Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

SISTERHOOD CORNER—February, 2019

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From the President's Desk...

LEAGRAMS! What are Leagrams? Leagrams are the nicest, easiest, and most economical way to wish our Sisterhood friends a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary. We all love to receive Leagrams! Every two months, we send out a list of the upcoming birthdays and anniversaries of our Sisterhood members. You can send a greeting to individuals on the list for 50 cents per name, or you can send in one check for \$54—and the greeting will be sent to every Sisterhood member for her birthday or anniversary for a year! We have received so many wonderful comments about the Leagrams. To quote the latest comment "Thank you for the birthday Leagram. It made a special day more special". Please join the women who send out Leagrams!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the February events. We will see the movie "The Band's Visit" on Wednesday, February 6th after we enjoy a delicious lunch. Our Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, February 13th to review the book, "Modern Girls" by Jennifer S. Brown. On Wednesday morning, February 27th we will learn "Tips for Improving Balance". This program is open to everyone in the community. We think it's a very worthwhile program and we can all learn something from our instructor, Danica Buric, a Licensed Physical Therapist.

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 4500 Dempster Street • Skokie, IL 60076

Our Media Moguls this month are:
Esther Berman
(in memory of Abe & Sara Yelen),
Marcy Feinberg, Esther Javetz,
Bobbie Levin, Evie Lowenthal,
Dori Marks and Ada Rabinowitz

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

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.

TODAH RABAH ● תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to my Sisterhood friends for all your good wishes for my hip surgery recovery.....Marsha Newman.
- Thank you to Fran Goldberg for her generous donation to our Sisterhood!



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BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS

"Modern Girls"

by Jennifer S. Brown

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on **Wednesday**, **February 13th** at **10:30 a.m.** at the synagogue.

This immensely readable story is set in the immigrant Jewish community on the Lower East Side of Manhattan during the mid-1930s. Brown describes every aspect of life in a tiny flat—from the smell of baking bread, to the crowded living quarters, to the constant noise and commotion on the streets, to the clothing, and even to the distinctive odor of Aqua Velva.

Rather than overwhelming the reader with minutiae, Brown uses the smallest of details to enhance the storyline. She also skillfully weaves accurate historical details into the story. Hitler is on the rise in Europe, where violence against Jews is increasing. Jews are trying to escape to America, but a recently passed law reducing the yearly quota of Jews entering the United States has made leaving Europe more difficult. Unions are on the rise, many immigrants belong to the Socialist Party and demonstrations, often violent, are commonplace.

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 on March 13th... "WE WERE THE LUCKY ONES" by Georgia Hunter

Good and Welfare...

- Wishing a Refuah Shlayma (a complete and speedy recovery) to Judith-Rae Ross, Elaine Lampert, Marsha Newman, Shari Warshawsky, Sharon Stein and Sally Jablo's husband, Cy.
- Mazel Tov to Roz Cherry on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Jessalyn Lax.
- Our condolences to Luisita Graff on the loss of her husband, Howard.
- Our condolences to Mickey Gordon on the loss of her husband, Phillip.
- Our condolences to Pye Squire and Jeff Sacks on the loss of their stepson, Dane Smith.
- Welcome to returning Sisterhood member— Ellen Goldstein!

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday—March 6th at 11:30 a.m. Susan Stone, professional Jewish storyteller and teaching artist

Wednesday—April 3rd at 7:30 p.m.
Our 7th annual original Women's Seder,
led by Julie Weill

Torah Fund 2018-2019

The Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the dedicated philanthropy of Women's League, its members and its affiliated sisterhoods in Conservative congregations across North America. Torah Fund supports scholarships and programming of the Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher Jewish learning.

Women's League and Torah Fund are proud to support the education of the future rabbis, cantors, educators, and scholars who will serve as the gifted leaders and innovators of the Conservative Movement. Torah Fund has raised more than \$95 million since its inception as a grassroots fundraising campaign.

We thank all who have already made a contribution and ask each sisterhood member who has not already done so, to participate in our annual campaign, be it \$18, \$36, \$54, \$100, \$180, or \$300. <u>Please make checks payable to Torah Fund</u> and remit to EHNTJC Sisterhood, 4500 Dempster, Skokie, IL 60076

PS. Plans for a special event for all Torah Fund donors are underway.

Thank you for your support!
Evie Lowenthal, Torah Fund Campaign Chair
(847)673-2505 ● eviel@prodigy.net

GIFT SHOP GAB - VOLUME TWENTY-SIX

The gift shop rested in the month of January, but we will have nice winter items available at the February 6th program – matching scarves, hats and socks and warm, fuzzy earmuffs for only \$3 a pair.

Thanks from your Gift Shop Co-chairs!
Sandi Cowen, Marcy Feinberg
and Adrienne Tanner

Sisterhood TRIBUTE CARDS

by Phyllis Dickstein Ways & Means Vice-President

After a successful Holiday Boutique, your Ways & Means Committee is busy thinking of interesting and profitable activities for the future. In the meantime, to support our Sisterhood, we have two beautiful types of tribute cards suitable for any occasion—birthday, anniversary, get well, *Mazel Tov* or sympathy.

The cards with the lovely Shabbat scene are 6 for \$18.00, while the smaller Sisterhood cards are 8 for \$10.00. They both may be viewed in the Gift Shop showcase in the social hall and can be purchased at any Sisterhood program or by stopping by the synagogue office and speaking to Bill.

If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Dickstein at (773)882-6066.





Love is the master key that opens the gates of happiness...

Oliver Wendell Holmes