From the President’s Desk...

The Tishrei cycle of 5777 has just come to an end as I write this article. We are enjoying the last few days of warm weather and the leaves are changing colors. We had beautiful weather to enjoy two parties in our sukkah—at the first one we helped decorate the sukkah with our religious school students, and Sisterhood also sponsored a breakfast in the sukkah after the Sunday morning minyan.

In November (the month of Cheshvan), it has become a custom to celebrate Jewish Book Month. In keeping with that thought, we will be fortunate to once again have Ron Balson at our Sisterhood Luncheon speaking on his latest book, “The Trust”. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by Mr. Balson.

Our Holiday Boutique will take place on Sunday, November 19th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please plan on doing your holiday shopping with us! Along with our own gift shop filled with wonderful items and lots of Chanukah merchandise, we will have great items from many other vendors.

We look forward to seeing you at our Chanukah Party and Latke Luncheon which will take place on Wednesday, December 13th (first day of Chanukah). Our musical entertainment will be provided by Bibi Marcell. Please watch your mail for more details on our upcoming programs and events!

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:
- Esther Berman, Marcy Feinberg,
- Ricki Herling (in honor of her beautiful granddaughters—Olivia and Violet),
- Esther Javetz (in honor of her husband Hanan’s 70th birthday),
- Bobbie Levin,
- Evie Lowenthal, Dori Marks,
- Idelle Peaceman,
- Ada Rabinowitz, Diane Rosenfeld,
- Judith-Rae Ross and Flora Steigman (in beloved memory of her brother—Gerald Symons)

If you have news to share, contact Diane Rosenfeld at raynesd@aol.com.

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

BOOK and AUTHOR LUNCHEON
Wednesday, November 15th
11:30 a.m.

Please join us as author Ron Balson reviews his newest novel...

“The Trust”

The newest novel from Ronald H. Balson, the international bestselling author of “Once We Were Brothers”, finds private investigator Liam Taggart returning to his childhood home for an uncle’s funeral, only to discover his death might not have been natural.

When his uncle dies, Liam Taggart reluctantly returns to his childhood home in Northern Ireland for the funeral—a home he left years ago after a bitter confrontation with his family, never to look back. But when he arrives, Liam learns that not only was his uncle shot to death, but that he’d anticipated his own murder.

As his investigation draws Liam farther and farther into the past he has abandoned, he realizes he is forced to reopen doors long ago shut and locked. Now, accepting the appointment as sole trustee of the Fergus Taggart Trust, Liam realizes he has stepped into the center of a firestorm.

Our December 6th Book Club will discuss “Between Gods” by Alison Pick.

Book Club Chairs:
Dorothy Lipstadt (847)673-3525
Elaine Lampert (847)537-1240
Judith Rae-Ross (847)708-4541
GIFT SHOP GAB: VOLUME FOURTEEN

Chanukah is getting closer and the gift shop is ready and waiting! We have a beautiful selection of items for everyone—men, women, kids and teens.

Our offer has been extended to help you with holiday shopping. If you mention “November 2017 Gift Shop Gab” you will receive 20% off of a $25 or more purchase!

Please check us out. You’ll be helping yourselves, our Sisterhood and the synagogue!

Marcy Feinberg and Ronia Gross
Gift Shop Co-Chairs

Good and Welfare…

- Wishing a Refuah Shlayma (a complete and speedy recovery) to Barbara Barnett, Bobbie Levin, Carol Straus and Shari Warshawsky.
- Mazel Tov to Lorraine and Norm Edelstein on their 60th wedding anniversary.
- Our condolences to Flora Steigman on the loss of her brother—Gerald Symons.
- Our condolences to Elaine Wayne on the loss of her beloved husband—Harry.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

• Thank you very much for the anniversary and birthday greetings. It’s wonderful knowing that I have so many friends in the Sisterhood…..Marsha Newman.
• I want to thank everyone who bought tickets to the “Jackie Mason Musical”, especially Shoshana Dorman—our postal carrier. We sold 62 tickets and had a profit of over $400 for our Sisterhood…..Judy Arkin.

CALLING ALL COOKS!

We are looking for recipes for our Sisterhood Cookbook that we are developing for publication next year. The topic for November is Meats and Poultry. It would be wonderful if you all could bring at least one recipe for each category to the November Book & Author Luncheon.

Remember to include your name, the title of your recipe, the category it falls under and the ingredients and steps to follow. All recipes must be kosher! If you are including vegan recipes, remember to follow the rules: no animal products (no meat, fowl, fish, eggs, dairy or honey).

I am looking forward to receiving your wonderful recipes and seeing you at the next luncheon!

Joanne Abelman
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Is There Any Connection Between Sukkot and Thanksgiving?

by Diane Rosenfeld

Could the holiday of Sukkot have indirectly inspired the American tradition of Thanksgiving? You be the judge…..

The similarities between Sukkot and Thanksgiving have a historical frame of reference. Before coming to the New World (America), the Pilgrims lived for a short time among Sephardic Jews in Holland. Both the Pilgrims and the Jews had been victims of religious persecution. The Sephardic Jews were expelled from Spain in 1492. They scattered and eventually settled in different parts of Europe, including Holland. The Pilgrims escaped England in 1608 to avoid the increasing intolerance of their separatist views. So both the Jews and the Pilgrims settled in Holland because of that country’s religious tolerance. The Pilgrims would have witnessed Sukkot celebrations while living among the Jews.

The Pilgrims’ first Thanksgiving meal in 1621 is said to have been eaten out of doors. Sukkot, like Thanksgiving, is a holiday of welcoming. The Pilgrims welcomed the Native Americans to the original Thanksgiving table just as Jews welcome friends and neighbors to dine in the sukkah. The Thanksgiving cornucopia resembles the shofar. The first Thanksgiving meal was said to have been a multi-day celebration, similar to Sukkot. And, of course, there is the food: both holidays feature bountiful menus of delicious, seasonally-inspired foods that are harvested at the turn of the season.

Sisterhood HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 19th, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for our Holiday Boutique to buy all your Chanukah gifts! We’re having a versatile array of vendors, including our own Gift Shop, selling unique and special gifts.

Come shop and invite your family and friends!
Sisterhood PIX.....
from our 2017-2018
Opening Luncheon and Fashion Show

Edna Schrank (President of WLCJ Central Great Lakes Region), Judy Frank (Sisterhood President), Esther Berman and Ada Rabinowitz (Co-chairs of our Opening Luncheon and Fashion Show)

OUR DISTINGUISHED JEWISH WOMEN—PAST AND PRESENT: 
Dorothy Fields 
by Joanne Stein

We are all familiar with the men who are the great American Jewish songwriters. Some of them are Irving Berlin, Lorenz Hart, Oscar Hammerstein, Richard Rogers and Jerome Kern. Then there is Dorothy Fields—the first woman to be elected to the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

She is the brilliant lyricist who wrote "On the Sunny Side of the Street". "I Can’t Give You Anything but Love Baby", "Lovely to Look At", and "The Way You Look Tonight".

Dorothy Field’s father was Lew Fields, half of the famous vaudeville act—Weber and Fields. He tried to keep her away from the theater world, but she had a talent that could not be denied.

She and her brother Herb wrote the books for many Broadway plays, including her idea of writing a musical about Annie Oakley. The result, "Annie Get Your Gun", became one of Broadway’s most successful musicals.

Dorothy’s first marriage ended in divorce, but she and her second husband had two children. She died in 1974 at the age of 68.

This brilliant lady deserves to be included in any list of great American songwriters and lyricists.

SOCIAL ACTION

Much thanks to Marsha Newman who has been making calls to congregants who are ill or have suffered a loss. She has brought food after Shabbat services to people who have requested it and has made sure that those sitting shiva have been asked if our Sisterhood can be of help to them.

Please join our committee along with EHNTJC’s Social Action Committee for a presentation and conversation with "People for a Safer Society" on Sunday, November 5th. Minyan begins at 9:30 a.m. with the program and a light breakfast to follow. The program is free, but we ask you to please RSVP to the synagogue office at (847)675-4141 so we can plan for ample food and set-up.

We will also be collecting toys for Chai Lifeline. Bring your donations of NEW and unwrapped toys or books to our November or December programs, or drop them off in the synagogue office.

Ricki Herling
Vice-President of Cooperation and Social Action Chair