From the President’s Desk...

Welcome to winter, the month of Shevat 5776 and secular year 2016! Sisterhood has planned its next few programs with the weather in mind starting with a Games Day! on Wednesday—January 6th. Get your Mah Jongg, Bridge or Canasta group together, or just come and play Scrabble etc.—please plan on joining us for a fun afternoon. February’s program on Wednesday the 3rd, will be “An Afternoon at the Movies” featuring a popular film and discussion if time permits.

Stay tuned as plans for our Torah Fund High Tea on Wednesday, March 2nd are completed and save the date of April 6th for our annual Women’s Seder led by Rebbizlen Julie Weill.

To all those who have helped with our programs and to the Sisterhood Board, your participation is greatly appreciated, and there is a place for any of the rest of you as well should you wish to participate. Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

B’shalom! Evelyn Lowenthal

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 Marcy Feinberg & Miriam Goldberger. If you have news to share, contact Judy Arkin at kjarkin99@comcast.net.

- Sisterhood donation cards are 8/$10 and the Chai cards are 6/$18. The cards are available in the synagogue office.

- Being thoughtful now costs less! Inclusion on all Leagram birthday and anniversary greetings is only $54 for a year. Contact Debbie Reich at (847) 272-4057.

- Check out our GIFT SHOP case for new hostess gifts, menorahs and more! Call Evie Lowenthal at (847) 673-2505, Marcy Feinberg at (847) 318-9266 or Idelle Peaceman at (847) 254-7745 for more information.

BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS

“A Backpack, a Bear & Eight Crates of Vodka: A Memoir” by Lev Golinkin

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on Wednesday, January 13th at 10:30 a.m. at the synagogue.

A compelling story of two intertwined journeys: a Jewish refugee family fleeing persecution and a young man seeking to reclaim a shattered past. In the twilight of the Cold War (the late 1980s), nine-year old Lev Golinkin and his family cross the Soviet border with only ten suitcases, $600, and the vague promise of help awaiting in Vienna. Years later, Lev, now an American adult, sets out to retrace his family’s long trek, locate the strangers who fought for his freedom, and in the process, gain a future by understanding his past.

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

RSVP to one of our Book Club Chairs: Dorothy Lipstadt (847) 673-3525 Elaine Lampert (847) 537-1240 Judith-Rae Ross (847) 673-7728

Next up... “Cut Me Loose: Sin and Salvation After My Ultra-Orthodox Girlhood” by Leah Vincent on Wednesday, March 9th!

Welcome...

to our new Sisterhood Member!

Sandra Davis
“THE TONGUE CAN KILL”

“The talk about a third (person) kills three persons: him who tells it, him who accepts it, and him about whom it is told… just as the hand can kill, so can the tongue.” (Talmud Arachin 15b)

The Talmud teaches about the seriousness of lashon hara, speaking negatively about someone. Negative talk hurts the person who tells it, the person who listens to it, and the person who is the subject of such talk.

According to our sages, using the tongue in spreading gossip is the same as killing.

Good and Welfare...

- Wishing a speedy recovery to Bobbie Levin
- Our condolences to Ada Rabinowitz and Shelly Sutker-Dermer on the passing of Irwin Sutker
- Mazel Tov to Carol Bartman on her daughter, Hillary, receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Neuroscience from the University of Illinois
- Mazel Tov to Idelle Peaceman on the marriage of her granddaughter, Andrea Wiese, to Tsuri Hason in Cesarea, Israel
- Mazel Tov to Debbie Reich on the birth of her newest grandson—Andrew Stefan Reich
- Mazel Tov to Evie Ruebner on the birth of her grandson—Rami Aidan Hamou-Ruebner
- Mazel Tov to Rose-Lynn Jaffe on granddaughter, Ariana Edwards’, Bat Mitzvah

SAVE THE DATE...

January 6th – Games Day!
February 3rd – Movie Afternoon
March 2nd – Torah Fund High Tea
April 6th – Women’s Seder
May 14th – Sisterhood Shabbat
June 8th – Culminating Luncheon

PROJECT NIGHT NIGHT incorporates a bag, a blanket, a new stuffed animal and a gently used or new children's book—which is then donated to a children’s shelter. The activity includes making the blankets, sorting the stuffed animals and books and packaging them. We began collecting the animals and books over the past few months and completed eight bags during our November Holiday Boutique. We’ll be making the rest of the blankets and completing the bags during our Games Day! afternoon on January 6th. Our first set of bags went to Family Promise in Evanston and they are patiently waiting for the rest of the delivery.

Questions? Please contact Ricki Herling at tchildren@aol.com

KNITTING PROJECT
Our Sisterhood continues to make shawls for breast cancer patients. The synagogue office has copies of the instructions. For more information, call Idelle Peaceman at (847)254-7745.

TORAH FUND
Our annual campaign for TORAH FUND is underway. Help us ensure a bright future for Conservative Judaism!

For more information on how YOU can help support Torah Fund, contact Gloriann Levy at glorriannlev@gmail.com.