

Temple Beth El Sisterhood

Sisterhood News – May 2023 Our programs and meetings are open to Temple members, family and friends. Please join us.

TBE Sisterhood's ANNUAL MEETING

Note time change! Sunday, May 21, 2023 2:00 pm , Garden Room

Celebrate our Sisterhood

Open to Temple members, family and friends Sisterhood Update Election & Installation Charcuterie & Wine Pairings Decorate Mini Flower Pots (aMingle & More Craft)

Please be our guest – No charge RSVP appreciated. Email gailfink49@gmail.com

Slate of Officers

The following slate of Officers and Board members will be presented at our Annual Meeting for election to a 2-year term, to begin July 1st.

President – Gail Finkelstein Vice President – Abbey Rasnick Vice President - Merle Markus Vice President - Judy Schulman Financial Secretary – *to be determined* Treasurer – Tammi Steinberg Members-at-Large – Lynda Axelrod, Susan Greenberg, Debbie Kummer, Judy Ressel, Lana Russ, Barbara Schron, Iris Stark-Mand, Cippy Teigman, Amy Wasserman, Susan Zauderer

Torah Fund Celebrating 80 Years

Every woman has the opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism through active giving to the <u>Torah Fund</u> <u>Campaign</u> of Women's League in support of the Jewish Theological Seminary (New York, NY), Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles, CA), Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem), Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano (Buenos Aires, Argentina), and Zacharias Frankel College (Potsdam, Germany).

The Torah Fund campaign began in 1942 as a scholarship fund. In 1963, it merged with the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall campaign that provided housing for undergraduate students. In time, the campaign identified needs and raised funds for specific building projects.

For the past several years, funds raised by Torah Fund have gone toward scholarships to all the schools, in addition to several building projects. Thousands have contributed to the spiritual, aesthetic and material well being of these educational communities by supporting Torah Fund projects.

To thank you for your generous donation of \$180, you will receive the annual Torah Fund Pin and selection of Torah Fund cards. Contact Abbey Rasnick or Merle Markus for details.



Interested in Mah Jongg Classes?

We're trying to set up classes for new players (6 weeks), and refresher classes for "rusty" players (3 weeks). Mondays 1-3 pm. Interested? Send you name, phone and email to Gail at gailfink49@gmail.com.



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Just Judaica Gift Shop

At Temple Beth El

The **Just Judaica Gift Shop** at Temple Beth El is the largest retail Judaica gift shop in western and central New York! We carry one-of-a-kind finds, like unique hand-made art, side-by-side with traditional items. Our selection of Tallit is remarkable. We buy from artists and manufacturers locally, in the US, Israel, and even South Africa. The Just Judaica Gift Shop is a true gem.

June is traditionally the wedding month, and Bat/Bar Mitzvah time is all year long. We have exquisite (yet cost-conscious) gifts , for example –

Gary Rosenthal metal & fused glass Judaic art, IconZ handmade metal collages from South Africa, Modern and traditional Judaica for the High Holidays, Chanukah and Passover.

Planning to order personalized **Kippot** for your event? Work with us, and pay below-internet prices. We work with Mazel Skullcap (<u>www.kippot.com</u>), a high-quality reliable vendor. Take a look at their selection online, then contact us. Swatches and samples are in the shop.

Need a **Ketubah** for an upcoming wedding? We work with Caspi (<u>www.caspicards.com</u>), a high-quality vendor, to get you below-internet prices. If the bride and groom love Caspi's designs, we can arrange for the ketubah to be written with their names and dates; no need for handwriting at the last minute. Non-personalized Ketubot are available for sale, and samples are available in the shop.

To discuss personalized items like kippot and ketubahs, please consider making an appointment.

Our next P.A.D. Party

- <mark>SAVETHEDATE</mark> Sunday, July 9, 2023

10 am in the Garden Room

Feminine hygiene products are being collected now, in the barrel outside the Chapel. Or, send dollars to TBE Sisterhood, and we will purchase items for you. Send your check to TBE Sisterhood, 139 Winton Road S, Rochester, NY 14610. Write "PAD Donation" in the memo line.

WLCJ Convention 2023

Women's League for Conservative Judaism July 16-19, 2023

Schaumberg, IL Attend in person or virtually Register at WLCJ.org

A few Program highlights: Judaica Fair Leadership Training Speakers: Chancellor Shuly Rubin Schwartz Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson Workshops: Women's reproductive rights Creating inclusive communities Israel affairs Jewels in the Crown Luncheon World Communities: We are All Connected The Gift of a Healthy Birth Torah Fund

Our Region and our Sisterhood both offer a small reimbursement to help cover the registration cost. Contact Gail for information – gailfink49@gmail.com.

Save the Date

Needy Ego Art Festival

Sunday, August 27, 2023 To exhibit or volunteer, email gailfink49@gmail.com



Just Judaica Gift Shop

The largest Judaica Gift Shop in Western New York Open Wed 3-5 pm, and by appointment. Call Lynda Axelrod 585-385-3563 or Iris Mand 585-739-2428.