



# Temple Isaiah Sisterhood Newsletter

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## A Message From Co-President Judi Brosnan

Where do I fit in? How am I connected? And to whom and to what?

I've been thinking about these things a lot lately. I am the mother of 4 children. For a long time that defined me; it was who I was and what I did. My children are now grown and are (mostly) on their own journeys. They are home at times, in college at times, with significant others and so on.



These comings and goings are not easy. Professionally, I just transitioned to a new real-estate company. I switched offices because the new office feels like a better fit. Another transition.

I've been reading Trevor Noah's book "Born A Crime". Noah was born in South Africa to a black mother and a white father. The book is a great read that tells his tale of not fitting into either the black or the white communities where he prayed, studied and lived. Noah's struggle to find his place struck a chord with me.

Growing up my house was very quiet. Everyone off in their own space, doing their own thing, nicely keeping to themselves. When I set out to make my home and family I knew that I wanted it to be a messy, loud place. Hence the 4 kids, the dog and the 2 cats (and of course, John my husband). As the kids got older, I often joked, that I picked the wrong role in the play. I loved it all and still do, but I wanted to be one of the kids in this family, not the Mom who had to clean up after it all.

We moved into our neighborhood at the end of October, 20 plus years ago. A great time to move into a new home. A few days later it was Halloween and I had an excuse to ring all of my neighbor's door bells and introduce myself to them. Of course I invited my new neighbors over to hang out, to be loud and to make more of a mess. For me, that sense of feeling connected to my neighbors matters. I am grateful to be called on to help get snow off of a roof, to borrow some sugar, or to take a walk. I enjoy stopping to chat about the comings and the goings that we are experiencing as a community.

Although I started my Jewish learning at Temple Isaiah, I became a Bat Mitzvah in another town at a Temple where I

did not feel connected to the youth community. I knew that when I raised my children that I wanted them (and myself) to be connected to something local—a place where I could bump into other folks from my Temple in my natural daily routine. Temple Isaiah in general and the Sisterhood in particular have been a great fit.

It took me a long time (well into my 20's) before I was lucky enough to finally realize that female friendships, female relationships, feeling connected to other women was where it was at (nothing against you men out there). A few years ago I was asked if I wanted to be Sisterhood president. I surprised myself by saying yes. I haven't regretted any part of it. How lucky I am to have found a place that I fit in.

I have had the honor and the privilege of working alongside a diverse group of women who bring so much drive,

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**Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy Happy**



***This year, in lieu of Purim baskets, Sisterhood has made a donation to the Jewish Family and Children Service's Family Table in honor of each member of Temple Isaiah and of Sisterhood.***

***In addition, Sisterhood's home-made hamentashen is available in the Temple lobby during Temple and Hebrew School hours March 8-March 13. Please stop by and help yourself to a sampling of these delicious cookies.***

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## Sisterhood Plans “Author’s Night” October 30, 2017

We are not trying to rush through summer, but we are pleased to announce that our first Author’s Night will be held on October 30. We hope to celebrate those Sisters and Temple Isaiah community members who have published books, to hear about their process and experiences, and maybe get inspired to pick up a fountain pen or a keyboard ourselves. We are still in the early planning stages, but we expect to have time to schmooze, learn, and shop. Of course there will be refreshments!

If you are interested in being one of the featured authors, or in serving on the planning committee (or both), contact Renee Gelin at [jesmom@gmail.com](mailto:jesmom@gmail.com) or 781-258-0916.

“The act of reading is a partnership. The author builds the house, but the reader makes it a home”.—Jodi Picoult

## Second Annual Mah Jongg Madness!! Sunday, June 25, 2017 1—5 pm



On Sunday, June 25, from 1 pm to 5 pm, Sisterhood will host the second annual Mah Jongg Madness tournament. Gini Shevrin and Irene Rosenzweig are planning another fun time for all, from experienced players who want to compete for cash prizes, to “newbies” who just want to play for fun. Raffle tickets will be available to win Mah Jongg related goodies as well, including another of Gini’s hand crafted Mah Jongg duffels. Light refreshments will be served.

Pre-registration for this event will be available starting sometime in May. Keep your eye on the e-blasts. Entry fees will start at \$25, with much appreciation to those who choose to pay more (it IS a fundraiser!!). All proceeds will be added to the monies that Sisterhood gives away to charities in the spring.

We will need to borrow some card tables, Mah Jongg sets and possibly small side tables, so be ready to offer those items when you register in May.

Come on out and spend a spring afternoon with other Mah Jongg mavens! Spread the word to your friends from the larger community. Make this a successful event for your Sisterhood!

## Thursday Classes with the Clergy

Our Study Classes continue! It is not necessary to attend all the sessions, so feel free to join in at any time. Here are all the details.

### 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!

Remaining dates: 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](mailto:rivkashah@verizon.net).

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](http://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 and a link just below that to register for membership. Count Yourself In!

## Sisterhood to Honor Judi Brosnan and Yud Leadership At Legacy Fund Brunch Sunday, June 11

Join us for our Sisterhood Legacy Fund Brunch, Sunday, June 11 at 11 am. This year, we are thrilled to honor two pillars of our Sisterhood: Judi Brosnan, our outgoing Co-President, and our extraordinary Yud Organization. Both Judi and The Yud team demonstrate the values that make our organization what it is today. We look forward to celebrating together. Registration will begin in mid-April – look for your emailed invitation then!

Judi has served as our Sisterhood Co-President for the past two years and as a member of the board prior to that. Her spirit and enthusiasm are seen in every interaction she has with our community, whether it's sorting items at the Rummage sale or embracing the spirit of Miriam's Song while dancing with her Sisters in the Sanctuary or at Women's Weekend Away.



During this year's Women's Weekend Away Judi experienced a small moment of wonder. This moment came as a surprise and highlights why she *Counts herself In* to Sisterhood.

"During this year's Women's Weekend Away, I joined more than 100,000 people on the Common for the Women's March. I was certain that would be my moment of awe and wonder for the weekend. But instead, my moment of awe was when I returned back the hotel - returning to back to the small group of Sisters. I looked around and immediately felt nurtured and taken care of – I was at home in my community."

### Social Action Committee 600 Birthing Kits Created

Sisterhood could show Henry Ford a thing or two about running assembly lines! On a Sunday afternoon in December, 45 people gathered to make 600 sterile birthing kits for woman in Haiti, where they are desperately needed. The Social Action Committee set up 3 assembly lines with materials and instructions, and our volunteers responded with such gusto that we had trouble keeping up with the calls for more supplies! All the support and effort was very much appreciated.



In addition to all the elbow grease, we received some substantial donations that covered much of the cost of the project. Thank you so much to those who contributed. Also, special thanks go to Bill at the Bedford UPS Store. He was so impressed with our Birthing Kit project last spring that he opened his store at 6pm on December 4th just to receive this year's kits. He charged us only for the shipping and waived the UPS fee. The kits went to Midwives for Haiti in Richmond, VA, which will get them into Haiti. If you need to send anything via UPS, please consider patronizing the Bedford store and thank Bill while you're there.

That community is made stronger by our diverse membership with Sisters who are at all stages of life. In 2010, a group of women identified a need for connections for women in their 30s and 40s, and the Yud was born. By meeting the need of Sisters where they are in life and creating this vibrant circle, in seven years the Yud has grown to be a strong and central part of our Sisterhood.

While there are many "Yuddies" who play an important role in making the Yud run, we do especially recognize founding members, Liz Cohen, Judi Perry, Rebecca Smerling, Dana Hagenbuch and Jessica Markowitz. At its beginning, each of these women spent countless hours building this circle from a blank slate to the vibrant community it is today. Whether it's the *Drinks and Dreidel* party or teaming up with [Zahra Hasanaat](#) to serve a meal at [Rosie's Place](#). The Sisterhood board is thrilled that the Yud exists, providing an additional opportunity to meet sisters where they are in life, giving women another way to Count Themselves In!



Funds from this year's Legacy Brunch will be used to support important efforts at Temple Isaiah. A portion will be donated to the Sisterhood Legacy Fund under the auspices of the Temple Isaiah Securing Our Future Campaign. The balance of our funds will be directed to Temple Isaiah activities that work to alleviate hunger such as Project Ezra.

As we continue our tradition to honor special women who have given of their time and talents to the Sisterhood for many years, join us! And if you are not able to join us, donations in their honor can be made at any time!

### President's Column

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compassion and intelligence to the table. (Thanks in particular to Karen Shorfiede-Ray who has made my life better.)

Our Sisterhood is special. We are unlike any other Sisterhood. Karen and I have met with other Sisterhood presidents from across the country, and they all talk about dwindling memberships and a lack of interest. I'm telling you that we are ROCKING this thing. We are unique. We are vibrant and engaged and that speaks volumes about who we are as individuals and as a collective. Thank all of you sisters for helping me to fit, for helping each other to fit and to connect. How grateful I am to have found this great community in a world where we can, at times, feel that we are all playing nicely in our own quiet corners.

*Judi Brosnan*

## Wellness Lecture Series Presents Benefits of Medical Marijuana and Throwback Thursday Camp Songs

The Temple Isaiah Sisterhood Wellness Series Committee plans and carries out guest lectures at Temple Isaiah each winter on topics of health and wellness. The Wellness Series lectures are free to Sisterhood members. Everyone is welcome: suggested donation is \$10 for non-Sisterhood members.

**Although RSVP's are not required, they do help us plan refreshments.**

Join us on March 23 at 7 pm for **"Exploring the Potential Benefits of Medical Marijuana."** We will gather to hear Dr. Karen Munkacy, founder and president of Garden Remedies, the first medical marijuana dispensary in Newton, Massachusetts, discuss what everyone needs to know about medical marijuana. She will cover state policies, differences between regulated marijuana and black market product, edibles, and discuss the wide variety of pain relieving benefits of medical marijuana.



Dr. Munkacy's medical experience is extensive. In addition to her background as a board certified anesthesiologist and pain management specialist, she is a former faculty member at UCLA and USC Medical Centers in Los Angeles, and has worked as a researcher and international medical consultant. She is fellowship trained in pain management and received her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School (her undergraduate degree is from the University of Michigan).

As a breast cancer survivor, Dr. Munkacy extensively

researched pain management solutions for her medical condition. Though initially skeptical about the benefits of medical marijuana, she learned through research how medical marijuana relieves chronic pain from cancer treatments and a variety of other chronic and debilitating medical conditions.

"As a doctor, cancer patient in remission, wife, and mother, I have compassion for anyone who can be helped by medical marijuana" says Dr. Munkacy, "Throughout my career, patients had told me that medical marijuana provided a significant amount of relief for them. As a physician, I had my doubts. It was not until I did my own research that I discovered medical marijuana provides unique benefits not just for cancer patients, but also for those suffering from a multitude of medical conditions. It's also one of the safest medicines any patient can take."

On May 11, Wellness presents **"Throwback Thursday Camp Songs."** Never went to Jewish camp? Went to Jewish camp, but cannot remember the songs or motions? Know all the Jewish camp songs, but just want to have a really fun evening?



Please join us as we sing the songs that make Jewish camp so much fun, learn the motions for the songs, enjoy camp munchies (and wine, of course!), and share some wonderful laughs with Sisters.

RSVP information will be available closer to these events on the Sisterhood Facebook page and in e-blasts (or text/call Gail Maurer at 617-448-6264).

## 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." It's very helpful to the hostess, and you'll be contacted in case there are any changes.

**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](mailto:carolsac@rcn.com) or 781-861-7298.

We will meet on Monday, March 27, to discuss *Our Souls at Night* by

Kent Haruf. This contemporary novel is about love between an older widow and widower in small-town Colorado. Judy Palmer will be the discussion leader. Please respond to Anna Lansky Shraye: [annalanskoy@rcn.com](mailto:annalanskoy@rcn.com) or 781-862-7498

Our book for April 24 is neurologist/author Oliver Sack's autobiography entitled *On the Move*. After writing much about his patients, Sacks wrote this revealing work about himself near the end of his life. Emmy Suhl will lead the discussion. Please respond to Cheryl Forsythe: [kceref@rcn.com](mailto:kceref@rcn.com) or 781-862-1308.

*The Door* by Hungarian writer Margot Szabo is our selection for May 22. This novel explores the interdependent relationship between a writer and her housekeeper. Our discussion leader will be Ceci Warsawski. RSVP to Barbara Mende:

[Barbara@moosehill.com](mailto:Barbara@moosehill.com) or 857-259-6347.

In June we'll have our annual potluck/book discussion meeting, date to be determined. Details will be forthcoming.

Many thanks to all who have participated and made this circle the wonderful experience it has been. Special thanks to our discussion leaders and hosts: Marjorie Albin, Lily Dayan-Cimadoro, Cheryl Forsythe, Esther Isenberg, Laura Lees, Barbara McIntosh, Joan Lester, Susan Marx, Barbara Mende, Judy Palmer, Gayle Pinshaw, Rose Rubin, Carol Sacerdote, Linda Schaye, Rebecca Shahmoon, Anna Lansky Shraye, Emmy Suhl, Ceci Warsawski, Rosalie Weiss.

## Women's Weekend Away a Success!

**Q:** What do you get when you put 45 Sisters in a nice Boston hotel for a weekend, sprinkled in with good food and wine and an awe-inspiring program led by our very own Rabbi Amy Hertz?

**A:** A wonderful weekend filled with gratitude, laughter, schmoozing and fun!

Our Women's Weekend Away is an annual Sisterhood tradition started by Marilyn Cicero, of blessed memory, (Lois Woodbury's mother) about 25 years ago – thank you, Marilyn!! Over the years it has been held in hotels all over New England - from Cape Cod to the Berkshires, from Newport, RI to Portsmouth, NH. This year was a first – holding it in downtown Boston at the Hyatt Regency Boston. A huge thank you goes to Karen Myers for helping connect us to the Hyatt.

Our awe-themed, fun-filled weekend this year included prayer, singing, Torah, discussion, sharing, a Lilith salon, more singing, games and much, much more... and for some of us - the Boston Women's March. By the end of the weekend we were all feeling the awe of our connection!

This year 16 Sisters joined us for the first time – yay!! If you haven't tried one of these weekends, think about it for next year – we really are a lucky Sisterhood to have this very special Weekend program!

Many thanks to Judy Fine-Edelstein, Karen Maslow, Karen Schorfheide-Ray, Judi Brosnan, Abbe Smerling, Gail Maurer and Gini Shevrin for their parts in planning this annual event, and to Amy Hertz and Beth Goldstein for leading us in an AWESOME event.

## Holiday Marketplace Report & Appreciations

In early December, Temple Isaiah Sisterhood hosted its very successful annual Holiday Marketplace. With proceeds from vendor fees, a raffle, food sales, (not including the Judaica Shop sales), \$5000 was added to Sisterhood funds. These proceeds will be distributed to charities chosen by the current membership of Sisterhood in the spring.

Linda Stimson stepped up this year to coordinate the entire event, with leadership also coming from Marsha Byrnes (logistics), Sandi Rosenfeld (lunch counter), Ellen Campbell (bake table and lunch counter), Shari Spector (raffles), and Marjorie Bladd (Judaica Shop). Thanks, ladies!

It takes many hands to make this event a success, from Saturday evening setup through Sunday afternoon breakdown and cleanup. Sisterhood thanks the office and custodial staff for their help, as always.

We also thank our volunteers, including Ali Karasic, Amy Bokser, Ann Lieberman, Anne and Bill Bladd, Audrey Gould, Barb Lichtman, Barbara Caust, Bill Rosenfeld, Bob Zacher, Bonnie Cohen, Bronte Abraham, Candice Kiss, Cathy Jacobs, Cathy Leader, Catie Flynn, Cynthia Skier, David Stimson, Davida Chavis, Deb Kemp, Eve Nichols, Gail Maurer, Gayle

Pinshaw, Gini Shevrin, Irene Rosenzweig, Jane Wolfman, Janet Sachs, John Maurer, Judi Brosnan, Judy Sacknoff, Judy Stein, Karen Zallen, Karen Arbetter, Karen Funkenstein, Karen Myers, Karen Schorfheide-Ray, Kathryn Prager, Lauren Jordahl, Lily Dayan Cimadoro, Linda Farkas-Wagner, Margie Green, Marian Abraham, Marieke Zacher, Mary Dana Gershanoff, Nancy Pinn, Naoko Goldberg, Pam Awrach, Raquel

Leder, Rebecca Grossman, Renee Gelin, Rose Ann Miller, Sally Huebscher, Sandy Bornstein, Sarah and Julia Bladd, Sarah Warren, Serena Crystal, Shari Spector, Stephen Bladd, Steven Rosenfeld and Susan Foote.

If you helped out and your name was omitted, please forgive us and let us know at [sisterhood@templeisayah.net](mailto:sisterhood@templeisayah.net), so we can update our records.

*To Our Sisters, with Love*

*Mazel Tov!*

**Gini Shevrin**, on the engagement of her daughter, Alex, to Nate Venet;

**Abbe Smerling**, on the engagement of her daughter, Jessica, to Tom Fitzsimmons;

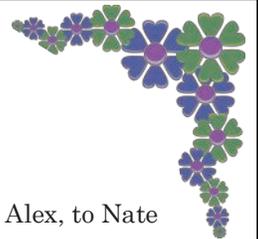
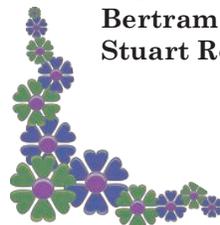
**Leah Baigell**, on the engagement of her son, Max Kon, to Havens Smith;

**Laura Lees**, on the engagement of her son, Jonathan, to Shelby Alinsky.

*May their memory be an abiding blessing...*

**Bertram Kostant**, father of Abbe Smerling;

**Stuart Rosenthal**, husband of Helene Rosenthal.



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# 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 Adar** will meet Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 pm, at the home of Karen Schorfheide-Ray, 26 Beacon Street, Apt 5E (Beacon Village Apartments), Burlington. Sue Tafler will lead a discussion on Purim. We will focus on Vashti, who was the queen at the beginning of the Book of Esther. Is she a spokeswoman for modesty or a rebellious wife? Is she a model for modern feminists? Can we imagine a conversation between Vashti and Esther? Please RSVP to Karen at [karenray44@yahoo.com](mailto:karenray44@yahoo.com) or call her at 781-405-7948.

**Rosh Chodesh Nissan** will meet on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 pm at the home of Ruth Budd, 24 Percy Road, Lexington. Sandi Rosenfeld will lead a discussion on the Proverb: A Woman of Valor. Proverbs says that 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? Please RSVP to Ruth at 781-861-0363 or email her at [ruthbudd@post.harvard.edu](mailto:ruthbudd@post.harvard.edu).

**Rosh Chodesh Iyar** will meet at 7:30 pm on Monday, April 24 2017 at a location to be determined. Due to its popularity in November, we will have an encore of Game Night. Sally Rubin 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 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. We will meet at Temple Isaiah. RSVP to Sandi Rosenfeld, 781-862-7480 or [rxsandi@hotmail.com](mailto:rxsandi@hotmail.com).

**Rosh Chodesh Sivan** will meet at 7:30 pm on Monday, May 22 2017 at the home of Abbe Smerling, 16 Loring Rd, Lexington. Pam Awrach will lead a discussion on gratitude. When was the last time you stopped to really acknowledge the things you are thankful for? There are so many reasons why we should make gratitude a daily practice. Research has shown that being thankful confers a whole host of benefits, both physical and mental. For example: Did you know that writing down what you are thankful for as a daily or (nightly) practice can help you sleep better? We will be

discussing the topic of gratitude and then with the help of our "crafty sister," Sandra Rosenfeld, we will design our own gratitude logbooks. Please RSVP to Abbe at [aksmerling@aol.com](mailto:aksmerling@aol.com) or call her at 781-862-0455.

There will be a planning meeting for next year’s agenda in early June. Please stay tuned for the date and time.

## YUD Plans Spring Events

From our Rosh Chodesh Cocktails & Crafts gathering to our signature Drinks & Dreidels Chanukah Party to our ongoing Book Group to the recent Sisterhood Weekend Away to our Paint Night outing, the Yud has been busy! Many thanks to Yuddies Naomi Greenfield, Rebecca Grossman, and Rachael Schwartz for coordinating our Fall/Winter events.



Looking ahead... In addition to our bi-monthly Yud Book Group (March 14) we’re planning a Ladies’ Night Out (April – date TBD) and our annual Jerusalem Potluck dinner (May 7)! We’re grateful for the new friends we’ve made and hope you’ll consider joining us at an event soon!

To get all the latest Yud news, join our listserv at <http://bit.ly/JoinYud> or find us on Facebook 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 to ensure the Yud remains part of the Isaiah community for years to come! Email "The Y Team" at [yudtempleisaiah@gmail.com](mailto: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 Judaism. If you think you have a lot in common with this group, see article above for contact info.*

Month/Date	Hostess / Location	Facilitator(s)	Topic
Adar Wed, March 1	Karen Schorfheide-Ray	Sue Tafler	Purim
Nissan Wed, March 29	Ruth Budd	Sandi Rosenfeld	Woman of Valor
Iyar Mon, April 24	Room 24-25 @ TI	Sally Rubin	Games
Sivan Mon, May 22	Abbe Smerling	Pam Awrach / Sandi Rosenfeld	Gratitude Book



# Sisterhood Calendar 2017

March		
1	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Adar @ Karen Schorfheide-Ray's
2	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
2	7:15 pm	Board Meeting
6	7 pm	Movie Night
9	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
15	7 pm	Social Action Committee mtg @ TI Library
16	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
23	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
23	7 pm	Wellness Series #1
27	7 pm	Lilith Salon @ TI Meeting Room
27	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>Our Souls At Night</i> @ TI
29	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Nissan @ Ruth Budd'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
13	9:30-11 am	Clergy's Class
13	7 pm	Lilith Salon @ TI Meeting Room
19	7 pm	Social Action Committee mtg @ TI Library
24	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Iyar @ Linda Stimson's
24	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>On the Move</i> @ TI
May		
4	7:15 pm	Board Meeting
11	7 pm	Wellness Series #2
17	7 pm	Social Action Committee mtg @ TI Library
22	7:30 pm	Rosh Chodesh Sivan @ Abbe Smerling's
22	7:30 pm	Book Group: <i>The Door</i> @ TI
June		
1	7:15 pm	Board Meeting
11	tbd	Spring Brunch (Legacy Fund)
21	7 pm	Social Action Committee mtg @ TI Library
25	Noon-5 pm	Mah Jongg Madness Tournament

## Circles

Sisterhood Circles are a great way to get involved, meet new people, strengthen community, and participate in your hobbies and interests.

Currently, we have the following active circles: Evening and Daytime Book groups, Games, Mah Jongg, and Walking groups. The Knitting for Learners and Teachers group, the Gourmet/Potluck circle and the Movies circle are all waiting for YOU to get involved and re-energize them. There has been interest in several other circles such as grandparents/grandchildren playdates and, holiday gatherings for women whose families live far.

If you are intrigued by any of these or have any ideas of your own, YOU can make it happen. Contact Renee Gelin at [jesmom@gmail.com](mailto:jesmom@gmail.com) or 781-258-0916 for information and assistance.

## Visit the Judaica Shop For All Your Holiday Needs

The first night of Passover is Monday, April 10, 2017. Do you have everything you need for your table? Do you need Haggadot? We have a selection of the most popular Haggadot for you to choose from. A few green jumping frogs for the first plague? That is a favorite at some Passover Seders. Perhaps you would like a new Seder Plate, a Matzah plate, a Matzah cover or prizes for the children that find the Afikomen. Visit the Judaica Shop and see what we have.

April is also when we celebrate the memorial days Yom HaShoah Monday, April 24, Yom HaZikaron Monday, May 1, and Independence Day, Yom HaAtzma'ut Tuesday, May 2.

The Judaica shop has beautiful yahrzeit candle holders, wax yahrzeit candles, electric memorial lights and electric yartzheit candles. It also has beautiful plates upon which delicious goodies can be placed to celebrate the Independence of Israel.

The Judaica Shop is open on Sunday mornings (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) and Wednesday afternoons (3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) 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.

Also, we are glad to open by appointment. Please call Marjorie (781-862-6355) or Wendy (781-862-9952) or email [isaiahjudaica@aol.com](mailto:isaiahjudaica@aol.com).

If you would like to volunteer at the shop, please contact Marjorie at [isaiahjudaica@aol.com](mailto:isaiahjudaica@aol.com) or call Marjorie at 781-862-6355.

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



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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sisterhood**  
**Passover Seder**

**Sunday, April 2, 4 pm**  
**More info in**  
**e-blasts in March**

Contact Gail Maurer for more  
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