

February, 2019

Dear BQLI Region Friend,

It's been a pleasure visiting with members at Sisterhood brunches, luncheons, and dinners during the fall. As winter moves into spring, I look forward to celebrating Sisterhood *Shabbatot*, Women's *Sedarim*, and Spring Fashion Shows along with Torah Fund events and end of season gatherings throughout the Region. Thank you for inviting me to **your** Sisterhood's upcoming program.

**And, thank you to the Sisterhoods that have hosted fall Region meetings, and will be hosting us this winter and spring.** Brooklyn Queens Long Island (BQLI) Region teams continue to be hard at work planning meaningful programs and networking opportunities for the balance of this year. Here's what to look forward to in the coming months:

**Calling all craft enthusiasts!** Teri Fields, our Region Creative Arts leader, has a new craft project she wants to share with you. **Please join us at Midway Jewish Center, on March 14,** when Teri will guide us, step by step, in making of personal *Shabbat* candlestick drip plates.

**"Envisioning Future Jewish Engagement"** will be the focus of this year's Helen Cytryn Study Day, inspired by the 5779 Women's League theme, *Atid* (Future). This year's seminar topics will include welcoming interfaith families within the synagogue community, engagement outside synagogue walls, and a Jewish perspective on environmental sustainability. Plan to learn from all of our inspiring scholars by **attending this year's Helen Cytryn Study Day, April 3, at Temple Beth Shalom in Roslyn.**

You're invited to an Israel affairs conversation with award-winning author, Yossi Klein Halevi, who will be discussing his most recent book, ***Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, at Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre, on May 16.** There's plenty of time to read the book in advance of this event, if you haven't yet read it.

For more information about each of these programs and to make your reservation, please see the flyers posted within the events section of this website. **I hope you'll take part in one, two, or all three!**

Last, but not forgotten, **please save June 13, 2019 in your calendar for our annual end of year Woman of Achievement Gala**, when we will honor our valued BQLI Region Sisterhood volunteers! This year's Gala will again be held at Shelter Rock Jewish Center. Invitations and Journal ad reservation forms will be mailed to members in the spring.

**We welcome Sisterhood members as Region team volunteers.** Please let me, or one of our Region leaders, know that you'd like to join a Region team!

As always, I look forward to hearing from you as well as seeing you soon!

*B' Shalom,*  
**Anise Parnes**