

# Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter

Bringing women of faith together after 9/11



All information also available on our website [wtb.org](http://wtb.org)

**January 2020**



In place of a January monthly meeting, WTB will be volunteering at WCNY's televised travel action. We did this a few year's ago and it proved to be a lot of fun. WCNY highlighted WTB's history and mission last year. Hope you can join us!!

Wishing you all the best in the New Year,

Barb Bova,  
President of WTB

Anyone interested in working the WCNY Travel Auction please email Sis Zucker by January 10th. Auction dates January 16,17,18 & 24, 25. Early shift 5:30-8:30, Late shift 8-11. Dinner will be served each nite. If you don't want the phone bank there are other jobs but that is the most fun & needs the most people, especially the late shift. Contact info: [sisz@twcny.rr.com](mailto:sisz@twcny.rr.com) or 315-446-8885

# The CNY World InterFaith Harmony Assembly

SAVE THE  
DATE!



**GROWING  
TOGETHER:**  
Celebrating  
10 Years of  
InterFaith  
Harmony

A tree graphic with a brown trunk and branches, and green leaves. Each leaf contains the name of a church and the year of its participation. The churches listed are: St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Church (2012), Temple Concord (2012), Bethany Baptist Church (2011), The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (2014), St. Paul's Episcopal Church (2015), Masjid Isa Ibn Maryam (2016), University United Methodist Church (2017), Congregation Beth Shalom-Chevra Shas (2018), Southern Missionary Baptist Church (2019), and Temple Adath Yeshurun (2020).

*"For me, the different religions are beautiful flowers from the same garden, or they are branches of the same majestic tree."*  
Mahatma Gandhi

**Monday, Feb. 3, 2020  
6:30 – 8:00 PM  
Temple Adath Yeshurun  
450 Kimber Road  
Syracuse, NY 13224  
Reception to Follow**

Logos for the United Nations, Women Transcending Boundaries, and InterFaith Works (Affirm Dignity).

The 10th Annual World InterFaith Harmony Assembly of Central New York will gather for a special event on **Monday, Feb. 3, 2020** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, with a reception to follow. In recognition of our **tenth anniversary** we have chosen the theme:

**“Growing Together: Celebrating Ten Years of InterFaith Harmony”**

World Interfaith Harmony Week, has been celebrated since 2010, when it was first proposed at the **United Nations General Assembly** by **King Abdullah II of Jordan**. Since its founding, faith groups all over the world have gathered during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February to celebrate interfaith harmony with community events, meals, services, and festivities of various kinds. The movement is strengthened by building ties among world religions, educating ourselves about each other, and helping our community appreciate the beauty and diversity of our faith traditions and our diverse cultures. For the history: [worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com](http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com)

In 2011 [Women Transcending Boundaries](#) and [InterFaith Works of Central New York](#) began sponsoring an annual assembly for Central New York, which for one evening during the first week of February, brings all faiths and spiritual communities under one roof. Since then, a colorful and diverse array of faith groups have gathered to share something distinct from their particular tradition by giving short presentations of poetry, song, stories, cultural dance, etc. Every year, since its founding, our friend, **Dr. Joan Hillsman** from Bethany Baptist, joins us to lead the three songs she has written just for our Syracuse event.

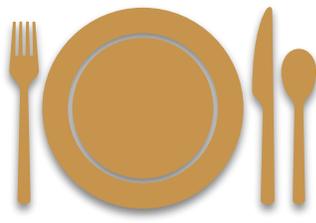
Each annual event is hosted by a different congregation with as many as 600 in attendance. Past events have been hosted by:

- 2011: Bethany Baptist Church — Syracuse Eastside
- 2012: Temple Concord — University Neighborhood
- 2013: St John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Church — Syracuse Northside
- 2014: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — Liverpool
- 2015: St. Paul's Episcopal Church — Downtown Syracuse
- 2016: The Mosque of Jesus, Son of Mary — Syracuse Northside
- 2017: University United Methodist Church — Syracuse University Neighborhood
- 2018: Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas — Dewitt
- 2019: Southern Missionary Baptist Church — Syracuse, Southside

This year's event is hosted by [Temple Adath Yeshurun](#) on **450 Kimber Road on Syracuse's Eastside**. The event is free and open to the public. The entrance and building are handicap accessible. There is plenty of free parking at the synagogue, including the lot across the street on Kimber Road.

**Join us on Feb. 3rd as we celebrate ten years of diversity and harmony.** Please let us know if you would like to participant in or host our 11th Annual World Interfaith Harmony Assembly!





*January Shmai*

## ETHIOERITREA RESTAURANT

**January 14th, 1 pm**

Ethioeritrea Restaurant

505 N. State St., Syracuse

Tesfahiwot Okube grew up cooking the food traditional of his native Eritrea—first at a cafe at the Ethiopian refugee camp he called home for seven years and now, his own restaurant here in Syracuse.

Okube's menu is wide-ranging, but many start with the same base—injera, the sourdough flatbread made of teff flour that serves as the primary utensil, as the food is traditionally eaten by peeling off pieces of the flatbread and using it to grab the food. Many of the dishes are stews, called wots, made with meat—often beef, lamb or chicken—and a variety of vegetables. Another page of the menu is devoted to vegetarian and vegan dishes, such as braised greens and stews made with red lentils or chickpeas.



## **BOOK CLUB**

**Monday, January 27**

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

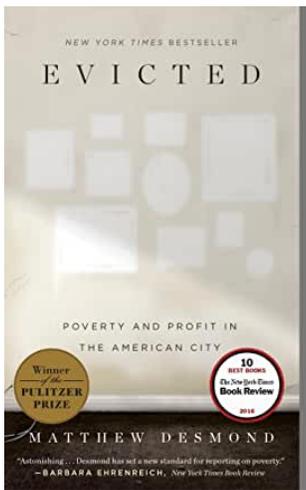
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In *Evicted*, Princeton sociologist and MacArthur “Genius” Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they each struggle to keep a roof over their heads. Hailed as “wrenching and revelatory” (*The Nation*), “vivid and unsettling” (*New York Review of Books*), *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of twenty-first-century America’s most devastating problems. (Amazon)

February 24 – A Woman of No Importance: the Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II by Sonya Purnell

March 23 - The Secrets Between Us by Thrity Umrigar

April 27 - The Great Fire : One American's Mission to Rescue Victims of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's First Genocide by Lou Ureneck

May 25 - The Hate You Give - Angie Thomas (your choice, book or movie) book: 1 copy in Onondaga system, 22 copies in MidYork system; movie: 26 Onondaga, 2 MidYork

June 22 – Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps that Explain Everything about the World by Tim Marshall

## **REFUGEE SEWING**



We will finish the current session on January 16 with our big giveaway of sewing machines, and will begin the next session the following Thursday. We hope to have enough students for a class in the first weeks of January. Jennifer has made many phone calls and talks to refugee groups to encourage sign-ups.

Visitors to class at 501 Park Street from 12:15 to 2:45 are always welcome. If the doors are not open, call 315-345-9217 and I will come and unlock for you.



## **WTB Donated Turkeys for Holiday Food Baskets**

WTB was able to help the Eastern Farm Workers Association fill food baskets to brighten the holidays and school vacation for families. The EFWA is an all volunteer organization that supports migrant farm workers and other low income groups. You may remember Kaaren Remley, Florence Allen and Amini Amusa spoke at our October 2018 meeting about EFWA's mission as part of our series on "Who is the Other?"

WTB was able to donate five frozen turkeys. Sue Savion delivered them to their office on Dec 23 and helped fill the holiday baskets. Thank you, Sue!



COMMUNITY EVENT

## Be our Guest!

Forty-Four years ago, InterFaith Works of CNY (as Syracuse Area Interreligious Council) was founded by a group of faith and civil rights leaders to advance interfaith and cross-racial understanding. In 2009 the first interfaith Dinner Dialogues were held in homes across our community. The tradition continues! On **Thursday evening, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, you are invited to be our guest to join in a conversation around a dinner table with 8-10 friends you may have never met before. Hosts will open their homes and serve a vegetarian dinner. A **trained** facilitator will guide the conversation, sharing questions like:

- Can you share one way in which your faith/spirituality encouraged you to make a difference in the community in which you live?
- How has your faith/spiritual tradition helped you with forgiveness?

When we share stories and ideas with others, we gain understanding and compassion about our many similarities and also find respect for our differences. “I feel heaven as I sit with a group of strangers who quickly burrow themselves into my heart to become my brothers and sisters,” said Jenifer Moss, a mother of eight children and active community volunteer who participated in a Dinner Dialogue. In previous dialogues, guests included those of the Jewish, Roman Catholic, Muslim, Sikh, Protestant, Agnostic, Baptist, Mormon, Buddhist, Episcopal, Methodist and Hindu traditions.

As the evening comes to an end, guests often find themselves wanting more. “We were just getting a glimpse of what people keep in their heart,” said Tim Saka, a recent dialogue host/participant and Director of CNY RISE. Your first step is to say YES, I would like to be a **guest, host or facilitator** on February 20, 2020 at an InterFaith Works Dinner Dialogue 6-8:30 pm.



**Thursday  
February 20, 2020  
6-8:30 p.m.**

**1010 James St.  
Syracuse, NY 13203  
Fax: (315) 449-3103**

***Register by*  
February 7, 2020**

Diverse groups of 8-12 guests gather together for a friendly, facilitated conversation about faith and spirituality at homes across Central New York. Participation is free. Your host will provide a simple vegetarian meal. For more information, contact Daryl Files at (315) 449-3552, ext. 208, or email [dfiles@interfaithworkscny.org](mailto:dfiles@interfaithworkscny.org).

To return this form please do one of the following: mail 1010 James St. Syracuse NY 13203, email [dfiles@interfaithworkscny.org](mailto:dfiles@interfaithworkscny.org), or fax (315) 449-3103.

**I would like to participate as:**

- Attendee
- Facilitator
- Host

I will host 8-12 guests in my home, faith community, or other location and prepare a simple vegetarian meal.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Host location if different from home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Faith or spiritual tradition: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary or accessibility needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: Do you need a ride? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you give another guest a ride if needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider becoming a member of WTB for 2020. Our membership year begins in January. We hope you will renew your membership or become a new member of WTB.



## Women Transcending Boundaries, Inc.

*A Metro Syracuse Women's Group Founded After 9/11/01*

P.O. Box 6847, Syracuse, NY 13217

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### 2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member \_\_\_\_

Renewing Member \_\_\_\_

*PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Native Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special interests that bring you to WTB? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you first learn about WTB? \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues** (\$25 per year) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Note:** Dues are appreciated but not mandatory for membership. However, you must fill out and submit this form in order to be a WTB member.*

**Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Your additional donation will help fund WTB projects and activities, including scholarships for women who cannot afford to pay dues.*

**Total** paid on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ by cash \_\_\_\_ or check \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Women Transcending Boundaries, Inc.  
is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.  
All dues and donations are tax deductible.*

**Please submit this completed form at any WTB meeting or by mail to the address at the top of this form.**

*WTB Mission Statement:*

*We are an egalitarian community of women coming together to respect and learn more about each other's various spiritual beliefs, cultures, and common concerns.  
It is our intent to share our experiences with the wider community, to educate, and to serve.*



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

January 16-18, 24 & 25 WCNY Travel Auction  
Tuesday, 1/14 Schmai  
Monday, 1/27 Book Club  
Monday, 2/3 Interfaith Harmony Assembly  
Thursday, 2/20 Interfaith Dinner Dialogues

