

# Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter



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

November 2023



## NOVEMBER MEETING

**What:** Friendship Dinner  
**Day:** Wednesday, November 8  
**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
**Where:** [CNYRise](#)  
275 West Seneca Tpke  
Syracuse, NY 13207

Please RSVP to  
CNYRise@ [gmail.com](mailto:CNYRise@gmail.com) by Nov. 5

A very special event is planned for November!

WTB is excited to collaborate with CNYRise on November 8 when we will co-host a **Friendship Dinner!** We hope you will join us at this special event for the community. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Rhea Jezer, who is President of Energy 21 and an expert on climate change issues, problems and programs. The evening will include a traditional Turkish meal, community service awards, live music and undoubtedly much lively discussion. All are welcome to attend and we suggest you make reservations early as space will fill up quickly!

\*Interfaith Bracelets will be available for sale at the Friendship Dinner.  
You may also bring any Jell-O that you'd like to donate to GFWC.





We request the pleasure of your company at the

# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Friendship Dinner



**Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Rhea Jezer  
President, Energy21

**HOW WILL WE "RISE" TOGETHER TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE**  
Industry, Environmentalists, Labor, Government and All Communities

*Wednesday, November 8, at 6:00 p.m.*

*275 W. Seneca Turnpike Syracuse NY 13207*

*Please RSVP to [cnyrise@gmail.com](mailto:cnyrise@gmail.com) by Nov 5th*

**Featuring:**

*Traditional Turkish Meal \*\*\*Community Service Awards\*\*\*Live Music*



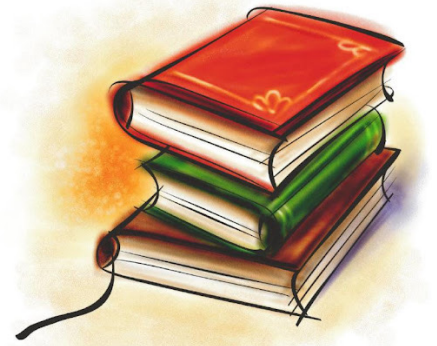


Thanks to everyone who attended the WTB Program "Sharing Family Stories" at Art Rage on Sunday, October 15th. We viewed Arab American artist Helen Zughaib's colorful and impactful series "Stories My Father Told Me." Each of the 25 paintings depicts a story her father told about his childhood in Syria and Lebanon in the 1930s and 1940s. It was very special to be able to share our own family stories -- some of trauma in WW II, some of special moments and customs.

If you missed the meeting and would like to see these paintings and read the stories, Helen Zughaib's book "Stories My Father Told Me" is available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). If you'd like to borrow a copy of this book, contact Barb Bova at 315 415-2797.

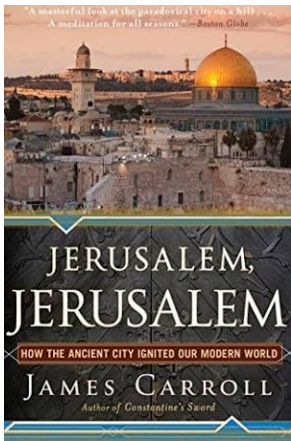
# Book Club

## (November & December)



Nov. 13 & Dec. 11  
7-9 pm via zoom

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem: How the Ancient City Ignited our Modern World* by James Carroll



James Carroll's urgent, masterly *Jerusalem, Jerusalem* uncovers the ways in which the ancient city became a transcendent fantasy that ignites religious fervor unlike anywhere else on earth. That fervor animates American history as much as it does the Middle East, in the present as deeply as in the past...

*Google Books*

### Jennifer's comments:

After discussing our November book with other readers, I found that we are agreed that Jerusalem, Jerusalem is a valuable book, especially with current events on our minds. But we also agreed that it is challenging reading, and few feel they can finish it by November 13.

So I suggested that we read sections 1 to 5 (pages 1 to 154) for November 13 and sections 6 to 10 (pages 155 to 317) for December 11.

Then move Disability Visibility possibly to February, with Last Train to Istanbul in January if that is agreeable to our Turkish readers.

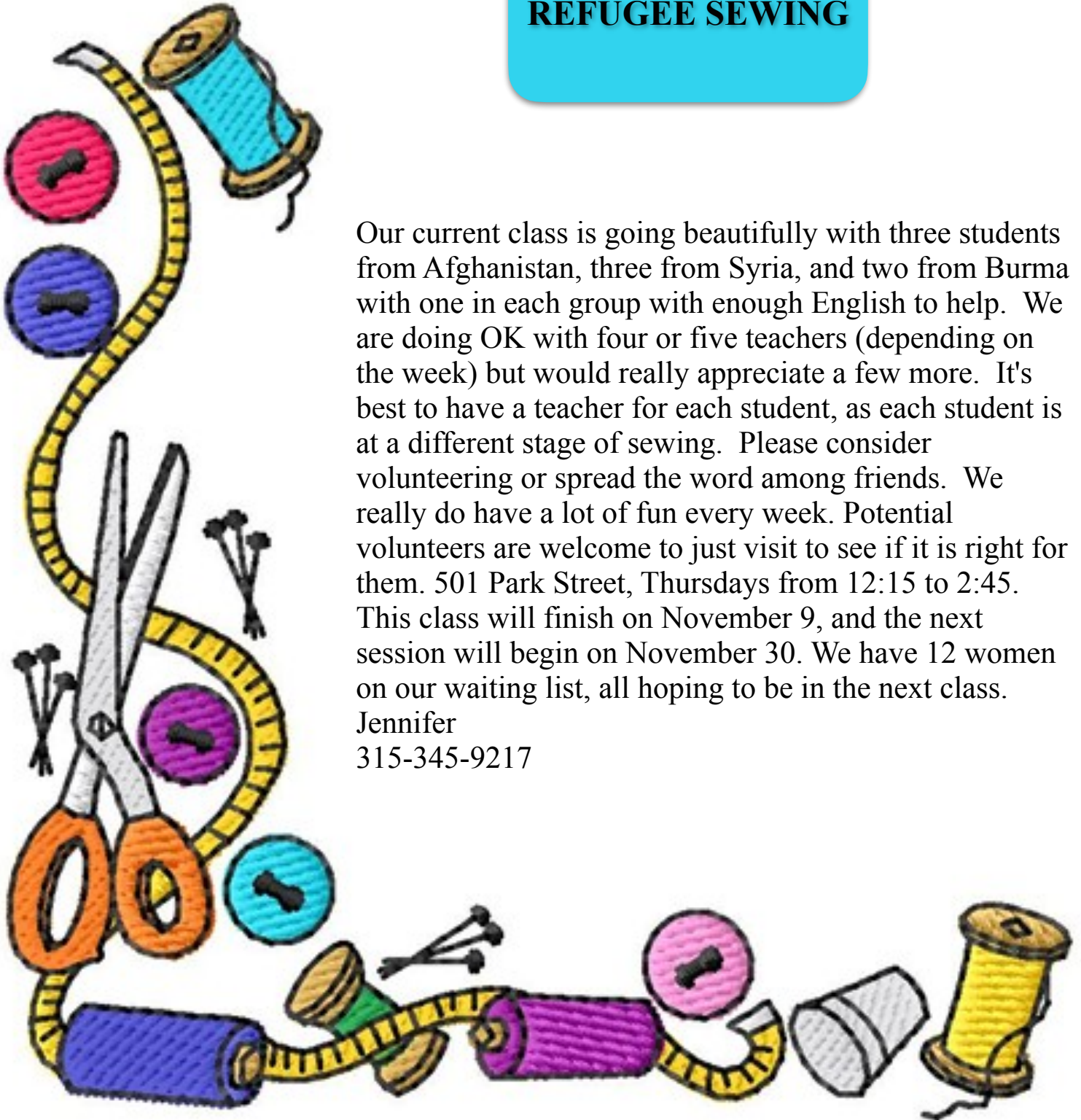
All of the readers who responded to my email about this agreed, so please note this update.



## REFUGEE SEWING

Our current class is going beautifully with three students from Afghanistan, three from Syria, and two from Burma with one in each group with enough English to help. We are doing OK with four or five teachers (depending on the week) but would really appreciate a few more. It's best to have a teacher for each student, as each student is at a different stage of sewing. Please consider volunteering or spread the word among friends. We really do have a lot of fun every week. Potential volunteers are welcome to just visit to see if it is right for them. 501 Park Street, Thursdays from 12:15 to 2:45. This class will finish on November 9, and the next session will begin on November 30. We have 12 women on our waiting list, all hoping to be in the next class.

Jennifer  
315-345-9217





*Lajna Ima'illah Women's Organization of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community  
Invites you to Seeratun Nabi Day*

**November 5, 2023**

**The program starts at 11:00 am**

**Address: 6650 Old Collamer Rd,  
East Syracuse, 13057**

**Please RSVP**

**Safeta Cerimovic**

**315-520-3937**

**cerimovicsafeta@gmail.com**

*This Event is for Ladies and Children Only*

**Program**

- 11:00 am..... Opening of the program and Welcoming Remarks**  
**11:15 am..... Why Do We Celebrate Seeratun Nabi Day**  
**11:30 am..... History of Hijab (Vail), Why do Muslim Women  
Wear Hijab**  
**11:50 am..... Nazam/Poem**  
**11:55 am..... Modesty**  
**12:10 pm..... Question/ Answer**  
**12:20 pm..... Show us your favorite hijab style**  
**12:30 pm..... Lunch**  
**1:30 pm ..... Zuhr Prayer**





## **November Schmai**

When: Thursday, Nov. 16

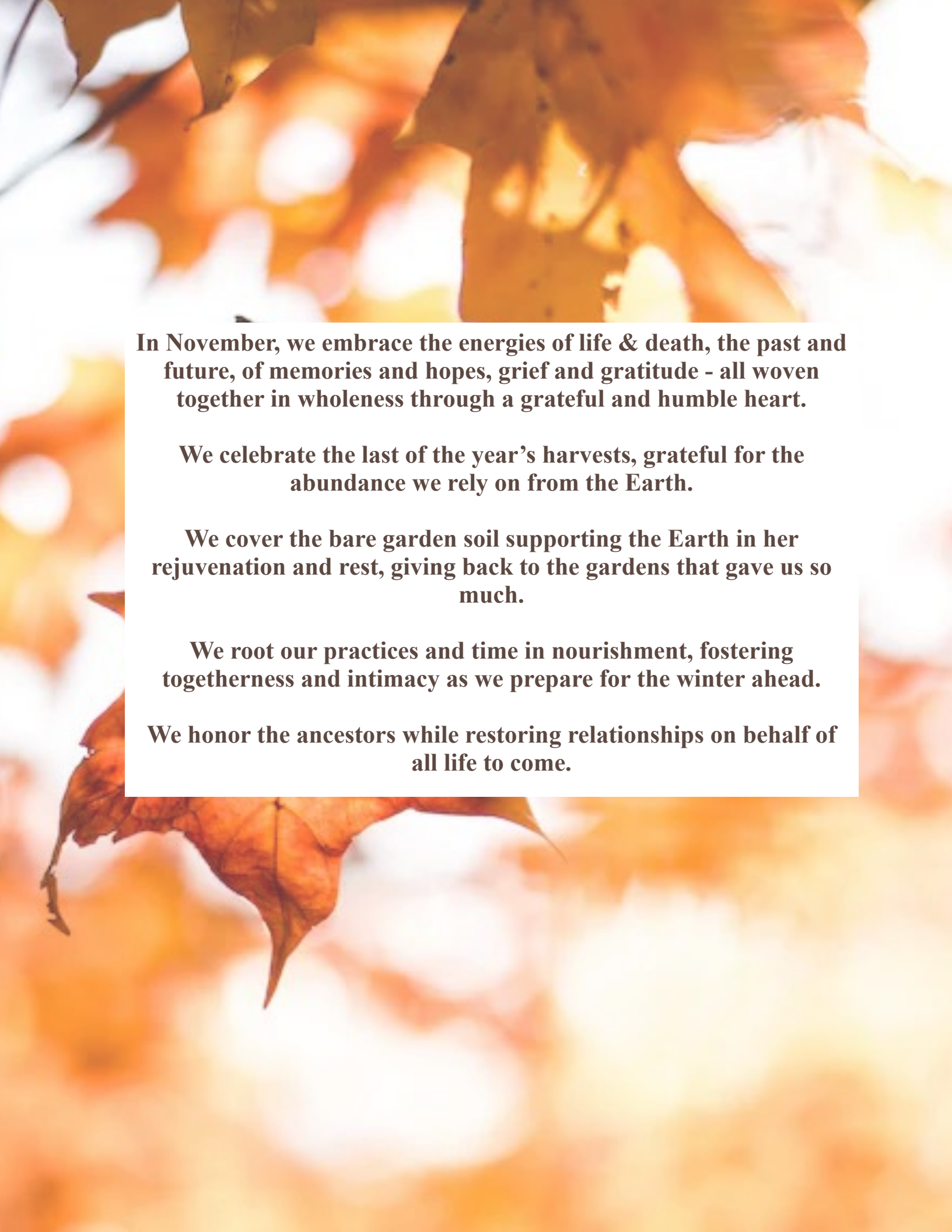
Time: 1 pm for lunch

Where: [Tulum Mexican Restaurant](#)

325 W. Manlius St.

East Syracuse

TULUM MEXICAN RESTAURANT is the perfect place to bring friends and family for an authentic Mexican fare where New York and Mexican traditions come together for a perfect blend of smokey grilled flavor, spice, vegetables and fresh taste serving contemporary cuisine inspired and rooted in Mexican flavors and traditions while celebrating local and seasonal ingredients.



**In November, we embrace the energies of life & death, the past and future, of memories and hopes, grief and gratitude - all woven together in wholeness through a grateful and humble heart.**

**We celebrate the last of the year's harvests, grateful for the abundance we rely on from the Earth.**

**We cover the bare garden soil supporting the Earth in her rejuvenation and rest, giving back to the gardens that gave us so much.**

**We root our practices and time in nourishment, fostering togetherness and intimacy as we prepare for the winter ahead.**

**We honor the ancestors while restoring relationships on behalf of all life to come.**





# Día de Los Muertos

Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead is a holiday which is celebrated mostly in Mexico on November 1 and 2. It is like a family reunion - except dead ancestor are the guests of honor. It is a joyful time that helps people remember the deceased and celebrate their memory. Do you have someone you'd like to remember on this special day?







Hello Everyone and Happy Holidays!  
It's that time of year again! Jell-O time!

Each year the Salvation Army in conjunction with the Christmas Bureau has a Holiday Food Basket that is distributed from the On-Center for needy families in Onondaga County. This year again as in the past SFWC is collecting boxes of jell-O for 4,000 needy families. We usually put two boxes of jell-O in each holiday basket... **we need a total of 8,000 boxes of jell-O for this project.**

**A case of 48 boxes \$32.64 from Aldis.** if you would like to donate a check, please make it out to Candace Edwards as Aldis won't take checks. This is my 14th year as the Jell-O lady! Can you believe I came back from Florida to help out with this huge project! We will do our best to make a miracle happen again this year with your help!!!

Please share this message so we reach more people... Also if your place of business can help, please let me know and i will be happy to pick it up!

If you have questions or need me to pick up the boxes, call me 315-243-1750.  
Thank you in advance for all your help!

Sincerely,  
Candace  
The Jell-O Lady





## **Syracuse Federation of Women's Clubs News**

**SFWC can no longer accept empty medicine bottles as of December 2023.** The cost of shipping these bottles to Matthew 25 has become prohibitive.

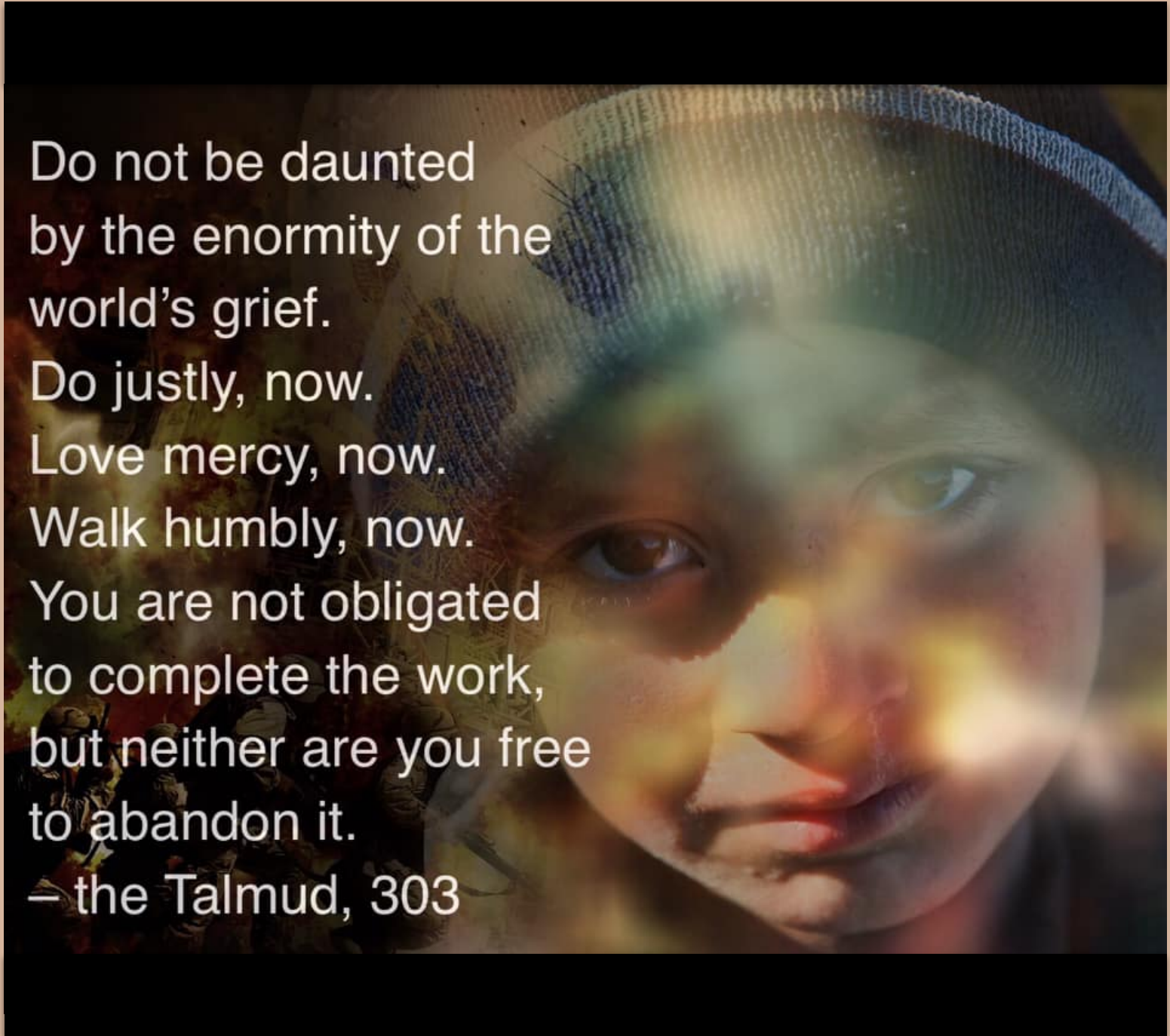
If you have already collected clean, washed medicine bottles to donate, you can bring them to WTB table at the CNY RISE Friendship Dinner on Nov 8th, drop them on the front porch at 53 Lyndon Rd, Fayetteville, or call Barbara Bova to arrange pickup at 315-415-2797.

Thank you for all the medicine bottles WTB has donated to this cause over the years.

We continue to collect:

- gently used bras for Save the Girls
- supplies for Dr. Weeks and Seymore Academy city schools (hats, mittens, clothing, toiletries)
- calendars for local veterans
- food for local food. pantries
- **Jello** for the Salvation Army Holiday baskets

SFWC would love to have you join them for their monthly dinner meeting on Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 pm at Barbagallos Restaurant, 6344 East Molloy Rd, East Syracuse. The cost of the meal is \$28. Contact Ellyn Roloff (315 569-9918 or [EGR.DEC@outlook.com](mailto:EGR.DEC@outlook.com)) to make a reservation.



Do not be daunted  
by the enormity of the  
world's grief.  
Do justly, now.  
Love mercy, now.  
Walk humbly, now.  
You are not obligated  
to complete the work,  
but neither are you free  
to abandon it.  
— the Talmud, 303



Syracuse Peace  
Council's 52nd Annual  
**PLOWSHARES**

Craftsfair &  
Peace Festival

**DECEMBER 3-4, 2022**

Saturday 10AM - 5PM

Sunday 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM

3100 EAST GENESEE ST  
SYRACUSE NY 13244



WTB will have a table at Plowshares this year! The Syracuse Peace Council's 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Plowshares Craftsfair and Peace Festival will be held Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at [Nottingham High School](#). Our table will distribute information about Women Transcending Boundaries' programs and sell our Diversity Bracelets! If you can volunteer an hour or two to spend time at our booth, set up/take down table display, or work on a committee to organize our table please email [wtbcny@gmail.com](mailto:wtbcnny@gmail.com)

**SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL**

*Educating, Agitating, Organizing for Peace and Social Justice since 1936*

Big World. Many Beliefs. One Prayer. Peace.

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Only when the Power of Love overcomes the Love of Power will there be True Peace

Handcrafted 925 Sterling Silver



**BEAUTIFUL INTERFAITH BRACELETS**

This lovely bracelet celebrates the commonalities all faiths share!

Created by Jill Felts of Compelling Creations, each high-quality bracelet consists of 9 silver medallions – each with a symbol of a different world faith.

## THE GOLDEN RULE



Islam: Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself.



Taoism: Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain and your neighbor's loss as your own loss.



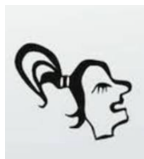
Christianity: In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you.



Shinto: Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself.



Dove of Peace



Primal Religions: The entire universe is alive and interconnected. One should treat all creatures in the world as one would want to be treated.



Buddhism: Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.



Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. This is the whole Torah, all the rest is commentary.



Hinduism: This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you.

## BEAUTIFUL INTERFAITH BRACELETS OFFERED

This lovely bracelet celebrates the commonalities all faiths share!

Price of the bracelet will vary depending upon the price of silver. At present the cost of these bracelets is \$76.00 each. The net proceeds will be donated to support the programs and mission of Women Transcending Boundaries.

### *Silver Interfaith Bracelet Order Form*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Interfaith Bracelets

Number of bracelets \_\_\_\_\_ at \$76.00 each

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to Betsy Wiggins and mail to 305 Carlton Dr., Dewitt, NY 13214.

Jewelry will be delivered to you!





WTB is organizing committees for our 2023-2024 year and we would love to have **YOU** take part!! What ever your talents and interests, there is a place for you at WTB! We are looking for women who would like to help plan meetings and service projects, are comfortable with social media and publicity – please reach out and let us know you’d like to be more involved!! [wtbcny@gmail.com](mailto:wtbcny@gmail.com)



Let us know if you have any concerns, suggestions or comments. We’d love to hear from you. You can reach us at: [wtbcny@gmail.com](mailto:wtbcny@gmail.com)

Here is a link to the online membership form:

<https://forms.gle/Yig1KGo4tbSqvByn6>





# Women Transcending Boundaries, Inc.

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

P.O. Box 6847, Syracuse, NY 13217

www.wtb.org

## 2023 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Would you like to receive more information about specific needs and volunteer opportunities ...  
within WTB?  in the greater Central New York community?

**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, activities and scholarships. Thank you!*

**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.*