

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

SISTERHOOD CORNER—June, 2020

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From the President's Desk...

It certainly is a different world today with the pandemic. We used to keep a calendar of dates for doctor appointments, workouts at the health club, meeting friends, and all kinds of fun activities. Now, my calendar consists of dates of board meetings, programs and services on *Zoom*, checking in with friends, relatives and our Sisterhood women to make sure they are all okay, and going for walks. Also, now that we have nice weather, I do get to sit outside and visit with my sister (on the other side of the rope) at her senior living building.

Of course, *Zoom* has given us many opportunities. I have had the opportunity to participate in wonderful programs from our synagogue, Women's League, Hadassah and Stand With Us, to name a few of the organizations presenting programs on *Zoom* from all over the world.

The installation of our 2020-2021 Sisterhood board will be on *Zoom* this year. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 23rd at 1:00 p.m. More information is included on the enclosed flyer.

Everyone stay well and stay in touch! If there is anything I can do – or another board member – please let me know.

B'Shalom! Judy Frank

News and Notes...

Be a media mogul! A \$5 contribution makes you a sponsor of our Sisterhood bulletin.

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Our Media Moguls this month are:

Adie Fuchs

***(in honor of her granddaughter,
Sonja Grunfeld's graduation from UCLA),
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—call the office at (847)675-4141 to arrange for pick-up.

Good and Welfare...

- ***Mazel Tov*** to Ada Rabinowitz on the B'not Mitzvah of her granddaughters, Sami and Alli Palansky.
- ***Mazel Tov*** Rabbi Jeffrey and Julie Weill in honor of Ruthie's Confirmation.
- Wishing a ***Refuah Shlayma*** to Paula Carroll, Jan Eisbart, and Judith-Rae Ross.

Book Suggestions for Summer (or Anytime) Reading

The Third Daughter: A Novel - by Talia Carner

A fictionalized account of a little-known piece of history; the sex trafficking of young Jewish women from Russia to South America in the late 19th century.

The next two are very similar and at the same time very different: two memoirs by well-known Jewish women.....

Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love - by Dani Shapiro

An acclaimed author describes her staggering discovery that she is not biologically related to her father, tracing her efforts to uncover the truth from a half-century web of family secrets to reestablish her sense of identity.

The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl - by Marra B. Gad

A Los Angeles-based TV and film producer, with a Jewish background, chronicles her childhood growing up in Chicago. Her story focuses especially on her relationship with her Great Aunt Nette, estranged from the family for 14 years following a racist comment. When the older woman is diagnosed with late-stage Alzheimer's, only Gad is in a position to help.

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PROGRAMMING UPDATES!

Since the pandemic began, many of us are living our lives on *Zoom*. Over the past months, we have had some wonderful programs on *Zoom*—a BINGO! party, Jewish Trivia, an outstanding presentation on COVID-19 from three expert infectious disease doctors and a program on Jewish theatre featuring Dr. David Chack.

Thank you so much to Rose-Lynn Jaffe for hosting several of these programs and our recent Sisterhood board meetings. We also extend our appreciation to Rabbi Weill for his help as well.

If you would feel comfortable hosting one of our Sisterhood programs on *Zoom*, please let me know. I would also like you to let me know what type of programs you would like us to offer through the summer months—and also what time of day you would prefer these programs—morning, afternoon or evening. You can send me an email at: RaynesD@aol.com.

For those of you who do not have a camera on your computer, you can still listen to and participate in the *Zoom* program by calling the phone number indicated. Please try and be a part of these programs!

Please consider making a donation to the EHNTJC Sisterhood to help cover the cost of some of these programs. Donations can be made in honor of, in memory of, or just to show your appreciation. Checks can be mailed to:

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Thank you to Judy Frank and Diane Rosenfeld for their generous donations!

KOFFEE KLATCH

Sisterhood will begin a weekly *Koffee Klatch* where members can visit, share news, and just hang out. Our first get-together will be on Tuesday, June 9th at 10:00 a.m. *Zoom* information to follow!

Diane Rosenfeld
Vice-President of Programming



SISTERHOOD CALENDARS

Women's League Calendars for 2020-2021 are available this year by ordering online or by phone...

To order online:

<http://wlcj.org/resources/publications>

To order by phone: (212)870-1260
\$10 each includes postage and handling

WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONVENTION – SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020 “Sisters Journeying Together”

The Women's League Convention this year will be very different than ever before.

It will be a Virtual Convention on
Sunday, July 12th.

It's totally free and everyone that wants to can attend. The hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our Sisterhood will be receiving a “**Jewel of the Crown**” Award. This award is given in honor of our wonderful programs these past three years.

Our region, the Central Great Lakes Region, is the host region. More details regarding the sessions and times will be in our next bulletin.

Hope we can all “Journey Together” to the Women's League Virtual Convention!

Judy Frank, President

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to all the Sisterhood members who remembered my birthday! I was thrilled to see so many names and it made my heart jump with joy. I spent 60 happy years as an officer and board member of the congregation. I wish you all good health.....Ruth Saffro.
- Thank you to Glenda Elam for her generous donations to the Sisterhood in memory of Jane “Jackie” Elam and in honor of Ellie Stein's Bat Mitzvah.
- Todah Rabah to everyone that sent me Leagram birthday wishes. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.....Lorraine Horwitz.