

## **SISTERHOOD CORNER—February, 2022**

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### ***From the President's Desk...***

Most of us know that the joyful holiday of Purim falls in the Hebrew month of Adar, but why does the Hebrew calendar have two months of Adar some years, like this year? There is a simple explanation. In order to keep Passover in that season, every two to three years, an extra month of Adar is added to the calendar. By doing this, the months align themselves perfectly into the correct seasons, and therefore all the Jewish holidays, too. This year Adar 1 also aligns itself with February as Rosh Chodesh Adar 1 falls on February 1 and 2.

One theme connected to the month of Adar is the ability to see and experience hidden miracles in our lives. We read about all the amazing coincidences that gave the Jews the ability to escape annihilation. Seeing hidden miracles offers us the ability to look at the drama, challenges and chaos taking place in our own lives and find the hidden miracles. We can compare this to the state of our world today with this ongoing pandemic and all of the havoc each of us has experienced. Within all the chaos, challenges and drama, we have all seen our own hidden miracles, the silver lining that we may have been blessed with in our own lives!

Please watch your mail and e-mail for information on the many programs offered by our Sisterhood. Join us on March 2nd when Susan Boldrey, our own Sisterhood and congregation member, will be discussing "Women in Music" as we celebrate International Women's Month.

It is appropriate to say during the month of Adar, "Be Happy, it's Adar!"

*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 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**

*(in honor of my grandchildren),*

**Bobbie Levin,**

**Esther Manewith**

*(in honor of our grandchildren),*

**Dori Marks, Ada Rabinowitz,**

**Diane Rosenfeld**

*(in honor of nephew David and grandchildren Josh, Avi, Zev, Ella, Max, Lexi, Jake and Ryan),*

**Judi Stein and Dolly Zavell**

**Our next BOOK CLUB will be on  
Wednesday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m.  
on ZOOM to discuss  
"The Only Woman in the Room"  
by Marie Benedict**

Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side and understood more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star.

But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis and revolutionize modern communication...if anyone would listen to her.

A powerful book based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist, *The Only Woman in the Room* is a masterpiece that celebrates the many women in science that history has overlooked.

We hope you will join us for a lively discussion!

Book Club Co-Chairs

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***One kind word can warm your  
heart the whole winter...***



## Good and Welfare...

- Our condolences to Linda Chizewer and Julie Weill on the passing of their husband and father, Harold Chizewer. May his memory be a blessing.
- Wishing a **Refuah Shlayma** to Marcy Feinberg.

### TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to Esther Siver and Janet Terry for their generous donation in honor of their granddaughter becoming an attorney and an independent woman!
- Thanks to all who have made donations in support of our Sisterhood programming!

## SAVE THE DATE

by Judy Arkin - Programming V.P.

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.  
"Women in Music" (flyer enclosed)

Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
Women's Seder with Julie Weill

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sisterhood Shabbat (flyer enclosed)

**A BIG WELCOME to our new  
Sisterhood Members:  
Judy Chester, Lil Cohen,  
Shirley Michaelson  
and Julie Rubin**

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### HEBREW CONVERSATION CLASS

will begin on Sunday, March 6th.  
Check out the enclosed insert for  
more information and how to register!



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## EDUCATION CORNER

by Evelyn Lowenthal

### Brotherhood Month

February is brotherhood month. This month should be filled with camaraderie of Sisterhoods and Men's Clubs working and sharing. It is the time to take stock of our activities and relationships.

The work we've started so many ages ago continues with constant devotion.

As we pray:

May our moments be filled with continued accomplishments in a world of peace.

May our hours be filled with strength and dedication.

May our minds be quiet harbors for all our thoughts.

May our hearts be temples filled with love.

May our lives be filled with happiness, good health and success.

February will be a true brotherhood month if we all take great pride in our Judaism, living by its precepts of caring about people. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The only way to have a friend is to be a friend."

Let us enrich our lives, as well as the lives of all we touch, by our constant warmth and friendship.



## Torah Fund

by Rose-Lynn Jaffe –  
Torah Fund VP

Mathilde Schechter, founder of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, did not have the opportunity for formal Jewish education, yet she was a highly educated woman. She attended Breslau Teacher's Seminary, taught in Breslau for several years and then moved to London to study at Queens College. In 1902, she and her husband, Solomon Schechter, moved to New York. When there, she edited works of local scholars including her husband's. She established a vocational school for girls and published a hymn book.

Today women do not have to marry a scholar to be one. Today women attend each of the five Conservative/Masorti Jewish Institutions of Higher Learning supported by Torah Fund. Established in 1942, Torah Fund began as a scholarship fund, merging in 1963 with the Residence Hall Campaign.

As Torah Fund enters its 80<sup>th</sup> year, we can all be proud of our continuing efforts to support the programs, scholarships and facilities at the five Conservative Jewish institution of higher learning.