



Temple Israel Sisterhood, Memphis, is proud to be one of the founding Sisterhoods of the Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, known as Women of Reform Judaism.

Our own Sisterhood celebrates 100+ years of service, love, and dedication to our Temple and our Congregation. WRJ has grown from a nucleus of 52 Synagogue Women's groups with some 5000 members to a renowned and respected international network of 65,000 women in 500 local Sisterhoods in the United States and Canada, as well as 15 overseas nations.

Our "collective voice," our strength, lies in our community - all 500 sisterhoods and 65,000 women coming together to make the world a better place, to effect change, and to make sure our voices are heard. This was the intention of our foremothers, who knew the power of having a collective voice, and it is still the reality today. We are able to meet with the President of the US, the Prime Minister of Israel, and have a seat at the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. We need to make our members and other congregants aware of the importance of our communal organization.

Find out more at www.womenofreformjudaism.org



WRJ is the women's affiliate of the Union for Reform Judaism, the central body of Reform Judaism in North America.

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Temple Israel Sisterhood
Women of Reform Judaism
Memphis, TN

You have been touched...

If you've enjoyed Purimspiel. . .

If you're part of the 20s and 30s group or a new Temple Member. . .

If you've attended the Congregational Chanukah Dinner, Passover Seder, or Break Fast. . .

If you have a child or grandchild in Preschool, Religious School, or College. . .

If you've enjoyed the beautiful Temple grounds, our Archives, or our Library. . .

If your child or grandchild has been a *bar/bat mitzvah*, confirmant, or Temple High School graduate, or gone on the New York or Washington trips. . .

If you have a loved one at the Memphis Jewish Home...

If you've seen photos of Congregational events on the Temple website or in the Voice. . .

If you have a child or grandchild who has attended Jacobs Camp. . .

If you've enjoyed special Oneg Shabbats or worshipped at a Sisterhood sponsored Shabbat . . .

Then you have been touched by WRJ-Temple Israel Sisterhood and just a few of the things that we do.

Please join us today and help us touch others.

Become a part of us as we continue to work for our Temple, our children, and our community.



What We Do...

Jewish Women, Jewish Friends

- ✧ Open, informal meetings
- ✧ Informative programs
- ✧ Leadership development opportunities
- ✧ Brunches, evening dinners, & programs
- ✧ Book clubs, game nights, & movies, and more
- ✧ Women's Seder, Minyan, & Rosh Chodesh
- ✧ Fund-raisers: Holland Bulbs & Judaica Shop

Tikkum Olam...Repairing the World

- ✧ Mitzvah Projects: Estival Communities, Manna House, Heifer International, Mother Bear/MIFA/West Clinic Knitting Projects, Colonial School Vision Camp, Cancer Survivor Park, Memphis Jewish Home Birthday Party, Hillel, Mid-South Food Bank, St. Jude Backpack Program
- ✧ Numerous charitable donations: Library Fund, Service to the Blind Fund, Temple Grounds and Beautification Fund

From Generation to Generation: Sisterhood Supports our Youth:

- ✧ Special projects for Barbara K. Lipman Early Learning Center, Wendy and Avron Fogelman Religious School, MeFTY (youth group), and the 20s and 30s Group (TI2139)
- ✧ High Holy Days child care; Making Bedtime Jewish
- ✧ URJ Jacobs Camp Camperships & contributions
- ✧ Gifts for bar & bat mitzvah, confirmation, graduation, and college students

Links to our Temple & Judaism

- ✧ Social & spiritual programs, Sisterhood Shabbats, Passover Seder, Chanukah Dinner, Break Fast, Special Oneg Shabbats, Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- ✧ Welcome gifts for new Temple members
- ✧ Temple Archives & Hillel
- ✧ Temple's Gift for Generations Campaign, Purimspiel, equipment for the current needs of Temple and special Rabbinic requests
- ✧ WRJ's Y.E.S. Fund and Circle of Service
- ✧ World Union for Progressive Judaism, Hebrew Union College, Jewish Braille Institute, MAZON: The Jewish Response to Hunger
- ✧ WRJ Women's Torah Commentary contribution



Sue Pfeffer

A message from our 45th President, Sue Pfeffer

I would like to invite you to join Women of Reform Judaism - Temple Israel Sisterhood. Our Sisterhood reflects the diversity of Temple Israel, with members of varied backgrounds, ages, and interests. It is an ideal setting to create new friendships while participating in study, advocacy, worship, and social events. Whether you would simply like to get to know some of the other women in the congregation better or would like to get more involved, there is always a place for you in Sisterhood.

Even if you cannot actively participate, your membership dues will help support WRJ's many important programs and projects. Won't you take a moment today to fill out the enclosed membership form and mail it in with your check?

We have many exciting programs planned this year for different interest groups, such as a program for empty nester moms, Women's Chocolate Seder, Game Night, Shabbaton, a movie and a ballet outing - see the enclosed Calendar. I hope you can join us for our opening meeting on September 21 with cookbook author and culinary expert Tina Wasserman. It will be a very exciting evening and is free to all paid-up members.

I would like to wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Shalom,
Sue Pfeffer



We Are Spiritual Sisters... Sisterhood members are:

- ✧ young women
- ✧ newlyweds
- ✧ young mothers
- ✧ mothers of bar/bat mitzvah age & college children
- ✧ full-time career women
- ✧ empty nesters
- ✧ retired seniors
- ✧ new to Memphis
- ✧ new to Judaism

She may be your neighbor, your mother, your daughter, your daughter-in-law, or the friendly "sister" you are about to meet. She is any woman who believes in Sisterhood and its goals.

Our membership is 500+ and continues to grow...we value all of our long time members and welcome all of the new members. WRJ-Sisterhood does wonderful things for our Temple, our children, and our community... get involved today...there is something for everyone!

Dues levels: (we encourage you to make an additional contribution above the *Mitzvah* level)

- ✧ \$40 - **Mitzvah** (Fulfillment-basic dues)
- ✧ \$41-\$75 - **Simcha** (Joy)
- ✧ \$76-\$149 - **Kavod** (Honor)
- ✧ \$150-\$299 - **Hesed** (Generosity)
- ✧ \$300 and above - **Eishet chayil** (Woman of Valor)

Sisterhood is like a bracelet, a cherished chain that links us one to another
- Without YOU -
We are one woman short!

The Mission of WRJ-Temple Israel Sisterhood
Women joining together to serve and support
our Temple, our community and
our worldwide organization.