



*Shuvah Yisrael
Among the Lilies
Women's Literary Group
Schedule*



☆ *Jewish Year 5778 ~ 2017/2018* ☆

☞ Our wondrous G-d invented every sort of artistic endeavor. Through Yeshua—the Interpreter of G-d, the Author of our Salvation, the Visible Representation of the Invisible, the Word of Life—all things were created, and now exist through Him. He created musicians, authors, teachers; craftswomen, weavers, shepherds. He is the Creator of rainbows, sunsets, tropical islands, and seas. He fills the oceans with coral, starfish, Emperor angelfish, and sea anemone. He clothes millions of birds in colorful plumage. His hummingbirds shimmer. His peacocks are stunning. He wraps His swans in dazzling whites. He designs His butterflies with touches of gold and sapphire. There's no way to measure His astounding ingenuity. He is Maker of towering cedars, firs, weeping willows, spruce. His cantaloupe, grapes, and figs are scrumptious. His gardenias are intoxicating. His velvety roses and gorgeous lilies inspire poets. He initiates melodies, concertos, harmonies, intermezzos. Within His realm of possibilities we who love Him have innumerable avenues for exploration and inventive writing. Be it literary non-fiction, devotionals, memoir, women's fiction, or lyrics, we are gifted with vocabulary for unique expression. So, this is a call to all creative women born in the image of G-d, born from above; women who love words, women who adore our Messiah King. May we commit anew to writing G-d's heart within the specific confines of His will. May we pen with skill; draw, sow, compose, paint, or sculpt with Divine enabling. Join us as we seek to obey the Spirit's directives. Join our circle of interaction. Fully embrace the holy calling. Write for the upbuilding of Messiah's Body. Come with passion for His Narratives, Festivals, Biblical characters, ideas, and fellowship. His wisdom, truth, and light. Come, be vivified in spirit. With new zeal embrace G-d's ways and heart. mo



Write, Read, Share, Foster Holy Creativity!
Engage in noble and honorable purposes.
Reflect His Sensibilities. Discern, Detect His Heart
in the Complexities of Life ~
"All the paths of the Lord are mercy and steadfast love."



Meeting Dates:
16 September

Writing Ideas & Prompts:
Foremother Eve Is Deceived.
Shame Invades Paradise.
The Creator asks:
"What is this that you have done?"
(Genesis 3: 1-13; Hebrews 6)
Sadly, Innocent Goats Get Implicated.
Rosh Hashanah, Jewish New Year
Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement

Honing the Craft:
Nature's Palette.
Elements of Scene.
The Setting Informs.
Universal Themes.
Stories that Reveal
Truth, Sorrow ~ and
Redemption.
Conflict Resolution.



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| 14 October | Sister's: Rachel and Leah. Genesis 29: 16 to chapter 31 In the Camel's Saddle. Where Is G-d's Heart? Sukkot ~ Simhat Torah | Perfecting Voice. Colorful Expressive Words. Idolatry Explicated. Writing Complexities and Life's Intricacies. |
| 04 November | Hannah's Mourning Turned To Dancing~ Peninnah: Cruelty in the Lord's House. (1 Samuel 1 & 2) Thanksgiving Joys. A Steer, Flour, and Wine | Writing HOPE & FAITH. Effectual Literary Light. Avoiding Clichés. Original, Unique Ideas. Authentic Prose & Prayer. Animals and Veggies. |
| 02 December | Elizabeth and Miriam (Mary) Shame, or Glory? Luke 1 & 2 Unlikely Occurrences. Womanly Sensibilities. Hanukkah/Birth of Messiah | Women's Fiction and Non Picaresque, the Journey Religious Themes & Tone How Words Serve G-d's View of Women. Feast of Dedication. |
| 13 January | Old Anna Sees Her Redeemer. The Vine Extraordinaire. Luke 2: 36 - 38; John 15 Tu B' Shevat; Tree New Year | Foreshadowing and Flashbacks. Reflections. Perseverance Penned. The Language of Flora. |
| 10 February | Zeresh, Then Esther is Star Truth in Relationships. Esther 1 & 2 Proverbs 31: 10 & 25 & 30 Purim ~ The Banquets | Every Sort of Genre: Romance, Fantasy, Epistolary, Literary, Nature Writing, Food Writing, Religious. |
| 10 March | The Sign on the Doorposts The Song of Miriam Exodus 11 & 15: 20-21 Passover/Pesach Haggadah, the Telling | Interiority. Inner Life. Excellent Lyrics. Questions and Curiosity. Emotional Verbiage. Using the Five Senses |



Meeting Dates:

21 April

Writing Ideas & Prompts:

Deborah and Yael (Judges 4 & 5)
 O My Soul March On.
 Courageous Women.
 Yom Hashoah.
 Yom Hazikaron.
 Yom Ha'atzma'ut.

Honing the Craft:

Editing/Revising.
 Perfect Dialogue.
 Idioms, Natural Speech,
 Syntax, Diction.
 Dimensionality.
 Creative Vocabulary.

19 May

Biblical Authority.
 Scriptural Truth.
 The Word of Life.
 II Timothy 3: 16
 Matthew 4: 4
 Shavuot.

Agents and Publishing
 Houses.
 Query Letters.
 Synopses.
 Handling Rejections.
 Perseverance and Faith!

09 June

The Triune G-d, His Heart.
 Human Companions.
 Animal Companions.
 Plant Companions.
 Companionship of the Holy Spirit.
 I Corinthians 2: 7 - 13 & 16
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Asking Pertinent
 Questions.
 Defining Intentions.
 Courage and Calling.
 Faithfulness and
 Creativity.
 Reverence Expressed.

"Blessed are You, our G-d, Creator of time and space, who has supported us, protected us, and, brought us to this moment." (This blessing: when exciting events happen.)

The G-d of Glory bestows gifts for the building up and expansion of His Kingdom; also, for our growth, development, understanding and outlook. He calls us to creative tasks that require our partnering with and relying on the Spirit's tutelage. He calls us to embrace His eternal purposes. He invites us to learn and perfect the skills required to produce and bear good fruit. He is the Giver of Expertise and Inspiration. Yeshua says in John 7: 39: "Whoever believes in Me, who relies on Me as Scripture has said, From their innermost being shall flow continuously springs and rivers of living water." Every believer has a story of great significance about Yeshua's grace and goodness. Every believing artist/author is desperately needed in this often tragic world to express the wonder of G-d's powerful love, rescuing help, and remarkable provision. In Him we have an unlimited bounty of ideas, topics, wisdom; innumerable stories, books, poems, beautiful lyrics, riveting memoirs, holy devotionals!

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