



**TEMPLE AKIBA  
SISTERHOOD**

Dear Ladies of our Congregation,

I sincerely hope again that you will each take the time to read this letter and take to heart the message I am trying to convey. As the incoming President of Temple Akiba Sisterhood, effective July 1, 2017, I have a deep sense of interest and concern in making sure that our Sisterhood continues to grow and remain an integral part of Temple Akiba life. These feelings are shared by other members of the Temple Akiba Sisterhood Executive Board, members of the Sisterhood Board of Trustees, many of the women of our congregation, and I am reaching out to share them with you.

Temple Akiba Sisterhood has been privileged and taxed with providing many enhancements to our congregation. Your families have been the beneficiaries of these traditions just as my own has been. Many hands over the years have seen to the purchasing and labeling and bagging of apples and honey celebrating Rosh Hashanah and dreidels and gelt celebrating Chanukah. Many of those same hands have bookplated and wrapped prayerbooks presented to our Hebrew school students and wrapped Kiddush Cups presented to our youth on the occasion of their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. And many hands have arranged cookies on the platters for every Oneg Shabbat, and fried hundreds of latkes for the Chanukah Oneg Shabbat, and bagged Challahs to distribute at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services, and served and cleaned up and provided comfort at Meals of Condolence. All of us who have participated have appreciated being both recipients and providers of these wonderful gifts from Sisterhood.

If your heart has now been engaged, I hope I can engage your body as well. Some of the hands that are linked to these endeavors are no longer with us, and some of them are still here and rapidly being covered with age spots. We need to ensure that this chain of tradition carries forward to our current youth and congregation members and into the future. We need women who are busy with families and careers and personal obligations to open themselves to the necessity of taking at least some small part in the continuation of these enhancements to Temple Akiba life. There are many ways to volunteer within Sisterhood and I would like each of you to give some thought to how you might be able to do so. It starts with becoming a Sisterhood member and granting us at least your financial support. It can grow to encompass participating in one mailing, or one gift bagging, or one Oneg Shabbat preparation. And it can continue to grow with as much interest and time as you individually embrace. Most of all, by making a commitment to Temple Akiba Sisterhood you are joining your hands to the hands of those who came before you - and to those who will come in the future.

I hope to speak with as many of you as I can about how you can become a part of Sisterhood. I welcome your participation whether it is financial, or physical, or spiritual. I sincerely hope that you will give this message some thought and find yourself willing to accept a commitment to Temple Akiba Sisterhood.

With love and in Sisterhood,

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