



Thank you for 37 years!

Since 1981, Keiko Kanda has served as Coordinator for the Babysitting Room offered alongside the Women's League English Conversation Classes. She has decided to step down from her role, and we want to take the time to thank her for her years of dedication and service. Keiko has cared for children from all over the world with her team of staff, Hiroe Walsh, Michi Oe-Medeiros and Saori Moses, who depart their roles also. They have all shown a deep commitment to their roles of providing excellent and loving care for the children in their charge. We are grateful for their years of service, and we will miss them!

The Women's League Babysitting Room is currently on hiatus while we seek a new coordinator. If you are interested in the role or know someone who is, please contact Kirsty Bennett (kbennett@mit.edu).

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Jan 23 Book Discussion

Emma Rogers Room (10-340)
11:30am

Feb 1 Ask the Chef

Emma Rogers Room (10-340)
12:00pm

Feb 5 Tour of the Self-Assembly Lab

1:30pm

Feb 12 English Class Registration

Stratton Student Center (W20-407)
9:00am

Feb 19 MITell hosted by the ICEO

Chipman Room (6-104)
12:00pm

Feb 20 Fiber Crafts Group

Emma Rogers Room (10-340)
11:30am

Feb 27 Book Discussion

Emma Rogers Room (10-340)
11:30am

English Conversation Class: Registration

Tuesday, February 12 • 9:00-11:00am
Stratton Student Center
W20-407

For international women arriving at MIT whose first language is not English, our conversational English classes provide a friendly venue for practicing the language, learning new vocabulary, and engaging in conversations with classmates about a variety of subjects. They are a perfect home-away-from-home for visitors from other cultures and countries.

Students meet women from around the globe and come together to learn and improve their English skills with the guidance of dedicated Women's League teachers. The focus is on functional "how to" English conversation and student interests vs. grammar. Grammar instruction, however, is provided and reviewed at the Basic and Intermediate levels. In addition, these classes offer students opportunities to make new friends, share their cultures and interests, and gain confidence while living their new life in the United States. As stories and experiences are shared, speaking and listening competence improves.



Spring classes are held from February to May on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15 am to 11:00 am. Four levels of classes (Basic to Advanced) are offered and after a brief interview with one of our teachers, each student is placed in an appropriate level class. Textbooks are provided and included in the student fee of \$120 per semester.

#GI ING TUESDAY



What's a good way to get a smile from a passerby? The Women's League marked #GivingTuesday by handing out 240 cookies to the MIT Community in Lobby 10. It took three volunteers 30 minutes to distribute them all - 7.5 seconds per cookie, if you're counting!

Thank you to our volunteers on the day and those who helped us package them ready for distribution.



The Laya Weisner Awards 2018

Since 1981, MIT presidents have presented awards at the Institute Awards Convocations. Among those awards are two the Women's League created to honor Laya Wiesner, wife of MIT's 13th president Jerome Wiesner. Last May, these two prestigious awards were presented to Tchelet Segev and Kate Mytty for their contributions to improving the quality of life at MIT and beyond.



2017-2018 Board Chair Srirupa Mitra, Kate Mytty and Tchelet Segev at the 2018 Awards Convocation.

Senior **Tchelet Segev** dedicated her time at MIT to serving the campus community and promoting positive change. She is involved with multiple initiatives to improve life on campus, including MindHandHeart, Class, Awareness, Support, and Equality (CASE) and Accessing Resources Coalition. She also served as the Committee Chair of Special Projects for the Undergraduate Association (UA). Tchelet's great intelligence, work ethic, and dedication are an inspiration. We are so pleased to honor Tchelet with the 2018 Laya W. Wiesner Award.

Instructor **Kate Mytty** demonstrates to her colleagues and those she mentors an ethic of hard work, perseverance and humility. Kate has worked with DUSP, MIT IDEAS Global Challenge, D-Lab and is a founder of MIT CREATE. One nominator wrote: "She has a commitment to public service, trust in local knowledge, and drive to innovate toward a society in which prosperity is enjoyed by all." She is an important role model for women who strive to be entrepreneurs and artists, community members and leaders. We are so pleased to honor Kate with the 2018 Laya Wiesner Community Award.

We are proud of our award recipients and congratulate them for their dedication and accomplishments.

In anticipation of the May 2019 Awards Convocation, we invite League members to nominate candidates for these awards. Both carry financial prizes. Please send letters of nomination, describing the candidate's qualifications, to the League office, Room 10-342, or via email to wleague@mit.edu by March 18.



Ask the Chef

Friday, February 1 • 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Emma Rogers Room (10-340)

Tim Healey, chef for the Emma Rogers and Alice MacLaurin Rooms, will again be the guest speaker at our mid-winter "Ask the Chef" program. Tim is happy to answer any questions you wish to pose and generously shares his knowledge of food and food preparation — recipes too! Come and expand your cooking knowledge and hone your cooking skills.

To reserve your seat, email wleague@mit.edu. Feel free to bring your lunch and a beverage. Dessert will be provided.

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Save the Date

Look out for email announcements about these upcoming events!

Tour the Self-Assembly Lab
February 5, 2019 1:30-2:30pm

Breakfast Series
March 13, 2019 8:00 -9:30am (10-340)

Tour of the Koch Institute
March 21, 2019 12:00 - 1:00pm

The MIT Women's League Newsletter is published four times during the academic year. The deadline for submission for the January 2019 newsletter is December 1. All items should be emailed to the Women's League Office, wleague@mit.edu.

Please call the office for a hard copy of the newsletter or for any questions you may have.

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