

SISTERHOOD CORNER—October, 2021

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From the President's Desk...

October 6th brings us to the start of the Hebrew month of *Cheshvan*. Because there are no Jewish holidays in *Cheshvan*, many have adopted it as Jewish Book Month. In celebration, our Sisterhood will be having two authors review their books. Beginning on October 6th at 1:00 p.m., author Goldie Goldbloom will be discussing her book *On Division*. Through one woman's life at a moment of surprising change, this book tells an insightful story and offers a rare look inside Brooklyn's Chasidic community of Williamsburg. This event will be offered on ZOOM only.

Later, on October 18th at 7:30 p.m., we will have author Susan Van Dusen, (wife of Skokie mayor, George Van Dusen), review her debut novel, *The Missing Hand*, a Torah Group mystery. In this story, Julia Donnelly, wife of the mayor of Crestfall, Illinois, finds herself playing amateur sleuth with the help of Rabbi Fine, new leader of their study group. They are trying to find a missing *yad*. This is the first in a series of mysteries. This program will be presented both in person and on Zoom. Susan will bring copies of her book for purchase. Masks, social distancing and checking of vaccination cards will be required for admission. There is no cost for either of these programs, but your donations are always appreciated!

It is befitting that this month we are honoring the memory of a Past President of our EHNTJC Sisterhood, Dorothy Lipstadt (z'l). Dorothy passed away in August at the age of 100; she would have celebrated her next birthday this month. Dorothy was a founding member of our congregation. In recent years, Dorothy was one of our Book Club chairs. (See heartwarming article in this bulletin written by beloved daughter, Judith-Rae Ross).

An additional benefit of belonging to our EHNTJC Sisterhood is the wide array of programs that are offered from the Women's League for Conservative Judaism as well as the Central Great Lakes Region. I encourage you to check out the e-mails from both our regional and national organizations.

Happy Reading!

B'Shalom! Diane Rosenfeld

News and Notes...

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Our Media Moguls this month are:

Esther Berman

(with deep gratitude to everyone for their kindness and continuous support during Roger's recovery),

Joan Cook

(in honor of birthdays of nephew Matthew Kaplan and daughter Sheri Lynn Dressler),

Fran Givertz

(in honor of birthdays of niece Kim, nephew Dan, granddaughter Melissa and her husband Chayim),

Mickey Gordon

(in honor of my grandchildren),

Elaine Lampert

(celebrating 50 years of marriage),

Bobbie Levin,

Esther Manewith

(in honor of our grandchildren),

Dori Marks and Judi Stein

**Our next BOOK CLUB will be on
Wednesday, November 17th at 10:30 a.m.
on ZOOM to discuss**

***"The Star and the Shamrock"*
by Jean Grainger**

Berlin 1939.....When her husband doesn't come home one day, Ariella realizes that the only way she can ensure her Jewish children's safety is to avail of the Kindertransport--but can she bear to let them go?

A thousand miles away, Elizabeth Klein has closed herself off from the world. Losing her husband on the last day of the Great War, and her child months later, she cannot, will not, love again. It hurts too much. But she is all Liesl and Erich Bannon have.

Thrown together in the wild countryside of Northern Ireland, Elizabeth and the Bannon children discover that life in the country is anything but tranquil. Danger and intrigue lurk everywhere, and some people are not what they seem.

From the streets of war-time Berlin, to the bombed out city of Liverpool, and finally resting in the lush valleys of the Ards Peninsula, *The Star and The Shamrock* from USA Today bestselling author Jean Grainger, is hard to put down.

We hope you will join us!

Book Club Co-Chairs

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Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Evie Lowenthal on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter.
- **Mazel Tov** to Marsha Warnick on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter.
- **Mazel Tov** to Rabbi Neil Brief in celebration of his 50 years of service to EHNTJC and the greater Jewish community!
- **Refuah Shlama** to Melynda Lopin, Gloriann Levy, Barbara Brotine, Judy Klowden and Bobbie Levin.
- **Condolences** to Judith-Rae Ross on the loss of her mother, Dorothy Elias Lipstadt.
- **Condolences** to the family and friends of Sisterhood member, Joanne Abelman.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

• Special thanks to all who have made donations in support of our Sisterhood programming!

SAVE THE DATE

by Judy Arkin - Programming VP

Wednesday, October 6th at 1:00 pm –

Jewish Book Month

Goldie Goldbloom reviews *"On Division"*

Monday, October 18th at 7:30 pm –

Jewish Book Month

Susan Van Dusen reviews *"The Missing Hand"*

Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:30 pm –

Panel Discussion on Anti-Semitism by
Simon Wiesenthal Center

MEMBERSHIP

by Roz Cherry - Membership V.P.

If you are receiving a dues statement along with this mailing, we still have not received payment for your 2021-2022 membership dues. We hope you will renew your membership and take advantage of our wonderful programs—as well as supporting our Sisterhood.

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a new member, I will be happy to contact them and inform them of all new happenings at our Sisterhood!
Thank you!

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*"Life starts all over again when
it gets crisp in the fall".....*

F. Scott Fitzgerald



EDUCATION CORNER

Women and the Moon – Rosh Chodesh

by Dr. Esther Javetz - Education VP

If one checks the Bible, Exodus 32 when Moses went on Mount Sinai the first time and it took him a long time to come back; the story goes on to say that people did not believe he would come back, and Aaron came up with the idea to create a golden calf as a replacement for G-d. But in the Midrash, they expound on the original story and claimed that the women did not give their jewelry and did not participate in the golden calf ceremony. As a result, women were granted an extra 12 days vacation – the first of each month.

Other Jewish sources give a different explanation of why Rosh Chodesh is a women's holiday; the similarity between the lunar cycle and the woman's menstrual cycle.

Some Rabbis used the metaphor of the moon to describe a wife, while the husband is the sun. The legend goes that she wanted to control him and G-d decided that she would have to be punished and be reduced in size. However, when Messiah comes, she will come back to her original size, equal to the sun...

Rosh Chodesh is a natural time for women to use some free time to get together. Ashkenazi women would meet to exchange family news over coffee and sweets. There is evidence about Sephardic women who lit candles and had a festive meal. However, recent developments in Jewish history have seen formal Rosh Chodesh groups, the Chavurah movement and Orthodox women prayer groups. Some groups use the time to discuss female issues both physical and spiritual.

***The Sisterhood is trying to
organize a conversational Hebrew
class to begin in October.***

***Please contact
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if interested....***



Torah Fund

by Rose-Lynn Jaffe –
Torah Fund VP

B' Yachad, together. Last year, together our Sisterhood stayed strong through the COVID lockdown. We continued our programming through Zoom and reached out to one another. We raised over \$5,000 for Torah Fund. Together the Sisterhoods of Women's League of Conservative Judaism throughout the U.S. and Canada successfully worked together to continue programming and to raise funds for scholarships, updated technology and other necessities for the five Conservative/Masorti Institutions of Higher Education.

Our theme this year continues to be *B'Yachad*, together. As we move through this pandemic, obtain our vaccines and have more in-person programs, we still need to work together. Watch upcoming bulletins for information on our spring Torah Fund program. A letter will be sent shortly about how you can help continue our commitment to our Jewish educators through Torah Fund.

B'Yachad our Sisterhood will stay strong.



Thanks to Rose-Lynn Jaffe for a wonderful afternoon in her sukkah for those who contributed to the 2020-2021 Torah Fund Campaign!

ON REMEMBERING MAMA

Mom was always there. She went to our 1st grade play when I was the narrator. Mom and my father were founding members of the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, today Ezra- Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation. She was president of the Jewish Community Club in 1951, and president of Sisterhood in 1956. Mom was a "Pin-up Mother" in the *Skokie News*. She led my Girl Scout troop. I thought Mom would live forever.

Mom was always there. She let my aunt know I wanted short kid gloves for prom, and they arrived the afternoon before prom. She took great pains in planning my Sweet Sixteen party, which took place two months before prom. I owned a beaded bag, so when I received three more beaded bags, Mom figured out who to re-gift. When I became engaged to Allan, Mom found the store from which she brought me a beautiful trousseau. I thought Mom would live forever.

Mom was always there. When I was expecting Sol she bought the layette. We selected yellow things because we didn't know what sex the baby would be. Mom took care of Sol so I could finish my doctorate. She watched him so I could do research in Paris. Mom kept going despite my father's, and later my step-father's death. Nothing kept her down.

But Mom was human. Recently, she moved to Virginia to be near Sol and great-granddaughters Olivia and Lilah. But the move may have weakened her. Two UTI's put her in the hospital. When she was released from the hospital, she returned to her apartment and several weeks later, on the night of August 28-29, she died in her sleep. I thought Mom would live forever, but I was wrong.

We brought her back for burial at the family plot at Waldheim Cemetery. Though she'll never walk this earth again, she'll live on in my heart and the hearts of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Hey Mom, did you enjoy the ticker tape parade for you when you entered Heaven?

*A beloved tribute to Dorothy Elias Lipstadt,
by daughter, Judith-Rae Ross.*



FUNDRAISING CORNER

by Fran Givertz - Ways & Means V.P.

Please check out the back page for information about one of our Sisterhood's best fundraisers – "*Leagrams*". This is the easiest and nicest way to wish your Sisterhood friends a Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary. The list of November and December birthdays and anniversaries for our Sisterhood members is included.

Contact Debbie Reich at (847)272-4057 to participate.

