

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

SISTERHOOD CORNER—February, 2021

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From the President's Desk...

As we are all still at home, I encourage you to take advantage of the wonderful programs offered by our Sisterhood, synagogue and Women's League. Even though February is a short month, there are many things available for us to view on Zoom. On Wednesday, February 3rd, we actually have two programs. The first one will feature Sisterhood and synagogue member Paulette Levy, who will be sharing her award-winning artwork at 1:00 p.m. And later at 7:30 p.m. (after Minyan), we will have the 6th in our series of COVID-19 programs with infectious disease doctors, Alan Harris, Mark Levin and Stan Shulman. We will also hear from our "in-house pharmacist," Synagogue President, Dr. Ed Cohen. On February 17th please join us for a special Book Club event (see below).

The Central Great Lakes Region of Women's League will have a program on genealogy, Sunday, February 21st from 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. And on Monday, February 22nd, Women's League will be having their second session of a three-part series on television comedy. Please check out *The Wave* from CGLR for more information.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Zoom for many of the great programs being offered to our Sisterhood women. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Stay well!

B'Shalom! Judy Frank

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:

Roz Cherry

(in honor of her granddaughter's birthday)

Joan Cook

(in honor of the anniversary of cousins

Wayne and Susie Mendes),

Fran Givertz

(in memory of my grandfather, Anthony Jollas

And in honor of all my friends and family)

Miriam Goldberger,

Mickey Gordon, Bobbie Levin,

Esther Manewith

(in honor of our grandchildren),

Dori Marks, Ada Rabinowitz and Judi Stein

If you have any news to share, please email

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**Our next BOOK CLUB will be
Wednesday, February 17th at 10:30 a.m.**

via Zoom to discuss

"Other People's Pets"

by R.L. Maizes

La La Fine relates to animals better than she does to other people. Abandoned by a mother who never wanted a family, raised by a locksmith-turned-thief father, La La looks to pets when it feels like the rest of the world conspires against her.

As an animal empath, she rationalizes her theft by focusing on houses with pets whose maladies only she can sense and caring for them before leaving with the family's valuables. The news reports a puzzled police force—searching for a thief who left behind medicine for the dog, water for the parrot, or food for the hamster.

"Other People's Pets" examines the gap between the families we're born into and those we create, and the danger that holding on to a troubled past may rob us of the future.

Author R.L. (Rachael) Maizes will be joining us as we discuss her book. Rachael likes to hear what we all have to say and think about her characters in this novel. Please write down your thoughts and be ready to share and discuss.

Wednesday - April 21st

"Have You Seen Luis Velez?"

by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Book Club Co-Chairs

Elaine Lampert (847)537-1240

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Good and Welfare...

- Our condolences to Ronia Gross on the passing of her sister, Clementine Shoeg.
- Our condolences to the family of Kay Dicker.
- Our condolences to Arona Sarfatty on the passing of her mother-in-law, Ethel Sarfatty Rath.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to Miffie Nagorsky for her kind donation to Sisterhood in beloved memory of Cy Jablo.
- Thank you Ralph and Evie Ruebner for their generous donation to Sisterhood in memory of Ceil Pfeifferman.
- Thank you to all who recently made donations to our Sisterhood programming. We hope you are enjoying them!

Purim and Charity by Ricki Herling Social Action/Tikkun Olam VP

On Purim we are commanded to give gifts of food and charity to the poor, *mishloach manot* and *matanot l'evyoni*. This year is especially difficult for those who suffer from food insecurity.

We in Sisterhood would like to make a donation to The ARK in honor of this mitzvah and hope that those of you who are able to, can contribute a minimum donation of \$18. We will combine them all into what we hope will be a sizeable donation.

Please make your checks payable to
EHNTJC Sisterhood
and send them to the synagogue
by February 17th.

PROGRAMMING UPDATE

by Diane Rosenfeld, Programming VP
Save these Dates!

Wednesday, February 3rd at 1:00 p.m. –
Sisterhood member, Paulette Levy, will share her
award-winning artwork with us.

Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:30 p.m. –
COVID-19 Update – “The Vaccines”

Wednesday, March 3rd at 1:00 p.m. –
Torah Fund Event with demonstration
by Zelda's Catering

Wednesday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m. –
The Haggadah Guy – Jordan Gorfinkel,
A Jewish Cartoonist

EDUCATION CORNER

by Dr. Esther Javetz
Education VP

Purim = Lotteries

Lotteries? Well, an important theme in the Megillah is the conflict between two points of view that are represented by Haman and Mordechai. The two are in high positions in the kingdom, but their world views are very far apart.

Haman is just looking at the physical world around him. In this world, the king is the top figure. He has no interest to serve the public or to earn trust and respect. He wants more power, more honor and more material compensation. He has contempt for people who are different from him (he ridicules the Jews, when talking to the king). Since his world is chaotic, he does not think that dates are important. He casts a lottery to find a date for the Jewish genocide.

Mordechai is a religious and righteous man. For him, he believes the king is an important person who unites the kingdom, but he really thinks that G-d is running the world. He believes that the righteous have to do G-d's work, which is why he urges Esther to confront the king and plead for her people. Mordechai saves the king's life by discovering a plot. He is not after material compensation, extra honor and more power. He wants to save his people and run the kingdom. In Mordechai's view, the world is not chaotic but there are rhyme and reason for everything.

Finally, Mordechai's view prevails. G-d intervenes behind the scenes to avoid the genocide. The lottery day becomes a 3-day holiday. Lotteries—from a potential tragedy to days of *Simcha*.

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“No one has ever
become poor by giving.”
- Anne Frank -



Torah Fund

We are eight months into our 2020 - 2021 Torah Fund campaign and now it is time to have a special program for everyone who has made a donation of any amount to Torah Fund.

Our Torah Fund program will be on March 3rd at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. See the flyer attached for more information. We have two women who have stepped forward as sponsors to help partially cover the cost of this program. However, a few more sponsors are needed. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact either Rose-Lynn at (847)293-7192 or Evie at (847)673-2505.

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

Zoom Tips

Over the past nine months we have all learned new meanings for words and how to do things with technology that we never considered we would be doing. Remember when *Zooming* was something cars did when they drove fast down a road? Now we are all *Zooming* from our homes. Links are not just on the golf course – we are checking e-mail to find links to our meetings and programs.

During this time, many of us have figured out tricks to make this technology easier to use. Here are a few:

Tip #1 – Pull up the link to a program and log in at least 10 minutes early. That will give you time to get help if you need it.

Tip #2 – Save your e-mails with the link in a special file you can add to your e-mail. If you need some help doing it, I will try and walk you through it. Just send me an e-mail. Or just flag it so it is easy to find.

Tip #3 – When you join a program, you must mute yourself immediately and stay muted since everyone can hear you (and see you!).

OK – your turn. Send me an email with some of your tips. We can include them next month.

See you on Zoom!

Rose-Lynn Jaffe (rlpj49@hotmail.com)



Cheesy Creamy Cauliflower Soup by Marlene Singer

Disclaimer: Sorry... hard to be exact with measurements here. Since I began with less than 1/2 head of a medium cauliflower, I used only about half of a small-ish onion, one celery stalk and a good-sized carrot... and it seemed right. The finished soup made 4 nice-sized servings if used as a first course.

If using a whole head of cauliflower I'd suggest doubling the white-sauce and the amounts of the other vegetables.

In a medium saucepan place the following:

Raw cauliflower cut into 3/4" pieces

Finely chopped onion & celery

Grated carrot

Season with salt & small amount of pepper – add water just to barely cover.

Bring to a boil; cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Do not drain.

In a separate small saucepan make a white-sauce:

1 Tblsp. Butter

1 Tblsp. Flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ C. Milk

Once the sauce has thickened, add some grated (or cut in small pieces) white cheese and stir until melted. (Muenster worked well). Pour this mixture into the cooked vegetables in the larger pot; adjust seasoning and stir in some chopped parsley. Add water or milk to thin, if necessary.

When serving, garnish lightly with thinly sliced green onion tops.

Enjoy!

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cordially invites you to a special program to benefit

Torah Fund

*Torah Fund is the philanthropic arm of Women's League of Conservative Judaism.
Together we raise needed funds for the five Conservative seminaries around the world.*

Wednesday • March 3rd, 2021

1:00 p.m. on ZOOM

***Join Chef Jon Hudak from Zelda's Catering for a demonstration
on how to make two special Passover desserts!***

***All participants will receive recipes for both desserts and
a chance to win one of the desserts being made!***

Event Couvert • \$10 (includes 1 raffle ticket)

**In addition, if you have not yet donated to Torah Fund this year,
a minimum donation of \$18 to the 2020-2021 Torah Fund Campaign
is required, along with the program cost of \$10.**

You must be registered to receive the program link!

PLEASE CLIP FORM BELOW AND RETURN BY FEBRUARY 25th



EHNTJC Sisterhood *Torah Fund* Program

Name: _____ E-mail*: _____

****E-mail address required to receive ZOOM link (link will be sent out on March 1st)***

Event Couvert _____ @ \$10 each \$ _____

Torah Fund donation (\$18 minimum) \$ _____

I'm unable to attend, but here's my donation! \$ _____

Please make checks payable to EHNTJC Sisterhood • TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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