

SISTERHOOD CORNER—May/June 2019

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From the President's Desk...

As we turn the calendar over to May, we find so many Sisterhood programs that we can look forward to. On May 1st, we will celebrate *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel's 71st birthday, as we hear from Ariella Rada, the Consul for Academic and Community Affairs from the office of Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest.

On Wednesday morning, May 8th, we will be discussing the book "*The Girl from Berlin*" by Ron Balson. We were fortunate to hear the author speak at our program last November when the book was first released and now that we have all had the opportunity to read the book, I can't wait for a lively discussion!

Saturday, May 11th is the date of our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. Please join us as our Sisterhood women participate in the service and sponsor the Kiddush Luncheon.

Our Culminating Luncheon and installation of the 2019-2020 Sisterhood Board will take place on Wednesday, June 5th. It is always a beautiful luncheon with wonderful entertainment. Invitations will be in the mail shortly!

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 and Sara Yelen),
Marcy Feinberg,
Judy Frank (thank you for all your
support during my recent surgery),
Bobbie Levin, Evie Lowenthal,
Dori Marks and Ada Rabinowitz***

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 Member:**

Linda Ehrensaft



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League for Conservative Judaism

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

GIFT SHOP GAB - VOLUME TWENTY-NINE

The gift shop is gearing up for spring and summer. We already have our fabulous socks in lightweight fabric for spring and we have a brand new selection of the beautiful inlaid wood pill and trinket boxes.

Our half-price sale ended on April 30th, but we still have useful and unique items at great prices.

Early shopping reward to those who want the original "unmatched" socks. The prices of all socks will be \$14 on June 1st. But if you shop now, you can still get the original socks for \$12 a pair, while supplies last.

Sandi Cowen, Marcy Feinberg
and Adrienne Tanner

HUNGER IN AMERICA

SUNDAY, MAY 19th

10:15 a.m. (after minyan)

Join us as we learn more about

MAZON –

A Jewish Response to Hunger

...and how we can help!

PROGRAM FEE:

Food for

THE NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

(Kosher food only please!)

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Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Carol Bartman on her daughter Hillary's graduation from Northeastern Illinois University with a degree in Information Technology.
- **Condolences** to Lillian Cohen on the passing of her mother, Bernice Maltz. May her memory be for a blessing.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to Bobbie Levin for her generous donation to our Sisterhood in honor of the 60th anniversary of Judy Frank's and Diane Rosenfeld's B'not Mitzvah.
- Many thanks for the *Leagram* wishes for my birthday. I truly appreciate each and every one of you with special thoughts—it is appreciated more than words can expressRuth Saffro.
- Thank you to Roz Cherry for her generous donation to help sponsor the upcoming Kiddush Luncheon following our Sisterhood Shabbat on May 11th.

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 May 1st *Yom Ha'aztmaut* luncheon and our culminating luncheon and installation on June 5th, 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

SHAVUOT

by Evie Lowenthal

In our modern world, as members of a synagogue organization affiliated with Women's League, we are especially interested in the Festival of Shavuot, also known as *Z'man Matan Torataynu*, the Time of the Giving of the Torah, which refers to the revelation at Sinai. This accounts for the reading of the Book of Ruth at Shavuot services, for it was Ruth the Moabite, who accepted the Torah given to Israel at this season and was rewarded for her commitment by becoming an ancestor of the Messianic house of David. Because it marks the time when the Almighty revealed Himself and gave our ancestors the Ten Commandments, the rabbis declared Shavuot the most pleasing of all our holidays.

There has been no love story in Jewish history more lasting than that between the Jew and the Torah, a relationship which has been sorely tested by every means known to mankind. Rabbis defining its significance to the Jewish people, have stated that Torah is the quest of the mind for understanding and of the spirit for fulfillment. It is the tree of life and in its shade alone can the Jew find completeness, peace, and serenity. "Torah is the quintessence of Judaism."

As we celebrate the joyous festival of Shavuot and review our accomplishments of the past season, let us remember the Torah is not only our inheritance but our legacy. Through its study and our performance, let us forge the link from generation to generation, which is the lifeblood of the Jewish people.

**"To plant a garden is to
believe in tomorrow."**

Audrey Hepburn

