

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
SISTERHOOD CORNER—May, 2021

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From the President's Desk...

Spring is here and I'm excited knowing the weather will soon be warmer in Chicago and the flowers will be blooming! We have another busy month beginning on Wednesday, May 5th when we're off to Las Vegas (by Zoom, of course) for a special program on Las Vegas entertainers—presented by the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat will take place on May 8th, with members of our Sisterhood leading the Shabbat service. Please invite your friends and family to join us on Zoom. On Monday, May 10th, we will recognize another modern Jewish holiday—*Yom Yerushalayim*, day of the reunification of the city of Jerusalem. And on May 17th and 18th, we will celebrate the holiday of *Shavuot* when we received the Torah on Mt. Sinai. The Ten Commandments are read on Shavuot.

On May 19th in the evening, we will have a presentation concerning transitioning from one home environment to another. We will find out how to map out a plan. Details to follow.

Please mark your calendar for these programs!

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 birthdays of son-in-law Bob Dressler and cousin Susie Kacsh Gabel),

Fran Givertz

(in honor of my grandchildren Melissa and Chayim's anniversary),

Mickey Gordon

(in honor of my grandchildren),

Carol Grad, Luisita Graff,

Elaine Lampert

(celebrating 50 years of marriage),

Bobbie Levin,

Esther Manewith

(in honor of our grandchildren),

Dori Marks,

Miffie Nagorsky

(in memory of my brother, Sandy Levin),

Ada Rabinowitz and Judi Stein

If you have any news to share, please e-mail
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**Our next BOOK CLUB will be
Wednesday, June 16th at 10:30 a.m.
via Zoom to discuss**

***"Henna House"*
by Nomi Eve**

A beautifully written story of a young woman growing up in Yemen during the 1920's and 1930's. Right away, you're transported back in time to a very primitive world, a world without any kind of modern day conveniences, a world where religion and superstitions played a central role in the lives of the people. The world is brought to life by the voice of the narrator.

When we first meet Adela, she is a bright, young, precocious little girl, the youngest child in a very large family. Adela is part of a huge extended family clan – there are plenty of aunts, uncles and cousins all around her. We learn a lot about her world through the eyes of a five-year-old.

One of Adela's biggest fears is being taken away by the Confiscator, a government official who collects Jewish orphans, converts them to Islam, and gives them to a Muslim family to raise. In order to circumvent the Confiscator, most Jewish children were betrothed at a very young age – Adela, at five years old was almost considered a spinster.

Join us for a lively discussion!

Book Club Co-Chairs

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Good and Welfare...

- Our condolences to the family and friends of Ricki Herling, our Sisterhood Social Action/Tikkun Olam Vice President. May her memory be a blessing.
- Our condolences to Carol Straus on the passing of her husband, Walter.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to Janet Lunsik for her generous donation to our Sisterhood in honor of her speedy recovery from a heart attack.
- Many, many thanks to all who remembered my birthday! I was extremely pleased to be so blessed and remembered by so many old and new friends... from Ruth Saffro.
- Special thanks to all who have made donations in support of our Sisterhood programming.
- A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our "Baby Shower" to benefit the Niles Township Food Pantry. People were so generous—bringing supplies and donating over \$600 that we used to purchase much-needed items.



SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Please join us on
May 8th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
via Zoom as our Sisterhood
leads the Shabbat service!
Zoom information to follow...



Torah Fund

This year, graduations are taking new shapes. At JTS, senior sermons and recitals are now available on the JTS web page ([jtsa.edu/Senior Sermons and Recitals: Class of 2020](https://jtsa.edu/Senior_Sermons_and_Recitals:_Class_of_2020)).

Currently, there are senior Cantorial recitals posted for your listening enjoyment, as well as 16 presentations by senior Rabbinical School students. We encourage you to give yourself a Jewish interlude and listen to one (or more) of these talented new leaders. Your donations to Torah Fund further the ambitions of committed Jewish students to excel in their studies and make the most of their potential in service to the Jewish people.

As a kick-off to the 2021-2022 campaign, we will be having a masked, socially distanced in-person get-together in a park. Stay tuned for more details.

Rose-Lynn Jaffe and Evie Lowenthal
Torah Fund Chairs

PROGRAMMING UPDATES

by Diane Rosenfeld, Programming VP

■ Wednesday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m. –

National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement Program on Las Vegas Entertainers

■ Saturday, May 8th at 9:30 a.m. –

Sisterhood Shabbat

■ Wednesday, May 19th at 7:30 p.m. –

Drina Nikola from DWELLING Spaces + Places
"Creating the Roadmap to your Optimal New Home"

■ Wednesday, June 2nd at 1:00 p.m. –

Installation of our 2021-2022 Sisterhood Board

■ Wednesday, June 16 at 10:30 a.m. –

Sisterhood Book Club

EDUCATION CORNER

Yom Yerushalayim May 10 28 Iyyar
by Leah Polin

Yom Yerushalayim-Day of Reunification of the city of Jerusalem, is a national holiday to thank God for the victory in the Six-Day War and for answering the 2,000 year old prayer, NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM. On May 23, 1998, the Knesset passed the Jerusalem Day Law, making the day a national holiday.

Under the 1947 UN Partition Plan for Palestine, which proposed establishment of two states in British Mandatory Palestine, Jerusalem was to be an international city for a period of 10 years, at which point a referendum would be held by Jerusalem residents to determine which country to join. Jewish leadership accepted the plan; Arabs rejected.

After Israel declared its independence on May 15, 1948, it was attacked by its Arab neighbors with Jordan seizing East Jerusalem and the Old City. Jewish residents were forced out, all synagogues seized, and the Mt. of Olives cemetery was plundered.

Before the start of the Six-Day War, Israel sent a message to King Hussein of Jordan, saying it would not attack Jerusalem or the West Bank as long as Jordan remained quiet. That did not happen and on June 7, 1967, Israel captured the Old City of Jerusalem.

Later that day, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan declared: This morning, the Israel Defense Forces liberated Jerusalem. We have united Jerusalem, the divided capital of Israel. We have returned to the holiest of our holy places, never to part from it again. To our Arab neighbors we extend, also at this hour, and with added emphasis at this hour, our hand in peace. And to our Christian and Muslim fellow citizens, we solemnly promise full religious freedom and rights. We did not come to Jerusalem for the sake of other people's holy places, and not to interfere with the adherents of other faiths, but in order to safeguard its entirety and to live there together with others, in unity.

The ceasefire was on June 11, 1967. Today, JERUSALEM DAY is marked in Israel with festivities, parades, barbeques and the awarding of major prizes to distinguished citizens.