The Ezra-Habanim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation

SISTERHOOD CORNER—October, 2016
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From the President’s Desk...

A big THANK YOU to all those who helped work on our Opening Luncheon and Fashion Show—especially our chairs—Ada Rabinowitz and Esther Berman. It was absolutely a tremendous success! We had over 130 women in attendance which is our largest turnout since “our newly formed Sisterhood” was created. Everything was wonderful from the minute you walked into the room and saw the beautiful place cards, the great looking centerpieces, the very tasty food and the terrific fashions modeled by our own Sisterhood women. Thanks for supporting this event!

As we turn the calendar to October, we begin the Tishrei cycle on Sunday night, October 2nd, which is Erev Rosh Hashanah. As we move through the Tishrei cycle to Sukkot, our Sisterhood will be having two events to celebrate this holiday. On Sunday morning, October 16th, our Sisterhood will help our religious school children decorate the synagogue sukkah. And then on Thursday afternoon, October 20th—our Sisterhood will have a Sukkah Party in the synagogue sukkah. All Sisterhood members and potential members are welcome to join us!

L’Shana Tova! 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 and Ada Rabinowitz. 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.

➢ Check out our NEW GIFT SHOP case for hostess gifts, jewelry, menorahs and more! Call Ronia Gross at (847)679-5643, Marcy Feinberg at (847)318-9266 or Judy Arkin at (847)763-1996 for more information.

BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS

“The Jazz Palace”

by Mary Morris

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on Wednesday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m. at the synagogue.

Boomtown Chicago, 1920s—a world of gangsters, musicians, and clubs. Young Benny Lehrman, born into a Jewish hat-making family, is expected to take over his father’s business, but his true passion is piano—especially jazz. After dark, he sneaks down to the South Side to hear the bands play.

One night he is asked to sit in with a group. His playing is first-rate. The trumpeter, a black man named Napoleon, becomes Benny’s friend and musical collaborator. They are asked to play at a saloon Napoleon has christened The Jazz Palace. But Napoleon’s main gig is at a mob establishment, which doesn’t take kindly to their musicians freelancing. As Benny and Napoleon navigate the highs and the lows of the Jazz Age, a bond is forged between them that is as memorable as it is lasting. Morris brilliantly captures the dynamic atmosphere and dazzling music of an exceptional era.

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)708-4541

Sisterhood HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
If you know of any vendors who would like to participate, contact Judy Arkin at (847)763-1996 or kjarkin99@comcast.net
**OUR MEMBERS ARE SPECIAL...**

Thank you to all those who have paid their 2016-2017 membership dues. Your support means so much to us! We appreciate all you do to make our Sisterhood world so special. We enjoy being together. We enjoy learning together. We enjoy breaking bread together. We enjoy having fun together. Please spread the word and encourage your friends and family to become part of this wonderful group!

Our Sukkah Party will be held on Thursday, October 20th at 1:30 p.m. at the synagogue. We hope you will join us. It will truly be a celebration! All new members since January, 2016—as well as prospective members, are invited to be our guests. Just let us know in advance that you will be coming.

Let me extend a big WELCOME to our newest members—Vivian Baizer, Elayne Baum, Hollis Chalem, Tamar Farkas, Menucha Levy and Myra Reisman.

I wish you and yours a happy and healthy New Year!

Ada Rabinowitz—Membership Vice-President

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**GOOD AND WELFARE...**

- **Mazel Tov** to Dr. Barbara Brotnie on the birth of her granddaughter, Riley Azar Brotnie.
- **Mazel Tov** to Shelle’ Malina on the birth of her twin granddaughters, Savannah and Zoe Crescenti.
- Our condolences to the family of long-time Sisterhood member Joanne Hamer. May her memory be for a blessing.
- Wishing a Refuah Shlayma (a complete and speedy recovery) to Paula Carroll, Ricki Herling, Idelle Peaceman, Evie Ruebner and Gail Isaacson.

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**“2016 – Tishrei Holidays - 5777”**

by Dr. Esther Javetz

Education Vice-President

The month of Tishrei is the first month in the Hebrew calendar. Tishrei is not a Hebrew word, but a Babylonian one; all the names of the Hebrew months were established after Jews came back to Israel after the first exile to Babylonia.

In the Hebrew Bible, before the Babylonian exile, the month was called Ethanim, which means “strong powers”. This is the beginning of fall in Israel, when strong winds are blowing, the weather changes drastically, and the days are not so bright, like in the summer. The weather changes might have reminded people about G-d’s power in the world. In the Bible (Kings, 8:2), it is stated that, at that time, during the holiday, the Kohanim carried the “Aron Habrit” (the Ark of the Covenant) from the tent, where it was originally housed, to the first temple in Jerusalem, as organized by King Salomon, when he finished the construction of the temple.

Here are the holidays:

1-2 Tishrei - Rosh Hashanah, which is also a day of judgement. This day also celebrates the creation of the world.

9-10 Tishrei – Yom Kippur, which allows us a process of appeal.

15-21 Tishrei - Sukkot, where we dwell in a temporary structure, to commemorate our past in the desert after departure from Egypt.

21 Tishrei – Hoshanah Rabbah, which is known as the last day of judgement. This is also the seventh day of Sukkot.

22-23 Tishrei – Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah, the eighth days of Sukkot and a holiday in its own right. On this holiday we read the last section of Deuteronomy and the first section of Genesis. This is a rabbinic custom and it is not mentioned in the Bible.

Hope to see you on October 20th at our Sukkah Party, which will emphasize women role models in Judaism.

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**GIFT SHOP GAB: VOLUME FOUR**

Alas, summer is tapering off and we are beginning a new active season at EHNTJC. The gift shop is preparing for the High Holidays and looking ahead to the Hanukkah season and our holiday boutique on November 20th. If you would like to display and sell items that you create, please contact me to discuss the details.

Marcy Feinberg, Gift Shop Co-Chairman

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