From the President’s Desk...

Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 coronavirus health emergency, many of our Sisterhood programs scheduled for March and April were cancelled or postponed. “Cooking with Bubbie” at the Skokie Theatre has been rescheduled for October 15th and 18th. The Torah Fund Passover luncheon scheduled to take place on April 13th, will hopefully be rescheduled for a later date.

I am looking forward to the month of May with hope that everything will be back to normal! Our Sisterhood Shabbat is scheduled for May 2nd, followed on May 6th with a luncheon program featuring Jessica Michna portraying Mary Todd Lincoln. And on May 13th, our Book Club will review “Gateway to the Moon” by Mary Morris.

It is going to be a busy first two weeks of May for our Sisterhood. I am hoping and praying they will all take place. We will keep you updated on any changes. Please stay healthy!

B’Shalom! Judy Frank

BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS

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

“Gateway to the Moon” by Mary Morris

In 1492, the Jewish and Muslim populations of Spain were expelled, and Columbus set sail for America. Luis de Torres, a Spanish Jew, accompanies Columbus as his interpreter. His journey is only the beginning of a long migration, across many generations. Over the centuries, de Torres’ descendants travel from Spain and Portugal to Mexico, finally settling in the hills of New Mexico. Five hundred years later, it is in these same hills that Miguel Torres, a young amateur astronomer, finds himself trying to understand the mystery that surrounds him and the town he grew up in.

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

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:
Miriam Goldberger,
Mickey Gordon, Bobbie Levin,
Esther Manewith
(in honor of our grandchildren),
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.
- 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.

SAVE THE DATE!
Women’s League for Conservative Judaism International Convention July 12-15, 2020 at the Hyatt-Regency-Schaumburg
Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Diane Rosenfeld on the B’nai Mitzvah of her twin grandchildren, Max and Lexi Shmarak.
- **Wishing a Refuah Shlayma** to Davida Grossman.

Torah Fund 5780

By now you will have received the invitation to our April 13th Torah Fund Luncheon…and most of you also now know that due to the COVID-19 coronavirus health emergency, the luncheon has been postponed. This is a time for all of us to unify in our efforts to keep ourselves and our community healthy. As we follow the current guidelines to protect ourselves: wash hands, use hand sanitizer, wave/fist-bump/bow in greeting, we look forward to the future when we don’t have to practice social distancing. We want to thank everyone in person who has donated to Torah Fund thus far this year and all who will donate to Torah Fund by the end of June. Stay healthy and safe.

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

GIFT SHOP GAB – VOLUME THIRTY-SEVEN

We now have a supply of Kosher parchments. Other Judaica includes two different types of memorial lights, Havdalah candles and attractive gift items that are on display in the first case. Please don’t overlook other attractive, fun and novel items of assorted prices that can please many different age groups. There are purses, kitchen items, serving items and reasonably priced gift items.

Once again, I extend thanks to my entire committee and particularly to Adrienne Tanner and Sandi Cowen, my two co-chairs.

Marcy Feinberg, Gift Shop Chair

TODAH RABAH ● תודה רחב ● THANK YOU

- I want to thank everyone who contributed paper goods for The Ark. I delivered three carloads and they were very grateful…..Ricki Herling, Social Action VP.
- Thanks to Bobbie Levin for her generous donation to the Kiddush luncheon being sponsored by the Sisterhood after Shabbat services on May 2nd.

PROGRAMMING NOTES.....

by Diane Rosenfeld

We will hold Sisterhood Shabbat on May 2nd. Sisterhood members will lead and participate in all phases of the service. If you would like to participate in this special service, please complete the form on the bottom of the flyer and return it to the office as soon as possible. We will sponsor the Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Our program on May 6th will feature actress Jessica Michna of First impressions. She will do a one-woman play: **Mary Todd Lincoln: "Preserve the Union"**. Our D’var Torah will focus on Lincoln and his warm relationships with the Jewish people during his time in office.

Israel and Archeology

by Dr. Esther Javetz

Wherever you dig in Israel, you find evidence of ancient civilizations. Why? Because Israel is part of the fertile crescent. This is a crescent-shaped region in the Middle East, spanning modern-day Iraq, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and parts of Jordan, Turkey and Iran. This region is called the “cradle of civilization”, because this is where farming first emerged and later city life.

I wrote previously about Harish, the new city in Israel. As roadwork started near Harish, a massive 5,000 year-old metropolis has been uncovered. This ancient city housed about 6,000 residents and was inhabited by Canaanites (before Abraham appeared in the land of Israel).

Under several of the 5,000 year-old structures, an earlier 7,000 year-old agricultural settlement has been uncovered.

Due to the importance of the site, Netivei Israel (the company that worked on building the roads), has significantly increased the height of the planned interchange and will preserve the excavations through high-tech documentation and physical conservation.

The study of this site will change forever what we know about the rise of urbanization in the land of Israel and the entire region, and changes will have to happen in textbooks.

I am **WONDER WOMAN**…..

I wonder where I left my keys.
I wonder how I put on weight.
I wonder where my money went.
I wonder where I put my phone.
I often wonder why I wonder…..