From the President’s Desk...

We had a busy day on December 4th….. thank you to Diane Rosenfeld, Programming VP, for arranging the Latke Luncheon and magic show done by our own congregant, Lee Levin. This was followed by our Holiday Boutique. A huge thank you to the Boutique Chair, Ronia Gross, the many volunteers and of course, our shoppers—it was a very successful afternoon!

With our winter weather soon approaching, I am going to think beyond that and focus on next summer and the Women’s League Convention. The dates are Sunday, July 12th to Wednesday, July 15th. The theme this year is “Sisters Journeying Together”. It will be held very close to home at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg.

Many of the presenters are local. You may be familiar with a couple of them—Rachel Kamin, Director of Cultural and Learning at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, and Renee Rosen, who has reviewed two of her books at our Sisterhood programs, “Windy City Blues” and “Park Avenue”. Her next book, “Social Grace”, will be out in 2021.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday afternoon, February 5th at our Luncheon and Tu B’Shevat Seder led by Rebbeztin Julie Weill. See the enclosed flyer for more information and to make your reservation. On February 12th, the Book Club will meet to discuss “Mrs. Everything” by Jennifer Weiner.

Best Wishes for a Happy Chanukah and a peaceful New Year!

B’Shalom! Judy Frank
SAVE THE DATE!
Women’s League for Conservative Judaism
International Convention
July 12-15, 2020
at the Hyatt-Regency-Schaumburg

GIFT SHOP GAB – VOLUME THIRTY-FIVE
The gift shop had a very successful Holiday Boutique, with sales of $1,675. This success will have to carry us through the next couple of months as there are no programs scheduled for the gift shop to be open until February. We can only encourage our members and their friends to stop into the synagogue to look in the cases. Bill has keys to the cases and can take your payment.
Sandi Cowen, Marcy Feinberg
and Adrienne Tanner

Good and Welfare...
- Mazel Tov to Jan Eisbart on her granddaughter Jordyn’s Bat Mitzvah.
- Wishing a Refuah Shlayma to Rabbi Brief, Fran Givertz and Debbie Groman.

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES
- A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you who donated Target gift cards for JCFS (Jewish Child and Family Services). We collected $610 worth of cards and they were extremely grateful.
- During January and February we are throwing a “Paper “Shower” for The Ark. Donations of all paper products—including diapers, wipes and sanitary items can be dropped off in the box in the synagogue office.

Ricki Herling, Social Action VP (Tikkun Olam)

TODAH RABAH
Todah Rabah to you, our members, for joining our Sisterhood. You have made a difference! Thank you for your support. We all are on the membership team and it is wonderful that many of you have encouraged your family and friends to join. It’s my hope that 2020 will be another successful year!
Ada Rabinowitz, Membership VP

Torah Fund 5780
Over the past several months, more and more of our Sisterhood members have been wearing the 5780 (2019-2020) Torah Fund pin they received as a thank you for their donation of $180 or higher. While wearing our pins, as a necklace or pin, we have been complimented on its design and asked if the design is symbolic of something. The answer is a simple yes.

As you can see, the pin depicts a heart surrounded by three circles, one larger than the rest. This symbolizes the heart of kindness which Jews enact in ever widening realms of generosity from family to community to the larger world. As it is said in Psalm 89 – “May we build a world of kindness”.

Save the date for this year’s Torah Fund Luncheon – April 13th. More information will be forthcoming in our March Newsletter.
Evie Lowenthal and Rose-Lynn Jaffe
Torah Fund Co-Chairs

PROGRAMMING NEWS
- Please join us for an original Tu B’shevat Seder on Wednesday, February 5th led by our own Rebbetzin, Julie Weill. The afternoon will include lunch and an interactive seder including the tasting of several different kinds of fruits that we enjoy on this holiday. (See enclosed flyer for details and reservation form.)
- Be among the first in Chicagoland to witness the widely acclaimed "Notorious RBG" exhibit, the new temporary exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Our visit on March 4th will include a tour of this new exhibit and then a visit to the hologram where you will hear the story of a Holocaust survivor come alive and then will be able to ask him/her questions. An optional lunch at EJ’s is also being planned before the Holocaust visit. (See enclosed flyer for details and reservation form.)

Diane Rosenfeld, Programming VP
The weather might be cold, but at least our hearts are warm.