

The Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation

## **SISTERHOOD CORNER—July/August, 2017**

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

I was very excited to see over ninety women (and a couple of men!) at our Culminating Luncheon on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Rebbitzin Julie Weill did an outstanding job with the installation of our 2017-2018 Officers and Board. She said this was the first one that she had ever done and I was so honored as it was just beautiful!

Ada Rabinowitz and Debbie Reich were a great team of luncheon co-chairs. Debbie's creativity with the invitations, name tags and programs was admired by all in attendance. Ada, who is one of the best emcees ever, arranged for Leslie Goddard portraying Estee Lauder, to provide our entertainment. In keeping with the theme of our presentation, each guest received a sample of Estee Lauder cologne and a compact mirror.

I am looking forward to this coming year as we begin planning exciting and informative programs, fundraisers, and the continued growth of our gift shop. If anyone has any ideas for our Sisterhood, please contact me at (847)677-4950 or by email at [judy@tcscorp.com](mailto:judy@tcscorp.com). I am always open to suggestions!

Have a wonderful summer!

*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:***

***Judy Arkin, Marcy Feinberg,  
Judy Frank (thanking all for a beautiful  
Culminating Luncheon),  
Ricki Herling (in honor of her beautiful  
granddaughters—Olivia and Violet),  
Esther Javetz (in honor of three family  
birthdays—Esther, Tziporah and Matan),  
Bobbie Levin, Vivian Mitofsky,  
Idelle Peaceman (in honor of her  
granddaughter making *aliyah* to Israel),  
Ada Rabinowitz and  
Diane Rosenfeld***

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.

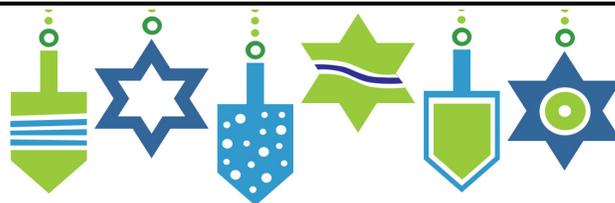
**A BIG WELCOME to our new  
Sisterhood Members:**

**Amy Claver  
Tong Fenig  
Fern Kaplan  
Elyse Jacobs Stern  
Bella Weberman**

### **SAVE THE DATE.....**



*Opening Luncheon and Fashion Show  
Wednesday—September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017*



***Sisterhood* HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE  
SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



**EHNTJC *Sisterhood***  
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## ***“The Biblical Foundation of Our Constitution”***

by Dr. Esther Javetz  
Education Vice-President  
*(summary from Publius-Hulda’s Blog)*

The Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) provided guidelines for the authors of our constitution. The Declaration of Independence recognizes the Creator G-d as a source of rights, and the purpose of the civil government is simply to secure the rights G-d gave us.

There are six principles, which come from the Bible which are applied into the constitution: 1. Civil authorities are under the Law; 2. Civil government has only limited power; 3. Civil government is divided into three parts; 4. Civil authorities promise to obey the Higher Law; 5. When the civil authorities violate the Higher Law, we must rebuke them; 6. The People’s obligation to obey civil authorities is conditional upon the civil authorities obeying the Higher Law.

In the Bible the Higher Law was the Torah, while here it is the constitution. The civil government was limited to military matters and enforcement of few laws (murder, theft etc.). Isaiah 33:22 says that G-d is our “judge” “lawgiver” and “king”, which inspired the three branches of government.

In the Bible the king promised to obey G-d’s law (not an absolute ruler), like King David in Samuel 5:1-4. Here, the presidents promise to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution”. When kings did not follow G-d’s Law they were rebuked, like Samuel rebuked King Saul, and Nathan rebuked King David. Here, some presidents were impeached due to legal violations.

The Bible was innovative by creating a limited kind of kingdom, while the American Revolution was innovative by creating a special kind of democracy.

***Happy Fourth of July!***

### ***GIFT SHOP GAB: VOLUME ELEVEN***

The gift shop is winding up a very successful season! Our culminating affair brought in over \$700, which will give us a substantial budget to bring in a variety of new and unusual items for the fall.

Many items in the gift shop are currently being sold at 50% off to make room for new inventory. Stop in and check the display cases or talk to one of the gift shop committee members for more information.

The committee has already met to discuss items for fall and to start ordering.

Marcy Feinberg and Ronia Gross  
Gift Shop Co-Chairs

## **It Takes a Village!**

We have often said that “it takes a village” for any organization to be successful and our Sisterhood is certainly proof of this. We are very successful because so many of you have reached out to your friends and family and asked them to be part of this wonderful group of women. We have over 180 members and are hoping to reach 200 this year. So, I am asking you to continue to encourage the women you know to join and attend our events.

At this time I want to extend an open invitation to all the women who belong to our synagogue to join the Sisterhood. The Sisterhood supports EHNTJC by raising funds for specific projects. We really need everyone’s help! I am asking you to join because there is strength in numbers, and every woman counts.

We are planning many wonderful programs for the coming year, including an event for new and potential members later this summer.

Ada Rabinowitz, Membership Vice-President  
(847)673-0697

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

- Our condolences to Henely and Mel Kramer on the passing of his aunt, Anne Muskat, a long-time Sisterhood member and charter member of our synagogue.
- Our condolences to the family of Doris Cohen, a past Sisterhood President.
- Wishing a ***Refuah Shlayma*** (a complete and speedy recovery) to Barbara Barnett, Judy Klowden, Lucille Kulwin, Heddie Romanoff and Evie Ruebner.
- ***Mazel Tov*** to Congregation President Ed Cohen on his engagement to Lillian Maltz.
- ***Mazel Tov*** to Dolly and Bob Zavell on the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Shayna Zavell, to be held in Israel.
- ***Mazel Tov*** to Ada and Beryl Rabinowitz on the upcoming B’nai Mitzvah of their grandchildren, Jordyn and Jason Rabinowitz, to be held in Israel.
- ***Mazel Tov*** to Janice and David Solovy on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Matthew.
- ***Mazel Tov*** to Lillian and Dr. Herbert Lang on the engagement of their daughter.



*Responsibility lies not only in what we do, but often in what we neglect to do.*

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

- Thank you to the Sisterhood members for my *Leagram* birthday wishes...Jan Eisbart.
- Thank you to Glenda Elam for the generous donation to the Sisterhood in beloved memory of her mother.
- Thank you to the Sisterhood ladies for the *Leagram* sent in honor of our anniversary. It is always nice to open the envelope and see all of the names of the donors. It makes me feel fuzzy all over! Also, thank you for the donations sent to us in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of our granddaughter, Alyse Lora Lichtenstein. We have shared the cards with her...Shaynee Lichtenstein.
- Thank you to all for the lovely *Leagram*! It was so nice to receive this birthday greeting with so many names on it...Diane Rosenfeld.
- Thank you to Naomi Shisler for the generous donation to the Sisterhood in honor of Diane Rosenfeld's speedy recovery.
- Thank you to Shelley Sutker-Dermer for her generous donation to our Sisterhood.

**2017-2018 Sisterhood BOARD**

**Officers**

- President—Judy Frank  
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- Book Club—Dorothy Lipstadt  
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 Ways & Means (Cookbook)—Joanne Abelman

**Members-at-Large**

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| Esther Berman     | Sandy Kaiz     | Judith-Rae Ross   |
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| Phyllis Dickstein | Bobbie Levin   | Flora Steigman    |
| Sally Jablo       | Dori Marks     | Adrienne Tanner   |
|                   | Marsha Newman  |                   |

**Honorary Members**

- Julie Weill                      Heather Johnson

*Sisterhood Pix.....*



The beautiful centerpieces made by Davida Grossman and Ronia Gross for our Women's Seder.

Ada Rabinowitz, Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer and Judy Frank at our May program—“Juggling Life”.



Judith-Rae Ross presenting her mother, Dorothy Lipstadt, with the 2016-2017 “Valued Volunteer Award”.

Leslie Goddard as cosmetics queen—Estee Lauder, at our Culminating Luncheon on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

