



# VOICE of Sisterhood

Women of Reform Judaism  
Temple Israel Sisterhood  
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## INSTALLATION AND NOMINATIONS-2008-2010

On Wednesday, April 2, 2008, Eileen Wishnia and Bonnie Cooper, Nominating Committee chairs, presented the recommendation from the Nominating Committee of the slate for 2008-2010 to the Executive Committee. The slate was approved by the Executive Committee and will be presented to the WRJ Board for approval at the meeting on Wednesday, May 7.

**The approved slate for nominations is as follows:**

- President Jo Anne Fusco
- Executive Vice President Sue Pfeffer
- Vice President Julie Boshwit
- Vice President Sharon Berman
- Vice President Phyllis Niegelberg
- Treasurer Meryl Rosen (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Financial Secretary Vicki Lazarus (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Corresponding Secretary Wendy Browning
- Recording Secretary Elaine Kaufman
- Directors Terri Burson
- Debbie Jackson
- Gina Jolly
- Toba Kornberg
- Debbie Kriger
- Lorraine Steinberg

## INSTALLATION DINNER

Thursday, May 22

6:00 p.m.

Ettelson-Wax Hall

The WRJ Installation and Dinner will be a wonderful catered dinner to honor Sheryl Gorden and her outgoing board on a great two years and to elect and welcome Jo Anne Fusco and her new executive committee and board.

**Dinner:**

- \$15 for WRJ-Sisterhood members and guests.
- \$18.00 for non-members.

Your check is your reservation by **Monday, May 12**. Please mail to WRJ Installation Dinner, 1376 East Massey Road, Memphis, TN 38120-3299. Indicate any seating preferences you may have.



### *Honor the special women in your life on Mother's Day:*

Mother, daughter, granddaughter, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister, niece, cousin, friend, etc., with a gift of pink tulips to the **Cancer Survivor Park** in Audubon Park. **Don't miss this opportunity to honor a special person (or occasion or memorialize a loved one.)**

Minimum donation \$18.00. Make check payable to WRJ-Holland Bulbs and send to Diane Halperin, 1370 W. Massey Rd. Memphis, TN 38120-3234. **We will send a special tribute card; just give us the details below:**

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## Message from our 43rd WRJ President



Although I said my goodbyes in the last Voice of Sisterhood (which I thought was going to be my last as President,) many great things continue to happen that need a thank you!

Thank you to all 51 of you that cooked, set tables, and served making the 26th annual Passover Congregational Seder another huge success.

Also, many thanks to Rachael Kannady, chair of the WRJ Religious School committee, who pulled together the Model Seder for all 250 religious school children.

I would also like to thank Nancy Robinson, Diane Halperin and Brenda Gordon for chairing a beautiful Circle of Service event in April. We raised over \$2000.00 for the Y.E.S. Fund. We have three Circle of Service members who have begun their Lifeline: Julie Boshwit, Sue Pfeffer and Meryl Rosen. Jo Anne Fusco also made a Lifeline commitment at the WRJ Biennial.

WRJ congratulates the Barbara K. Lipman Early Learning Center for earning their NAEYC accreditation. We are pleased to be able to present them with a new 4 seater baby carriage.

Vice-President Julie Boshwit and her chairs, Toba Kornberg and Jeanne Alpert, will have one last large special oneg in honor of the installation of the new Temple President, Billy Orgel, and his Board of Trustees on Friday, May 16.

Once again NONE of these events would happen without the hard work of our entire executive committee, committee chair women and all of you who volunteer your time and efforts.

I hope to see you Thursday evening, May 22, at the installation of our incoming President Jo Anne Fusco! Thank you again for allowing me to serve as WRJ President.

*Jo Anne Fusco*

### Remember to honor the Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, and Graduation Class of 5768 with Y.E.S. Fund Cards

**Goldengram** (\$6.00 each), a **Mazel Tov** card (\$4.00), or a **Confirmation Card** (\$5.00 each), send your checks to WRJ at Temple, and we will do the rest!

Bar/Bat Mitzvah 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).

**The Confirmation and Graduation class mailings have been mailed to you. Graduation is May 2 and Confirmation is May 9.**

If you need another copy of any of these lists or have a question, please call Nancy Sissman, 274-0167 or email her at [sissmannj@aol.com](mailto:sissmannj@aol.com).

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## SISTERHOOD JUDAICA GIFT SHOP

Remember to utilize our Bridal and Gift Registry for upcoming events. New merchandise is received often. Check out our gifts for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, and Graduation, as well as for special birthdays, new baby, new home, anniversary, and Mother's Day.

Contact Bonnie Cooper or Debbie Whitelaw if you have any special requests, 937-2782.

### Ongoing programs at Temple Israel:

**Mother Bear Project and MIFA Love caps** -Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.

**Book Group** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 2:15 p.m.

**Estival Communities Cooking** -  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

## WRJ PAST PRESIDENTS

1907-13 ..... Daisy Wolff \*  
1913-17 ..... Mattie Rosenfield\*  
1917-21 ..... Mrs. Harry Lewis\*  
1921-25 ..... Hortense Jacobs\*  
1925-29 ..... Effie Greener\*  
1929-33 ..... Hattie Block\*  
1933-35 ..... Irene Cohen\*  
1935-39 ..... Nell Ettelson\*  
1939-41 ..... Ray Gattman\*  
1941-42 ..... Hermoise Roth\*  
1942-43 ..... Hazel Summerfield\*  
1943-47 ..... Mildred Haas\*  
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\*  
1960-62 ..... Jane Harmel\*  
1962-64 ..... Edith Reiter  
1964-66 ..... Jocelyn Rudner  
1966-68 ..... Shirley Feibelman  
1968-70 ..... Gerry Haspel  
1970-72 ..... Mary Love Kasselberg\*  
1972-74 ..... Lynn Kline  
1974-76 ..... LaVerne Siegel\*  
1976-78 ..... Shelly Pierce  
1978-80 ..... Mary Bronstein  
1980-82 ..... Leona Rosen\*  
1982-84 ..... Judy Royal  
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  
1998-2000 ..... Jane Eckstein  
2000-02 ..... Eileen Wishnia  
2002-04 ..... Bonnie Cooper  
2004-06 ..... Debbie Ognibene

(\* of Blessed Memory)

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## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:

*Want to get involved? Want to meet new people?*

*Make new friends?*

*Want to do something for WRJ, our Temple,  
and our community?*

Jo Anne Fusco and her new Vice Presidents will soon be assembling their chairs and committees. Please contact her at fuscojo@aol.com or 680-0579 with your interests.

Support the WRJ Funds by sending in a donation

Please make check payable to: **WRJ-Temple Israel Sisterhood**. An acknowledgment will be sent to the recipient. Please mail your donations *directly* to the chairwomen listed below. **Minimum donation \$10 per name.**

**BEULAH R VOSSE LIBRARY**

*Hermine Davidson*

5320 Brenton Ave., Memphis, TN 38120

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*Charlotte Straitman*

8674 Forest Breeze Dr., Cordova, TN 38018

**REMEMBRANCE GARDEN & BEAUTIFICATION**

*Alice Ahart*

7954 Macon Rd., Cordova, TN 38018

## 1000 BEARS KNITTED!

In just two years, the WRJ-Sisterhood of Temple Israel has knitted over 1000 bears which have been sent to children in Africa who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. The Mother Bear Project is dedicated to providing comfort and hope to children in emerging nations by giving them a gift of love in the form of a hand-knit or crocheted bear.



The simple gift of a hand-knit bear with a tag signed by the knitter has touched children with the message that they are loved unconditionally. The national Mother Bear Project has knitted over 27,300 bears. The bears have been sent to South Africa, Zambia, Swaziland, Lesotho, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Burundi, Malawi, Botswana, Rwanda, Uganda, Amibia, Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti. You can help by knitting bears, sponsoring bears, giving monetary donations, or donating needed items.

The group meets **every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. to knit at Temple**. We are always looking for new participants. If you have any questions, please call Jenny Baer at 754-8126 or email her at jjb8126@aol.com

## Knitters take on a local project for MIFA

The WRJ volunteers get together for this combined program for knitters and crocheters. 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.



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*Volunteers needed!*



WRJ-Sisterhood  
**Adopt-a-School Program**  
**Volunteers needed!**

Wednesday, June 11, 18, and 25  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Do you have a few hours free on Wednesday mornings in June?  
Join us this summer...for a very rewarding experience.

WRJ provides three fun-filled activities for visually limited children from the  
Colonial School Vision Camp. Choose as many dates as you can:

- June 11 - Children's Museum
- June 18 - Bowling at Cordova Lanes
- June 25 - Roller skating at Cordova Skating

Practice the mitzvah of *gemilut chasadim*. This is a great opportunity for your kids to get their credit for  
service hours. Contact Debbie Jackson, 757-5271, or Phyllis Niegelberg, 758-0427, to sign up.