SISTERHOOD CORNER—September 2019
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From the President’s Desk...

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. I feel like it just arrived a few weeks ago. Our Sisterhood Board is hard at work planning another great year of programs! Our OPENING LUNCHEON is coming up very soon on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH at 11:30 a.m., and will include a FASHION SHOW from Bloomingdale’s in Old Orchard, with our own Sisterhood members modeling. Mark your calendar and make your reservation now. Please ask your friends to join you for this very special afternoon.

Our 2019-2020 membership dues statements have been sent out along with a questionnaire asking about your interests in Sisterhood and if you would like to join one of our committees. We hope you will become involved with many of our programs and activities.

I wish you and your families a very HAPPY, HEALTHY, and SWEET NEAR YEAR in 5780!

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:
  Elayne Baum
  (in memory of my darling Steve Baum),
  Esther Berman
  (in memory of Abe and Sara Yelen),
  Marcy Feinberg,
  Ricki Herling,
  (in memory of my beautiful mother Bernice),
  Esther Javetz, Bobbie Levin,
  Evie Lowenthal, Shirley Lubowich,
  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.

- 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

“If All the Seas Were Ink”
by Ilana Kurshan

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

At the age of twenty-seven, alone in Jerusalem in the wake of a painful divorce, Ilana Kurshan joined the world’s largest book club, learning daf yomi, Hebrew for “daily page” of the Talmud, a book of rabbinic teachings spanning about six hundred years. Her story is a tale of heartache and humor, of love and loss, of marriage and motherhood, and of learning to put one foot in front of the other by turning page after page. Kurshan takes us on a deeply accessible and personal guided tour of the Talmud. For people of the book—both Jewish and non-Jewish—"If All the Seas Were Ink” is a celebration of learning, through literature, how to fall in love once again.

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

TODAH RABAH • חודה רביה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to all my Sisterhood friends for the Leagram and your lovely wishes on the occasion of my birthday…..Diane Rosenfeld.
- Thank you all for the good wishes on behalf of my birthday…..Elayne Baum.
- Thank you to Jill Todres for your generous donation to Sisterhood in beloved memory of Peter Nussbaum.
The gift shop has been on a little summer break, but Marcy continues to sell many of our items in Michigan. Our committee had a beautiful display of new inventory – including many items of Judaica – for the August 7th program, but our sales that day were a little slow. We need our own members to think of us first whenever they need to shop for something, and to remind their friends to check us out. Our members are the synagogue’s most frequent social attendees due to the fact that the Sisterhood has such a large selection of fun, informative and religious programs. The gift shop can’t exist without the support of our Sisterhood members!

Looking toward fall, the High Holidays and into the Hanukkah season, there will be items for every occasion and gifts for men, women, young adults and children.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sandi Cowen, Marcy Feinberg
and Adrienne Tanner

Good and Welfare...

- Mazel Tov to Carla Price on the birth of her granddaughter, Margot Carlotta Price.
- Mazel Tov to Marilyn Estreicher on the birth of her grandson, Akiva.
- Mazel Tov to Esther Manewith on the marriage of her granddaughter, Julia, to Michael Castner.
- Mazel Tov to Bobbie Levin on the marriage of her grandson, Zachary Shulruff, to Emily Plain.
- Our condolences to Lorraine Edelstein on the passing of her husband, Norman.
- Our condolences to Marylynn Fleischer on the passing of her husband, Ray.
- Our condolences to Caryn Bark on the passing of her mother, Shirley.
- Our condolences to Judith Cohen on the passing of her husband, Esmond.
- Our condolences to Bobbie Levin on the passing of her sister-in-law, Judith Levin.
- Wishing a Refuah Shlaima to Renée Repkin and Lee Golden.

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

MAZON is a national non-profit organization to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel.

We hope you will join us at our Opening Luncheon in September to learn the reality of many hunger “myths” and how you can help.

Ricki Herling
Social Action (Tikkun Olam) Vice-President

Torah Fund 5780

The Schechter Institute in Jerusalem is one of the five Jewish Institutes of Higher Learning/Seminaries that are supported by Torah Fund.

Established in 1984 with five students, it has grown into a major Israeli educational institution “devoted to the broad dissemination of Jewish Studies for all.” Seven institutes make up the school. These include the Institute of Jewish Studies with over 500 students in the MA program, the Rabbinical Seminary which has ordained 92 graduates in the Masorti (Conservative) communities working as spiritual leaders throughout the world and the Research Institutes and Special Projects that, “through original research and dedicated conferences shine a light on Schechter’s core values – advancing the role of women in Jewish Life, creating modern approaches to issues of Jewish Law and promoting the arts in Jewish Education.” Our Torah Fund dollars at work!

Next month we will introduce you to the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Evie Lowenthal and Rose-Lynn Jaffe
Torah Fund Co-Chairs

Harish – A New City in Israel by Dr. Esther Javetz

This is a good news story! The population of Israel is on the rise. The birthrate is 3.16 per Jewish family; there were 30,000 new Jewish immigrants this last year, so we now have between 7 and 7.25 million Jews in Israel – considerably more than in the United States.

The Israeli government’s solution is to build new cities. The first one is Harish (Hebrew: a plough [in the land]).

The construction so far has been of condo buildings, which offer large apartments of 4-5 bedrooms. A four-room unit is sold today at around 1 million shekels. The city attracts young couples or families looking for quality housing at affordable prices. At the end of 2018, the number of citizens living in Harish rose to more than 10,000, and this number is expected to double by the end of 2019. The city is planned for about 100,000 people.

Education – The city already has 4 day care centers, 24 pre-schools, 5 elementary schools, 1 middle school and 1 high school.

Religious Services – Religious services across the spectrum are being offered in Harish. Various affiliations of synagogues have already opened. Several community centers are operating to help with various needs in the new city.

Innovations – Harish will have full Wi-Fi coverage, LED streetlights with sensors, camera-equipped lampposts and smart trash cans that will signal trucks through the Internet when they need to be emptied.