

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

## **SISTERHOOD CORNER—December, 2019**

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### ***From the President's Desk...***

I am very proud of our Sisterhood as we have had some great programs these last few months and the attendance at each one has been wonderful. As we look forward to the joyous holiday season, we will be celebrating Chanukah on Wednesday, December 4th with our annual Latke Luncheon. After lunch we will be entertained by our synagogue's favorite magician and mentalist (who is truly outstanding), Lee Levin. After the show, please stay to shop at our Holiday Boutique. We have quite an array of vendors this year. This is one afternoon you won't want to miss!

On Wednesday, December 11th, our Book Club will be meeting to discuss the book, "*A Titanic Love Story*" by June Hall Mc Cash. Please join us.

We will be taking a break during the month of January as there will be no meetings, programs or Book Club. But, we'll be back on Wednesday, February 5th when Rebbetzin Julie Weill will lead us in a *Tu B'Shevat* Seder—something new instead of our Passover Seder.

If you have not paid your dues for 2019-2020, please send in your check today so you won't miss out on any of our great programs.

Best Wishes for a Happy Chanukah and a peaceful New Year!

*B'Shalom! Judy Frank*

### ***News and Notes...***

- Be a media mogul! A \$5 contribution makes you a sponsor of our Sisterhood bulletin. Please mail your contributions to:  
Judy Arkin c/o EHNTJC Sisterhood  
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#### **Our Media Moguls this month are:**

***Elayne Baum***

***(in memory of my darling Steve Baum),***

***Esther Berman***

***(in memory of Abe and Sara Yelen),***

***Marcy Feinberg, Mickey Gordon,***

***Ricki Herling,***

***(in memory of my beautiful mother Bernice),***

***Bobbie Levin,***

***Esther Manewith***

***(in honor of our grandchildren),***

***Dori Marks, Miffie Nagorsky,***

***Debbie Novoselsky,***

***Ada Rabinowitz and Judi Stein***

If you have news to share, contact Judy Arkin at [kjarkin99@comcast.net](mailto:kjarkin99@comcast.net).

- Sisterhood donation cards are 8/\$10 and the Chai cards are 6/\$18. The cards are available in the synagogue office.

### **BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS**

#### ***"A Titanic Love Story: Isidor and Ida Straus"***

by June Hall McCash

The Strauses were wealthy Jews within their New York community, and as people committed to the welfare of their family, their city, their country, and those less fortunate than themselves, they dealt with their own grief, illness, and occasional brushes with anti-Semitism. Ironically, their final happy days in the south of France lead to their unexpected sailing on the *Titanic*.

Both died as they had lived, with dignity, honor, loyalty to one another, and compassion for others. The public outpouring of grief at their deaths, even by today's standards of over-the-top journalism, was remarkable.

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on **Wednesday, December 11th** at **10:30 a.m.** at the synagogue.

Please join us for a lively discussion!  
Refreshments will be served.

#### **Please RSVP to one of our Book Club Chairs:**

Dorothy Lipstadt	(847)673-3525
Elaine Lampert	(847)537-1240
Judith Rae-Ross	(847)708-4541

***.....and next up on February 12th  
"Mrs. Everything"  
by Jennifer Weiner***



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## SAVE THE DATE!

**Women's League for Conservative Judaism  
International Convention  
July 12-15, 2020  
at the Hyatt-Regency-Schaumburg**

### GIFT SHOP GAB - VOLUME THIRTY-FOUR

The gift shop had a wonderful event on Sunday, November 10th. We had \$237 in sales and four custom orders. The only unusual thing about it was that it was a Men's Club event—Brunch and Bingo.

Bill Gerber, who ran the event, asked me if I would be able to open the gift shop in order to add to the fun of the event. He announced the gift shop more than once, he thanked the Sisterhood for their donations and at the end of the program, he reminded people again about the gift shop and encouraged them to shop. His help made a successful day.

With a successful day behind us, we look forward to the Holiday Boutique. Our boutique sales have exceeded \$1,000 every year since we reopened in April, 2016. Let's hope that we can carry on the tradition!

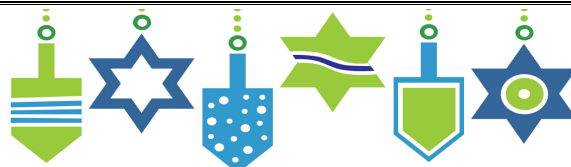
Sandi Cowen, Marcy Feinberg  
and Adrienne Tanner

### **Good and Welfare...**

- **Mazel Tov** to Roz Cherry on her grandson Jacob's Bar Mitzvah.
- **Condolences** to Marcia Cooper on the passing of her sister-in-law, Florence Salkin.
- **Condolences** to Debbie Feldman on the passing of her brother, Ronald Gertzman.
- **Condolences** to Debbie Reich on the passing of her aunt, Doris Baer.
- **Condolences** to Judi Stein on the passing of her mother, Bernice Lauwasser.
- **Wishing a Refuah Shlayma** to Lorraine Barsky.

**A BIG WELCOME to our new  
Sisterhood Member:**

**Shelly Manchester**



## **Sisterhood HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**

**WEDNESDAY—December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m**

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In 1982, a four-year liberal arts college was opened, followed in 1986 by a School of Education and in 1996, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies was created.

In March 2007, "the UJ and the **Brandeis-Bardin Institute**, merged to form the **American Jewish University** built upon the values of Jewish Learning and Scholarship, Culture, Ethic, Leadership and Peoplehood."

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Torah Fund Co-Chairs

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