



Temple Isaiah Sisterhood Newsletter

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From President Sally Huebscher

As I write my final column as Sisterhood President, I want to express how grateful I am to have shared this experience with all of you. Thank you for giving me this extraordinary opportunity to lead our Sisterhood. It has been wonderful.

Every woman comes to Sisterhood leadership for different reasons. I came with a commitment to an organization that supports Jewish families. This meant welcoming women where they are, discovering their needs, and creating opportunities for them to participate in Sisterhood. There are many women like me who came to Lexington with a young family, but far from the hometowns where we grew up. Our organization gave me sisters to share the stages of my life as a mother and a Jewish woman. Sisterhood gave me mothers as mentors and advisors.

With every program in Sisterhood I ask, “Have we learned something about our heritage, have we found a way to support our community, have we made new friends?” These are my measures of success. I hope in these past two years, you have experienced each of these things. I hope in the next two years, you will offer to help create and support programs that meet these goals.

Please, make connections. After you meet through Sisterhood, at the **Clergy’s Class**, at a **book group**, following a Social Action meeting, or a mah jongg game; make plans to meet for coffee.

Tell your stories. At a WRJ District weekend, the Isaiah Sisterhood women gathered for a glass of wine and Gini Shevrin asked that we tell something about ourselves without mentioning children or grandchildren (I took full credit for this). We laughed at the reality that telling our stories was often about others and it took a minute to gather our thoughts and really talk about ourselves.

Tell your stories. What keeps you up at night? Worries, plans, challenges, goals help others know where you are in your life. What gets you up in the morning? Passion and necessity identify the ideas that move you toward action. You might surprise yourself with your own answers to these questions and how you share them with a new person. You might find connections, inspiration, advice, and compassion.

In the past three years, beginning with **Gini Shevrin’s presidency**, we in Sisterhood have donated \$25,000 to the Temple Isaiah Securing Our Future campaign. As a group, our name is inscribed on the donor sculpture near the library. The contributions that Sisterhood makes to our Temple Isaiah community are many and one is our financial contribution. This year we established the *Sisterhood Legacy Fund* as a conduit for future donations to **Temple Isaiah’s endowment fund**. Whenever you want to acknowledge a friend in times of sorrow or joy, please consider a gift to the Sisterhood Legacy Fund. With personal and Sisterhood



contributions we will provide for the future of Jewish families to come. The Temple Isaiah Sisterhood name on the donor sculpture is your name, your gift. Thank you for being part of Sisterhood and for your contribution to our future.

Another measure of success as a Sisterhood President comes from **answering the question, “Did I help support the leadership for the next board?” And so, please let me brag** about your next Presidents, Judi Brosnan and Karen Schorfeheide-Ray. They are wonderful. As first Vice-Presidents they have supported me in every way. They are positive and encouraging and excited about next year. If you have the opportunity to **work with them, say “YES!”** Choose a position on their board, or a single program to chair. Find a friend to work with and share a task. Like me, they need your support and your positive, encouraging excitement to continue the work and joy of Sisterhood. Please contact Marsha Byrnes who is chairing

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



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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 woman’s holiday, a day associated with **women’s renewal and celebration.** Each month, Sisterhood women **gather at each others’ homes on a Monday or Wednesday evening** (we alternate days to afford people the opportunity to come), and take turns hosting and facilitating these meetings. We explore a breadth of subjects on themes related to Judaism or womanhood, sharing and exploring ideas, looking inward, and enjoying the warmth of a thoughtful evening with other Sisterhood women. See below for the exciting topics scheduled for the next few months.

Rosh Chodesh Nissan will meet on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 pm at the home of Ruth Budd. In preparation for the Passover Seders soon to follow, our Rosh Chodesh will be on the Four Children—to be facilitated by Sue Tafler. Which of the four classic children is each of your own progeny? Which kind of child are you yourself? Is saying **“children” rather than the traditional “sons” at all helpful in reframing this problematic portion of the Seder?** We will meet at the home of Ruth Budd. RSVP to Ruth Budd at 781-861-0363 or ruthbudd@post.harvard.edu. Rosh Chodesh Iyar will meet on Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 pm at a location to be determined.



Marsha Byrnes will lead a discussion on Elder Care. The discussion will center around talking about Elder Care with your siblings and parents, how to broach the sensitive issues that need to be addressed. Come discuss your experiences and gain insight on what needs to be done. Rosh Chodesh Sivan will meet on Wednesday, May 20, at a location to be determined. Abbe Smerling will lead a discussion on themes from the Book of Ruth: “Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live.” This is what Ruth says to her mother-in-law in the book of Ruth, which is read on Shavuot. Do you feel that way about your mother-in-law? How is your relationship with the in-laws? Has your child brought a

new family into your life that you are now connected to? Come to a discussion about mothers, daughter-in-laws, son-in-laws and the machatenum. We had a similar discussion last year. Let’s see where you are now. We hope you will share some insight into the in-law relationship.

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz will be held on Monday, June 15, at a location to be determined. Mickey Khazam will lead an interesting discussion on a short story. A planning meeting will be held in late June at the home of Sandi Rosenfeld. Look for the date in an e-blast. Please join us as we consider the topics for the next year. RSVP to Sandi at 781-862-7480.

Month/Date	Hostess	Facilitator and Topic
Rosh Chodesh Nissan 3/25 Wednesday	Ruth Budd	Susan Tafler – The 4 Children – Which is your child and which are you?
Rosh Chodesh Iyar 4/15 Wednesday	TBD	Marsha Byrnes—Elder Care—how to negotiate with your parents and siblings
Rosh Chodesh Sivan 5/20 Wednesday	TBD	Abbe Smerling – Themes from the Book of Ruth: Finding home, mothers and daughter-in-laws, Jews by Choice
Rosh Chodesh Tam- muz	TBD	Mickey Khazam – a Short Story

Wellness Series Continues. New Lecture Added!

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 series is open to all members of the Temple community, including men.

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

The Healing Power of Music
March 12, 2015, 7 pm-9 pm

Music has great power to soothe the mind and heal the soul—but how?

Cantor Lisa Doob will examine ways in which Jewish musicians,



liturgists, and poets have accompanied us on the path to wholeness and healing. In the safe space of this session, all will have the opportunity to experience the positive benefits of Hebrew Chant and Jewish healing music. All who have an appreciation for music are welcome.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada, Cantor Lisa Doob joined the clergy team at Temple Isaiah in Lexington, MA, in July of 2008. After her investiture from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, School of Sacred Music, in 2001, where she earned her MSM degree, Cantor Doob served with distinction from 2001 to 2008 at Temple Anshe Sholom in Olympia Fields, Illinois (metropolitan Chicago). Cantor Doob has distinguished herself as an engaging and dynamic worship leader, musician, and teacher. She is the recipient of numerous awards for academic achievement, including the Women of Reform Judaism award, a scholarship from ARZA-Canada, and a one-year teaching

position in Toulouse, France. Her songs, some of which have been published by URJ Books and Music and Synagogue 3000, include reflective, meditative prayers and **goofy kids' teaching songs**—and everything in between. Cantor Doob feels that Jewish music, in all its diversity, has the power to create a sense of community, joy, and connection to Judaism in people aged 1 to 101. She lives in Arlington, MA, with her husband, Devin, and three young children.

NEW

The Healing Power of Living Your Dreams

April 16, 2015, 7 pm-9 pm

Join speaker, coach, and entrepreneur Nancy Cantor, for *The Healing Power of Living your Dreams*. In this interactive program, you will go beyond the usual responsibilities, obligations, and commitments of your life and explore your vision, organize your plan, disarm your private saboteur, and cultivate a network of support.

Through guided visualization, paired sharing, and group inquiry, you will leave with new ideas, new inspirations, and new directions for living your dreams.

Nancy Cantor has been a thought-leader in the personal growth movement for over 20 years. She has a degree in Human Development, and was a certified special educator for 11 years. She was a manager and course leader for Landmark, an international



training and development company. In 2003, she created the Dream Factory Community, which supports its members in living their personal and professional dreams. Presently, there are five

chapters in Massachusetts and Vermont, as well as a virtual online community.

Since starting her own business in 1994, Nancy has coached thousands of people and helped them identify their dreams, and live them.

For more information, contact Wellness Committee Co-Chairs Cynthia Piltch at cpiltch@gmail.com or Janet Sachs at mjsachs@rcn.com.

RSVP Form
2015 Wellness Series

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Guests _____

Member Non-member

Total Enclosed \$

I will attend:
 Program 2: 3/12/15
 Program 3: 4/16/15

\$8 per program for non-Sisterhood members. Members are FREE.

Send this form and any payment to:

Wellness Series
c/o Janet Sachs
58 Warwick Ave.
Waltham, MA 02452

Checks should be made payable to Temple Isaiah Sisterhood.

Lilith Salon: A New Program!

On Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30 pm, a new and exciting program is coming to Sisterhood! Based on the Jewish women's quarterly magazine, *Lilith*, Sisterhood women will gather four times a year at a "*Lilith Salon*" for a glass of wine and some munchies to talk about issues brought up in the magazine or any other issues. In case you are not familiar with *Lilith*, it is a 48-page Jewish feminist magazine, and each edition includes a variety of short pieces exploring a range of interesting topics. Our *Lilith Salons* will be yet another wonderful occasion for a relatively small (15-20) group of women to gather for community.

From the *Lilith Web site*: "What's it like? The conversations—with women like and unlike yourself—are more free-flowing than a book group (with fewer pages to read), more feminist than your

typical social action group, less spiritual than a Rosh Chodesh group, and more participatory than a lecture—with enough food and drink to keep the conversation **flowing.**"

WRJ has joined with *Lilith* to help develop 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 have her own subscription to *Lilith* (at a reduced rate of \$21.97/year). We should be able to get complimentary copies of *Lilith* for our first Salon.

In order to RSVP for our first *Lilith Salon* (or to let us know you are



interested in future ones, even if you cannot attend our first one), please fill out our on-line [RSVP form](http://tinyurl.com/lilithsalon) at <http://tinyurl.com/lilithsalon>.

Additionally, we need each participant to fill out a "*Lilith Salon Subscription Form*" (even if you already subscribe to *Lilith*). You can find that form at <http://tinyurl.com/subscribe-lilith>. Send payment (only for new subscribers) and the form to Gail Maurer (8 Heather Street, Burlington, MA 01803). Please do not mail them directly to the WRJ. Gail will be collecting these forms up through the evening of our first Salon on March 17. The location will be announced in an e-blast.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our *Lilith Salon* facilitator, Gail Maurer, at 617-448-6264 or at jamgam1@aol.com.

The New Purim Project: Recap and a Request

by Sally Huebscher

Purim – the festival of Esther – has four mitzvot observed. You should listen to the story – the whole Megillah. You should share a festive meal. You should give to those in need. You should bring a gift of at least two foods, ready to eat, to your friends. The traditions of eating a festive meal at a holiday, giving to the poor, and gathering in community to listen to the story are part of most of our **holidays. But the giving of gifts to each other, that's different, that's special.**

I have been asked about the decision of Sisterhood to undertake a huge Purim project. The question was, why spend the time and money giving a gift to people who already have enough when we could give one to people with larger needs. Good question! Why indeed. And yet, we have been given four Purim mitzvot, not three. It is worthy of consideration, why are we obligated to give to each other?

Meeting our Jewish obligations, our mitzvot, are taught as we pursue learning, prayer, and acts of kindness through the study of Torah. We do this best with others, in community, with encouragement from friends. We need each other. Purim challenges us, obligates us, to be in relationship, to think about each other, and to actually connect. Making a gift and presenting it to another creates a personal connection. We in Sisterhood wanted to include every person in the Temple Isaiah community in this endeavor.

Including everyone meant creating 1,000 gifts and delivering them to our friends and neighbors. It required

hundreds of volunteers to gather items, put gifts together, deliver them in person, and put a few in the mail. In past years, we offered the opportunity to people in our community to make a small contribution in order to put their name on a gift card. For some, the cost quickly added up making it difficult to remember all their friends. Some people were not included, neither connected by giving nor receiving the Purim gift. This year we wanted everyone in our community to know that they are connected, they are remembered. We wanted to give our students a chance to help create the baskets. While the weather did not support this opportunity for everyone, many students helped create your gift.

We did not ask anyone to pay to be included, but we would like to raise money both to support this gift for our community and to add to the funds we in Sisterhood raise for Temple Isaiah, our local communities, and for worthy organizations in Israel and around the world. If you would like to contribute to the Sisterhood Purim project you can give on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/purimdonation> or send a contribution to Temple Isaiah Sisterhood, 55 Lincoln Street, Lexington, MA 02421.

Please let me know what you think about this project. It **wasn't easy this year to make this happen between snow storms** and we are not sure it is meaningful to our **community, so we'd like to hear from you about your experience receiving a Purim gift from your community this year.** Email Sally at sisterhood@templeisayah.net.

Social Action Committee Focuses on Hunger

Join Us for Brunch, Sunday April 26, 10 am

There are hungry people in Lexington. The Sisterhood Social Action Committee invites you to a brunch on Sunday morning, April 26, at 10 am, to learn more about this issue and to rejoice together about the fact that we can help.

Imagine being homeless in Lexington. Imagine living at the Quality Inn on Bedford Street, you and your children in a single room. There is a tiny refrigerator, a simple microwave, a spare cupboard for both food and dishes.

That's it. How do you feed your family? How do you cook? How do you even keep enough food on hand with so little storage, assuming you can afford to buy it? You have no transportation and very little money.

Once every two weeks you get a ride to the Lexington Food Pantry. There you can get bread and potatoes, peanut butter, tuna fish, maybe some fresh vegetables. But it **doesn't last for two weeks until the next trip. What do you do?**

Temple member Laura Derby is part of Lift Up Lexington, a volunteer coalition of people from a wide variety of Lexington religious institutions, created under the aegis of the Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association, whose mission is to provide direct support to families living in transition at the Quality Inn in Lexington. Lift Up Lexington helps connect these families with food and supplies, monthly community meals, and recreational

activities. **Laura shares that one mother told her, "I am so glad you came to help us, because I was out of food and wouldn't have had anything to feed my kids this week."**

Another mother relates that her daughter has gained 11 pounds since they have been in the shelter, because starches are the cheapest food she can provide. She knows **what would make for good nutrition, but she can't provide** the meat and vegetables her child needs. She cooks pasta by putting it into a bowl and pouring boiling water over it. Once the child is home from school, there is nothing to do **but sit in the room and watch TV...no exercise.**

Laura Derby from Lift Up Lexington will speak at the brunch. We will join together in friendship, enjoy some delicious food, play games and talk about the issues. There is no cost for the brunch, but please make a monetary contribution that will go directly for food for the hungry. The amount is not important, your participation is. If you would like to, you can also bring something non-perishable and nutritious to donate to these families: dried fruits or nuts; granola bars; individual portions of canned fruit; applesauce; etc.

Please RSVP by April 14th to Sandy Bornstein at sandra.a.bornstein@gmail.com, or 617-966-3553. We look forward to celebrating with you the fact that we can help.

Introducing the Sisterhood Legacy Fund

On Sunday, May 31, we will honor outgoing Sisterhood President Sally Huebscher at the first Sisterhood Legacy Fund Brunch. The Sisterhood Legacy Fund is a conduit through which Sisterhood and sisters and any donor can honor each other and people we love while contributing to the future of Jewish families. It is a fund supporting **Temple Isaiah's Securing Our Future Campaign and the** growing endowment of Temple Isaiah.

Temple Isaiah Sisterhood has been a major donor to **Temple Isaiah's Securing Our Future Campaign. We have** contributed \$25,000 and established the Sisterhood Legacy Fund for ongoing donations and we are acknowledged on the donor sculpture at Temple Isaiah.

The goal of Securing Our Future is to preserve and strengthen what past generations have built so that we, too, leave a strong legacy for future generations. Through active partnerships with our donors, we create a new financial model for the Temple. Our three-part campaign is designed to grow the Temple endowment, increase annual giving and establish a significant planned-giving program. In this way, Temple Isaiah can reduce its dependence on membership revenue while ensuring that the congregation remains strong, vibrant and inclusive.

When you honor a teacher, remember occasions of joy and sorrow, acknowledge a simcha; please consider a donation to the Sisterhood Legacy Fund.

Another way you can give to the Sisterhood Legacy Fund is through a gift or bequest in your will. While some may think of this as a choice for people with a great deal to give, actually everyone can participate in this way. Your gift can be promised after all other obligations are met. A bequest provides your legacy of commitment as you remember a community that has been part of your life in a meaningful way. Setting aside a percentage or contribution, large or small, in your will leaves a clear message of what you found important in your life.

The Sisterhood Legacy Fund continues the long history of **Sisterhood's contributions to the Temple Isaiah** community. We are one. While we support causes and organizations around the world, we have always been strong in creating and financing the Temple Isaiah home that supports our children, our families, and our community. The Temple Isaiah Sisterhood plaque on the donor sculpture is your plaque, your name, your gift. Thank you for being part of Sisterhood and for your contributions to our future.

Getting to Know Legacy Fund Brunch Honoree Sally Huebscher

Having moved to Lexington in 1984, Bob and Sally Huebscher joined Temple Isaiah in 1987 so their daughter Emily could start Hebrew school. Growing up in Memphis, Tennessee, Sally thought one needed to get dressed-up to go to Temple and sent Emily to school that first day in her best dress. **It didn't take long to appreciate the casual style of Temple Isaiah. Sally's mother, who appreciates her talents but frets about her lack of make-up and style, commented, upon her own first visit to the synagogue, that Temple Isaiah was the perfect place for Sally. She was right.**

Sally grew up in Memphis, TN and was the oldest of four children, Sally and siblings Nancy, Kathy and Daniel Schneider were part of a large family that has now been part of the Memphis community for over 100 years. They grew up going to **their Granddaddy's bakery, Schneider's Modern Bakery** in downtown Memphis.

Sally's dad was an attorney and her mother an active volunteer and later a real estate agent. Sally's father's family immigrated to

Memphis in 1890. Her grandfather was born in Memphis in 1893. Sally was little when her mother had her stuffing envelopes for mailings for her 'sisterhood' as **President of the local chapter of National Council for Jewish women. Sally's father was President of the Memphis chapter of B'nai Brith Men. Sally comments, "I come to this work naturally. My grandparents were members of the Orthodox Shul where my dad became a bar mitzvah."**

Sally's mother's family was also active in their Jewish community in Providence, Rhode Island, where her grandfather served as Temple President. He brought Sally to Providence to be named when her parents were students in Boston.

In Sally's words, "I have been given a wonderful legacy of working and contributing to my community and am proud to continue this work."

She continues, "I have reconnected to my southern Jewish heritage as I now serve of the board of the Institute for Southern Jewish Life (ISJL), volunteering with a good friend whom I met in Reena Chapter of B'nai Brith Girls in 1969. ISJL supports a Rabbi and 9 teaching fellows, young Jewish teachers, who travel through small towns and cities in 11 southern states supporting Jewish education for children and Jewish culture for the communities. This year over 2,000 students are educated with the ISJL curriculum. Jewish communities that thrived through the south are closing, leaving behind beautiful buildings and the objects collected through the history of these congregations. ISJL keeps the records and Judaica for these communities with the hopes of presenting a real or virtual museum of these object and records for future generations."



Sally with husband Bob and children Sarah, Ben, Emily and son-in-law Aaron.

Sally came to Boston in 1973 to attend Tufts School of Engineering and worked at Grumman Aerospace, Exxon, Badger Chemical, and at Harvard in facilities departments working on energy conservation. She designed, tested and installed flat plate solar energy systems and facilitated energy conservation projects. As an adult, she returned to study at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

At a Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh, the women were asked to share things they collected. Sally thought about what objects she might bring and what she likes to collect, and she realized it was **children. She explains, "Bob and I have given life to three wonderful children, Emily, Benjamin, and Sarah. These children have brought us other children, their friends and now spouses, to share our lives. And we find children along the way -- we have hosted more than a dozen international students over the years who have lived with us for a period of time, and we keep up with many of them.**

We have nine nieces and nephews, many who have found a home with us

at one time or another as they come to explore Boston or move into adult life. We claim Kathy and Jeff Shiffman as our own, sharing home and travel time together. We were honored to meet a wonderful woman who volunteered to work at Isaiah following her years in the Israel Defense Force but who needed a home, and so Rotem Adi also became family.

Our daughter, Emily, and her husband, Aaron Meyer, live in Seattle, WA. Rabbi Aaron Meyer is Associate Rabbi at Temple De Hirsch Sinai Reform Synagogue and Rabbi Emily Meyer teaches Hebrew and Jewish studies to 5th graders at a Jewish day school. Ben lives in Los Angeles, CA working as a computer technology designer for Advisor Perspectives and CuriousBee. Sarah lives in Dearborn, MI, and is currently launching a Web site, CuriousBee, a marketplace for life long learning with a mission to make learning and teaching easier by expanding access to education and in-person learning for adults. They have all been active in their communities, making good friends, volunteering for good organizations, **making wonderful homes, and we are so proud."** Sally has a **strong connection to Sisterhood's parent organization, Women of Reform Judaism.** She encourages Sisterhood members to attend functions sponsored by WRJ.

Sally sums up her Sisterhood Presidency, "Having been Temple Isaiah Sisterhood President has been an extraordinary honor. I have learned much from the women who serve with me, who celebrate, pray, and play together. We do wonderful work and serve many. I will always be an active Sisterhood member. Please give me a call if you have time for coffee. I'm free morning, afternoon, or evening. I'd love to share stories, ideas, passions. I encourage you all to be involved in Sisterhood. It is rewarding work, renewing the spirit and offering good company. Count Yourself In."

Monday Evening Book Group

This book group meets monthly, usually on a Monday (except where holidays conflict as noted). Feel free to come every month or only once in a while.

This group is open to all Sisterhood members, and welcomes your opinions and participation. Please respond to each

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

On March 23, we will discuss *All the Light We Cannot See*, by British writer Anthony Doerr. This is a beautifully written and moving novel about a blind French girl and a German boy living in occupied France. The New York Times has chosen it as one of the best ten books of 2014. Cheryl Forsythe will be the leader, and we'll meet at the home of Judy Palmer, 95 Winter St., Lexington. Please respond to Judy at judy Palmer@rcn.com or 781-862-1862. It's very helpful to the hostess, and you'll be contacted in case there is a change in venue.

We will meet on April 27, to discuss Nigerian author **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's**

Americanah, which is a novel about the immigrant experience and racial tensions in various societies. It traces the lives of two Nigerians, one who immigrates to the United States and one who goes as an undocumented alien to London and then back to Nigeria. The New York Times chose it as one of the best ten books of

2013. Carol Sacerdote will be discussion leader and we will meet at **Sue Tafler's**, 8 Carriage Dr., Lexington. Please respond to Sue at suetafler@verizon.net or 781-863-8815.

Margaret Fuller: A New American Life, by Megan Marshall, is our selection for Tuesday, May 26, and Barbara Mende will be our discussion leader. The book is a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of the early feminist and intellectual who played a major role in Concord during the time of Emerson, Thoreau and the Alcotts. Very much a liberated woman, Fuller was also a journalist and had a life marked by **scandal and tragedy**. We'll meet at **Emmy Suhl's**, 57 Forest St., Lexington. Note that this is a Tuesday meeting because of the Memorial Day holiday. Please respond to Emmy at emmysuhl@gmail.com or 781-861-1875.

The June meeting will be a potluck dinner followed by selection of new books for next year. It will be held on June 15, 6 pm potluck; 7:30 pm book selection meeting, at the home of

Barbara McIntosh, 2 Deborah Rd., N. Billerica. Please respond to Barbara **and let her know if you're bringing a main course, salad/vegetable, or dessert for eight**: 617-429-6435 or barbmcintosh@verizon.net. Even if you **can't come to the potluck, please come to the book selection meeting**. Each participant proposes up to three titles and we will all vote on the choices for 2015-16. We will also be asking for volunteers to lead discussions and act as hosts.

Many thanks to all those who have participated, and a very special thank you to those who have led discussions and hosted our group so graciously: Eileen Cohen, Cheryl Forsythe, Karen Freidberg, Harryot Goldstein, Laura Lees, Joan Lester, Sandy Macey, Susan Marx, Barbara McIntosh, Barbara Mende, Judy Palmer, Rose Rubin, Carol Sacerdote, Linda Schaye, Rebecca Shahmoon, Sue Tafler, Ceci Warsawski, and Rosalie Weiss.

Summer meetings will be held on July 27 and August 24 with books and locations that are chosen at the June meeting.



From President Sally Huebscher (continued)

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our nominating committee if you would like to participate in any way.

The growth of the YUD group over these years is another exciting part of Sisterhood. This group of extraordinary young women is finding ways to connect and make friends.

New book groups, eating clubs, girls' nights out, and mud-runs bring young women and young families together. They are the future of Sisterhood and

rising stars on our leadership team.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as Sisterhood President. It has been an honor and a joy for me. Please remember that I began this term serving with Amy Wolfson, of blessed memory. Amy gave so much to Sisterhood and in giving, found friends that stood with her through joys and sorrows. Amy found ways to reach women and invite them to share friendship and participate in Sisterhood. The women of Sisterhood

supported Amy and her family with visits and nourishment and friendship – I will always remember your kindnesses and the support of a community to an individual that exhibit the best of who we are.

Blessed is Adonai, our God, Ruler of the world, wow!
Shalom – peace and wholeness in our lives,

With love,
Sally Huebscher

To Our Sisters, with Love

Mazel Tov Mazel Tov to:

Eileen Asarkof, on celebrating the bat mitzvah of her granddaughter, Abigail Rose Jacobs

Bonnie Cohen, on the marriage of her daughter, Deborah, to Nicholas Russell

Dolly Sadow, on her appointment to the American Psychological Society's Committee on Socioeconomic Status (CSES)

Marsha Byrnes, on the birth of her grandson, George Robert Byrnes

Connie Noble, on the engagement of her son, Joshua Noble, to Kaylan Tavenner

Evelyn Margot-Peterman, on the birth of twins, Sylvia and Wyatt

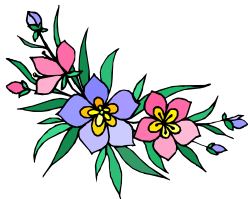


Condolences to:

Pamela Hoffman, on the death of her grandniece, Aiyana Ferrington.

Martha Lufkin, on the death of her mother, Sareen Gerson

Serena Crystal, on the death of her father, Albert Heller



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

Sisterhood Shabbat Service Friday, March 27, 8 pm



Join us at this special service celebrating our Sisterhood. Count yourself in -- there is plenty of opportunity for all of our Sisters to **participate, whether it's helping to plan the service, participating in the service, or helping with the oneg.** If you would like to be involved in this special

service, please fill out the questionnaire at <http://goo.gl/forms/T7qOM1G8oa>. Contact Gail Maurer (617-448-6264 or jamgam1@aol.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing many of our Sisters at this service as we lend our voices in celebration.

Judaica Shop

Make Your Seder Table Beautiful

The first night of Passover is Friday, April 3. Do you have everything you need for your table? 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 Matzoh plate, a Matzoh cover with special room for the Afikomen. There are so many things at the Judaica shop to have at your table.

April is also when we celebrate the memorial days Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron and Independence day, Yom HaAtzma'ut.

The Judaica shop has beautiful yahrzeit candle holders, wax yahrzeit candles, electric memorial lights and electric yahrzeit candles. It also has beautiful plates upon which delicious

goodies can be placed to celebrate the Independence of Israel.

The Judaica Shop is only open when the school is in session: on Wednesdays, during early session, and both sessions on Sundays.

The Judaica shop will be closed during the break in April from the 19th to the 26th. We are happy to accommodate shopping by appointment whenever possible. Please 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.

Opportunities for Tzedakah

The Basket

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

Bima & Oneg Flowers

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

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

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

Sisterhood Circles



Are you interested in board games? Books? Walking? Special needs? Yiddish? Meeting young **Sisterhood members?** “Circles” provide us with opportunities to connect with other Sisterhood members while doing activities that **we enjoy.** Here’s what’s happening and how to participate:

EVENING BOOK GROUP
Mondays monthly; coffee 7:30 pm , discussion 8-9:30 pm
Next meeting is March 23 to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See*, named one of the 10 best books of 2014 by the New York Times. The author is British writer Anthony Doerr. We’ll be meeting at the home of Judy Palmer. Open to all Sisterhood



members. Please see separate article for details and the complete spring schedule.

Coordinator: Carol

Sacerdote, carolsac@rcn.com or 781-861-7298.

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP
Mondays monthly; 10:00 am to noon

All are welcome. We choose our books and meeting times as we go along. RSVP and 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 half of games. We play



Taboo, Scattergories, Trivial Pursuit, Apples to Apples, Encore, Celebrity, Set, Speed

Scrabble, 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 be on the email list.

CARING FOR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS
Meeting times to be determined according to the interests of the group

We are mothers, wives, grandmoms, sisters, aunts...who share different but similar experiences. In various ways, we support a family member who may live or not live in the home. In our roles as parents and/or caretakers, we come together in a relaxed setting to share resources, stories, tears, and laughs. The loved ones we care for have an array of individual special needs. Karen Arbetter, karbetter@aol.com or 781-861-1539.

MOVIES

We 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. Contact Karen Funkenstein, 617-484-0024 or

kfunkenstein@gmail.com for more info. Come join us if you have seen the movie or not; it is a friendly group.

BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED BEGINNERS MAH JONGG

Interested in learning to play mahjongg? Know the basics but would like to learn more and play regularly? We have options for this circle, depending on what the interest level is. We can do a new beginners class, meeting for 3 consecutive weeks to learn the basics and then continuing to practice together for as long as



desired. We can also do a review class and then organize a regular game of those interested. To participate, or if you have other mah jongg related ideas or questions, contact Randi Levine at rkleinlevine@alumni.tufts.edu or 781-863-5906.

DROP-IN MAH JONGG FOR EXPERIENCED PLAYERS
Meets Wednesdays or Thursdays at approximately 11 am at Temple Isaiah. This is a NEW circle spearheaded by Karen Freidberg, who is coordinating. Please let



Karen know if you plan to drop in. This is a friendly, non-betting game. All Sisterhood players are welcome. Contact Karen

Freidberg at 617-489-0565 or kfreidberg@verizon.net.

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. We usually meet the third Thursday of the month but anyone interested should contact Eilly Edelstein, elly12@verizon.net or 781-275-3243.

DOG WALKING – CONTACT PERSON NEEDED

Looking for a contact person for a dog walking circle: exercising you and your dog for one hour, weekly, starting across the street from the Temple. Time to be determined. Contact Linda Stimson at 781-275-4397 or lindastimson@usa.net.





Sisterhood Calendar Spring 2015

March

- 1 Purim Bag Delivery Day
- 5 **Clergy's Class 9:30 am-11 am**
- 5 Sisterhood Esther/Vashti Purim Party 7 pm
Explore Mixology with Esther and Vashti from
Margaritas to Mint Juleps while wearing a crown
- 11 Social Action Meeting 7 pm
- 12 **Clergy's Class 9:30 am-11 am**
- 13 Wellness Series 2—*The Healing Power of Music*
7 pm @ Temple Isaiah
- 15 YUD planning/review meeting, during first school
session @ Temple Isaiah
- 17 *Lilith* Salon 7 pm
- 19 **Clergy's Class 9:30 am-11 am**
- 19 Wellness Session 2—Snow date
- 23 Book Group: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony
Doerr @ home of Judy Palmer 7:30 pm
- 25 **Rosh Chodesh Nissan 7:30 pm @ Ruth Budd's**
- 26 **Clergy's Class 9:30 am-11 am**
- 27 Sisterhood Shabbat Service 8 pm
- 29 **Sisterhood Women's Passover Seder 3 pm**

April

- 1 Social Action Meeting 7 pm
- 9 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 pm
- 15 Rosh Chodesh Iyar 7:30 pm @ location TBD
- 16 Wellness Session 3-*The Healing Power of Living Your
Dreams* 7 pm @ Temple Isaiah
- 26 Social Action Committee Hunger Event 10 am
- 27 Book Group: *Americanah* by
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie @ home of
Sue Tafler 7:30 pm

May

- 6 Social Action Meeting 7 pm
- 7 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7 pm
- 20 **Rosh Chodesh Sivan 7:30 pm @ Pam Awrach's**
- 26 Book Group: *Margaret Fuller* by Megan Marshall @
home of Emmy Suhl 7:30 pm
- 31 Sisterhood Legacy Fund Lunch Honoring Sally
Huebscher 11 am @ Temple Isaiah

June

- 3 Social Action Meeting 7 pm
- 4 Sisterhood Pot Luck Supper + Tzedakah 6:30 pm
- 15 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 7:30 pm @ location TBD
- 15 Monday Book Group Potluck & Book Selection 6 pm
@ **Barbara McIntosh's home**
- 19 Installation of co-Presidents Judi Brosnan and
Karen Schorfheide-Ray and their Sisterhood Board
8 pm

July

- 25 YUD Lozilu Mud Run—Team MISSY
- 27 Monday Evening Book Group, book and location tbd

August

- 24 Monday Evening Book Group, book and location tbd

Sisterhood Circles (continued)



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THE YUD

The Yud is a circle of women in their 30s and 40s. Over the past year, we gathered for a "Vodka and Latkes" Hanukah party, a Tu B'Shevat brunch, and a wine and cheese Shavuot celebration, with a few hikes and happy hours sprinkled in between. For more information, please email Dana Hagenbuch at yud@templeisaiah.net or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/theyud.

WALKING GROUP

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.** Please contact Carol Sacerdote to be on the email list, or to be matched with other walkers at carolsac@rcn.com or 781-861-7298.



GOURMET

Cook great meals together. Those interested will give Sally input as to how they would like the group to be formed. For further information please contact Sally Huebscher, sally.huebscher@me.com or 781-863-8159.



FORM A NEW GROUP

If you have a new idea that isn't listed here, and you'd like to put together a new circle, please contact Linda Stimson, lindastimson@usa.net or call 781-275-4397.

Thank You

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Gini Shevrin, Editor

Do you have an upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Or are you planning a wedding?
Do you want to announce a birth?
Or invite people to a special party? Are you in the market for personal note cards?

We would love the opportunity to serve you!
Please contact Karen Zallen, our Stationery and Invitation Chair, at
karenzallen@rcn.com or 781-863-1702
to make an appointment for your simcha invitation or holiday gift stationery.
With our wide selection of stationery books, we have beautiful offerings to suit just about any taste and budget.
All profits support Sisterhood's annual contributions to our Temple and community.

Get Muddy With YUD

On July 25, 2015, join in the muddy fun as YUD participates in the Lozilu Fun Mud Run! Join Team MISSY (Muddy Isaiah SiSterhood Yud)! Look for details in future e-blasts. Details also at <http://lozilu.com/newengland/> Team MISSY will be formed later in the spring.

SAVE THE DATE Sisterhood Seder

Sunday, March 29, 3 pm
RSVP or sign up to help at

<http://goo.gl/forms/HgaoRhGR1m>

Contact Gail Maurer for more information
(jamgam1@aol.com or 617-448-6264).

Find us on Social Networks!

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

Follow us on Twitter—@TI_Sisterhood

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

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 button that allows you join our email list (this does not register you as a member, but you will receive our emails), and a link just below that to register for membership, if you haven't already. Count Yourself In!



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SAVE THE DATE!

**Sisterhood Legacy Fund
“Memphis-style” Lunch**
in honor of
Sally Huebscher

It's Southern
BBQ
Time!

When: Sunday, May 31
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Temple Isaiah
(Psst...stay tuned! More to follow.)