

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

SISTERHOOD CORNER—March, 2021

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From the President's Desk...

Looking for a cure for your winter blues? Join us at the CGLR Virtual Spring Conference on Sunday, April 25th, 2021. As more details become available, I will share them with you. As in previous years, each Sisterhood selects a Sisterhood member as their "Valued Volunteer." This year, we have chosen Rose-Lynn Jaffe to receive the award. Rose-Lynn has really stepped up to the plate in many ways. She is our incredible Zoom host, besides being our Torah Fund Co-chair, and helping out with our social action projects.

In March, we think about Passover and look forward to our Torah Fund event which will take place on March 3rd. We will have the chance to see a demonstration of two Passover cakes being made from Zelda's Catering. On March 17th at 7:30 p.m., we will have an opportunity to meet (on Zoom) The Haggadah Guy - Jordan Gorfinkel, A Jewish Cartoonist. Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom!

B'Shalom! Judy Frank

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 the birthday of grandson,
Hayden Chandler Kaplan),*

Fran Givertz

(in honor of my 70th birthday),

***Miriam Goldberger, Mickey Gordon,
Elaine Lampert*** *(celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on February 14, 2021—we were married in the sanctuary at NTJC on February 14, 1971 – also a Sunday – by Rabbi Mordechai Simon)*

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, April 21st at 10:30 a.m.
via Zoom to discuss**

"Have You Seen Luis Velez?"
by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Raymond Jaffe feels like he doesn't belong. Not with his mother's new family. Not as a weekend guest with his father and his father's wife. Not at school, where he's an outcast. After his best friend moves away, Raymond has only two real connections: to the feral cat he's tamed and to a blind ninety-two-year-old woman in his building who's introduced herself with a curious question: *Have you seen Luis Velez?*

Mildred Gutermann, a German Jew who narrowly escaped the Holocaust, has been alone since her caretaker disappeared. She turns to Raymond for help, and as he tries to track Luis down, a deep and unexpected friendship blossoms between the two.

Despondent at the loss of Luis, Mildred isolates herself further from a neighborhood devolving into bigotry and fear. Determined not to let her give up, Raymond helps her see that for every terrible act the world delivers, there is a mirror image of deep kindness, and Mildred helps Raymond see that there's hope if you have someone to hold on to.

Book Club Co-Chairs

Elaine Lampert (847)537-1240

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**Next up on Wednesday, June 16th
"Henna House" by Nomi Eve**

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Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Elaine and Marty Lambert on their 50th wedding anniversary.
- **Mazel Tov** to Carol and Walter Straus on their 60th wedding anniversary.
- Wishing a **Refuah Shlayma** to Carol Straus.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to Glenda Elam for her kind donation to our Sisterhood in memory of Ronia Gross' sister, Clementine Shoeg.
- Thank you to Ronia Gross for her generous donation to Sisterhood in memory of her beloved sister, Clementine Shoeg.
- Special thanks to all who have made donations in support of our Sisterhood programming.



Torah Fund

What Makes Torah Fund Special?

Shara Feit is pursuing an MA in Jewish Gender and Women's Studies at the Gershon Kekst Graduate School at JTS in NY. With a BA in Theater, a certificate in Music Theater and a module in playwriting, her plays have been produced in Northwestern University' Department of Theater, Young Playwrights Theater and many others. Her scholarly work centers on the intersection of religion and gender and sexuality studies. She is grateful to have the opportunity to study at JTS.

When you give to Torah Fund, you help empower students like Shara to achieve their goals at the five Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education. We will be highlighting more of our students in future newsletters.

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

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**"To ease another's heartache is to
forget one's own."**
- *President Abraham Lincoln* -



SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

May 8th, 2021

If you would like to participate
in this service, please contact

Esther Javetz - javfam@aol.com or
Diane Rosenfeld - raynesd@aol.com
Please specify if you would prefer an
English or Hebrew speaking part.

EDUCATION CORNER

by Dr. Esther Javetz, Education VP

Passover Seder and the Number 4

Edited by Evie Lowenthal

It is interesting that the very important holiday of Pesach starts with four questions. The number four is prominent throughout our Seder...four cups of wine; four sons; Rabbi Akiba entertains four guests at his Seder in B'nay Brak. According to a Talmudic statement, four symbolizes the fourfold promise of liberation:

V'hotzayti – and I will bring you out.

V'hizalti – and I will save you.

V'ga'alti – and I will redeem you.

V'lakahti – and I will take you to Me as My nation.

Among the earliest forms of learning are questions children ask. The Haggadah contains many passages posed as questions, followed by answers on points of Jewish history, faith and observance. It is important that we always ask our questions, not only of others, but of ourselves. By constantly questioning, we continue to grow.

The Seder service is designed to initiate questions, comments and discussion. It is no accident that Pesach is celebrated in the home through the Seder, at which we come together as families and as Jews. We are united with Jews the world over by common experiences, memories and history.

We must continue to pray for freedom from slavery for all people everywhere, that all people will enjoy the privilege of asking questions and seeking answers.

PROGRAMMING UPDATES

by Diane Rosenfeld, Programming VP

Wednesday, March 3rd at 1:00 p.m. –

Torah Fund Program with Zelda's Catering

Wednesday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m. –

The Haggadah Guy – Jordan Gorfinkel,
A Jewish Cartoonist

Wednesday, April 7th at 1:00 p.m. –

Yom Ha'atzmaut Program

Thursday, April 15th 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. –

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration and Baby Shower for
Niles Township Food Pantry (EHNTJC parking lot)

Wednesday, April 21st at 10:30 a.m. –

Sisterhood Book Club (see above)

Saturday, May 8th at 9:30 a.m. –

Sisterhood Shabbat

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