

WRJ/TBK Sisterhood Connections

Fall 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

We have had a very busy summer and as they say "time flies..."

Our major project this summer, the backpack food program for Baden Street summer campers, has been a huge success. Many thanks to Liza for her diligent work to get the program off the ground! And many thanks to all who donated and participated in the assembly and delivery. This project was an outcome from our Interfaith Event and truly reflected what our Sisterhood is all about!

Our Bagel Brigade continues to be appreciated by the receiving organizations. One such group related how the clients they serve were unfamiliar with bagels, but now prefer them to other breakfast food as "they stay full longer." In addition to our Sisters we have some TBK volunteers to help as well.

We are all busy planning this coming year's activities and hope you will join us for the Membership Appreciation Event, the Art Show, the Sisterhood Shabbat and the Sisterhood Retreat among others.

A big THANK YOU to all Sisterhood members who have graciously volunteered all along in helping with our activities and projects. Your involvement makes our programs work!

In the meantime, I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

L'Shana Tova,
Monica Skerker

ARTFEST ON THE AVENUE!

Sunday, October 22nd, 9AM-5PM

Artfestontheavenue.com



Ceramics, children's and women's clothing, fiber, glass, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, textiles, woodworking, and more. Check out the many new artists for this year. Silent Auction includes donations from each artist and much more.

No entrance fee, but a \$2.00 donation is appreciated. There's something for everyone. Please plan on attending and supporting WRJ/TBK Sisterhood's major fundraiser for the year.

Please consider becoming a sponsor or patron for the show. There are two levels to choose from, a Patron at \$18 or a Sponsor at \$36. Use the form below:

I would like to be a	
Patron \$18 _____	Sponsor \$36 _____
Name _____	
Address _____	
Email _____	
Please send to WRJ/TBK Sisterhood at 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618.	

We would also appreciate donations for our silent auction, such as handmade jewelry or pottery, gift cards, or new items you're not using. Please contact the Sisterhood office if you have something you'd like to contribute. Thank you.

COLLEGE CONNECTION

Do you have a child or grandchild attending college or graduate school this semester? WRJ/TBK Sisterhood would like to help keep our students connected to TBK during the year. Our committee sends out care packages at no cost to our temple families.



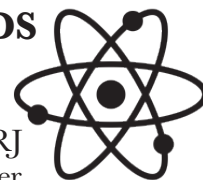
Please remember that we create a new list each year. You must contact us for your student to receive packages for the 2023-2024 year, even if the student received packages last year. Please keep us up to date on any address changes as they occur.

To sign up or renew a connection, please send the following information about your student to the WRJ/TBK Sisterhood office by email at wrj@tbk.org or by mail to 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618:

- student's name
- student's mailing address (*including college, if required*)
- expected year of graduation
- food allergies
- parent email address

WRJ/SISTERHOOD AWARDS

Watch for information in upcoming issues about the 2024 I Love Science Award for funding for girls toward the URJ Six Points Sci-Tech Academy next summer and the 2024 Bernstein Award for Judaic Studies!



JEWISH SOLDIERS PROJECT

We recently participated in the Jewish Soldiers Project baked good collection for Rosh Hashanah. Home-baked goods donations, such as honey cakes and cookies, were collected at TBK for care packages sent to soldiers overseas.

Since 2008, the Jewish Soldiers Project has been sending care packages to Jews in the military for Jewish holidays, such as Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, Purim, and Passover. This is a community wide project. Please watch for additional opportunities to contribute.



SISTERHOOD OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

We hope you'll join us this year for our open board meetings! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and will take place in-person in the Adult Lounge during the fall. For in-person meetings, please check the activity list on the outside door to confirm that the room has not been changed.

Our first meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 12th. Dates for additional fall meetings are:

Tuesday, October 10th
Tuesday, November 14th

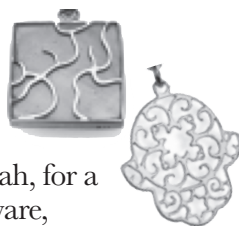


The December meeting date will be determined later due to a potential TBK program conflict.

A complete list of meeting dates for the 2023-2024 year will be listed in the Blue Book.

JUDAICA SHOP

We are open by appointment! As always, we are a great shopping choice for all of your Judaica needs - when planning for a bar or bat Mitzvah, for a tallit, or a gift! We carry jewelry, giftware, tallasim, mezzuzot, shabbat items, candles and more holiday items.



Look for our table at Artfest on the Avenue in October where we'll have our annual sale for Israeli candles. There will be more information to come about a Chanukah Sale as well.

TBK members always receive a 10% discount on all regularly priced merchandise. Special orders welcome.

To make an appointment, please call 244-7060.

2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

It is the time of year again to renew your TBK Sisterhood dues! **This year we are offering two options for paying membership dues: pay by mailing a check to the Sisterhood office as you've always done, or pay online with a credit card!**

Please email or call Amy Iserson at amyiserson@gmail.com or 585-389-1977 with any questions.

Your TBK Sisterhood dues allow us to do many things such as member programming, support of various Jewish causes, support for Temple and the religious school, and education/training of Sisterhood members! The membership levels have remained the same – Rachel \$36, Leah \$54, Rebekah \$72, Sarah \$90, and Miriam \$120. Pick the one that is the best fit for you, and join us this year! Our paid up Membership Appreciation event will be held on October 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Atrium at TBK.

To pay online with a credit card – go to tbk-sisterhood.square.site and simply scroll down to see the five membership levels. Click the one that speaks to you. A separate box will pop up with some fields to fill out such as your name and phone number and then click the “add to order” button. Also on the page underneath the membership boxes is the ability to add a donation to your order. We did not increase our membership dues to cover the cost of the credit card fees we will incur for this online service. If you would like to make a donation to offset these fees or just want to make a donation because you love Sisterhood, you have the ability to do so on this site! When you are ready to check out simply click your cart and follow the on screen prompts.

To pay with a check – simply mail a check for the amount of the membership level you would like to join at (Rachel \$36, Leah \$54, Rebekah \$72, Sarah \$90, and Miriam \$120). Mail the check to...

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Whether you pay online or by check, please let us know of any updates in your contact information by contacting the Sisterhood office! A copy of our dues form is available at <https://tinyurl.com/h74e385s>.

If you have any questions, please email or call Amy Iserson, VP of Membership, at amyiserson@gmail.com or 585-389-1977 or contact the Sisterhood office at wrj@tbk.org or 585-244-7060, ext. 233

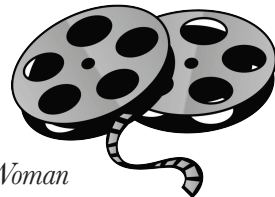
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Thank you so very much for your support of Sisterhood! Without our members we would not be able to do all the things we have done over the 125+ years of our organization. Our members' support makes our organization strong and an extremely vital part of TBK. We wish you and your family Shanah Tovah, and a happy and healthy New Year. Please remember Sisterhood is here for you! Don't hesitate to reach out.

MOVIE DISCUSSIONS

We continued meeting to discuss various movies and series. The April discussion centered around the movie *The Woman King*. In May and June we watched *Rough Diamonds*, an eight-part series about the Jewish family of diamond traders in Belgium. In August we attended the Jewish Film Festival movie *Israel Swings for Gold*, which was followed by a gathering at Phillips European for dessert and discussion.

The movies are selected by the group, many of them on Netflix and the discussions have been on Zoom. It was nice to have some in person interactions. If you are interested in joining, please contact Monica Skerker at 506-5350 or msskerk26@gmail.com.



MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION

October 3rd at 6:30 pm

Save the Date! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Membership Appreciation event on **October 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Atrium at TBK!** Sisterhood is so grateful for all of our members and their contribution to help us continue our important programming. Join us for dessert and socializing - you'll be able to create the ice cream sundae of your dreams courtesy of DARS ice cream truck and enjoy catching up with all your Sisterhood friends. We promise you a fun evening! If you have not paid your dues by then we will be happy to collect your payment at the event. **RSVP to Amy Iserson at amyiserson@gmail.com.** Looking forward to seeing you there!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

WRJ/TBK Sisterhood welcomes our new members:

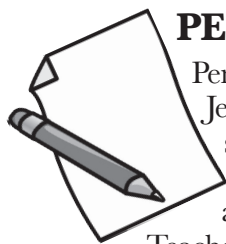
Andrea Cohen

Donna Cohen

Patty Orr

Rachel Wexler

The best way to make membership a meaningful experience is to give 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!



PENCILS AND PAPER

Pencils and Paper, a program through Jewish Family Services, provides FREE school supplies to Monroe County schools in which 70% of the students are eligible for free and reduced meals.

Teachers are allowed to shop for an estimated \$1,400 worth of school supplies twice a year. The store is stocked with basic school supplies, and all of them are free of charge to teachers. Sisterhood members volunteer for two hours each visit and help to stock the store with supplies. Our tasks are different at each visit. It is a fun and rewarding experience working with others to provide much needed school supplies to classrooms in need.

Our fall dates will be September 21st, October 5th and 19th, and November 9th from 12:30-2:30 pm. For more information about Pencils and Paper see their website <https://jfsrochester.org/pencils-and-paper/> and for the list of schools served by Pencils and Paper use <https://jfsrochester.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/P2enrolledschools.3.2.23-1.pdf>

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sandy Kushner at skushner13@hotmail.com or call 585-689-5271.

KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF CHEER OR CELEBRATING A MAZEL TOV?

If you know someone in need of cheer or celebrating a mazel tov, please let our Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Bev Weinstein, know so she can send a card from Sisterhood. You can contact Bev at bevmorrie@aol.com.



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 a \$1.00 donation to our YES Fund. Paula Ouzer-Mauro, our "Birthday Wishes" Chair, will gladly send a note for you. It's just that simple!



Wendy Orange	Oct 01	Golda Rayburn	Dec 01
Sarada George	Oct 04	Susan Gordon	Dec 06
Joanne Mabb	Oct 04	Rhonda Korn	Dec 06
Barbara Kay Rappaport	Oct 04	Rona Wyner	Dec 09
Beth Greenstein	Oct 05	Marjorie Searl	Dec 12
Bonnie Kaufman	Oct 06	Dorene Pizer	Dec 15
Nina Boutakov	Oct 09	Sue Drexler	Dec 27
Nancy Chodak	Oct 10	Audrey Bernhard	Dec 28
Valerie Levine	Oct 13	Jocelyn Torres	Dec 30
Robin Cortese	Oct 15		
Francine Swire	Oct 23	Susan Edelman	Jan 01
Nancy Westendorf	Oct 23	Cathy Schneider	Jan 02
		Roselyn Freedman Baum	Jan 03
Bev Weinstein	Nov 01	Sharon Trest	Jan 13
Julia Walsh	Nov 03	Jane Littwitz	Jan 14
Beverly Schenker	Nov 04	Donna Adwin	Jan 17
Lorraine Wolch	Nov 07	Renee Liebschutz	Jan 19
Karen DeCross	Nov 11	Sharon Seeholzer	Jan 21
Eleanor Lewin	Nov 19	Ruth Sklarsky	Jan 22
Jennifer Crim	Nov 22	Esther Blackman	Jan 29
Tracey Singer	Nov 22	Lynda Bowen	Jan 31
Shauna Tucker	Nov 22		
Betsy Bobry	Nov 24		
Sarah Liebschutz	Nov 24		

Name _____

Phone _____

of recipients @ \$1.00 _____ Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to WRJ/TBK Sisterhood. Mail to the Sisterhood Office, 2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14618.

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Miriam Altman
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Marcie, Michael & Ben *In Memory of Sandra Arnold*

Special Donors to the Education Fund

Anita Cohen *In Memory of Harvey L. Cohen*
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William Samuel, and Sherri Weiss Villard

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Joyce & Warren Heilbronner *In Memory of Harry S. Heilbronner*

Special Donors to the Youth Fund

Karen Altman *In Memory of Miriam and Joseph Altman*

Thank You!

ONGOING

Mah Jongg The group meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 in room 106. For more information, please contact the Sisterhood office at wrj@tbk.org or 244-7060, ext. 233.

Blessed Sacrament We volunteer at Blessed Sacrament on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact the Sisterhood office at wrj@tbk.org or 244-7060, ext. 233.

Donations Please watch for various updated collection needs.

“Box Tops for Education” Box Tops for Education’s program now allows for donations to be made electronically. To donate easily from home, go to the Box Tops for Education website to download their app. Set up your account to support Public School 52 Frank Fowler Dow in Rochester. You’ll be able to scan your receipts to donate instantly. Paper box tops are also welcome and can still be dropped off at the 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.

CALENDAR

September 2023

Mon. September 4	Labor Day (<i>TBK closed</i>)
Tues. September 5	Movie Discussion (<i>Golda</i>)
Tues. September 12	Open Board Meeting
Fri. September 15	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sat. September 16	First Day of Rosh Hashanah
Sun. September 17	Second Day of Rosh Hashanah
Thurs. September 21	Pencils and Paper
Sun. September 24	Erev Yom Kippur
Mon. September 25	Yom Kippur (<i>TBK closed</i>)

October 2023

Tues. October 3	Membership Appreciation
Thurs. October 5	Pencils and Paper
Tues. October 10	Open Board Meeting
Thurs. October 19	Pencils and Paper
Sun. October 22	ArtFest on the Avenue
TBA	Movie Discussion

November 2023

Tues. November 14	Open Board Meeting
Thurs. November 23 -	Thanksgiving (<i>TBK closed</i>)
Fri. November 24	
TBA	Movie Discussion

December 2023

Sun. December 7	Chanukah Begins (<i>1st candle</i>)
Thurs. December 14	Last Night of Chanukah
Mon. December 25 -	
Mon. January 1	TBK Closed
TBA	Open Board Meeting (<i>potential conflict on second Tuesday</i>)
TBA	Movie Discussion



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*On Rosh Hashanah it is written.
On Yom Kippur it is sealed.
May the year ahead be filled with
Health, Happiness and Peace.*
