

## The Power of Jewish Women's Conversations

### Talking about what's on our minds

More free-flowing than a book club, not as spiritual as a Rosh Chodesh group, and more intimate than a lecture; a Lilith salon is a gathering where a dozen or so people meet for an evening or afternoon of good talk, refreshments, and renewed energy.

Created by Lilith magazine, the print "salon" for Jewish women's conversations for nearly three decades, these gatherings are being offered by Women of Reform Judaism to sisterhood women across North America.

Each salon has trigger topics taken from the latest issue of Lilith, but the conversation moves in whatever directions the participants take it: reproductive rights, interracial families, or new rituals for Jewish weddings.

Pilot Lilith salons have already met in 38 sisterhoods, and the participants rave about the experience. One participant said:

*"Thanks so much for a wonderful and soulwarming evening. What went on in the Lilith salon is rare and precious, as evidenced by the intensity and excitement of the participants."*

To launch a WRJ/Lilith salon in your own sisterhood, all you need is a dozen or so members, and a space to meet in. The rest is simple: Following your WRJ-provided checklist, you schedule a salon a few

#### Hot topics:

- Our mothers, our daughters
- The Jewish stake in abortion rights
- Angry talk in intimate relationships
- Jewish rituals that make a difference in our lives

weeks after each issue of the quarterly magazine mails. WRJ and Lilith, together, will provide WRJ salons with conversation starters and trigger questions, plus guidance and suggestions from women who have successfully hosted Lilith's pilot salons. You contact the participants with the date, time, and place, and you're set.

Why WRJ salons? Jewish women's salons bring the power and pleasure of conversation back into our busy lives. Salons are a low-key way to inspire face-to-face encounters, forge new friendships in your sisterhood, energize Reform women for a social-action agenda, and create a magnet for women who have not yet joined in other sisterhood activities.

