

# SISTERHOOD

## NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE JOIN US!!!

**What:** Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner

**Why:** Celebrating Women's League Shabbat

**When:** Friday night, **January 18th** after services

**Cost:** \$18 per adult, \$10 for children ages 6 to 16.

Everyone is welcome but reservations are required!!! Let's enjoy Shabbat together.

Please contact Jackie at 528-7680 or the synagogue office by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

### UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

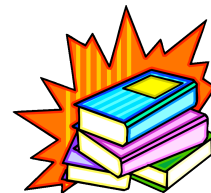
- ☆ Friday & Saturday 1/18 & 1/19 Sisterhood Shabbat
- ☆ Sunday 3/16 Mishloach Manot packing

### BOOK DISCUSSION

### MEETING RESCHEDULED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

8 PM



*Disobedience* by Naomi Alderman

Beautifully and intelligently written, *Disobedience* asks penetrating questions that will foster lively discussions among our Sisterhood members.

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Dear Sisterhood women

Welcome to 2008! Wow, how did that happen so fast? We have recently dedicated our new building renovations and hope for an upbeat era as we begin 2008. Our friends at Yorktown Jewish Center and Sisterhood all create a wonderful sense of warmth. We all need to reach out to each other now as we build on what we have created and show our enthusiasm for progress. **Women's League Shabbat weekend** will be January 18th and 19th. We will pray together as always and share in parts of the services. Please contact me at (914) 528-7680 soon if you are interested in taking part in the services either Friday or Saturday. We are planning to have a *Shabbat dinner* after services on Friday evening. We hope to be able to enjoy this Shabbat together. Reservations will be required for dinner; there will be a charge of \$18. per adult and \$10 for children age 6 - 16. Please make your reservation with the synagogue office or me by January 10th.

Sisterhood is an organization that can find a place for everyone. I am interested in hearing new ideas and welcoming new faces. Our nominating committee will begin working soon on new positions for the next term of offices. Please feel free to call me and talk about your interests and how we can help each other. We have many committees and programs that need volunteers and help. Please



consider calling and signing up to help in our many venues. Catering is on an upbeat trend with a lot of praise for what has been done. If you would like to join this committee, call me. There is something for everyone (Mishloach Manot, Onegs, Bingo kitchen, fundraisers, program planning etc.). Please call me and join the fun!!!

Shalom,  
Jackie



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**IHO'S**



**MARION REINHERTZ**

- ☆ Helen Weisberger, Happy birthday, January 14.
- ☆ Our darling granddaughter, Sara Jodi Reinhertz, 8<sup>th</sup> birthday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ☆ Our darling granddaughter, Ariana Felice Reinhertz, just because we love you.

**SISTERHOOD**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**2007 - 2008**

Knitters group every Monday at 9:30 am



January

- Thursday 1/10 Board meeting
- Wednesday 1/16 Book Discussion Meeting
- Fri. & Sat. 1/18 & 19  
Women's League Shabbat

February

- Thursday 2/7 Board meeting

March

- Thursday 3/13 Board meeting
- Sunday 3/16 Mishloach Manot packing

April

- Sunday 4/06 Torah Fund Brunch
- Thursday 4/10 Board meeting
- Sunday 4/20 Community Seder

May

- Thursday 5/8 Board meeting
- Sunday 5/18 General meeting

June

- Thursday 6/5 Installation
- Thursday 6/12 Board meeting

**CONDOLEEZZA RICE MEETS WITH JEWISH LEADERSHIP**

Condoleezza Rice reassured leaders of U.S. Jewish groups that the United States would leave Israeli-Palestinian negotiations to the parties.

The U.S. secretary of state met with a group of 18 leaders to address their concerns after the re-launch earlier this week of Israeli-Palestinian talks under U.S. auspices. A joint declaration issued at the outset of the talks made the United States sole arbiter of progress in the talks. For some Jewish leaders, this raised the specter of U.S. pressure on Israel.

Rice reassured the organizational leaders that the United States would let the parties take the lead. Participants said she also made clear that now was the most opportune time for Israel to strike a deal because President Bush was as pro-Israel as any president Israel could ever hope for.

Participants at the meeting included leadership from Women's League of Conservative Judaism, Religious Action Center (Reform Movement), The Orthodox Union, The Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Council for Public Affairs Washington Office, AIPAC, Hillel International, American Jewish Committee, United Jewish Communities, Republican Jewish Coalition, Council of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, Lubavitch, and Agudath Israel. -- *JTA, November 30, 2007*

*Ba'Olam, Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Dec.2007*



## JEWISH LIVING: BELIEVING IN PEACE

By Anne Lowy

I may be hopelessly idealistic but I believe Muslims and Jews will eventually find a way to bridge their differences and live in peace. That day may not be close but if we look hard enough at the past and the present, there is room for hope. Let's try to hold on to that hope.

For nearly 800 years, from 711 when Muslims invaded Spain, until 1492 when the last Muslim stronghold fell and all Muslims and Jews were expelled, Moorish Spain was a shining example of how Jews, Muslims and Christians could live in harmony. It wasn't a perfect society, but at its zenith there were Jewish scholars, doctors and viziers at the Muslim courts, and the flowering of Jewish intellectual life was almost unparalleled. I have seen the beautiful Moorish synagogues of Toledo; I am moved by the Hebrew poetry of the Jewish poets of Spain, including this famous poem by Judah Ha-Levi born in 1075:

"My heart is in the East, and I in the depths of the West.  
My food has no taste. How can it be sweet?  
...It will be nothing to me to leave all the goodness of Spain.  
So rich will it be to see the dust of the ruined sanctuary."

*(The Jewish Poets of Spain, p. 128)*

Of course this was a long time ago. What of the present? It's often difficult to find hope in our troubled times, but now and then I come across a story that sustains me.

Recently I read of a Jewish synagogue being built in Fayetteville, Arkansas thanks, in large part, to the generosity of the project contractor. Fadil Bayyari, a Muslim immigrant from

the West Bank, agreed to waive his regular contracting fee, saving Temple Shalom at least \$250,000.



Bayyari considers himself "a student of the similarities" between Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

"Abraham is our forefather," he said. "We're first cousins. How we got to hate each other is beyond me...*We are all children of God when you look at it.*"

The story of one man of peace may not go very far toward restoring our faith in humanity. Yet if we remember the Talmudic dictum, "He who saves one life saves the world," the altruistic act of one person doesn't seem so insignificant. I believe the time will come when we can look beyond our differences. We must believe; what is the alternative?

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**SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING**

*You shall call the Sabbath a delight. - Bible*



Jan 04.....4:21pm  
 Jan 11..... 4:28pm  
 Jan 18.....4:36pm  
 Jan 25.....4:44pm

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*The memories of all creatures are known to You. (High Holiday Mahzor)*

**MY MEMORY FAILS ME**

Things happened.

We both experienced them. You saw them your way-- colored by experiences in your past, or by resentment or impatience.

I saw them my way--colored by fear, by pride, by the fact that I am myself and not you.

So our memories of what happened were very different from the start. And then, before we knew it, memories hardened into myths and myths into dogma.

Now we find ourselves divided. We stare across the chasm, but we don't see each other.

Wife, Husband ♦ Child ♦ Parent ♦ Friend

Race ♦ Nation ♦ Religious Group

I'm tired of being alone on my side of the chasm. I'm using up so much energy fearing and resenting you. Sometimes I wish you and I could crack the dogma, peel away the mythology, and trade memories.

All I have is my perception. It's valid, it's precious, but it's fragmentary. Maybe I ought to try seeing as G-d sees, from all the angles.

What would it be like if we could see each other's pictures of the history we share? If we could see each other?

Housecleaning: Memory is selective, and I'm carrying around years of slanted, narrow memories. I can't see past them. It must be the same for you.

What we need here, you and I, is a little humility and a lot of house-cleaning.

What we need to do is let some of them go.

Trade a few. Listen.

Humility: to say, "Only G-d sees history whole and knows the whole truth."

Maybe, if I ask you how things look to you, between us we'll see something we never saw before.

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