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Mark your calendars! **Sisterhood Shabbat** *Friday, June 12th at 7 p.m.*

All Sisterhood members are invited to our Sisterhood Shabbat and Woman of the Year celebration on Friday, June 12th at 7 p.m. We will also be honoring our outgoing and incoming boards, announcing our Woman of the Year, and sponsoring the oneg. If you are a past president and/or past Woman of the Year, we also hope you will attend! We'd like to honor everyone.

We are looking for English readers, Torah readers, and temple greeters for that night. If you would like to participate, or have any questions, please reach out to Shoshana Fischer at shoshana.lewin@gmail.com or (805) 402-4884 by May 15th.

Let's have a great turnout!
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!



Sisterhood Is Here For You

If you or someone you know in Sisterhood are healing from surgery or dealing with an illness—or would simply like to receive a caring call now-and-again—please contact:

Nickie Dwork at
(805) 551-0629 OR
nickie1970@aol.com.



Sisterhood Movie Group

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to discuss the chosen movie(s) of the month.

**Join us on Tuesday, May 12th
to discuss "The Magic of Belle Isle," starring
Morgan Freeman, Virginia Madsen &
Emma Fuhrmann**

**Join us on Tuesday, June 9th
to discuss "The Swedish Connection," starring
Henrik Dorsin, Sissela Benn &
Jonas Karlsson**

Questions? Please contact: Barbara Peifer
at barbsgr88@aol.com / (805) 375-2436

Women's Torah Study

Thursday mornings ~ 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon
If you are interested, please contact
Sharalynn Schulner at sharalynns@aol.com /
(805) 231-2338

CALENDAR

May

- 3 Brown Bag Lunch Get-Together (see p. 3)
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Women's Torah Study (10:30 am-12 pm)
- 11 Board Meeting
- 12 Movie Group

June

- 4, 11, 18, 25 Women's Torah Study (10:30 am-12 pm)
- 8 Old Board/New Board Dinner & Meeting
- 9 Movie Group
- 12 Sisterhood Shabbat
- 28 Year-End Luncheon

For more information, contact Patti Zeman at
rpszeman@gmail.com / (805) 298-2027.



President's Message ✧

Dear Sisters,

This was such an exciting year for Sisterhood! On March 14th, at The Women of Reform Judaism Pacific District Convention, we were presented with the Gold Kavod Award for Sisterhood Programming. With great pride, Jane Parnes, Deb Satz, Bonnie Ray, Penny Greenblatt (in spirit, because she was recovering from surgery) and I received the award.

On March 15th, Program Co-VPs Bonnie Solomon and Bonnie Ray presented a Self-Defense Workshop. Now those women who participated in the program know what to do in a tricky situation.

On April 8th, once again, the Religion and Education Co-VPs—Jane Parnes and Jill Marder-Mayer and their committee, including Carol Weiss, Nancy Federman and Shoshana Lewin Fischer—conducted a fantastic Women's Seder with 63 women in attendance. We prayed, we sang, we danced, we ate and we laughed! It was truly a meaningful experience!

And, of course, we played Bunco! We made new friends and some even won prizes. A good time was had by all.

Want to chat and “spill the tea” with your Sisters? Come to the Brown Bag Lunch—Eat and Schmooze on Sunday, May 3rd. Bring your lunch and beverage, and get to know one another better. Contact Deb Satz or Penny Greenblatt to be counted in. See page 3.

Shhhh ... it's a secret! Who will be the next Sisterhood Woman of The Year? Make a note to attend the Friday evening Shabbat Service on June 12th, and all will be revealed.

We will wrap up the year with a luncheon on June 28th, installing next year's board and honoring our Woman of the Year. Come join us for a lovely end to a fabulous year!

I can't believe that another year is drawing to a close! It has been a pleasure to work with so many dynamic women. Thanks to YOU we were able to accomplish so much in a short time. I greatly enjoyed being on the journey with all of you!

Elaine Bercy

Check out our Sisterhood Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TAESisterhood>) and, of course, take a look at our page on the TAE website.



E-Mail List Updates ✧

Please send all e-mail address changes and additions to **Patti Zeman** at rpzeman@gmail.com or 805.298.2027. ✧

Be Prepared! Everyone loves See's!
Mother's Day: May 10th
Father's Day: June 21st



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 Order All Year 'Round!

Let me be your personal shopper for all of your See's Candies gift-giving needs. To place your order, call Myra Lee at (805) 496-5234.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A BOOK GROUP?

Our group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

If you are interested, please contact Barbara Peifer at barbsgr88@aol.com / (805) 375-2436.

Year-End Luncheon



SAVE THE DATE!

“Sisterhood Is Buzzing into Summer”

Sunday, June 28th
 at the Temple from 12 p.m.

More details to follow.

Let the joyous news be spread—we are on Instagram!
<https://www.instagram.com/taesisterhood/>
 IG @taesisterhood

So excited to be able to reach people on a new platform! Please follow us!

Articles for Kol Isha may be sent to the editor, Patti Zeman, by email (rpzeman@gmail.com) or call 805.298.2027 for questions. The next Kol Isha will be the July/August 2026 issue. The deadline for submissions for that issue will be June 20, 2026. ✧

Friendship

Hey!
Sisterhood Members!
Brown Bag Lunch –
Eat & Schmooze!!



Bring a friend — Bring your own lunch & drink

Sunday, May 3rd from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
TAE Social Hall

Come have lunch with Penny & Deb! Please join us to share your news, and plan some fun summer get-togethers with your Sisterhood friends! Yakking is encouraged!

This is a casual gathering. We hope to see you there to have lunch together and have a great time!

RSVP by Thursday, April 30th to Deb Satz
Debsatz@aol.com
(818) 219-0889



Fun



TAE Sisterhood

We have beautiful Tallitot for purchase as you prepare to celebrate your child's or grandchild's Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Call Paula Kraft for an appointment at (805) 341-7665.

Tribute Cards

It is so nice to receive a card on your birthday or a thoughtful note on your anniversary. Sisterhood can make it easy for you to recognize your friends in that special way.

For \$4, a card will be sent for you to whomever you wish. A Goldengram costs \$8.

We do all the work and you get all the credit.
What a deal!

A list of monthly birthdays and anniversaries are e-mailed to you each month. Just send us your requests. Our Tributes e-mail is taetributes@gmail.com.

By sending a Tribute Uniongram, you are making a contribution to the Youth, Education and Special Projects (Y.E.S.) Fund of Women of Reform Judaism.

—Gertie Sanders & Bonnie Solomon

Tribute Cards Payment

Payments for Tribute Cards have changed. Please send your check to:

Joni Berger • 3648 Castano • Camarillo, CA 93010
(please indicate what your check is for)

OR

Zelle: milavetzcpa@gmail.com and please make sure you put in the memo "For Tributes"

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any one of our board members.

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