for Sisterhood now (see page 15) and then to RSVP to the dinner when you receive your invite!

The 2015 Dinner chaired by Jamie Tassel and Ruth Wasser was such a great success, this year's organizers are taking their cue from the that event. Our 2016 Co-Chairs Bronte Abraham and Sally



Huebscher are planning an international flavored evening highlighting the World of Sisterhood with Jewish influenced appetizers from around the globe accompanied by a wine and spirit tasting. The main meal will include a buffet of small plates with a Middle Eastern flare.

They are also planning another fantastic Silent Auction, with items donated by your Sisters. If you have an item to donate to the auction, please contact Jen Swirnoff, (781) 862-1820 or jsswirnoff@gmail.com.

Registered Sisterhood members will receive an email invitation to the dinner in early September. For those few who do not use email, you may RSVP by calling Bronte Abraham, 781-538-4121. (We much prefer online RSVP's as they are easier to track.)

Count Yourself In to the World of Sisterhood now!

Thursday Study Classes with the Clergy

This year we have two compelling topics, plus a bonus fall mini-session! Here are all the details.

FALL MINI-SESSION

Sept. 29 - Single Teaching Session on the High Holidays with Cantor Doob

FALL SESSION

Modern Jewish Thinkers – This fall, our clergy will lead us in study on some of the great modern Jewish thinkers, with each class focusing on a specific thinker or set of thinkers. Those thinkers include: Mordecai Kaplan, Martin Buber, Franz Rosenzweig, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Joseph Soloveitchik, Judith Plaskow, Rachel Adler, Eugene Borowitz, Abraham Binder and Debbie Friedman.

Dates - October 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, December 1, 8, 15

SPRING SESSION

Jewish Moral Virtues, or, How To Be a Mensch! – This spring, our clergy will explore with us the wisdom of Jewish ethics and how we can apply it to our everyday lives!

Dates - February 9, 16, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

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.

Lilith Salons Planned

Lilith Salons provide a chance for Sisterhood members to come together four times a year for a glass of wine, some munchies, and to talk about issues brought up in the current issue of Lilith. If you are not familiar with Lilith, it is a 48 page Jewish feminist quarterly magazine, and each edition includes a variety of short pieces exploring a range of interesting topics. Our Lilith Salons are yet another wonderful occasion for a relatively small (10-20) group of women to gather for Community.

WRJ has joined with Lilith to help develop and promote these Lilith Salons and has put two requirements on Lilith Salons. The first is that women who participate in a Lilith Salon be members of a WRJ affiliated Sisterhood (which we are). The second is that each participant has her own subscription to Lilith (at a reduced

rate of \$21.97/year). There will be subscription forms available at our Lilith Salons. If you are not a member of our Sisterhood or you do not currently have a subscription to Lilith, please join us anyway to see what the excitement is about. For questions, please contact Gail Maurer @ 617-448-6264 (calling is fine, but texting is awesome). To be on our Lilith Mailing List, please sign up at: <https://goo.gl/forms/pGYjUNutpQpWqDHx2>.

Dates for 2016-17 are:
 Thursday, September 29, 2016, @ 7 pm, in the Meeting Room
 Sunday, December 18, 2016, @ 4 pm, in Rooms 24/25
 Monday, March 27, 2017, @ 7 pm, in the Meeting Room
 Thursday, April 13, 2017, @ 7 pm in the Meeting Room

Support the Sisterhood Rummage Sale

November 12 thru 16

The Rummage Sale is quickly upon us! Please dig a little deeper into your closets, drawers, and cabinets. (If you didn't wear it last year, you won't wear it this year!) Ask your friends, neighbors, and extended family for donations. The Rummage Sale is the perfect place to experience our giving community in action.

We send hundreds of postcards each year to families who have asked to be reminded about this event. We receive notes from parents telling us they could not provide proper clothes for their families without our Rummage Sale.



The Rummage Sale is Sisterhood's biggest fundraiser. We donate thousands of dollars to a wide range of organizations with the proceeds from this sale.

Donations and volunteers are the keys to our success. The more donations we have, the more we help the families that shop our sale and the charities that we support. The more volunteers we have, the better we are able display the items for sale, help our customers find what they need, and raise more funds for those charities.

SHOP!

Monday, 9 am—7 pm
 Tuesday, 9 am—7 pm
 Wednesday, 9 am—noon

Contact Irene Rosenzweig at irenenan@aol.com to volunteer. Please write "Rummage Sale Volunteer" in the subject line.



Donations:

- Separate men's, women's, and children's items
- Pin together matching pieces
- Place on hangers
- Bring special items for men, women, and children to the boutique for special pricing
- Only shoes and boots in excellent condition; please tie each pair of shoes together or secure with a rubber band
- Only cook books and children's books, please; all other books will be packed and donated to other charities
- Tape sheets together and label with their size (twin, king, queen, or double)
- Tape all boxes
- Dishes, bric-a-brac, pots, kitchen tools, and art are great sellers, but we cannot accept plastic wear or baskets
- Baby clothes and clothes for young children are always in great demand; however, we cannot accept car seats, strollers, or cribs
- No bicycles, high chairs, or sporting equipment, please
- NO ELECTRONICS, please
- Jewelry is always in great demand

Volunteers:

- Become a committee member – we are looking for people who can be the lead volunteer for an area; for instance, household goods or men's clothing. Contact Irene at irenenan@aol.com. Volunteer now, and you can be trained to lead in future years -- we need more leaders!
- November 12, Saturday Night Set-Up – Bring in the rolling racks, put up signs, get ready for deliveries; we need as many people as possible.
- November 13, Sunday Sorting – We ask all donors to bring in their items and sort them; you will direct them to the right place or assist those who need help.

Floor Shifts – [Sign up](#) on the doodle (<http://tinyurl.com/2016rummage>) for one hour or many hours; come and go as you must; all help is appreciated; you will help clients, work at checkout, or keep areas tidy.

- ⇒ **November 14**, Monday floor shifts
- ⇒ **November 15**, Tuesday floor shifts
- ⇒ **November 16**, Wednesday morning floor shifts
- ⇒ **November 12-16**, Kitchen Committee – We bring in pizza on Saturday night, have a community supper on Sunday, and lunch on Monday and Tuesday; we provide snacks around the clock and take care of the many volunteers; you can help plan, shop, prepare, and/or keep the kitchen clean. Please contact Sally Huebscher to volunteer at sally.huebscher@me.com.
- ⇒ **Post Rummage Sale Help – November 16**, Wednesday afternoon – you can't imagine how important this is; you will help sort and send our remaining items to places where they are truly needed.



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. We meet in the LEFTY Lounge on the second floor of Temple Isaiah. Kindly RSVP 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 Monday, September 26th, in anticipation of the High Holidays we will be discussing *Chapters of the Heart, Jewish Women Sharing the Torah of Our Lives*, edited by Rabbis Sue Elwell and Nancy Fuchs Kreimer.

Each chapter is written by a different woman rabbi telling the story of her own life experience. Esther Isenberg will lead our discussion. Please respond to Rosalie Weiss: rosalieweiss@me.com or 781-275-8885.

Our selection for Monday, October 31, is *My Brilliant Friend* by the Italian author who calls herself by the pen name of Elena Ferrante. This is the first volume in a series of four about two girls growing up in an impoverished neighborhood of Naples in the 1950's. *My Brilliant Friend* tells the utterly fascinating and very personal story of their relationship through childhood and adolescence in the context of their families, their neighborhood and the changes in Italy during the postwar period. Carol Sacerdote will be discussion leader. Please respond to Linda Schaye at lschaye@mac.com or 339-222-1134.

For Monday, November 28th, we will discuss *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, a New York Times Best Book of 2014. This is non-fiction about a law student who works with death

row inmates who have been unjustly convicted to try to reverse their convictions. Rabbi Perlman used this book as a springboard for discussion and we would like to widen its readership. Joan Lester will lead our discussion. RSVP to Gayle Pinshaw, gayle@pinshaw.com or 781-647-3030.

On Monday, December 19th, we will have our annual discussion of a classic, Thomas Hardy's *Return of the Native*. It is about a man who returns from Paris to his native England and the woman with whom he falls in love. Their complex relationship and the role that chance plays in their lives are the subjects of this major work of fiction, which has also been made into a movie. Rose and Emily Rubin will be our discussion leaders. RSVP to Rebecca Shahmoon, rivkashah@verizon.net or 781-641-0728.



YUD Update

The Yud couldn't be more excited for the upcoming year! We look forward to catching up with old friends and seeing new faces at the "meet and greet" coffee on September 11, the first day of religious school!

In addition to our bi-monthly Yud Book Group (Sept 20th), we're planning a Ladies' Night Out and our not-to-be-missed Annual Chanukah Party... dates TBD!



To get all the latest Yud news, join the [Yud Facebook group](#) and [Yud listserv](#)!

"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 to ensure the YUD remains part of the Isaiah community for years to come! Email "The Y Team" at yudtempleisaiah@gmail.com for more info.



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 Monday or Wednesday evenings (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 Elul will meet on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 7:30 pm at a location to be determined. Sandy Bornstein will lead us in a discussion about music. Just what IS it? And just what is "Jewish" music? Is it the words? The tune? The occasion? The performer? We will listen to many settings of the *Mi Chamocha* prayer to help us decide. *Mi Chamocha* happens in every single Jewish worship service. It is the prayer of thanks that the Hebrews sang after they safely crossed the Red Sea..."Who is like you, oh God, glorious in holiness, working wonders?" Through the ages it has been sung to many, many different tunes. By listening to some of the melodies used for this prayer, Sandy will lead us on a tour through various styles of Jewish music in different eras and different places. Meet at Sandy's home, 102 Outlook Drive, Lexington. We can accommodate a maximum of 15 people. Please RSVP to Sandi Rosenfeld at rxsandi@hotmail.com or call her at 781-862-7480.

On **Rosh Chodesh Tishri** Susan Marx will lead a discussion about "A Blast of Light", an article in which Shifra Hendrie calls Rosh Hashanah a "time of choice". Join in the discussion as we delve into our hearts,

minds, and souls to answer some of the challenging questions that she poses: "If you could create a new future, one not based on your fears and past failures, who would you be? What would you dare to create?" Traditionally, Rosh Chodesh (the new moon) is not celebrated at the beginning of the month of Tishri because it is corresponds with Rosh Hashanah (the new year). Join us on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 7:30 pm, as women of Sisterhood come together to welcome both new beginnings on our Jewish calendar – the new moon and the new year. We will gather at the home of Sue Tafler, 8 Carriage Drive, Lexington 02420. Please RSVP to Sue Tafler at suetafler@verizon.net or call her at 781-863-8815.

For **Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan** we will meet Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the home of Pam Awrach, 11 Goffe Road, Lexington 02421. Linda Stimson will lead a session: Let there be flowers, beauty, and light. There are many little ways to increase the harmony in our Jewish homes. Since so many holidays are centered around the table, Linda will discuss some tips on creating a family-friendly dining room. Topics will include the art of setting a beautiful table, tips on color combinations, stain-resistant fabrics, lighting, and comfortable seating. Come prepared to show your own ideas, china, candlesticks, etc. Please RSVP to Pam at pamawrach@yahoo.com or call her at 781-861-0342.

Rosh Chodesh Kislev brings us to the home of Marilyn Ryngiewicz, 72 Meriam Street, Lexington, 02420, on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Abbe Smerling will lead "A Taste of Games." Do you like to play games? Studies show that socializing and playing simple games helps with memory and keeps

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Month/Date	Hostess/Location	Facilitator(s)	Topic
Elul / September 7	Sandy Bornstein	Sandy Bornstein	Music / <i>Mi Chamocha</i> Through the Eras
Tishri / October 5	Sue Tafler	Susan Marx	A Blast of Light
Chesvan / November 7	Pam Awrach	Linda Stimson	Let There Be Flowers, Beauty, and Light
Kislev / November 30	Marilyn Ryngiewicz	Abbe Smerling	A Taste of Games
Tevet / January 4	Sandi Rosenfeld	Candice Kiss	Judaism & Technology
Shevat / January 30	Ruth Wasser	Sandi Rosenfeld	Vegetarian Dinner (7 pm)
Adar / March 1	Ruth Budd	Sue Tafler	Purim!
Nissan / March 29	Karen Schorfheide-Ray	Sandi Rosenfeld	A Woman of Valor
Iyar / April 24	Linda Stimson	Abbe Smerling	These are a Few of My Favorite Things
Sivan / May 22	Abbe Smerling	Pam Awrach & Sandi Rosenfeld	Gratitude Books

Sisterhood Circles

Sisterhood “Circles” are groups of women who connect with other Sisterhood members to participate in activities that they enjoy. 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.

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.



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.

MONDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP

Mondays monthly; coffee 7:30 pm, discussion 8-9:30 pm.

Open to all Sisterhood members. Please see separate article for the schedule and RSVP info. Contact Carol Sacerdote, carolsac@rcn.com or 781-861-7298.

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP

This book group meets every other month, on the second Thursday of the month. Join the waiting list for this group by contacting Abbe Smerling, aksmerling@aol.com or 781-888-4565. Members take turns picking the book and facilitating the discussion. The discussions are at a member’s home or in the Temple. The facilitator is responsible for supplying the snacks. For more information, contact Abbe at the email or phone number listed above.

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 781-863-5906 or rkleinlevine@alumni.tufts.edu.

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 game with no betting. 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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To Our Sisters, with Love

Mazel Tov to:

Kathy Jacob on the birth of her grandson, Eli Jacob Fixler;

Kimberly Martins on the birth of her son and **Lois Woodbury** on the birth of her grandson, Benjamin Pedro Martins;

Rachel Currie on the birth of her daughter, Molly Esposito;

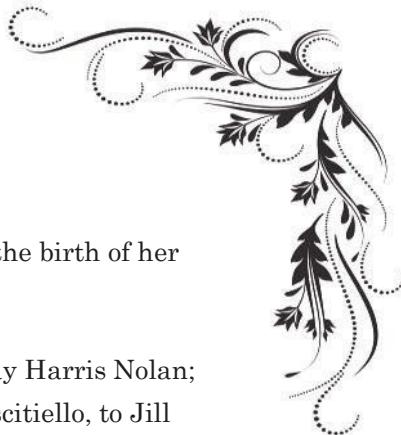
Karen Funkenstein on the birth of her granddaughter, Matilda May Harris Nolan;

Marilyn Friedman on the engagement of her daughter, Rachel Criscitiello, to Jill McCullough;

Elaine Brenner on the birth of her granddaughter, Alexandra Eliana Brenner;

Gerry Ertel on the marriage of her son, Noah Ertel, to Katie Stevens;

Jane Liberman on the marriage of her daughter, Kate Liberman, to Ezra Cohen.



May Their Memory be an Abiding Blessing...

Stanley Kaplan, husband of Crasella Kaplan;

Adam Rubin, son of Rose Rubin;

Mollie Super, mother of Susan Marx;

Rosalyn Gittleman, longtime Sisterhood member;

Dorothy Kagan Wertheimer, mother of Linda Wertheimer Mintz.



*Please send your Mazel Tov
and Condolence information to
SisterhoodCommunications
@gmail.com*

Sisterhood To Repeat Birthing Kits Project

On Sunday afternoon, December 4, the Sisterhood Social Action Committee will again sponsor an event to make Sterile Birthing Kits for the women of Haiti. Last March 40 women (and one young man!) participated in the making of 400 such kits, which were sent to Midwives for Haiti. This wonderful organization carried the kits to the island and used them to assist the women of Haiti to have sterile, safe births, reducing infant mortality.

It is so simple. Imagine...a Chux pad, several pieces of string, a clean razor blade, some alcohol wipes, a bar of soap, and 2 pairs of latex gloves can make the difference between life and death for these babies. And each kit costs just \$1. What a privilege to participate in this mitzvah!

This year we plan to make 600 kits, so we need up to 60 helpers of any gender. The Social Action Committee will have assembly lines set up with all of the materials, and complete instructions for you. Volunteers must be at

least 13 years old...this is a great Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) opportunity for teenagers and young adults.

We also appreciate cash contributions to underwrite the cost of manufacturing and shipping the kits.

If you can offer us a few hours on the afternoon of Sunday December 4 for this wonderful mitzvah, please email Barbara Mende at Barbara@moosehill.com. If you can write a check, please make it out to Sisterhood Social Action Committee, with "Birthing Kits" on the attribution line, and send it to the Temple, "Attention Karen Freidberg". If you have questions, please call Karen at 617-489-0565.

*Thank you for caring,
Sandy Bornstein, Co-Chair
Sisterhood Social Action Committee*

Judaica Shop

Visit the Judaica Shop for All Your Holiday Needs

The Fall brings us back to Temple Isaiah, the Jewish New Year holidays and Hebrew school. Your Sisterhood Judaica Shop welcomes you back with beautiful items for all occasions.

For Rosh Hashanah Monday, October 3, 2016 (5777), if you would like to greet your guests with apples and honey, go to the Judaica shop to choose beautiful honey pots and plates to hold your apples.

For Yom Kippur Wednesday, October 12, 2016 (5777) we have many yahrzeit candles and Yahrzeit candle holders. Kol Nidre, a beautiful start to Yom Kippur, is on Tuesday, October 11, in the evening. To adorn your table during that meal before the fast, we have beautiful Safed candles, Kiddish cups, challah boards, knives and challah covers.

Would you like to try a new recipe? Come to the Judaica shop for a variety of cookbooks. Have a Bat or Bar



Mitzvah or wedding coming up? We have tzedakah boxes and mezzuzot, and lots more.

The Judaica Shop is open on Sunday mornings (9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) and Wednesday afternoon (3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) when Religious School is in session. Our "opening day" coincides with the first day of Hebrew School, September 11.

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 Jacquie (781-439-4586), or email judaicashop@templeisaiah.net.

Profits from the Shop are distributed with Sisterhood tzedakah to Temple Isaiah and to local, national, and international charities.

Sisterhood Circles

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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 Sacerdote 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.

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, 781-275-3243 or elly12@verizon.net.

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.

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 to 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!



WRJ District Convention 2016

Albany, November 3-6

The Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Convention will be held November 3-6, 2016.

The theme is Kol Isha - Voices In Harmony. Connect with friends to learn, share, listen, pray, and celebrate together.

The Scholar-In-Residence is Cantor Claire Franco, from The Community Synagogue, Port Washington, NY. WRJ Vice President of Affiliate Services, Sherri Feuer from Temple Israel, Minneapolis, MN, will join us as our WRJ Representative. Biographies for the Cantor and Ms. Feuer can be found on the WRJ-NE website, <http://www.wrjnorttheast.org>.

Programming Highlights include:

- Thursday evening opening plenary session featuring Gloria Glanz, a Hidden Child and Holocaust survivor
- A Pajama party - come in yours, or order a Northeast District t-shirt and flannel pajama bottoms

Rosh Chodesh

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your mind intact. We will have a smorgasbord and samples of group games. Even if you have never played some of these games, they are easy enough to learn, so challenge yourself! Come enjoy the evening at this Rosh Chodesh. RSVP to Marilyn at scrufanos@rcn.com or call her at 781-862-0192.

Rosh Chodesh Tevet will meet Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the home of Sandi Rosenfeld, 3404 Main Campus Drive, Lexington 02421. Just back from the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, Candice Kiss will lead a discussion on the topic of Judaism and Technology. Please join us for this very interesting discussion. Please RSVP to Sandi at rxsandi@hotmail.com or call her at 781-862-7480.

Thanks!

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: Marsha Byrnes, Sue Tafler and Renee Gelin. 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

- Shabbat services led by Cantor Franco and the WRJ Northeast District Choir - register for choir to participate
- Torah Study
- Workshops to stimulate learning, creativity, and spirituality

Convention Registration: Register through the links found on the WRJ-NE website.

The Convention fee includes the registration fee (for all programming and materials) and the cost of most meals. Details are on the WRJ-NE website.

The last day to register is October 10, 2016. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you are planning on attending the Convention, please let Karen and Judi know at sisterhood@templeisaiah.net, so that we can plan carpools and room sharing.

Save the Date—December 11

Holiday Marketplace

Put Sunday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., on your calendar and plan to be at Temple Isaiah for Sisterhood's annual Holiday Marketplace. Sisterhood's Judaica Shop will have a large shopping area with an array of:

- Both beautiful and fun chanukiyahs
- A nice selection of Chanukah candles and dreidels for children and for adult collectors
- Mah Jongg bags, coin purses, and other items.
- Books and more.

You can of course also shop for your Chanukah needs in our lobby Judaica Shop during our regular hours or by appointment.

Find us on Social Networks!

Sisterhood has a members-only private Facebook group—go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/isaiahssisterhood> and ask to join, we'll count you in right away.

Follow us on Twitter—@TI_Sisterhood

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

Annual Tzedakah Report

Each year, Sisterhood donates the bulk of the money we raise to Temple Isaiah programs as well as to outside charities representing the interests and concerns of the women of Sisterhood. Listed below are the outside charities being supported by YOU. The charities supported this year were chosen through a lengthy process including soliciting input from the general Sisterhood membership and a verification process by a small committee to ensure that our funds will be used responsibly. Donations were also made to Temple Isaiah as well as Tichon Isaiah. The Donations committee was chaired once again by Irene Rosenzweig. Many thanks to her and the members of her committee for their careful stewardship over this process.



Arts

Boston Jewish Film Festival
Me2Orchestra (also Special Needs)

Disaster Aid

American Friends of Magen David Adom
American Jewish World Services

Education

Summer Search
Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House, Inc.
METCO College Scholarship Fund of Lexington
Friends Waltham Public Library
Facing History and Ourselves
Friends of the Winchester Public Library
Friends of the Bedford Free Public Library
Cary Memorial Library (Lexington)
Burlington Public Library
Friends of the Robbins Library (Arlington)

Environmental

The Conservation Fund

Health & Human Services

Domestic Violence Services Network
Right-turn.org
Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts
One Simple Wish
National Alliance on Mental Illness
H.A.L.O. Foundation's Family Circle
The Schechter Holocaust Services Program at JFCS
American Refugee Committee
Yad Chessed
Caring Canines
The Association of Late-Deafened Adults, Boston

Hunger

Grandma's Pantry
Gaining Ground
Greater Boston Food Bank
Lex Eat Together
The Food Project
JFCS - Jewish Family Table

International (outside Israel)

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
Books for Africa
Agape Global Health for Haiti, Inc.

Israel

Yemin Orde
Friends of the IDF
IRAC (Anat Hoffman)
NA'AMAT

Justice

Equal Justice Initiative
Irish International Immigrant Center (IIIC)

Shelter

Brookview House
Household Goods
On the Rise
Reach Beyond Domestic Violence
Second Step
Transition House, Cambridge, MA
Youth Harbors

Special Needs/ Special Situations

Friends of Belmont SPORT, Inc
National Education for Assistance Dog Services

IMPORTANT NOTICE

For the 2016-17 Sisterhood year, we will be soliciting charity nominations early in the year instead of all year long. This will allow the dedicated Donations Committee to have sufficient time to research and consider all nominations.

Please nominate charities using the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/tzedakah2017>, or use the form on the next page. (It is much easier for the committee if you use the online form!!).

The deadline for nominations is DECEMBER 31, 2016! Thanks for all your wonderful suggestions.

Tzedakah nominations requested

The mission of Temple Isaiah Sisterhood is to bring together the women of Temple Isaiah to serve our Temple, support our community, and enrich our lives through personal growth and friendship. We strive to foster and further the highest ideals of Judaism. We accomplish this mission through social and educational programs, worship, fundraising, community service, and involvement with the Women of Reform Judaism. Our activities, enhanced by the richness of our diversity, further our commitment to Jewish ideals, education, spirituality, social action, and leadership development.

Each year we solicit nominations for beneficiaries of our hard-earned tzedakah monies. Our Rummage Sale, Holiday Marketplace, Mah Jongg Tournament, Judaica Shop, and other fundraisers bring in tens of thousands of dollars which we mostly donate to Temple Isaiah and to the greater community that we impact.

This year we are seeking charity nominations earlier than in the past. This is your opportunity to suggest recipients before we start our research and decision process.

Nominated charities MUST be 501(c)(3) organizations, and must in some way reflect the mission of Sisterhood. **Rather than suggest your favorite personal charity, please consider charities that will have relevance to the mission of Sisterhood and that will benefit from our small (\$200 or less) donation.** We seldom donate to large well-funded organizations.

Suggestions must be RECEIVED by the Donations Committee by **December 31, 2016**.

We much prefer that you use the online survey found at <http://tinyurl.com/tzedakah2017>, but if you are uncomfortable with computers, you may mail this paper form to Sisterhood Donations Committee, Temple Isaiah, 55 Lincoln Street, Lexington, MA 02421.

Each year we start fresh, so that the spring donations reflect the wishes of the current Sisterhood membership. **DO NOT ASSUME** that a charity will remain on the list, unless you suggest it now!

Thank you for giving your input. Beginning in March the donations committee will review the suggestions and choose about 50 charities that represent the passions of our current Sisterhood members.

If you would like to become a member of the Donations Committee, please contact Irene Rosenzweig. The work mostly consists of researching the suggested charities (using the internet), and then meeting as a group to discuss the fit of each charity into our overall tzedakah goals. Contact Irene at irenenan@aol.com.



Please fill in the form and mail it to Sisterhood Donations Committee, 55 Lincoln St, Lexington, MA 02421. Anonymous submissions will not be considered. Only Sisterhood members may nominate charities.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone / Email Address _____

Which general areas do you think Sisterhood should support?

<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Jewish Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter
<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunger
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental	<input type="checkbox"/> International (outside Israel)
<input type="checkbox"/> Health & Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Israel
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below)	

Other: _____

Please list the FULL NAME of specific organizations you would like Sisterhood to support. It is helpful if you also list their website, if known. Organizations MUST be 501(c)(3) charities in order for Sisterhood to offer support. Be aware that many charities have similar names, so please be very specific.

Charity Name (Exact) _____

Website or Physical Address _____

How does this charity fit in the Sisterhood mission?

Charity Name (Exact) _____

Website or Physical Address _____

How does this charity fit in the Sisterhood mission?

Please use separate paper if you have more suggestions or information.

Last Question—are you willing to participate on the donations committee? We need women who are comfortable using the internet to research the charities. Contact Irene Rosenzweig if you are interested, at irenenan@aol.com.

Sisterhood Calendar 2016-17

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11	8:45 am-1:15 pm	Judaica Shop Opening Day	7	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Chesvan @ Pam Awrach's																																																																		
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Sisterhood Calendar 2016-17 (cont.)

January (continued)			April (continued)		
20 to 22		Women's Weekend Away, Boston, MA	19	7 pm	Social Action Committee mtg @ TI Library
23	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>Red Notice</i> @ TI	23	10-3 pm	Mah Jongg Madness Event
26	7 pm	Movie Night	24	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Iyar @ Linda Stimson's
30	7:00 pm	Rosh Chodesh Shevat @ Ruth Wasser's	24	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>On the Move</i> @ TI
30	7:30	Book Group Snow Date	May		
February			4	7:15 pm	Board Meeting
2	7:15 pm	Board Meeting	11	7pm	Wellness Series #2
9	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class	17	7 pm	Social Action Committee mtg @ TI Library
12	2 pm 4 pm	Tu B'Shevat Seder Setup Seder	22	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Sivan @ Abbe Smerling's
15	7 pm	Social Action Committee mtg @ TI Library	22	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>The Door</i> @ TI
16	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class	June		
27	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>Being Mortal</i> @ TI	1	7:15 pm	Board Meeting
March			4	Afternoon	Social Action Committee Spring Event (TBD)
1	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Adar @ Ruth Budd's	11	tbd	Spring Brunch (YES or Legacy Fund)
2	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class	21	7 pm	Social Action Committee mtg @ TI Library
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6	7 pm	Movie Night			
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15	7 pm	Social Action Committee mtg @ TI Library			
16	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class			
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23	7 pm	Wellness Series #1			
27	7 pm	Lilith Salon @ TI Meeting Room			
27	7:30 pm	<i>Our Souls At Night</i> @ TI			
29	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Nissan @ Karen Schorfheide-Ray's			
30	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class			
April					
2	2 pm 4 pm	Sisterhood Passover Seder (all welcome) Setup Seder			
6	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class			
6	7:15 pm	Board Meeting			
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13	7 pm	Lilith Salon @ TI Meeting Room			



Join Sisterhood 2016-2017

Count Yourself In!

Have you joined yet? Join online at <http://tinyurl.com/Count-Yourself-In-2016-17>
or fill out this page and mail to:

Gini Shevrin, 5 Graham Rd, Lexington, MA 02420

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

*Are you a Temple member? _____

Do you wish to OPT OUT of having your personal information listed in the Sisterhood Directory? Your name alone would be listed should you opt out.

I wish to OPT OUT of having my information listed in the directory _____.

Make checks payable to Temple Isaiah Sisterhood

(check one):

Contributor: \$ 40 _____

Sustaining Member: \$ 75 _____

Benefactor: \$100 _____

Chai Benefactor: \$200 _____

Complimentary Member:

- For all 1st year Temple Isaiah Members – NO CHARGE _____
- Become a member simply by checking here for no charge _____

(Send any other amount of your choosing, by check, if you wish).

The Sisterhood directory is available as a pdf file by email, or as a hard copy (paper) directory available for pickup at the temple.

_____ YES, print me a paper copy of the directory _____ NO, I don't need a hard copy, just email me the pdf

Are you interested in any of our special interest circles? The circle leader will contact you with more information.

I have an idea for a new Circle!! _____

Evening Book Group

Daytime Book Group

Daytime Movie Discussion Group

Games

Learn to Knit

Learn to Play Mah Jongg

Beginners and Advanced Beginners Mah Jongg

Drop-in Mah Jongg (Experienced Players)

The Yud (for Younger Women)

Dog Walking

Potluck Partiers

Second Family Holiday Traditions

Yiddish

Walking Group

Get involved in our events, committees, and activities. Please check all that interest you. The event / committee leaders will contact you with more information. Participating in our many activities is a great way to make new friends, expand your own skills, and make a huge impact on our community!

- Gather for Rosh Chodesh
- Work at the Judaica Shop (ongoing)
- Participate in Lilith Salons (quarterly)
- Attend Thursday classes with the Clergy
- Participate in Sisterhood Social Action Committee
- Participate in Sisterhood Wellness Committee
- Set up for special events
- Cook/Bake for special events
- Help with newsletters / eblasts / publicity
- Participate in WRJ regional & national events
- Help with setup for Tashlich (10/3)
- Help with Membership Dinner (10/20)

- Volunteer at the Rummage Sale (11/12—11/16)
- Assist at Holiday Marketplace (12/10—12/11)
- Help with Tu B'Shevat Seder (1/12)
- Participate in the Women's Weekend Away (1/20 – 1/22)
- Participate / help with Women's Seder (4/2)
- Help Plan Mah Jongg Madness Event (4/23)
- Help plan Spring (Legacy/YES) Brunch (6/11)



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