

## **SISTERHOOD CORNER—April, 2017**

Judy Frank, President (judy@tcscorp.com)

Diane Rosenfeld, Editor (raynesd@aol.com)

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

We recently were notified that our Sisterhood will receive the "Jewels in the Crown Award" at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism National Convention this coming July! This award was given based on our Sisterhood programming over the last three years. I want to thank Gloriann Levy and Debbie Reich for their help and support in completing the application for this award.

And speaking of our outstanding programs—**THANK YOU** to all who helped make our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Seder another huge success! A special thank you to Julie Weill for her creative Haggadah and her leadership of the event! Over 90 women (and men!) enjoyed this wonderful evening.

Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> is our **Spring Boutique** from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please come and do your shopping for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations—or even fun items for yourself.

The Cinema Series co-sponsored by our Sisterhood and Men's Club continues with a brunch and the movie "*The Producers*" on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. And on Wednesday **evening**, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer will present "*Work, Family, Life: A Juggling Act*". Please join us for a lively discussion on the many roles that women play.

Information on all of these programs and events can be found on the EHNTJC website at [ehnt.org](http://ehnt.org). Click on the 'Community' header and go to the Sisterhood section.

*B'Shalom! Judy Frank*

### ***News and Notes...***

- Be a media mogul! A \$5 contribution makes you a sponsor of our Sisterhood bulletin. Please mail your contributions to:

Diane Rosenfeld c/o EHNTJC Sisterhood  
4500 Dempster Street • Skokie, IL 60076

***Our Media Moguls this month are:***

**Marcy Feinberg, Miriam Goldberger,  
Esther Javetz**

**(in honor of the *yahrzeit* of her  
mother-in-law, Asha Yavetz),**

**Bobbie Levin, Shaynee Lichtenstein  
(in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her  
granddaughter—Alyse Lora Lichtenstein),**

**Evie Lowenthal, Shirley Lubowich  
(with thanks to everyone for their good  
wishes and greetings in honor of their  
70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)**

**Phyllis Marcus, Ada Rabinowitz  
and Flora Steigman**

If you have news to share, contact Diane Rosenfeld at [raynesd@aol.com](mailto:raynesd@aol.com).

- Sisterhood donation cards are 8/\$10 and the Chai cards are 6/\$18. The cards are available in the synagogue office.
- If you would like to attend a Sisterhood event and need a ride, please call Flora Steigman at (847)675-9223.

**A BIG WELCOME to our new**

**Sisterhood Members:**

**Miriam Davidson and Edie Sue Sutker**

### **BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS**

#### ***"We'll Always Have Casablanca"***

by Noah Isenberg

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on **Wednesday, May 10th** at **10:30 a.m.** at the synagogue.

"*We'll Always Have Casablanca*" is celebrated film historian Noah Isenberg's rich account of this most beloved movie's origins. Through extensive research and interviews with filmmakers, film critics, family members of the cast and crew, and diehard fans, Isenberg reveals the myths and realities behind *Casablanca's* production, exploring the transformation of the unproduced stage play into the classic screenplay, the controversial casting decisions, the battles with Production Code censors, and the effect of the war's progress on the movie's reception. Isenberg particularly focuses on the central role refugees from Hitler's Europe played in the production (nearly all of the actors and actresses cast in *Casablanca* were immigrants).

Filled with fresh insights into *Casablanca's* creation, production, and legacy, "*We'll Always Have Casablanca*" is a magnificent account of what made the movie so popular and why it continues to dazzle audiences seventy-five years after its release.

Please join us for a lively discussion!  
Refreshments will be served.

**Please RSVP to one of our Book Club Chairs:**

Dorothy Lipstadt	(847)673-3525
Elaine Lampert	(847)537-1240
Judith Rae-Ross	(847)708-4541

## ***“The Message of the Haggadah”***

by Dr. Esther Javetz  
Education Vice-President

Every Passover we read the Haggadah together and enjoy a special meal. Can we summarize in a few words what is the main message of the Haggadah? An easy way to do so is to look at the story of the four sons.

The **Wicked** son is not wicked in the way we would think; he is not hurting anybody. But he is withdrawing himself from the community (and maybe his descendants as well). He refuses to celebrate Passover, because it does not refer to him personally. The message of Passover is that we were all redeemed from slavery then (2<sup>nd</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup> millennium BCE) and still in every generation! The message of freedom is still relevant.

The **Simple** son is not in opposition; he just needs to be taught. The same is true with the **One who has no capacity to inquire**; he is like a child and for him and all children, we have to bring them back to the community and to the story of exodus. The **Wise** son, is beyond the basic knowledge and commitment; he wants to celebrate Passover properly.

Let's be wise, and continue to tell the story to ourselves and the next generations. Happy Passover!

---

### **TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU**

- I thank everyone so much for remembering my birthday with your Leagram wishes—you made me very happy! Regards and Happy Pesach to all.....Ruth Saffro
- We wish to thank all our friends who made donations in honor of our new grandchild, Riley Faith Schiff. We are very appreciative of your generosity and thoughtfulness. Thank you.....Luisita and Howard Graff

---

### **Good and Welfare...**

- *Mazel Tov* to Shaynee and Michael Lichtenstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Alyse Lora Lichtenstein.
  - *Mazel Tov* to Menucha and Alan Levy on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jacob.
  - *Mazel Tov* to Luisita and Howard Graff on the birth of their granddaughter, Riley Faith Schiff.
  - Wishing a *Refuah Shlayma* (a complete and speedy recovery) to Goldie Brandhandler, Judy Klowden, Diane Rosenfeld and Evie Ruebner.
  - **Happy Passover to all!**
- 

## **OUR DISTINGUISHED JEWISH WOMEN— PAST AND PRESENT: *Barbra Streisand* by Joanne Stein**

Barbra Streisand was born in Brooklyn in 1942, and, as a child, she attended an Orthodox yeshiva. Her father was a high school English teacher who died when she was 15 months old. Her mother worked to support the family and later remarried and then divorced.

Barbra began her career singing in coffeehouses. Her real break came when she was chosen for an important role in a Broadway play, *“I Can Get It For You Wholesale”*. She married her co-star, Elliott Gould - a marriage that lasted 6 years and produced one son.

Then came the chance to play Fanny Brice in *“Funny Girl”*. Mary Martin, Anne Bancroft, and Carol Burnett had all turned it down, so the role went to Barbra. She also starred in the movie version which won her an Oscar for best actress in 1968.

She made the movie *“Yentl”* as a memorial to the father she never knew. To prepare for the movie, Barbra studied Hebrew and the Talmud, and these studies made her feel closer to her devout father.

Barbra is the first person ever to receive a Grammy, Emmy, Oscar and Tony Award. She is also the best selling female singer of the 20th century. Her concerts have raised millions of dollars for charities and for the support of political candidates.

She has received many awards for her work reflecting her Jewish heritage through movies and television. Barbra remarked that in her films she has always tried to portray Jewish women in a positive light.

She has been married to actor James Brolin since 1998.

---

### ***GIFT SHOP GAB: VOLUME NINE***

I'm thrilled to report that the month of March was very successful for our gift shop. At mid-month, we had sold approximately \$600 worth of merchandise, and that was before the sales made at the Women's Seder!

Our gift shop is blossoming. We have expanded our selection of accessories, gifts and fun items for you to buy. We also have a beautiful selection of Judaica.

And don't forget to **THINK SPRING!** Our big boutique is scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd.

Marcy Feinberg and Ronia Gross  
Gift Shop Co-Chairs