Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

SISTERHOOD CORNER—July/August, 2023

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From the President's Desk...

Our culminating event and board installation on June 7th was magnificent in every way! Pam Schlosberg, Central Great Lakes Region President, presented a beautiful installation ceremony. The lunch was delicious and plentiful. Thank you to Debbie Reich for the beautiful setup, table gifts and for keeping track of the reservations and the seating. Kudos to Ada Rabinowitz for organizing and planning every detail ahead of time, and to Bobbie Levin for stepping in to help. Judy Arkin was our top-notch MC who also conducted the election and introduced the entertainment. Lindsay Baer was a wonderful singer and pianist who topped off the afternoon. Thank you to Francine Schulman for being in charge of the presentation and serving the food. Many thanks to the following who helped in some way to make the day a success: Carol Friedlander, Fran Givertz, Mickey Gordon, Dori Marks, Judie Pittel, Esther Rubin, Cheryl Sklar, Larry Sklar (Zoom operator) and Jeff Sacks who provided security.

Please make sure to visit *A Photo Retrospective* in our social hall chronicling the constancy, and change, values and resilience of Chicago's most enduring Jewish neighborhood - West Rogers Park. This exhibit will be showcased here until July 14th. Some of our past and present Sisterhood members are featured or mentioned in this display.

From July 16th-19th, several of our members will be attending the International Women's League for Conservative Judaism, (WLCJ) International Convention in Schaumberg. Our next bulletin will contain an update on the convention.

Stay tuned for our fall programs which are being planned now as we write this message.

L'Shalom, Judy Frank and Diane Rosenfeld

Presenting our Sisterhood 2023-2024 Officers and Board of Trustees

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Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Cheryl Sklar as newly elected President of Kehillat Shalom.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Victor Weissberg on his 96th birthdav.
- **Refuah Shlemah** to Roz Cherry, Carol Straus and Rabbi Ralph Ruebner.
- Condolences to the family and friends of Janet Keiser, a Sisterhood member and daughter of Leah Lazere.

If you have any "Good & Welfare" to share, please contact Judy Arkin at kjarkin99@comcast.net.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thanks to our wonderful Sisterhood for their good wishes on my 87th birthday. I appreciate it and bless you all.....Miriam Goldberger.
- Thank you to all my Sisterhood friends for your wonderful birthday wishes.....Diane Rosenfeld.

A *BIG WELCOME* to our new Sisterhood Member Linda Freedman



Encourage me and I will not forget you.

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: Esther Berman

(in honor of granddaughter Zoe Berman graduating from Lane Tech H.S. and moving on to Kenyon College...Mazel Tov to all of this year's graduates),

Joan Cook

(in honor of the birthdays of sons Rod Kaplan, Alan Cook; daughter-in-law Heidi Kaplan; cousins Jeff Mendes, Judy Barasch and nephews Casey and Caleb Ruken, and the wedding anniversaries of son and daughter-in-law Rod and Heidi Kaplan; cousins Steve and Beth Ruken and Bette and Ronnie Mendes),

Fran Givertz

(in honor of my family and friends),

Mickey Gordon

(in honor of my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren),

Miriam Goldberger, Bobbie Levin, Dori Marks, Esther Manewith

(in honor of our grandchildren),

Miffie Nagorsky

(in honor of our grandson, Rafi and granddaughter, Madeline graduating from high school),

Ada Rabinowitz and Judi Stein

"SHARE OUR SPARE"

by Julie Weill, Social Action V.P.

We are collecting items for young families in need through the organization *Share Our Spare*. Items can be dropped off in the synagogue office or we can shop for you. You can donate cash, a check payable to our Sisterhood (include 'Share Our Spare' in the memo line), or a <u>Target</u> gift card.

Donations <u>must be received by July 14th</u>

so that our

Sisterhood Social Action Committee will have time to purchase the needed items (a list of these items is available in the synagogue lobby).

Sisterhood will also be organizing these kits for the families on Sunday, July 23rd from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at EHNTJC.

For a list of items needed, to make a donation, or volunteer your time, please contact Julie Weill at julieweill@msn.com.

Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop

by Ada Rabinowitz, Ways & Means V.P.

The gift shop is here to serve our members. If you have a suggestion of an item that you would like us to purchase for the gift shop, please let us know. Are you or a loved one moving into a new house or condo – we have *mezuzot* and scrolls. Do you need a gift for a special occasion? Please browse the display cases in the social hall. If you have questions, would like an item, or are interested in ordering something, please call Ada Rabinowitz at 847-530-5517.

Remember, supporting our Sisterhood supports our synagogue!

Torah Fund

by Rose-Lynn Jaffe, Torah Fund V.P.



Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh - All the People of Israel are Responsible for One Another

These words, the theme for our 2023-2024 Torah Fund campaign, corresponds to the theme from the Babylonian Talmud, Shevuot 39a that all the people of Israel are responsible for one another. This year's heart shaped pin highlights the word "arevut" responsibility. One way that we assume responsibility is through our donations to Torah Fund. When you support Torah Fund, you help educate students in New York, Los Angeles, Israel, Latin America and Europe – and you align with those who value learning, knowledge and providing the future generation with relevant skills to fortify the Jewish people.

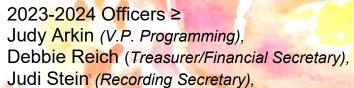
Our 2023-2024 Torah Fund campaign begins July 1st. Donations of any amount are always appreciated. As a special thank you to anyone who donates \$180 or more, our new pins will be available before September 1st.



Sisterhood Culminating Luncheon and Installation of our Officers and Board June 7th, 2023



≤ CGLR President Pam Schlosberg during Installation ceremony with new Co-Presidents, Diane Rosenfeld and Judy Frank



Dori Marks (Corresponding Secretary) and Rose-Lynn Jaffe (V.P. Torah Fund)



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