

WRJ Southeast District Newsletter

Women of Reform Judaism-Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

Listen Sisters! Our Link to Each Other! Share your News! שמענה אחידה

President's Message

Since our last Newsletter many of us from the Southeast District have had the opportunity to



be together. We had over 60 women at the fabulous Assembly in San Diego, California, starting with our District Dinner and the official debut of our beautiful new District Pin. And of course we saw the

amazing debut of *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*. I'm sure that those of you who have this wonderful publication are using it in many different ways to expand your knowledge of the Torah.

If you have been to any Assembly you know what an incredible experience it is to be able to study and pray with so many other Reform Jews. For those of you who have yet to experience an Assembly, I highly urge you to budget to go to Toronto, Canada, the location of the next Assembly.

Our District has had a few Area Days and most recently we gathered together in Atlanta for our Interim. We had over 50 women participate in this Leadership weekend. We had a wonderful time in Georgia.

Having Alyssa Agard, a staff member of Women of Reform Judaism, as our WRJ guest was terrific. We were able to raise over \$500 dollars for the YES Fund with the YES Fund Tree. Wonderful flowers were made by kindergartners from Jacksonville, Florida, for the purpose of honoring those within the

Southeast District. We danced, we studied, we prayed, we cried, and we laughed. A great time was had by all in attendance.

Please start making your plans to attend our District's Biennial being held this coming November 6-9 in Charleston, South Carolina. KKBE as the host Sisterhood and Blair Marks as the program chair are planning a wonderful event. You'll want to send as many women from your Sisterhoods as you can to be able to get the most from this convention.

The Nominating Committee is in place and Barbara Shub along with her committee will soon be at work. If you wish to serve on the District Board whether as an officer or a chairperson, please let Barbara Shub know. Her e-mail address is: berteda@aol.com. Look for the Nomination form within this Newsletter.

We are still looking for Sisterhoods to host more Area Days. If you would like to do so, e-mail me or call me and we'll get it set up! As always, my contact information is: Wadam412@aol.com or call: 727-796-7919. If you haven't had a District representative within the year, you are entitled to one. Just contact Reva Sandler, our Communications Coordinator at revasandler@att.net.

Have a wonderful Spring!

B'Shalom!

Wendy Adamson

SE-District President

Visit Historic Charleston, SC • November 6—9, 2008

WRJ Southeast Biennial

Seeking the Extraordinary
A Journey of Discovery



Hosted by The Women of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim

We invite you to join us for an amazing weekend!

Share • Study • Dance • Laugh • Learn • Explore

Reservations: We have reserved a block of rooms at the Sheraton North Charleston. Make your reservations now at our reservations website: <http://10purl.com/k556j> or call Central Reservations at 800-325-3535.

Single—\$99, Double—\$109, Triple—\$119, Quad—\$129
Breakfast Included in Room Rate

Want to spend time in Charleston? Come early, stay late
Group Room Rates available from November 4—11.
You must make reservations by October 1 to get the group rate.

Watch for special pre-conference Charleston tour package! Spouse programs, too.

Questions: contact Marty Jackson at kkesister@bellsouth.net or call 843-886-4477

Older Adults/Caring Community

Hello, Everyone!

Time is certainly going by quickly this year, it just seemed to be January, 2008 and now it is Spring, 2008. This is also what happens to us in our daily lives with our families and jobs. It is happening to our older adults too, the years are passing so quickly and our population is aging. Many of us find ourselves taking care of our aging parents as years have just slipped away and we didn't realize it was happening. The synagogue and Sisterhood can be places of help and support for us as we take on new responsibilities.

Through Sisterhood programming we can organize meetings and supply information to our members regarding Older Adults. We can arrange activities and events for our Senior Members, have a Senior Sisterhood Division, or provide a Support Group for our sisters who are taking care of their aging parents. There are so many opportunities and ideas that can be implemented, we just have to assess and target the particular needs within each of our synagogues.

There are several web resources that provide information and help for those who are caring for elderly family and friends. Two of these web addresses are:

Association for Jewish Aging Services - www.ajas.org

Union for Reform Judaism (URJ)
under Resources, Dept. of Jewish Family Concerns –
www.urj.org

I wish you all a wonderful Spring Season. You may contact me with questions or suggestions at sscwalker@bellsouth.net

Susan Stein Chiesa,
Congregation B'nai Israel, Boca Raton, Florida

By-Laws Review Committee

Want to serve on the By-Laws Review Committee?
Contact Ronni Udoff by July 15
rcudoff@yahoo.com or 770-992-4181

Good and Welfare

✧ Judith O. Rosenkranz, Past President of WRJ and one of our very own Southeast District Sisterhood women, is once again a grandmother. Her son & daughter-in-law, Rabbis Andy & Erica, are proud parents of Laila Hayden, born on March 8th.

Uniongram Mazel Tov's may be sent to Judy at
1125 Shipwatch Circle, Tampa, FL 33602

✧ ARZA will hold a tribute concert on April 28 to honor Resa Davids and her husband Rabbi Stanley Davids for their many contributions and years of service to the Reform Movement and to Israel.

✧ It is with joy that I share with you our Blue Book chair person, Nancy Sher's Simcha. Her daughter, Allison, was married on April 12th, in Austin TX, to Dr. Curtis Frazier. Mazel Tov Uniongrams may be sent to Nancy and Sandy Sher at 10135 Whisper Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33647.

Best wishes to the newlyweds.

✧ With sorrow I tell you that Blair Marks father-in-law passed away in March. Uniongram condolences may be sent to Blair & Joe, 4507 Woodhaven Drive NE, Marietta, GA 30067

✧ Mort Gilbert, the father of Karen List, co-president of Temple Israel in West Palm Beach, FL, passed away in March.

Karen's mother, Bette Gilbert, is a past president of our district. She served from 1980 - 1982.

Uniongram condolences may be sent to Bette Gilbert, 2425 Presidential Way #402, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 and to Karen List, 2425 Embassy Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

✧ It is with sorrow that I inform you of the loss of Mazy B. Geismar, grandmother of Jo Stamler Thompson, Past President of the SE District, and great-grandmother to Amanda Solomon, Youth, TYG, College Chair.

Uniongram condolences may be sent to Jo and the Stamler - Thompson family at 103 Altamont Terrace, Travelers Rest, SC 29690. Amanda's address is: 414 Russet Hollow Road, Hoover, AL 35244.

May she always be a blessing.

This Form to be received by:
WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
The Southeast Federation of Temple Sisterhoods

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2008

CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION FORM

for Board of Directors of Women of Reform Judaism Southeast District
Two (2) Year Executive Committee Term: November 2008 – 2010
(Must be typed or handwritten legibly in black ball point pen)

Candidate Information

Name of Candidate: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: Day: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____ Evening: _____

_____ Fax: _____

Name of Sisterhood with which affiliated: _____

Name of Congregation: _____

City, State _____

Sisterhood Activities – Local (Please give approximate dates of offices held)

Sisterhood Activities – District

Business or Profession: _____

Consent and Declaration:

I confirm that I am willing, if elected, to serve as an officer of the WRJ Southeast Board of Directors for a 2-year period starting in November 2008. I understand that my attendance is expected at all District Executive Committee meetings, as well as the District Interim Meeting and Biennial Convention. By my signature, I give my consent for consideration by the District Nominating Committee.

Date: _____ Candidate Signature: _____

Nominator Information

This Nomination Form must be submitted by a member of the District Board of Directors. The President of each affiliated Sisterhood in good standing is a member of the Board of Directors.

I nominate this woman for the position of: _____

Please **send** this form to Barbara Shub, Chair of the Nominating Committee
9860 SW 1st Court, Plantation, FL 33324

Stories from our Sisterhoods

Temple Beth El, Pensacola, FL

Lights! Camera! Action! On March 1st, the Not-Too-Kosher, Not-Quite-Ready for Broadway Players of Temple Beth El Sisterhood in Pensacola put on their first time ever Evening of Theater, Wine and Desserts. The recipient of the proceeds was the brand new Camp Scholarship Fund to send our children (and grandchildren) to Jewish camps.

With four one-act Jewish Themed plays as the drawing card, all with “professional” amateurs from Sisterhood playing the parts, we “acted” to a sold out crowd. Our small Max L. Bear Social Hall (with all 110 seats that we had available) was filled to overflowing with delighted laughing congregants and community visitors. To top off the evening, our honored guests and servers were the students we were helping and they were all dressed in white dress shirts with black bow ties!

The most important bottom line was that we managed to raise \$2350! I guess that proves, with 139 family units and 123 Sisterhood members that we are, indeed, a “small town” with a “big heart”!

Alice Klein, President

Temple of Israel Sisterhood, Greenville, SC

I was so excited to represent our Sisterhood at the WRJ Assembly, to get re-energized, reconnect and bring back ideas for our Sisterhood to try. Our Sisterhood Shabbat service proved to be a most spiritual evening. One of our members chanted Torah, many of our Sisterhood women participated in the service, and *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* was the basis for the sermon, including several readings from the Voices section. What an amazing work it is.



Sisterhood Shabbat

We congratulated Barbara Siegel, our annual Dotty Gold Award for Sisterhood Service. She is a most deserving member who has made many contributions to our Sisterhood over the years. It was a beautiful Shabbat evening. We are planning a Pre-Passover Pasta Party for our April meeting and a Thank You Cook-out to end our year, ideas gathered from other Sisterhoods but new to us! Have a wonderful summer!

Jo Stamler Thomson

Temple Sinai, North Miami Beach, FL

Our season started in October 2007 with a membership kick-off event with Rabbi Alan Litwak who explained the meaning of “rejoice” and its relationship to the Festival of Sukkot. In November, one of our members presented an engrossing program about American Jewish Comedy with video clips of Sid Caesar, Gilda Radner, and others.

Our Mitzvah Day Project was in December. A group of us traveled in a white stretch limo to Douglas Gardens to sing Chanukah songs with Cantor Michael Kruk and to present gifts to the residents.

The new year of 2008 began with a superb program. Dr. Elinor Robin, a Mediator and Mediation Trainer, who specializes in professional and personal relationships, presented her “10 Step Plan to Ending Feuds and Building Relationships”. The discussion that developed was so meaningful that no one wanted the program to end. In February, we enjoyed a book review of *Terrorist* by John Updike.

Our Associate Rabbi, David Young, discussed “Eating Our Way through the Jewish Year” in April with a hands-on cooking presentation and lunch. Everyone had an opportunity to make their own hamantashen with a choice of fillings. We had a lot of fun. Our Women's Seder will be held on April 7th with Rabbi Effrat Zarren-Zohar conducting the Seder.

In honor of Yom Ha Shoah, we are co-sponsoring a breakfast along with a discussion and film about the holocaust, *Soldier of Orange*, with the Temple's “Sundays at Sinai” group. In May we plan to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Sisters-in-the-Hood with a special Sisterhood Shabbat and dessert Oneg. Finally, in June we enjoy a ladies night out at a local restaurant and start planning next year's events.

Dixie Lampert and Carol Moss, Co-Presidents

Stories from our Sisterhoods

Temple Emanu-El, Atlanta, GA

Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood has been very busy during the fall and winter season. Sisterhood has had many excellent programs. Our programs and events have promoted Sisterhood, serviced the synagogue, and community.

We unveiled our first cookbook in ten years. We're proud to present our second cookbook, "Serving It Up Sisterhood Style"—a cookbook with recipes from our Sisterhood as well as other Temple Emanu-El members! This cookbook includes over 375 wonderful recipes.

We held our annual Chanukah evening. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of Sisterhood, great food, and listening to an interesting speaker from Hospice Atlanta letting us know ways we can get involved and more about the organization. We also collected gift cards to benefit the families involved with Atlanta Hospice.

Powerful and moving - is what people said about the January program presented by Jewish Family & Career Services Shalom Bayit Program "Not So Happily Ever After ... the very real stories of some American Jewish families". The program was followed by discussion with Wendy Lipshutz, Shalom Bayit Program Director. We had sisterhood members participate in the dramatic readings about real experiences with domestic violence. You never know when planning such events what the turnout will be – what you learn is that there is a need for providing these programs as change is constantly occurring in people's lives. It is our responsibility to provide these programs. You never know who you will affect.

We had a fabulous time at the "Get Organized in 2008" Brunch. Michelle Cooper, professional organizing consultant, gave the group tips and excellent examples of how to make your home and workplace more organized. So many women have already implemented her strategies in their home.

We had a great time at the Sisterhood Celebrates Its Members Paid Up Membership Brunch. We enjoyed hearing Tina Wasserman speak about the history of Jewish Foods and she answered many questions about cooking for Passover. Most importantly she reminded us that "our recipes are stories; our stories are recipes". Women also cooked a sampling of the items Tina spoke about.

Carrying on with tradition we held our Annual Hamentashen Making. This year was particularly special as we had many

new Sisterhood women come with their daughters and granddaughters to share in this special tradition. We made over 200 hamentashen for the Annual Temple Purim Schpiel.



Emma Spiegel, Jenna Kahn, Laura Marcus, Caroline Frankel, Samantha Susca, Sue Frankel, Robin Zusmann, Beth Warner, Judy Feldstein, Mimi Senn, Denise Spiegel, Dara Amram, Fredricka Kahn, Lisa Gordon, Kelli Veit



Robin Zusmann (back), Fredricka & Jenna Kahn

The Sisterhood Book Club is off to a wonderful start. Women bring their lunch and take part in an interesting and stimulating book talk. The club has read many books, including *Lovingkindness* by Anne Roiphe, *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, *Losers and Keepers in Argentina: A Work of Fiction* by Nina Barragan, and *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara* by David I. Kertzer.

Dara Amram, President

Stories from our Sisterhoods

Temple B'nai Sholom, Huntsville, AL

The sisterhood at Temple B'nai Sholom has been very busy in the past few months. We began in October as a group of ladies (husbands and children) supported the Liz Hurley Ribbon Run for Breast Cancer. There were over 2500 participants, of which we were honored to be a part. From this event, a wonderful new program evolved chaired by our Programs Co-Chair Celia Cantor. The "Body, Mind, and Jewish Spirituality" group meets the 1st Sunday of each month. The format is informal with a topic of interest presented that challenges the mind, encourages discussion, and enhances the spirit. At the conclusion a short walk is conducted which allows for more discussion. As always, refreshments are served during the discussion. Later in October, we had a visit from Joyce Antler, author and speaker, coordinated with ISJL. Over 40 participants enjoyed the anecdotes and musings of Ms. Antler.

December was very busy with Rabbi Larry Milder, visiting from Boston, providing a Hanukah service with over 100 attendees, and potato latkes served afterwards. Two of us from sisterhood were extremely fortunate to attend the 46th Assembly in San Diego. It was great to meet other Presidents from the Southeast District, and talk about the good things Sisterhood provides.

In January we hosted Cantor Jessica Roskin from Birmingham for a Rosh Chodesh. This was very inspirational as some of us expressed deep appreciation of the wonderful environment we live in. For many of the attendees it was a first Rosh Chodesh. This event was supported by female Temple members, several gentlemen (our Rabbi included), and other religious communities.

Currently we are planning a Women's Community Interfaith Seder for Monday, April 14. Each table will have a trained hostess Miriam who will bring her own family tablecloths and utensils to create a family atmosphere, and will answer guests' questions. Traditional foods associated with Seder will be provided by Temple women and a light meal follows. A condensed Haggadah that celebrates the role of women in the Exodus is presented to all attendees.

In May, we will conduct our second "A Night with the Chefs" at The Ledges. This event will feature the chefs of the establishment with raffle prizes and a silent auction. This is our main fund raiser for the year.

It's hard to believe that Spring is here. The year has flown.

Jodi Weiner, President

Congregation Sinai, Sumter, SC

Sisterhood members were treated to a special event during our March meeting. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Dora Dougherty Strother McKeown. She served as a W.A.S.P, Women's Air Service Pilot, from January 1943 until December 1944. Mrs. McKeown was one of 1000 women who completed this Army Air Corps training program, out of the 25,000 women who applied. She and her fellow pilots ferried military aircraft, towed drone targets to be fired upon and test flew new airplanes. She and one other woman pilot were trained to fly the B29 bomber and flew it around the country visiting airbases to show the guys it could be done.

The women who served in the W.A.S.P were not recognized as members of the military and received no benefits in the post war period. General Hap Arnold's son was the driving force to have them officially recognized and accorded military status in 1977.

Mrs. McKeown went on to obtain a PhD in aviation psychology and human factors at Northwestern University. She joined Bell Helicopter and, in her 28 years there, headed up the human factor engineering design group. She also set world records for distance and altitude (19,000 ft.!!) in helicopters. Mr. McKeown was once part of her 5 man crew when she flew the B29 cross country. They split their time between Sumter and Fort Worth, Texas and we were delighted to have her share her life experience with us.

The May meeting will be a tour of the Sumter Art Museum, hosted by our own acclaimed artist, Deane Ackerman.

Sue Scouten, President

Uniongrams

Don't forget to use Uniongrams for all your greetings. Uniongrams support WRJ's YES Fund (Youth Programs, Education, and Special Projects).

With the YES Fund, WRJ provides scholarship assistance to rabbinical, cantorial, and jewish education students at Hebrew Union College. The YES Fund also supports high school and college youth activities through NFTY.

For local sisterhoods, the YES Fund supports special and innovative projects for religious education and leadership development.

Stories from our Sisterhoods

KKBE, Charleston, SC

The women of the KKBE Sisterhood have been busy since January with several interesting programs. Our annual Tri-Sisterhood meeting with the other Charleston Sisterhoods featured nationally known author and parenting expert Sharon Duke Estroff. Our annual retreat focused on Dr. Risa Mason's program entitled "Live, Dream, and Thrive". Dr. Mason's approach is to assist us in eliminating the things in our lives that keep us from doing what we wish with our lives. Our incredible Shabbat morning service was lead by Robin Shuler.

Our Matriarch's Luncheon honors enhanced giving among our members. Women who give a minimum of \$80 in dues commitment are invited to a luncheon and program at a private home. Unfortunately, storms in the Northeast prevented our guest speaker, Cantor Ellen Dreskin, from arriving in time. With a bit of fast dancing and a quick program shift, we learned about the Circle of Service and the Lifeline program.

Our cooking series continued with a special presentation by Paige Williams and Helen James. "Cooking for the One You Love" focused on creative and delicious foods for people looking for a low glycemic lifestyle and those suffering from diabetes. We also hosted Dr. Catherine Anne Walsh for a workshop on Creative Retirement. Focusing on figuring out what you want to do upon retirement can help you best determine how much money you will need. Thinking early about the process can also help a couple deal with the incredible changes retirement brings to their routine.

We are bringing back our Women's Seder with 60 participants after a two year hiatus. This year, we encouraged women to bring non-Jewish friends who are interested. Because of the strong interest from several groups, we are considering making next year's Seder an official Outreach event and seeking even broader participation.

Our Havdalah & Drinks program continues. Held at a private home, the entire congregation is invited to participate. Sisterhood provides wine, beer and soft drinks. Attendees bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. We are trying to schedule at least four of these events each year.

Charleston brought five members to the District Interim event in Atlanta. We are all looking forward to hosting a large group in Charleston at the WRJ Southeast Biennial in November. If anyone has any questions or comments, please email Biennial Chair Marty Jackson at kkbesister@bellsouth.org or call her at 843-886-4477.

Marty Jackson -KKBE Sisterhood

Temple B'nai Israel, Clearwater, FL

In March, our sisterhood held a Circle of Service celebration to honor Gail Simon, retiring Religious School Director, for her many years of service. We had a special Havdalah service followed by a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres celebration. 100% of the donation to attend went to the YES fund.



Gail Simon, Iris Shalit and Denise Kirschbaum.

Also in March, we had a day of Mah Jong Madness, a tournament with a learning table and player tables, and included breakfast and lunch and prizes. It was a fun event for all who attended.

In April we will have a "Must-Go" potluck dinner, where everyone will bring leftover Passover foods to share, and we will share the recipes too.

Coming up in May we will have a Walkathon that supports the Religious School Scholarship Fund, followed by an End Of The Year Luncheon and installation of new officers at a local country club with music provided by our own soon-to-be full time Cantor, Jenn Duretz.

Betsy Garfield



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WRJ 46th Assembly, San Diego, December 11 – December 16, 2007

From the moment I arrived, I knew that this was going to be an Assembly that I would remember forever. I think I felt that anticipation from the time I registered knowing that the introduction and celebration of our commentary was going to take place. I was not disappointed. Keep in mind that I have attended several WRJ Assemblies, but this one was different. Don't get me wrong, every Assembly is special. My first Assembly was in Orlando, Florida where I was installed as a member of the WRJ Board of Directors. My second Assembly was in Boston where we dedicated Torat Nashim, the WRJ Torah. Every Assembly is such a wonderful celebration of women and what we accomplish in the Reform Jewish world for ourselves, our congregations and for the world around us.

The Assembly was led with charm, grace and warmth by our WRJ President Rosanne Selfon and a cadre of dedicated volunteers and WRJ staff. From the opening plenary to the closing program our days were filled with workshops, music, prayer and celebration. Most of you who know me know that second only to the dedication of *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* was the opportunity to visit with and learn from old friends and make new ones.

Attending Shabbat services is always a high point of any convention and these were no exception. Rabbi Yoffie is an especially inspiring speaker when he shares his vision for Reform Judaism. And the music was extraordinary. The choir outdid themselves and our own Blair Marks chanting Torah for this congregation of thousands was literally awe-inspiring.

The concerts were incredible. The opportunity to hear the musicians of our movement is certainly another highlight and we were not disappointed, among them Julie Silver, Josh Nelson, Noam Katz, Danny Maseng, Peri Smilow, Cantor Sarah Sager, Craig Taubman, Beth Schafer and Debbie Friedman. The musical salute to Debbie Friedman was beautifully done. Because her health is not good, that moment in the evening when the entire congregation of almost 4500 sang the Mishaberach to her was incredibly touching. Another highlight of the Assembly was our hands-on program with artist Gary Rosenthal where we had the opportunity to make beautiful pieces of Judaica to benefit WRJ's YES Fund.

The workshops, the spirituality, the music, the awards given, the laughter shared, and the experience of being together to celebrate Sisterhood proved again that we are indeed Stronger Together.

Jo Stamler Thomson

WRJ San Diego was a wonderful, inspiring experience. More than 600 women were in California for WRJ's 46th biennial assembly. Meeting WRJ sisterhood leaders from all over the country and sharing ideas and programs to bring back to local sisterhoods, is a prime reason for attending these conventions. There were many workshops from which one could select, but I chose to attend the following: Hot topics at the Assembly, Congress and the Supreme Court; Fundraising with Gusto: YES Fund Events that Work; The Environment; Miriam's Song and other Music for Shabbat; and the Secret Dietary Practices of Reform Jews.



Tricia Churnick and Judy Cohen Wilson at the Assembly

Interspersed among these workshops were luncheons and dinners with speakers; and get-togethers with other women from the Southeast region of WRJ. A highlight of the convention were the musical programs with foremost Jewish singers of our day – Danny Masang, an Israeli singer; and Debbie Friedman. I bought three of Danny Masang's CDs and have listened to them over and over again. Leaders from the Union of Reform Judaism were there as well, and we attended Shabbat services and dined with them. There were vendors from all over the Jewish world selling their wares. I bought a few mementos that I see in my house every day so that I will never forget this awesome occasion.

Not to be missed was the San Diego Zoo. My roommate Tricia Churnick, Sisterhood President of Temple Shir Shalom, and I were sure to make time for this unique zoo. Animals were not in cages but in open air structures that allowed them the freedom to feel at home.

Judy Cohen Wilson, Past President, Sisterhood Temple Shir Shalom, Gainesville, FL



District directors
Photo by Sheila Holtzman,
Congregation Kol Tikvah, Parkland, FL

Scenes from WRJ-SE Interim Board Meeting, Atlanta, GA



Photos by Madelyn Davidson, Mindy Grinnan, and Ronni Udoff.

Social Action Project

Here is an easy Social Action Project for your sisterhood or your congregation. Send just ONE used prayerbook to a newly formed progressive congregation in Brisbane, Australia. They have just joined the WUPJ and they not only need the prayerbooks, but they will use them to teach the children about the Jewish community worldwide. Since it costs so much to ship things there, they are simply asking each congregation and/or sisterhood to send them ONE prayerbook. Here's an excerpt from their letter:

"We are asking congregations to donate one used prayer book (Gates of Prayer, Gates of Repentance, or Mishkan T'filah). A plate will be placed inside the cover to acknowledge the donor congregation and the prayer book will be used during our services here in Brisbane, Australia. I also see an educational opportunity for our older children to research the congregations and present their results in a short talk to our congregation."

Books should be sent to:

Fiona Leonard, Vice-President

c/o BRISBANE PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CONGREGATION INCORPORATED

PO Box 841, Coorparoo, Queensland, 4151

Internet: www.bpj.org.au

Email: bpjc@bpjc.org.au

Thanks!

Ronni Udoff

WRJ Southeast Biennial Fundraiser

Oneg & Kiddush Makers & Bakers Guidebook

Faced with an Oneg or Kiddush, are some of your members a bit confused? Or are you experienced, but need some fresh ideas? Do your b'nai mitzvah parents need a little help?

Help us create a dairy cookbook of your favorite treats!

Please share your favorite recipes for punches, pick-ups, baked goods, brunch foods, Kiddush items (molds, casseroles, appetizers), etc. Do you have a favorite tip or a unique theme idea?
Let us hear from you by August 15th.

Please include your name with your congregation's name & location.

Email: kkesister@bellsouth.net

snail mail: M. Jackson, 7 Dune Ridge Lane, Isle of Palms, SC 29451

Recipes due by August 15, but happily accepted sooner! (Tomorrow, maybe?)

Please share this flyer with your Sisterhood Board & Membership!

WRJ Southeast Upcoming Events

November 6-9, 2008 WRJ Southeast District 32nd Biennial, Charleston, SC

Visit us on the web at www://WRJDistrict13.org

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