October 2026 Newsletter

Next WTB Program: Fall Faith Traditions

Through the years some of WTB's most talked-about programs have been those in which we learned others' faith traditions--what happens at birth, puberty, weddings, funerals. So the Program Committee is planning a take-off on "traditions" at the next meeting **Sunday, Nov. 15**.

We'll be sharing and hearing stories about Fall and thanksgiving in diverse faiths and cultures. It will be a panel discussion. Speakers are now being recruited.

Bring a friend to our gathering from 1-3 p.m. at Interfaith Works, 1010 James Street. Bring a snack to share if you can. Updated details are at WTB.ORG

Our Service Projects Clothe and Feed Others

In WTB's 26th year, we continue our tradition of helping others. Our Sept.-Dec. service project is a clothing drive for students at Dr. Weeks School, Syracuse. We're gathering items for the pre-K to 5th graders:

- New socks, underwear
- pants, all sizes
- all size fleeces, (no T-shirts)
- winter jackets, all sizes
- hats, all sizes
- boots, shoes, all sizes
- diapers, only toddler size

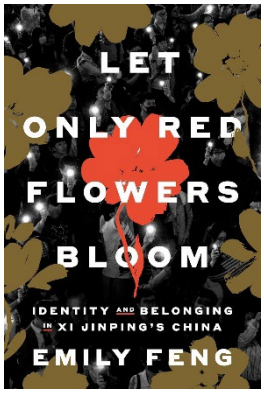
Bring donations to any WTB gathering. Or drop them off at 53 Lyndon Road, Fayetteville, or at 7546 Marble Drive, Liverpool, through early December.

On Oct. 18, the women (at left) made 245 sandwiches and delivered them to the Assumption Roman Catholic Church soup Kitchen.

MORE SERVICE PROJECTS: In November we'll join farmworkers in a **Sweet Potato Pie Baking Event.** In December we will gather and **sort toy donations** for a children's Christmas Party the farmworkers are planning. Dates and more will be on the website, WTB.ORG .

Book Club Reads About China

National Public Radio journalist Emily Feng entitled her latest book, *Let Only Red Flowers Bloom: Identity and Belonging in Xi Jinping's China*. The title is a metaphor for the Chinese government's quest for homogeneity and one ideology.



The Book Club will discuss this book on **November 9** at 7:30 p.m. online.

Feng reported in China from 2015 - 2022 and covered all types of stories about culture, protests and national identity. Her book begins with the optimistic visions of China's future under President Xi Jinping and then how different ethnic groups became suppressed if their religion and language were not those of the Han majority and the Communist Party. It also includes chapters on the recent changes in Hong Kong.

If you'd like to be part of the discussion, contact Barb Bova for the Zoom link, barbbarbbova@gmail.com (yes her first name is twice in the address)

Women Sample Middle Eastern Food October 13

We had to move tables together to fit in all who came to the October Schmai at a Middle Eastern restaurant, Diwan, in Manlius. Two women new to WTB joined us for conversation and food on **October 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

The restaurant's website reads that it is, *"a place of gathering of friends and family... a unique dining experience for people to enjoy authentic food."* And WTB members found that to be true.

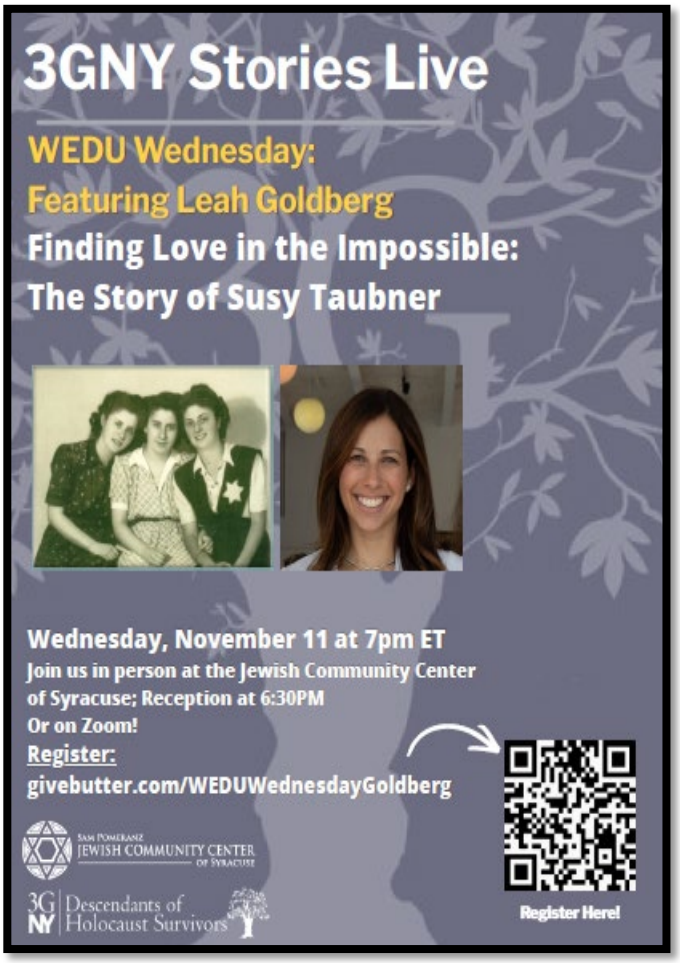
We meet monthly for this gathering called a schmai. We sample ethnic cuisines, support locally-owned eateries and share stories with WTB friends and meet new women.

If you're a regular WTB participant, help us expand the good work and friendships of WTB -- invite a friend and join us for a schmai -- it's a great way to introduce her to WTB.

Go to our website for the date and time for the November lunch get-together.

Other Activities You May Find Interesting

3GNY is a group of descendants of Holocaust Survivors. They have invited WTB members who are interested to attend this event:



RISE and InterFaith Works want to foster greater understanding of the importance of aging with dignity, intergenerational support, and inclusive community engagement.

Anyone is welcome at this year's Annual Friendship Dinner, "Celebrate Aging in CNY." It focuses on honoring the experiences, wisdom, and continued contributions of older adults in the Central New York community.

Time to Renew Your Membership

Be a supporter of this wonderful organization of learning, sharing and caring. See the Membership Form on the next page and send it in as directed so we have funds to continue our works of generous service and education. And thank you!

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2026–2027 MEMBERSHIP FORM

[for the program year September 1, 2026, through August 30, 2027]

We ask that you fill in and submit this Membership Form in order to be a WTB member.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

___ I am a NEW MEMBER. [Please fill in *all* the information below.]

___ I am a RENEWING MEMBER. [Please tell us only what has changed.]

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail: _____ Occupation: _____

Faith Tradition (optional): _____ Native Country (optional) : _____

Do you have special skill sets that you would like to share with WTB, such as writing, accounting, public relations/advertising, social media, or any other areas of expertise? _____

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Dues & Donations:

Dues* ($25 per year) $ _____

**Dues are appreciated but not required (except for Council, Advisory Board, and Standing Committee members).*

Donation ☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $75 ☐ $100 ☐ Other _____ $ _____

Your additional donation will help fund WTB projects, activities and scholarship awards as well as dues for those who cannot afford to pay. Thank you!

Total paid on ____/____/____ by cash ☐ *or* by 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.

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