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Women of Reform Judaism
Temple Israel Sisterhood
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Make plans NOW for THE 26TH ANNUAL TEMPLE ISRAEL PASSOVER SEDER

Sponsored by Women of Reform Judaism-Temple Israel Sisterhood

Sunday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.

Ettelson-Wax Hall

Have your home seder the first night...and share the second night with your congregational family!

✧ Temple members and their families: Adults \$30 — Children \$15 (10 and under)

✧ Non-Temple members: Adults \$36 — Children \$18 (10 and under)

✧ *Prices include a donation to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger*

Reservations will be accepted by mail with your check included.

Reservation deadline is **Thursday, April 10**. To mail your reservations, send check to:
WRJ-Passover Seder, Temple Israel, 1376 East Massey Road, Memphis, TN 38120-3299.

Please give the names of everyone attending (note number of children) and include any special seating requests
(maximum 8 per table)

*To charge your reservation on Visa or MasterCard, call the WRJ Hotline, 937-2790,
and leave your name and phone number. We will call you back to get your information.*

You are invited to a cocktail buffet to celebrate...

CIRCLE OF SERVICE MEMBERS

Sunday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.

at the home of Nancy & Richard Robinson

Please call Diane Halperin, 682-2812, to make your reservation.

When you join Circle of Service you make an annual contribution to the Y.E.S. Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) which provides scholarships to rabbinical students, funds the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), and educates Jews around the world.

For today...CIRCLE OF SERVICE...*Repairing the world today - The Y.E.S. Fund of Today*

Your donation to Circle of Service links you to the worldwide network of Reform Jews.

For tomorrow...LIFELINE (not Lifetime)...*Ensuring the Future - The Y.E.S. Fund of Tomorrow*

Lifeline contributions become part of an endowment, the annual interest of which supports the Y.E.S. Fund.

Message from our 43rd WRJ President



As my two-year term as president of Women of Reform Judaism at Temple Israel nears its end, I have so much still to look forward to and also much to reflect upon. Coming up, we still have the fun, camaraderie, and hard work of cooking for and putting on one of our biggest yearly projects - the Congregational Passover Seder. Also, we look forward to seeing many of you at the Circle of Service reception at the home of Nancy Robinson on Sunday evening, April 13th at 6:30. Brenda Gordon and Diane Halperin are chairing this elegant event with Nancy.

In reflecting on the past two years, I am proud to remember our celebration of WRJ- Sisterhood's 100 years of service to Temple Israel, as well as our recent tribute celebration of Past WRJ President, Erma Cohen. Our members enjoyed themselves so much at these events that many stayed after the parties were over to talk, visit, and make stronger connections with each other.

In the past two years, we gave \$75,000 to Temple to complete our pledge of a quarter of a million dollars to the Gift for Generations campaign; gave scholarships to Jacobs Camp; made a \$10,000 donation to WRJ National - The Torah, A Woman's Commentary; supported the Hillel House on the campus of U of M; prepared meals monthly for Estival Communities; sent over 1,000 bears from the Mother Bear Project to Africa; beautified our community with the Holland Bulb Project; bought a new laminator machine for Temple; and supported our own Religious School and our Early Learning Center. In the last two weeks, WRJ-Sisterhood has spent nearly \$10,000 to replace the Risograph machine in Temple's mailroom and \$16,000 to replace the thirty year old dishwasher in the Temple kitchen. We are very proud to accomplish all of these things.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our Executive Committee, headed by Executive Vice President, Jo Ann Fusco, Vice Presidents Sue Pfeffer, Debbie Kriger, and Julie Boshwit, as well as everyone else on the Executive Committee. I am sure they would agree that without the hard work of all of our chairs and their committees, we would not have been able to accomplish so much. Thank you all - our Executive Committee, our WRJ Board, and a huge thanks to all of you who joined WRJ, *nearly 700 of you*. You made these mitzvot happen.

I hope that WRJ will continue to grow in membership, new ideas, and dedication to the Temple, while serving all ages and the different needs they have. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as WRJ President; it has been a very fulfilling experience!

Sheryl G. Gordon

The Holland Bulb Project



Watch your mail for the **bright yellow envelope** that will be mailed to you the week of April 7th. This year's selections of Holland Bulbs are outstanding. Contact your salesperson to place your orders. Remember, if your yard is full or if you are not into planting, you can donate bulbs to the Temple Israel grounds, Daffodil Hill, Temple Israel Cemetery, The Cancer Survivor Park, Memphis Jewish Home, or Plough Towers. Bulbs make great housewarming, birthday, and anniversary gifts. We will be happy to gift wrap and mail (for a small fee) with a card from you. Delivery is also available for a small fee.

For additional information, or if you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Joy Bearman, 682-4103, or jmb82536@aol.com.

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**Goldengrams \$6.00 and Mazel Tov
Cards \$4.00** - Send your checks to WRJ at
Temple, we will do the rest!

Letters are sent to you twice a year with
the names of those having Bar/Bat
Mitzvah celebrations during that time.

The children receive the cards the week
before their special event. We have mailed
you the list of the names of the second
half of the class of 5768 (2008).

If you need another copy or have a
question, please call Nancy Sissman, 274-
0167 or email her at sissmannj@aol.com.

***Watch for the Confirmation and
Graduation class mailings, coming soon!***

MOTHER BEAR PROJECT

We have already sent over 1000 bears!

Knitters meet every Thursday at 1:30 p.m.
at Temple to knit bears, providing comfort and
hope to children, primarily those affected by
HIV/AIDS in emerging nations.

We help each other knit, sew on
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Come and join the fun and the
camaraderie. Call Jenny Baer for
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shopping time, 937-2768.

Remember to utilize our Bridal
and Gift Registry for upcoming
events.

**Save these Dates
for WRJ!**

Ongoing programs at Temple Israel:

Mother Bear Project -Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.

Book Group- 2nd Wednesday, 2:15 p.m.

Estival Communities Cooking-
3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

April 2 Executive Committee Meeting
April 1,2,8, 9, 15,16 - Passover Cooking

Call JoAnne Fusco if you want to help!

April 13 Model Seder-Religious School

April 13 Circle of Service

April 18 Table setting for Seder

April 20 WRJ Congregational Seder

May 2 Executive Committee/Board
Meeting

May 22 Installation of New Officers

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