



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I love the summer, even a hectic summer like this one was for me. Our suitcases were always packed. My daughter Julie attended summer courses at two universities, and in between we did the “college search.” My son Jordan was on a 6-month co-op at Disney World; we just HAD to visit a few times.

Undeniably though, and all too quickly, the signs of fall have arrived. How do I know; cooler temperatures, the sun goes down way too early, back to school. (Honestly, I still feel a pang when I hear Staples commercials.) On the upside, it is time for Women’s Connection to get back in full swing!

Jews are a matriarchal society, and we women are the heart, blood and soul of our families. Why not give a special gift to yourself by joining WC? The September 19 Paid-up Membership **Kick Off** features a humorous look at the holidays and customs as we schmooze with the Word Mavens, co-authors of the Dictionary of Jewish Words.

Tickets are selling fast for our October trip to the Society Hill Playhouse to see **Motherhood**, the next hysterical hit from the producers of Menopause. There are lots more fabulous events planned. Check out the flyers at the end of this issue of Passages and watch your e-mail.

It is going to be another terrific year, let’s enjoy it together!

Warmly,

Joyce



GOOD EATS

Lisa's Gazpacho Soup

Printed as requested by many during Grill 'N' Chill

Que Sera Gazpacho

From **Nantucket Open-House Cookbook**, by Sarah Leah Chase
Adapted by Lisa Conn

1½ slices fresh white bread
2½ cloves garlic, peeled
3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
5 large tomatoes cut into ¼ inch dice (or equivalent quantity of mixed tomatoes, like cherry tomatoes)
1 bunch scallions, minced
1½ cucumbers, peeled and cut into ¼ inch dice
1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced
½ yellow bell pepper, seeded and diced
½ red bell pepper, seeded and diced
jalapeno or serrano peppers, to taste (taste first to determine level of hotness)
½ large can V-8 juice (23 oz.)
1½ Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
2½ Tbsp. olive oil
Hot Sauce (to taste)
Salt and Pepper
2 tsp. ground cumin
Agave syrup (to taste)
Sliced radishes (optional)

Place bread, garlic and lemon juice in a blender or food processor. Process until smooth.
Transfer to a large non-metal mixing bowl.
Add all the veggies (except radishes) to bread paste and toss to combine.
Stir in V-8, then vinegar, oil, hot sauce, salt and pepper, cumin.
Purée half the soup in the food processor or blender and combine with the remaining soup.
Taste and adjust, adding more vinegar, hot sauce, salt, pepper, cumin as needed.
Don't add too much vinegar, because you want it to taste like soup, not salsa or salad dressing.
Add a little agave syrup, to taste.
It will need quite a bit of salt to be flavorful, but add small amounts at a time, tasting after each addition.
Stir in radishes.

Refrigerate and serve very cold.
Makes 10 servings.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Welcome Back Coffee	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 WC Kick-Off	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Rosh	30 Hashanah	

Shmoozing with the Word Mavens

How many times in your life did you listen to a joke only to have the punchline delivered in Yiddish? Or do you have fond memories of your grandparents speaking to your parents in a foreign language so you couldn't follow? But you learned a lot of colorful phrases anyway . . .

Join us, **Monday, September 19 at 7:00 pm**, as **The Word Mavens**, two authors from Philadelphia, enlighten and entertain us with Yiddish stories and word origins. This is Women's Connection's Kick-Off event, and it is free for members. Not yet a member of Women's Connection? Join at the event or before September 19 and the event will be free.

Any questions about the event? Contact **Marlene Dworkin** at 751-0553 or dworkin4@comcast.net.

Any questions about Women's Connection membership? Contact **Lynne Podrat** at 751-1972 or lpodrat@comcast.net.

Ladies, we have a busy year planned for you!! Please mark your calendars and join us for these fabulous events!!

If you would like to be on the committee to help plan one of these events, or you have a suggestion for another event, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Tracy Kaplan or Deb Malley at:

tracykaplan@hotmail.com and dmalleylsrmd@comcast.net.

2011-2012 Women's Connection Calendar

- Sept. 19** – Paid-up Membership Kick-Off, featuring THE WORD MAVENS
- Oct. 6** – meeting
- Oct. 27** – Fall Theater Trip: Society Hill Playhouse Presentation of “Motherhood”
- Nov. 3** – Seminar with Rabbi Address
- Nov. 22** – Chanukah Bazaar
- Dec. 5** – meeting
- Jan. 9** – Kugel Throw Down! and meeting
- Feb. 2** – Organize Your Life, with Ellen Faye
- March 1** – meeting
- March 12** – Rosenthal glass project
- April 2** – Meeting
- April 23** – Book Club
- May 3** – Seminar with Rabbi Address
- Spring** – Theater Trip
- TBD** – Restaurant Demonstration
- June 4** – Jewish Genealogy

*We welcome all Women's Connection Members at all meetings. Watch for calendar updates in **Passages, The Source, E!Minders** and **Facebook**.*

Anniversaries

Birthdays

September

Tara Benson
Stefanie Cohen
Gladys Davis
Ellen Faye
Sharyl Fidoten
Jeannette Kaufman
Eileen Perice
Linda Robinson
Lonnie Smoller
Michele Strauss
Anita Weiss



September

Stewart and Barbara Abrams
Eric and Ruth Halpern
Richard and Beth Levin
Ely and Sharon Swerdlin
Martin and Ellen Faye
Edward and Gay Skobac
Richard and Jeannette Kaufman
Paul Weller and Carol Sekeres Weller
Nathan and Karen Fink
Barry and Marsha Wachman
Steve and Sheryl Levin
Lee and Elisa Widman
Michael and Katherine Perloff
Jason and Sheri Turner



MAZAL TOV

Births: Naomi Clark Robinson, granddaughter of Lawrence & Linda Robinson

Coby Miles Fisher, grandson of Norman & Myrna Grolnick
Cayla Fingerman, granddaughter of Stephen & Sandy Fingerman

Namings: Granddaughter of Nina Kardos
Dylan Jacob Caruso, son of Marco Caruso & Elyse Trastman-Caruso
Alexa & Jenna Molotsky, twin daughters of Lee & Debbie Molotsky and Granddaughters of Stanley & Sharon Molotsky

Weddings: Jason Vitelli & Melissa Cohen, daughter of Hal & Helene Cohen
Sarah Meister & Jason Marple, son of John & Linda Marple
Jason Bonder & Rina Lebovitz, daughter of Shonnie Lebovitz & Max Taytelbaum

Engagements: Beth Goldenberg & Bruce Basch
Michael Hahn & Rachel Singer, daughter of David Singer & Susan Singer

B'nai Mitzvah: Briya Cohen, daughter of Douglas & Nadine Cohen

IN MEMORY

Estelle Weber, aunt of Heidi Swartz
Martin Schneider, brother of Jean Spitz & uncle of Mitchell Medoff
Lora Weinisch, grandmother of Marla Cohen
Morris Green, companion of Gloria Aaron
George Ross, uncle of Randi Kell
Alexander Festinger, father of David Festinger
Stephen Schwartz, husband of Robin Schwartz
Larry Kauffman, father of Philip Kauffman
Vincent Vecchio, father of Gary Vecchio
Ricky Gross, mother of Richard Gross
Morris (Manny) Kramer, husband of Carmella Kramer
Frank Betze, father of Brian Betze
Harvey Rothman, husband of Sheryl Rothman



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Women's Connection of Congregation M'kor Shalom
invites you to an evening of

Shmoozing With The Word Mavens

[shmooz] -v: 1. chat idly; gossip. -n: 2. idle conversation; chatter.

Monday, September 19, 7:00 pm

in the M'kor Shalom Social Hall

RSVP by Monday, September 12

Co-authors of the *Dictionary of Jewish Words* will talk about how Jewish words describe every aspect of our daily lives. There will be time for audience questions and shmoozing with the authors, who will sell their book at the end of the evening.

Elaborate desserts/cheese and crackers will be served.

Through this humorous, fact-filled look at holidays, customs, food, prayer, and more, **Joyce Eisenberg** and **Ellen Scolnic** share the many stories and unusual facts they uncovered while researching their dictionary.

This chatty Kickoff Event is FREE to all Women's Connection members.

For more information, contact Marlene Dworkin (751-0553 or dworkin4@comcast.net)
or Tracy Kaplan (985-4375 or tracykaplan@hotmail.com).

*Attention Non-members: Become a Women's Connection Member now and attend this event!
Join by filling out the form below or online at: <http://www.mkorshalom.org/womensconnection.html>*



Join us on Facebook! Keep up with Women's Connection of M'kor Shalom to learn about members and happenings, to share photos and links and to stay connected with your Women's Connection friends.

Women's Connection Kickoff – Monday, September 19, 7:00 pm

You must RSVP by Monday, September 12

to Congregation M'kor Shalom, 850 Evesham Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 – 856-424-4220

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

_____ Yes! I am already a WC member and will attend this Shmooze-fest at no cost.

_____ Yes! I want to join Women's Connection now and attend this event! My \$36 dues are enclosed.

Join Women's Connection of M'kor Shalom
for a Fabulous Evening in Philadelphia
Thursday, October 27, 6:00 pm

From the Producers of MENOPAUSE!
The Society Hill Playhouse presents...



This musical is a must see for anyone who is or knows a Mom! Featuring the Comedy Hits "The Kids Are Finally Asleep" and "Costco Queen."

After the hilarious performance... Back by popular demand...
Decadent Dessert at MAX BRENNER, Chocolate by the Bald Man!
Those of you who regret sticking to your diets last year, here is your chance!

Cost for WC members is \$58. Tickets are limited!
(Includes bus transportation, show ticket and dessert.)
Bus leaves M'kor Shalom at 6:00 pm SHARP.
We plan to return to M'kor Shalom by 11:00 pm.

You MUST sign up by Thursday, September 22.
(Please note: the show is up 25 steps, and there is no elevator.)

Any questions? Please contact Gay Skobac at 751-8169 or gbskobac@gmail.com
or Joyce Kimelman at WomensConnection@mkorshalom.org.



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Women's Connection: Motherhood The Musical – Thursday, October 27, 6:00 pm

To ensure your seat, you must RSVP by Thursday, September 22
to Congregation M'kor Shalom, 850 Evesham Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 – 856-424-4220

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

_____ Number of WC members at \$58 each. _____ Total Amount Enclosed.

_____ I want to join WC and attend this event! My \$36 dues are enclosed.

Women's Connection



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Joining Women's Connection is a great way to get involved in synagogue life, meet people and help Congregation M'kor Shalom.

For Our Congregation, Our Youth, Our Community, Ourselves We...

- Sponsor the Confirmation Trip Seder in Israel
- Enjoy Paid-up Membership Kick Off and Grill & Chill
- Present speakers and programs on timely issues
- Sponsor the Annual Holiday Bazaar
- Organize social trips to the theater, restaurants and shopping
- Provide Juice and Challah to Junior Congregation students
- Explore interests with Exercise classes and Spa programs, Cooking demonstrations, Craft Make and Take events and Game Nights
- Prepare meals and spend time with IHOC guests
- Explore holidays with innovative programming
- Contribute to WRJ Y.E.S. Fund and local charities through Mitzvah Projects

For more information contact WC at WomensConnection@mkorshalom.org
Find us on Facebook

A contribution above annual membership is always nice (and appreciated)!
We will recognize your voluntary contributions in Passages and at our Kick-Off Event.

Women's Connection

Annual Basic Membership	\$36.00 ____
Sarah - basic membership plus a contribution of \$18	\$54 total ____
Rachel - basic membership plus a contribution of \$36	\$72 total ____
Leah - basic membership plus a contribution of \$54	\$90 total ____
Rebecca - basic membership plus a contribution of \$72	\$108 total ____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

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Congregation M'kor Shalom
and return with this portion
to the synagogue office