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# VOICE of Sisterhood

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## JUDAICA SHOP CHANUKAH MARKET PLACE

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**Sunday, December 14**

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The first night of Chanukah is Sunday, December 21st.

Volunteers are needed to work at this event and also during the week.

Contact Joy Bearman, 682-4103, or [jmb82536@aol.com](mailto:jmb82536@aol.com).

WRJ-Women of Reform Judaism and MRJ-Brotherhood  
 invite you to

## Celebrate a Special Shabbat during CHANUKAH at a Congregational Dinner

**Friday, December 26**

**Immediately following the 6:15 pm Shabbat Service**

**DINNER:** Adults \$12.50; Children, \$6.00 (10 and under)  
 (brisket, latkes, and trimmings)

*For everyone of all ages in our congregational family!*

***Bring your family menorah!***



**Please make your reservation online at [www.timemphis.org](http://www.timemphis.org)**

If you prefer, you may make your reservations by check by Friday, December 19. Send to WRJ-Chanukah Dinner, Temple Israel, 1376 East Massey Road, Memphis, TN 38120-3299. Please give us the names of everyone attending and include any seating requests.

For more information, call the WRJ Hotline, 937-2790.

**SISTERHOOD IS THE "IN" PLACE TO BE!**

## Message from our 44th WRJ President

What a great start WRJ Sisterhood has had for the 2008-2009 year! Our membership is growing, our bulbs will be blooming soon, and our members are very busy with different projects. Please join the fun! We have our Game Night, Book Clubs, Chanukah Market Place, Mother Bear, Wednesday Minyan, Estival Communities cooking, Shabbat Chanukah Dinner, sponsored by WRJ and MRJ on Friday, December 26, and many others.

Watch for more exciting events to be added to the calendar. We would love to have you all be a part of the team. Remember, "WRJ Sisterhood is the place to be!"

Wishing you and your family a great holiday season.



## WRJ Shabbat Minyan & Kiddush Luncheon Saturday, January 10, 10:00 am Danziger Chapel

Celebrate Shabbat with a morning service led by The Women of Reform Judaism members. Following the service everyone is invited to a special kiddush luncheon sponsored by WRJ.

On **Sunday, January 25, at 9:30 am** there will be a **Shabbat Service Writing Workshop**, led by Sharon Berman. At this time, the Shabbat Minyan Service will be written for the next WRJ Shabbat on **Saturday, March 14th**.

To take part in this creative service and for more information contact Sharon, 291-8878, or [berman.sharon@yahoo.com](mailto:berman.sharon@yahoo.com).

## Women's Weekly Minyan Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm

The Women's Minyan invites all women to participate in an educational adventure through the "Old Testament."

Marcia Levy facilitates this program recorded by Professor Dr. Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University. DVDs will be shown weekly followed by discussion periods.

Contact Marion Bessoff, at 756-0783, for additional information.

## Women's Rosh Chodesh Celebration Thursday, November 20, 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Rosh Chodesh celebration will take place at the home of Sally Rosenberg, 6729 Corsica Drive, Memphis, 38120. Questions? Call Sally at 753-5168 or Sharon Berman at 291-8878. Mark your 2009 calendar for: January 29, February 26, and March 26.

## Cooking for Estival Communities

**Wednesday, December 17, 7:00-8:00 pm, in the Temple kitchen**, prepare a light meal at this WRJ sponsored project for residents at Estival Communities, MIFA's transitional housing facility for homeless families. Call Jane Eckstein, 753-9565, or Linda Paddock, 861-5419, children ages 12 and older welcome.

## WRJ Book Club

The book club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2:15 pm at Temple Israel. Our next meeting is **December 10, at 2:15 pm**. The December book is *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Moshin Hamid and January 14 is *Dream Street* by Dana Sachs.

## WRJ PAST PRESIDENTS

1907-13	Daisy Wolff*
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1933-35	Irene Cohen*
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1947-49	Gertrude Delugach*
1949-51	Dorothy Davis*
1951-53	Rana Goodman*
1953-54	Ide Perlberg*
1954-56	Dorothy Klein*
1956-58	Adalin Barnett*
1958-60	Betty Dlugach*
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1964-66	Jocelyn Rudner
1966-68	Shirley Feibelman
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1974-76	LaVerne Siegel*
1976-78	Shelly Pierce
1978-80	Mary Bronstein
1980-82	Leona Rosen*
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1984-86	Lyn Yukon
1986-88	Pat Burnham
1988-90	Erma Cohen
1990-92	Joy Bearman
1992-94	Susan Levit Plough
1994-96	Barbara Ostrow
1996-98	Judy Bearman
1998-00	Jane Eckstein
2000-02	Eileen Wishnia
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2006-08	Sheryl Gorden (* of Blessed Memory)

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(from 8/1/08 thru 11/12/08)

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An acknowledgment will be sent to the recipient. Please mail your donations **directly** to the chairs listed in the shaded box below. **Minimum donation \$10 per name**

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Every **Thursday at 1:30 pm** you can find many very committed women who meet weekly to show off their newly crafted bears for the Mother Bear Project.

Most recently they have been busy creating specialty bears that were sold at the TIPPS Holiday Bazaar and will be sold at the ANNUAL CHANUKAH MARKET PLACE on December 14th.

The proceeds from the sale of these bears will be used to offset the cost of sending bears to the National Mother Bear Project for children in Africa.

In addition, these WRJ volunteers are knitting for MIFA. The Love Caps Program provides caps, lap robes, and other warm winter clothing for our neighbors in need. Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, it has distributed over 59,000 caps through MIFA programs and other area agencies.

If you can't come on Thursdays, please help us by knitting caps for MIFA and dropping them at the welcome desk at Temple. I have patterns, or you can make your own. If you have any questions, please call me at 237-2633 or email me at [jjb8126@aol.com](mailto:jjb8126@aol.com).

--Jenny Baer, Chair



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Note: The calendar is subject to change-watch your mail, email, WRJ bulletin and website: [www.tisisterhood.org](http://www.tisisterhood.org), Temple Voice and Temple website: [www.timemphis.org](http://www.timemphis.org).

- Dec 10 Executive Committee/Board Mtg, 5:30 pm
- Dec 14 Judaica Shop Chanukah Market Place, 9:00 am-1:00 pm  
(setup Dec. 13, 2:00 pm)
- Dec 14 Religious School Latkes, 9:15 am
- Dec 26 Chanukah Shabbat Dinner with Brotherhood, following 6:15 pm  
Shabbat Service
- Jan 10 WRJ Shabbat Minyan Service/Kiddush Lunch, 10:00 am
- Jan 14 Executive Committee Mtg, 5:30 pm
- Jan 25 Shabbat Service Writing Workshop, 9:30 am
- Feb 11 Executive Committee/Board Mtg, 5:30 pm
- Feb 21 Havdalah program, Artist in Residence
- Mar 11 Executive Committee Mtg, 5:30 pm
- Mar 14 WRJ Shabbat Minyan Service/Kiddush Lunch, 10:00 am
- Mar 16 Women's Seder
- Mar 17-18, 24-25, 31, Apr 1 Passover Seder Cooking
- Mar 31-Apr 1 Holland Bulb Mailing
- Apr 5 Religious School Model Seder
- Apr 7 Passover table setting
- Apr 9 WRJ Congregational Passover Seder, 6:00 pm
- Apr 15 Executive Committee/Board Mtg, 5:30 pm
- May 13 Executive Committee Mtg, 5:30 pm
- June Adopt-a-School (dates to be announced)

**Call the WRJ Hotline for reservations and questions, 937-2790**

**Send a Mazel Tov!  
 Consecration is  
 December 5th**

Congratulate and honor one or more of the children in the class (see list in No. 4 of the Temple Voice) by sending a Consecration Card from the Women of Reform Judaism. Your contribution will also benefit our Early Learning Center, the Religious School, and a local children's fund.

**Fill out the form you received in the mail, send it back with your check, and we will do the rest!**

Questions? Contact  
 Nancy Sissman, 274-0167,  
 or [sissmannj@aol.com](mailto:sissmannj@aol.com).



**Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
 Y.E.S. Fund Cards**

The list for the first half of this year's class has been mailed to you, giving you the opportunity to honor the Bar and Bat Mitzvah students on their special day with a Y.E.S. Fund Mazel Tov or Golden Gram card. If you need another copy of the list, please contact Nancy Sissman.