

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

# **SISTERHOOD CORNER—January/February 2020**

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## ***From the President's Desk...***

We had a busy day on December 4<sup>th</sup>..... 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 5<sup>th</sup> at our luncheon and *Tu B'Shevat* Seder led by Rebbetzin 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*

## ***News and Notes...***

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### ***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, Mickey Gordon,***

***Ricki Herling,***

***(in memory of my beautiful mother Bernice),***

***Bobbie Levin,***

***Esther Manewith***

***(in honor of our grandchildren),***

***Dori Marks, Miffie Nagorsky,***

***Debbie Novoselsky,***

***Idelle Peaceman***

***(Happy New Year to all)***

***Ada Rabinowitz, Judi Stein***

***Adrienne Tanner***

***(in memory of Lawrence Tanner)***

If you have news to share, contact Judy Arkin at  
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## **BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS**

### ***"Mrs. Everything"***

by Jennifer Weiner

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on **Wednesday, February 12th** at **10:30 a.m.** at the synagogue.

Spanning sixty-five years, Jo and Bethie Kaufman are sisters whose story begins in 1951. They're polar opposites—Jo, the intrepid jock, has an eye for adventure (and, as it so happens, women), and Bethie is the girlie-girl whose aspirations skew more on the conventional side. When tragedy befalls one of them, dreams get deferred, threatening to irreparably change not only the course of their lives, but who they are. Jennifer Weiner's *Mrs. Everything* is sweeping in its personal and political scope, chronicling Jo's and Bethie's fumbling attempts to right their respective ships against the backdrop of an America experiencing its own growing pains. It's a multi-layered and very moving story for the #MeToo era, one that traces how far women have come, and how far we have yet to go.

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



### ***EHNTJC Sisterhood***

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup>** 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.**