



***THE MANY HATS OF  
SISTERHOOD***

***2011 - 2012***

***UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE  
SISTERHOOD***

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

**Welcome to the 2011-2012 year of University Synagogue Sisterhood!**

*The mission of University Synagogue Sisterhood is to bring women together for spiritual, social and intellectual growth and to serve, educate and enrich our Sisterhood, our synagogue and the greater community.*

Our theme for this year, "The Many Hats of Sisterhood", reflects our mission statement. We are devoted to our mission of supporting all facets of our synagogue. We create and participate in events that are designed to enhance our spiritual experience, to raise funds, to educate, to generate social change, as well as to give all our members an opportunity to enjoy one another.

Even though we come from diverse experiences, different backgrounds and span many years in age, our members are all part of this connection.

Our Activity groups offer a variety of activities, some continuing from the past and some brand new. These small groups meet several times during the year and are based on common interests. They are as diverse as our members.

Look through this booklet and see what fits your schedule and interests and JOIN US.

We welcome you and guarantee a rewarding experience with friends old and new.

Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy Year!

Strong together,

Bonnie Goldman and Berta Greenberg  
Presidents

## **SISTERHOOD CALENDAR 2011 - 2012**

<i>Sept 13 – 7 pm</i>	<i>Program “Navigating Our Prayers”</i>
<i>Sept. 20 – 6:30 pm</i>	<i>Sisterhood Fall Welcome Dinner</i>
<i>Sept. 25 &amp; 26</i>	<i>Distribute Apples &amp; Honey to ECLC &amp; RS</i>
<i>Oct. 17 – 7 pm</i>	<i>Martinis &amp; Midrash in the Sukkah</i>
<i>Nov. 16 – 11 am</i>	<i>Sisterhood /Muslim Women Pot Luck and Program</i>
<i>Dec. 8 – 6:30 pm</i>	<i>Sisterhood Hanukkah Dinner</i>
<i>Dec. 14 – 18</i>	<i>URJ/WRJ Biennial Assembly, Wash., DC</i>
<i>Jan. 25 – 11 am</i>	<i>Chinese Luncheon &amp; Mah Jongg</i>
<i>Feb. 8 – 12 noon</i>	<i>TuB'Shevat Seder with Rabbi Feinstein</i>
<i>March 11 – 10 am</i>	<i>Purim Pandemonium</i>
<i>March 21 – 11 am</i>	<i>Tentative Sisterhood Day Program</i>
<i>April 1 – 8 am</i>	<i>Mah Jongg Tournament</i>
<i>April 12 – 6 pm</i>	<i>Sisterhood Passover Seder</i>
<i>April 23 – 7 pm</i>	<i>Safely Ever After/ECLC Parents</i>
<i>April 24 – 9 am</i>	<i>Safely Ever After/ECLC</i>
<i>May 6 – 9 am</i>	<i>Big Sunday</i>
<i>May 16 – 11 am</i>	<i>Tentative Sisterhood Day Program</i>
<i>June 15 – 6 pm</i>	<i>Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner</i>
<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>Sisterhood Creative Service and Board Installation</i>

*Sisterhood board meetings are usually  
held on the first Wednesday of the month*

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

*Please register and pay for any group in person at the Membership Dinner on Tuesday, September 20 or by mail if the group is not filled. Because some activities are limited in size, early registration is recommended. Sisterhood is not able to refund fees for activities AFTER the group's starting date. Sisterhood members must be Synagogue members.*

## ACTIVITY GROUPS

**NOTE:** *The Sisterhood reserves the right to cancel or postpone the start of the individual activities in the event of insufficient registration. If a program is canceled, a full refund will be made.*

*Unless otherwise noted, the coordinator will call you regarding the starting date and other details. She may also send you a reminder with an RSVP.*

## SISTERHOOD PAST PRESIDENTS

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*\* Beverly Turner*  
*Julia Weinstein*  
*Marilyn Weitz*  
*\* Margaret Zaas*  
*\* Carolyn Zeitman*

- *deceased*

## TRIBUTE FUND

*Let Sisterhood assume a responsibility for you. Show you care by sending a Tribute card for a get-well wish, birthday, anniversary or any special occasion. We also send a tribute in memory of a death or Yahrtzeit. They can be sent to temple members or others, in and out of California. Your name and recipient's name will be published in the Torch and a note will go to the honoree or a remembrance in memory of a loved one. Include a message or I will compose one. Please include their address.*

*Minimum: \$5 donation*

*Mail to:*

*Tanya Flanzbaum*

*715 Amalfi Drive*

*Pacific Palisades, CA 90272*

*Or phone (310) 459-3129*

*Email tan715@yahoo.com*

**SISTERHOOD EXECUTIVE BOARD  
2011 – 2012**

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## **SISTERHOOD ACTIVITY GROUPS**

*Whether it be apples and honey sticks for the Religious School and ECLC students for Rosh Hashanah, special programs for the Schools underwritten by Sisterhood, or donations to various Synagogue events and needs, University Synagogue Sisterhood is there to help meet those needs.*

*Your participation in Sisterhood is vital; it enables us to plan new and exciting programs and activities for you and the entire Synagogue family; it further entitles you to participate in many fun-filled, creative and educational activities and classes. If you are not already a member of Sisterhood, \$45.00 will enable you to become a member. As a Sisterhood member, you are entitled to join any of the activity groups at a cost for each group of \$25; if not a Sisterhood member (but a Synagogue member) you can still join any of the groups at a cost of \$35.00.*

*We are happy to be able to renew activities that were successful last year, and provide many new and exciting activities for the coming year.*

*Please take your time to peruse this booklet and sign up for one or more of the activities offered. Registration forms are included – keep one for yourself and turn one in with your check payable to "University Synagogue Sisterhood".*

*L'Shanah Tovah,*

*Robbie Smith, Activities/Donor Chair*

[thesmithhouse@roadrunner.com](mailto:thesmithhouse@roadrunner.com)

# DAY GROUPS

## JEWELRY DESIGN AND REPAIR



Our wonderful in-house jeweler will help you create new pieces and redesign old pieces of jewelry.

Fee: \$25.00 plus cost of materials  
Dates: Tuesdays - beginning Oct. 3  
Time: 10:00 A.M. - Noon  
Place: 831 Norman Place, Los Angeles 90049  
Coordinator: Marilyn Gross (310) 476-4412

## GARDENS OF THE "GETTY"

Our very own Marilyn Weitz will lead a "docent" tour on three occasions as we explore and stroll through the gardens at the Getty Villa in Malibu. We may then "lunch" on the fabulous outdoor patio or indoors depending on the weather.

Fee: \$25.00 plus lunch and parking  
Dates: Thursdays  
November 17, February. 16 and May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Time: Meet in Synagogue Parking Lot at 9:30  
Coordinator: Marilyn Weitz (310) 451-1980

## EXPERIENCE "CULTURAL" CUISINE

Tired of the same old meal? This group will learn by watching demonstrations of foods being prepared from India, Persia and Eastern Europe. Of course, you take home the recipes!

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: TBA  
Time: 9:30 A.M.  
Place: Synagogue or Chef's Kitchen  
Coordinator: Marilyn Weitz

## POTPOURRI – L.A. IN A NEW WAY

Our exciting plans this year include another wonderful *Day-At-The-Races* and a Grauman's Chinese Theatre tour. And of course, we also do lunch!

Fee: \$25.00 plus costs of exhibits if applicable and lunch!

Dates: Four Thursdays  
November TBA: Hollywood Park Racetrack  
Coordinator: Bernice Statsinger  
February 9: Weisman Museum  
Coordinator: Robbie Smith  
March 1: Grauman's Chinese Theatre tour  
Coordinator: Julia Weinstein  
May 24<sup>th</sup> TBA

Time: TBA - Meets in Synagogue parking lot.

## READ 'EM AND REAP I – BOOK REVIEW

Join this group as they discuss the latest Jewish themed books over coffee and sweets.

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Tuesday and/or Wednesdays, bi-monthly  
Time: 10-12 Noon  
Place: Rotates  
Coordinator: Jane Silver (310) 472-8975  
First book: The Cookbook Collector by Allegra Goodman  
Tuesday, October 25



## CELEBRATE “ROSH CHODESH”

Once monthly, bring a bag lunch and join a group of like-minded women who wish to celebrate the beginning of the new month and their lives as Jewish women. First monthly get-together is Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Fee: \$25.00  
Time: 11:30 A.M.  
Place: University Synagogue  
Coordinator: Joy Cohen (310) 472-5203

## **DELI'S, DINERS AND DIVES I**

*(Currently full)*

Coordinator: Robbie Smith (310) 801-4660

## **DELI'S, DINERS AND DIVES II**

Following last season's exceptional adventures, this group will repeat last year's travels in search of that never ending desire to be with good friends over lots of chatting and of course, the best food!

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Four Thursdays  
November 10 Pann's (Westchester)  
January 12 Nickel Diner (Los Angeles)  
March 8 TBA  
May 10 DuPar's - Farmer's Market (L.A.)  
Time: Meets at Synagogue parking lot at 11:00 A.M.  
Coordinator: Needed

## **WEDNESDAY FOR PING-PONG ENTHUSIASTS**

A fun way to brush up on your skills, improve your eye-hand coordination and enjoy the morning!

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Wednesdays,  
October 19, Dec. 14, January 18<sup>th</sup> and February 15  
Time: 10:30 A.M. - 12  
Place: 765 Napoli Drive, Pacific Palisades  
Coordinator: Marguerite Perkins-Mautner (310) 454-3422

## **"SCRABBLE" ON FRIDAYS**

Join the group and test your skills - Monthly Scrabble

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3,  
April 15 and May 20  
Time: 12:00 P.M.  
Place: University Synagogue  
Coordinator: Sheila Newman (310) 826-1420

**RABBI MORLEY FEINSTEIN**  
**“FEMALE BIBLICAL ROLE MODELS”**

Bring a bag lunch and enjoy an hour or so with our wonderfully knowledgeable Rabbi Feinstein, who will discuss selected female role models from the Bible.

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Four Tuesdays, January 10, 17 & 24 & 31  
Time: 12:30 P.M.  
Place: Weinstein Family Library  
Coordinator: Rabbi Morley Feinstein (310) 472-1255



**BEGINNING MAJ JONGG**

Want to get into the action when the girls talk “Mah Jongg”? This beginner’s class will have you playing with the “grown-ups” in no time.

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Four Tuesdays: November 1, 8, 22 & 29  
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.  
Place: 831 Norman Place, L.A. 90049  
Coordinator: Marilyn Gross (310) 476-4412

**BRUSH-UP ON MAJ JONGG**

Not quite ready to play with the “big” kids? Continue in this beginner’s class to brush-up on your sacred mah-jongg skills.

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Four Tuesdays: December 6, 13, 20 & 27  
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.  
Place: 831 Norman Place, L.A. 90049  
Coordinator: Marilyn Gross (310) 476-4412



## **MONDAY AT THE MOVIES**

A continuing get-away for lunch, a film, and good company!

Fee: \$25.00 plus actual costs  
Dates: Mondays, TBA  
Time: Varies  
Place: Meets in Synagogue parking lot  
Coordinator: Judy Gross (310) 472-7165



## **KNITTING WITH BETTY GOLD**

For all levels, join this knitting group and use your creativity to create and knit to your heart's desire!

Fee: \$25.00 plus costs of materials  
Dates: Four Wednesdays  
Jan. 11, 25 and February 8, and 22  
Class may continue past these dates.  
Place: TBA  
Time: 10:00 A.M.  
Coordinator: Betty Gold (310) 471-1961 or 729-9905

# **EVENING GROUPS**



## **PAN**

Three (3) experienced “pan” players needed to join this on-going group twice monthly as they play, schmooz and have fun!

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Every other Tuesday evening  
Place: Alternates  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Coordinator: Berta Zwang (310) 476-7886

## **BEGINNING MAJ JONGG - EVENINGS**

Let’s play “Mahj” This beginner’s class will have you playing and talking the “lingo” in no time.

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Four Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25  
Time: 7:00 – 8:45 P.M.  
Place: 401 18<sup>th</sup> Street, S.M. 90402  
Coordinator: Robbie Smith (310) 395-6293

## **BRUSH-UP ON MAH JONGG**

A continuation of beginning Mah Jongg focusing on game skills and how to “read” the card and change hands.

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Four Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17 and 24  
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.  
Place: 401 18<sup>th</sup> Street, S.M. 90402  
Coordinator: Robbie Smith (310) 395-6293

## MAH JONGG FOR FUN!

This group is strictly for the “pros” - (experienced players, that is!) Enjoy the company and meet other players for evening games of this wonderful past-time.

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Four Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Place: Alternate houses  
Coordinator: Sheila Newman (310) 826-1420



## **ETHNIC DINING (*With a Bite!*)**

For the more adventurous, these restaurants serve highly seasoned meals and are *not for the faint of heart!*

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Second Wednesday of even-numbered months, commencing October 12  
Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Place: Selected by the group  
Coordinators: Ellen Kent (310) 822-2021 and Suzy Giambattista (310) 828-0185



## **READ-EM AND REAP II**

Read and discuss current books with a Jewish theme or author led by your peers. Meets bi-monthly: light snacks served.

Fee: \$25.00  
Dates: Thursdays - Beginning October 5th  
Time: 7-9 P.M.  
Place: Rotates  
First Book: **GREAT HOUSE** by **Nicole Krauss**  
Coordinator: Judy Pies (310) 559-3653

# SELECTED GROUPS

(No charge)



## LILITH SALON Group I

Meets 4 times per year on Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.

Coordinator: Julia Weinstein

## LILITH SALON Group II

Meets 4 times per year on Wednesdays at 10 A.M.

Coordinator: Marilyn Weitz

These groups meet and discuss selected articles which appear in *Lilith Magazine*, to which participants must subscribe. Coffee and goodies are served.

Place: Rotates among group members.



***SISTERHOOD ANNUAL DUES of \$45 are distributed in the following manner:***

<i>Women of Reform Judaism</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Pacific District</i>	<i>2.00</i>
<i>Youth, Education &amp; Service (YES) Fund</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>University Synagogue Sisterhood Community and Charitable Projects</i>	<i>23.00</i>

*As a member of the WRJ (Women of Reform Judaism), our Sisterhood gives each of us a world-wide identity. WRJ has a membership of more than 75,000 women in some 640 Sisterhoods throughout the United States, Canada and overseas. It is the second most powerful voice of Reform Judaism, next to the Union of Reform Judaism Congregations. Through WRJ we support:*

*Kibbutz Yahel in Israel and Interns for Peace  
Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Restoration Fund  
World Education Center in Jerusalem  
YES Fund - Youth, Education, Service projects  
Jewish Braille Institute - Operation Large Print  
World Union for Progressive Judaism  
Building a dormitory on the Cincinnati campus of the  
HUC-JIR and Israel Religious Action Center  
Sisterhood shares in the Development fund which helps  
acquire UAHC camps  
The Synagogue Library Center at Ben Shemen  
Children's Village  
The Library at the Leo Baeck High School in Haifa  
The International Study Center at Kibbutz Yahel  
The Sisterhood Reading Room in the Library of the New  
York campus of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish  
Institute of Religion*

When you join Sisterhood:

YOU become a member of WRJ, a large national and international Jewish women's organization with 550 affiliates and more than 75,000 members;

YOU are supporting your own congregation, its religious school, its facilities and its programs;

YOU are furthering Reform Judaism - a contemporary Judaism for today and tomorrow;

YOU are helping to educate rabbis, teachers, cantors and Jewish communal workers;

YOU are adding to the voice and presence of Reform Jewish women translating the principles of Judaism into action and concern;

YOU are aligning yourself with women like yourself throughout the world - in the United States, Canada and 15 countries including Israel;

YOU are making a commitment to tomorrow to the survival of Jews and Judaism in America, in Israel and around the world.

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