



Temple B'nai Jeshurun
Sisterhood

The TBJ Sisterhood board invites you to join us in membership. Who are the women on the Board?

Presidential Team: Rebecca Shaffer

Immediate past presidents: Wendy Beckerman, Nancy Chavannes, and Jody Gast

Treasurer and gift shop: Nancy Chavannes

Secretary Team: Jody Gast and Jody Kolmen

Membership Team: Tyia Hahn and Marilyn Musser

IT/Communications Team: Lindsey Isker Pletcher

Monthly programs: Wendy Beckerman

Archives: Jody Kolmen

At large: Sally Frank and Muriel Sheppard

July is membership renewal month. Your financial support goes toward Women of Reform Judaism and the projects, programs, and events of the TBJ Sisterhood.

Women of Reform Judaism is our national organization. Get to know WRJ online at wrj.org/wrj-midwest-district. If you want to join Yammer, ask for an invitation to join by submitting your information to: wrjcentral.org/resources/yammer/. Supporting WRJ promotes sisterhood, spirituality, and social good, strengthening Reform Jewish women around the globe. WRJ is our partner in developing programming in support of women's engagement, hosting events and programs, and advocating for social justice.

WRJ Midwest is the district we belong to. It is a resource for idea sharing and problem solving. Our District sponsors Kallah - a weekend long retreat open to all members where we share ideas, celebrate Shabbat, attend educational workshops, and build friendships. WRJ Midwest also holds leadership conferences and area programs. Our Sisterhood can request speakers on a variety of topics. Get to know WRJ Midwest online at wrj.org/midwest

Temple B'nai Jeshurun Sisterhood is your essential connection to the women of TBJ. Our mission is to serve the women of the Temple, contribute to the Temple community, and provide a forum for enriching Reform Jewish life at home, at Temple, and in the greater Des Moines community. To that end we sponsor social, educational, and social action programs and events. In the past TBJ Sisterhood has sponsored: books for the Ashcroft Library 2 for 2 project; mats for the homeless; blankets for shelters; a Zoom program, "The Creation of Fiddler on the Roof;"; and tootles in to the DSM scene. Our current project is the ISU Legacy Lounge at MLK Jr. Elem. School. Ongoing sponsorships are: Rosh Chodesh Havdalah and Lilith Salons; Book Club; and we have an Arts and Crafts affinity group. As we venture out in to the world we will again host Hanukkah Happenings, volunteer for Planned Parenthood Book Sale, host a winter term dinner for Drake Hillel House, and sponsor Maj and More, Breakfast Club, and We Do Lunch,

Your dues are only part of joining TBJ Sisterhood. Joining in on programs, projects, and events is where you meet women of TBJ. Volunteering engages you with living life Jewishly. We have a ready-made slate for you to begin. We have a list of possibilities to inspire you. Perhaps you have your own ideas; bring them to the board!

There are many ways to support TBJ Sisterhood. Send in your dues, you will support WRJ and local programs, projects, and events! Come to programs, projects, and events, you will be welcome! Volunteer, you will have fun and be enriched! However you choose to participate, know that you are welcome as you are.

We would love to get to know you better!



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PROGRAMS PROJECTS EVENTS

IN DEVELOPMENT FOR THIS YEAR:

MLK Jr. Elementary School, ISU Legacy Lounge

We are co-sponsoring a teachers' lounge that promotes the "ISU 4U Promise," to kindergarten students who begin school at MLK Jr. elementary school and complete h.s. in the Des Moines Public school district. Meeting other metrics, each student receives 4 years at ISU tuition free. The lounge will be decorated with ISU colors, "ISU 4U," banners, literature, and serve as a place parents can also be reminded of the "Promise...." We are fund raising from the congregation for this project.

Word Mavens

With a bit of Yiddishkeit and a lot of laughs Ellen Scolnick and Joyce Eisenberg present an hour-long Zoom program about Jewish holidays, traditions, beloved foods, and uses and misuses of favorite Yiddish words. These ladies know the difference between kvelling and kvetching! Mark your calendar for October 17!

L'dor V'dor

The Sisterhood envisions a program with Drake Hillel that will engage young adults with Temple life and Temple members will have the opportunity to join students in Hillel programs and events. We wish to match members with students to host them at Shul and Shabbat - however we celebrate!

OVER THE YEARS OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

There will be many opportunities for you to be involved.

The Sisterhood has a list of programs, projects and events that may inspire you.

You may have your own ideas.

Choose how to be involved.

Find what intrigues you, discover a passion.

Pass it on to your team and share it with the Sisterhood!

Membership materials are available on the TBJ website, Sisterhood page.
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