

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

SISTERHOOD CORNER—July-August, 2021

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From the President's Desk...

As I write this article, I am reflecting on the beautiful culminating event and installation ceremony that we experienced recently. Thank you to Past President Judy Frank, not only for her very comprehensive report on the past five years that she shared, but also for her time and energy in preparing me for this position. Thank you to Ada Rabinowitz for organizing the event and for serving as M.C. A very special thank you to Pam Shlosberg, incoming President of the Central Great Lakes Region of Women's League, for conducting a very meaningful and creative installation ceremony. I appreciate Debbie Reich's talents in creating the beautiful invitations and for keeping track of the responses. We all enjoyed being entertained by the very talented Cantor Hasha Musha Perman. None of this could have taken place without Rose-Lynn Jaffe's technical expertise with Zoom. Fifty-five people Zoomed with us at the event.

I am looking forward to serving as president of our wonderful EHNTJC Sisterhood! If you have any suggestions or questions about our Sisterhood, please contact me at raynesd@aol.com or on my cell at (708)751-5651.

Please save the date of September 1st for our opening program!

B'Shalom! Diane Rosenfeld

News and Notes...

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

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Judy Arkin c/o EHNTJC Sisterhood
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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 the birthdays of sons Alan Jay Cook and Rod Steven Kaplan, anniversary of Rod and Heidi Kaplan, birthdays of daughter-in-law Heidi Kaplan,, cousins Ronnie Mendes and Judy Barasch, and the anniversary of cousins Bette and Ron Mendes),

Fran Givertz

(in memory of grandmother Nicoletta Jollas and brother-in-law Mick; in honor of the birthdays of niece Bridget, grandson Scott, and great-grandchildren Gavi, Tessa and Asher Max),

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,

Ada Rabinowitz,

Diane Rosenfeld

and Judi Stein

***Our BOOK CLUB will continue
in the fall. Stay tuned!***

**In the meantime, here are a couple of
suggestions for your summer reading.**

***Florence Adler Swims Forever*
by Rachel Beanland**

Renting out their 1934 Atlantic City home and crowding into the apartment above their bakery with their daughters and a mysterious visitor from Europe, a family constructs a web of lies to cover up a tragedy and keep a secret from a family member.

***Summer of '69*
by Elin Hildebrand**

A pregnant eldest sibling, a middle-sister civil rights activist, a soldier brother deployed to Vietnam and a lonely 13 year-old youngest child find their lives upended by troubling family secrets.

Book Club Co-Chairs

Elaine Lampert (847)537-1240

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Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Barbara and Lou Werner on their 65th wedding anniversary.
- **Mazel Tov** to Judy and Art Klowden on their 55th wedding anniversary.
- **Mazel Tov** to Evie Lowenthal on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Stella Aronson.
- **Refuah Shloma** to Joanne Abelman.
- **Condolences** to the family of Leonie Bergman.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thanks to the Sisterhood for their good wishes for my recovery.....Ralph Ruebner.
- Thanks to everyone who wished us a Happy Anniversary.....Miffie and Sy Nagorsky.
- Thank you to Miffie and Sy Nagorsky for their generous donation in honor of Sam Nagorsky and Ari Israel's graduations.
- Thank you Jill and Alan Todres for their kind donations in honor of Diane Rosenfeld's 75th birthday, Bobbie and Stuart Levin's 65th wedding anniversary and Judy and Art Klowden's 55th wedding anniversary.
- Thank you so much for the Leagram birthday message! I really look forward to receiving it each year. I am so proud to be a member and a leader of this wonderful Sisterhood....Diane Rosenfeld.
- Special thanks to all who have made donations in support of our Sisterhood programming!

MEMBERSHIP

by Roz Cherry - Membership Vice President

Welcome back to all our Sisterhood members!

Your dues statement for the 2021-2022 year will be in the mail shortly.

I am new at this job and need everyone's help to make this a successful year! If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a new member, I will be happy to contact them and inform them of everything new happening at our Sisterhood! Thank you!

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FUNDRAISING CORNER

by Fran Givertz - Ways & Means Vice President

The Ways & Means Committee is always looking for new fundraising ideas. If you have any suggestions, please contact me at 847-677-3616.

A great way of supporting the Sisterhood is by purchasing our donation cards. The Tribute cards are 8/\$10 and the Chai cards are 6/\$18. Contact the synagogue office at 847-675-4141 to arrange for pick up.

And check out the enclosed flyer for **"Cooking with Bubbie"** at the Skokie Theatre in August!

EDUCATION CORNER

by Carol Friedlander

THE THREE WEEKS

The *THREE WEEKS* is an annual mourning period that occurs in the summer. This is when we mourn the destruction of the Holy Temple.

Other tragedies also occurred on the Ninth of Av. It was on this date that the children of Israel who left Egypt were prohibited by the decree of God to enter the Promised Land, the Second Temple was destroyed, and Betar, the last fortress to hold out against the Romans in the Bar Kochba revolt, fell in the year 135CE.

The period begins on the 17th of Tammuz, a fast day that marks the day when the walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans. It reached its climax and concludes with the fast on the Ninth of Av, the date when both holy temples were set aflame. This is the saddest day of the Jewish calendar.

There are various mourning-related customs and observances that are followed for the entire three-week period. We do not get a haircut, purchase new clothes or listen to music. Also, no weddings are held. The final NINE DAYS of the THREE WEEKS are a time of intensive mourning. Starting on the first of Av, we refrain from eating meat and drinking wine. The ninth of Av is a more intensive fast than the 17th of Tammuz. It begins at sunset of the previous evening when we gather in the synagogue and read the Book of Lamentations.

Co-existing with this sense of grief is a subtle sense of joy. The Sabbath before Tish B"Av is called *Shabbat Hazon*, the Sabbath of vision, because the Haftorah read this day begins with the words "there is yet a vision of a joyous occasion," indicating that even as we begin the period of grief, Habakkuk envisions the sadness turning to happiness.



TORAH FUND

The theme for the 2021-2022 Torah Fund campaign will continue to be **B'yachad**—

together, as together we will continue our journey forward. We will continue to work together through Torah Fund to raise much-needed funds for the students at the five Conservative seminaries around the world. As a thank you to everyone who donated to Torah Fund during the 2020-2021 campaign, we will be having an informal *'schmooze and nosh'* get-together at an area park on Wednesday, August 25th. An e-mail with the exact location and details will be sent to donors in July.

Rose-Lynn Jaffe - Torah Fund Vice President