

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
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From the President's Desk...

I am sure we are all looking forward to spring after a polar vortex winter to remember! Spring brings many things to mind—warmer weather, green grass, flowers, longer days and most of all, the most widely celebrated Jewish holiday, Passover. It commemorates G-d's freeing the Israelite slaves from Egypt and the beginning of Jewish nationhood. The Seder now serves as the ritual commemoration of "the going forth from Egypt". The Rabbis over the centuries composed the *Haggadah*, a small book that we read at the Seder.

On Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. our Rebbetzin, Julie Weill, will be conducting our Sisterhood's 7th Annual Original Passover Women's Seder. This year it is entitled "*G-d's Outstretched Arm – and Ours*". We will be reading from her original *Hagaddah*.

Wishing everyone a Happy Passover!

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:

Esther Berman
(in memory of Abe and Sara Yelen),
Marcy Feinberg,
Judy Frank and Diane Rosenfeld
(60th anniversary of their B'not Mitzvah),
Bobbie Levin, Evie Lowenthal,
Dori Marks, Ada Rabinowitz
and Adrienne Tanner
(in memory of Lawrence Tanner)

If you have news to share, contact Judy Arkin at kjarkin99@comcast.net.

- Sisterhood donation cards are 8/\$10 and the Chai cards are 6/\$18. The cards are available in the synagogue office.
- Thank you to the knitters who contribute their time to work on shawls for breast cancer patients at North Shore Hospitals. The synagogue office has copies of the instructions. For more information, call Idelle Peaceman at (847)254-7745.

**A BIG WELCOME to our new
Sisterhood Members:
Nancy Ottenfeld
Lora Placik**



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BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS

"The Girl From Berlin"

by Ronald H. Balson

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on **Wednesday, May 8th** at **10:30 a.m.** at the synagogue.

In the newest novel from internationally-best selling author, Ron Balson, Liam Taggart and Catherine Lockhart are drawn into a property dispute that unearths long-buried secrets.

An old friend calls Liam and Catherine to his famous Italian restaurant to enlist their help. His aunt is being evicted from her home in the Tuscan hills by a powerful corporation claiming they own the deeds, even though she can produce her own set of deeds to her land. Catherine and Liam's only clue is a bound handwritten manuscript, entirely in German, and hidden in its pages is a story long-forgotten...

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 COMING UP:

Wednesday, August 7th
a special Book & Author Luncheon
with author Renée Rosen
to discuss her recently released book
"PARK AVENUE SUMMER"

Good and Welfare...

- Wishing a **Refuah Shlayma** (a complete and speedy recovery) to Rosalie Persky's husband—Norm, Bette Blumenthal and Judy Frank.
- **Mazel Tov** to Joanne Abelman on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Miriam Goroff-Behel.
- **Mazel Tov** to Rabbi Neil Brief on the birth of his great-grandson in Israel.

GIFT SHOP GAB - VOLUME TWENTY-EIGHT

Good news for bargain lovers! The gift shop has extended its sale until April 30th. Many items are 50% off. Check out the two front cases in the social hall and plan to shop at the Women's Seder for gifts and fabulous items for your Passover table at deeply discounted prices.

*Sandi Cowen, Marcy Feinberg
and Adrienne Tanner*

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to Hollis Chalem for her generous donation to our Sisterhood in honor of the 60th anniversary of Judy Frank's and Diane Rosenfeld's B'not Mitzvah.
- Thank you to the Sisterhood for your kind *Leagram* wishes for my birthday.....Janice Footlik.

HUNGER IN AMERICA

SUNDAY, MAY 19th

10:15 a.m. (after minyan)

We're eating dinner tonight.

Our fare is very light.

Pasta and beans for the fifth night.

No more money, no more stamps.

Hunger is the enemy and we're never
the champs.

COME AND LEARN HOW WE CAN HELP!

ENTRANCE FEE:

Food for

THE NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

(Kosher food only please!)

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THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF EHNTJC

Our Distinguished Jewish Women— Past and Present: **Molly Picon** by Joanne Stein

Ever hear of a Yiddish swimming pool? Molly Picon had one. At three feet, the poolside sign read a *mechaya*, at five feet *oy vey* and at ten feet *gevalt*.

This feisty little lady's career began in 1903 when she was five years old. Her Russian immigrant mother entered her in an amateur night for children at the local burlesque theater. Molly's singing and dancing won her the first prize, a five-dollar gold piece.

During her high school years, she performed in both English and Yiddish theater companies, writing many of her own songs and character sketches.

From the 1920's to the 1950's, the Yiddish musical theater flourished New York City, and Molly Picon was its star. Her husband, Jacob Kalish, wrote or adapted many of her productions.

She also became a radio personality and performed on *Maxwell Hour Coffee Time* from 1932-1951. She made the transition to Broadway in 1940 when she had a starring role in *Morning Star* playing a Jewish immigrant mother.

Molly and her husband toured Europe in the 1930's. They returned to Europe after World War II when she performed in D.P. camps and hospitals for the Jewish survivors of the Holocaust. Molly said afterward that those performances gave her the greatest satisfaction of her life. She also toured Israel in the late 1950's performing Yiddish shows.

With the decline of the Yiddish theater, Molly again took on English speaking roles. She scored a success in 1961 in the hit musical *Milk and Honey* which ran for two years on Broadway.

Then came the movie roles. The best known is *Fiddler on the Roof* in which she played Yente the matchmaker.

Molly Picon died in 1992 at the age of 94 after a long and successful career. Her performances on stage, screen and radio gave pleasure to her fans and will be fondly remembered.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday—May 11th at 9:30 a.m.
Sisterhood Shabbat

Wednesday—June 5th at 11:30 a.m.
Culminating Luncheon

*"Despite the forecast,
live like it's spring!"*
Lily Pulitzer

