

SISTERHOOD CORNER—July/August 2019

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From the President's Desk...

Thanks to Ada Rabinowitz and Debbie Reich for co-chairing the Culminating Luncheon and Installation of our 2019-20 Officers and Board which was held on June 5th. The room looked absolutely magnificent with the beautiful centerpieces, matching program covers and name tags. Cynthia Lerner, Membership Vice-President of the Central Great Lakes Region of Women's League, did a great job as the Installing Officer. Charlene Brooks was our fabulous guest entertainer.

Please join us at our next Sisterhood Luncheon and Program on Wednesday afternoon-- August 7th, when Renée Rosen will be joining us to discuss her latest book, "*Park Avenue Summer*", which was just released in April.

Watch your mail for our 2019-2020 membership dues packet, as well as information on our Opening Luncheon in September.

I am really looking forward to this coming year as we continue to plan exciting and informative programs, fundraisers, and the continued growth of our wonderful gift shop. If anyone has any ideas for our Sisterhood, please contact me at (847)677-4950 or by e-mail at Judy@tcscorp.com. We are always open to suggestions!

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,

Ricki Herling

(in memory of my beautiful mother Bernice),

Bobbie Levin, Evie Lowenthal,

Dori Marks,

Ada Rabinowitz

and Adrienne Tanner

(in memory of my husband 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.

BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS

"A Horse Walks Into a Bar"

by David Grossman

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on **Wednesday, July 17th** at **10:30 a.m.** at the synagogue.

The award-winning and internationally acclaimed author of the "*To the End of the Land*" now gives us a searing short novel about the life of a stand-up comic, as revealed in the course of one evening's performance. In the dance between comic and audience, with barbs flying back and forth, a deeper story begins to take shape—one that will alter the lives of many of those in attendance.

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 and Author Luncheon
with author Renée Rosen
to discuss her recently released book
"PARK AVENUE SUMMER"



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GIFT SHOP GAB - VOLUME THIRTY

The gift shop had another successful year - over \$3,000 profit - and we thank our customers from the bottom of our hearts. We continually search for attractive, unusual and fairly-priced items that our customers can be proud to give as gifts and have fun buying for themselves. Check out our newest items - unusual purses, handy and attractive cell phone accessories and our soft, dreamy bamboo sleepwear - comfortable to wear and easy to care for. And the committee will meet over the summer to order new things for the fall. The office has a key to our display cases, so the gift shop is accessible whenever the office is open.

Sandi Cowen, Marcy Feinberg
and Adrienne Tanner

Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Joanne Abelman on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Jacob Goroff.
- **Mazel Tov** to Miffie Nagorsky in honor of the graduations of her grandson Rafi Nagorsky and her granddaughter, Madeline Israel.
- Our condolences to Lila Shyman on the recent loss of her husband, Jerry. May his memory be for a blessing.
- **Wishing a Refuah Shlayma** to Linda Ehrensaft, Charlotte Resis and Lucille Kulwin

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- To the ladies of the EHNTJC Sisterhood—many, many thanks for the wonderful birthday *Leagram* wishes. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.....Mickey Gordon.
- To all the beautiful young, and not-so-young, women who wished me a Happy 92nd Birthday—many thanks for your *Leagram* wishes.....Margot Eisenhammer.
- Thanks to Jill Todres for her generous donations to our Sisterhood!

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

**Rosalie Isaacson
Marsha Miller
Rose Pergicht**



*Keep your face to the sun
and you will never see
the shadows.....Helen Keller*

Membership is a Partnership

I want to thank you, our members, for encouraging your friends and family to join our Sisterhood. We are very pleased that so many women have become a part of our organization. Your partnership with our membership team has played an important role in our success!

We look forward to continuing this partnership. Invite the women in your life to come to our luncheons, as well as the many events that we have throughout the year. We appreciate your involvement and look forward to yet another successful year.

With best wishes,
Ada Rabinowitz - Membership Chair

Torah Fund 5780



The official start for the 5780 (2019-2020) Torah Fund campaign is July 1st. That is when Women's League Sisterhoods around the country begin their programming to raise funds that are used to support the education of future Rabbis, Cantors, Jewish Educators and Social Workers at the five Jewish Institutes of higher learning around the world for the Conservative/Masorti movement.

We are currently planning some special programming focused on raising money for Torah Fund. Stay tuned for more details. This year's Torah Fund Pin is pictured here. If you have questions or want to make a donation, please call Evie Lowenthal at (847)673-2505 or Rose-Lynn Jaffe at (847)293-7192.

Tisha B'Av

by Laurie Wasserman

Tisha B'Av (the ninth day of Av) will be observed on August 11th. On *Tisha B'Av* in the year 586 BCE, the First Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians. This was preceded by the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem three weeks earlier. Other calamities befell the Jewish people on *Tisha B'Av*. The Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. In 135 CE, the Bar Kochba rebellion was crushed by Roman Emperor Hadrian.

The 3-week period leading up to *Tisha B'Av* is the saddest period of the Jewish calendar. It is a time of national mourning during which some Jews observe various aspects of mourning. No weddings are held and some people do not listen to music, shave or cut their hair. *Tisha B'Av* is a fast day.

In addition to fasting and mourning, *Tisha B'Av* is observed in the synagogue. The Book of Eicha (Lamentations), Jeremiah's poetic lament over the destruction of Jerusalem and the First Temple, is read in the synagogue as part of the evening service.