From the President’s Desk...

Late last month I returned from my first Women’s League Sisterhood Convention, along with Evie Lowenthal, and I am still on a high. I feel excited, enthusiastic, connected and ready to begin the New Year! The theme for this year’s convention was “A Bold New Outlook” WLCJ 100 years. The convention was quite an experience that words can barely describe. It was four jam-packed days, almost 450 “sisters”, brilliant scholars, the heads of all five Conservative/Masorti Rabbinical institutions, speakers, authors, Judaic art projects, panel discussions, networking, learning and sharing, installations, social action, programs on Israel, a History Hop, tefilot, and lots of ruach. It was also the celebration of Torah Fund’s 75th birthday.

I am very proud that our Sisterhood received the “Jewels in the Crown Award”. This award was given to those sisterhoods that had outstanding programs over the last three years. Thank you to our wonderful board for making this happen.

Wishing each and every one of you L’shanah Tovah 5778!
B’Shalom! Judy Frank

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**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,
  - Phyllis Dickstein (in memory of husband—Dr. Joseph Dickstein)
  - Marcy Feinberg,
  - Judy Frank (with New Year’s greetings to all our Sisterhood members),
  - Ricki Herling (in honor of her beautiful granddaughters—Olivia and Violet),
  - Esther Javetz (in memory of father-in-law, Zalman Javetz—a Zion prisoner in Siberia for seven years),
  - Elaine Lampert (in honor of her birthday),
  - Bobbie Levin,
  - Gloriann Levy (in honor of the birth of her grandson—Hudson Benjamin Levy),
  - Evie Lowenthal, Dori Marks,
  - Vivian Mitofsky,
  - Ada Rabinowitz and Diane Rosenfeld (wishing a safe journey to children and grandchildren—Sari, Mark, Josh, Avi and Zev Winick, as they leave to spend a year in Israel)

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.

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**Membership: The ♥ of Sisterhood**

Thank you to all those who have renewed their membership. We appreciate your doing so in such a timely manner! If you have not renewed yet, please take a moment to do so (see the attached flyer). Your membership is important to the success of our Sisterhood. Our members are the heart of our organization. We need members to exist, to function, to make a difference.

Our Opening Luncheon on Wednesday–September 13th, features a fabulous fashion show from Chico’s. Please invite your friends and family to come and enjoy the afternoon. Many guests join our Sisterhood after seeing how friendly and welcoming we are.

I want to take this time to wish you and yours a Happy and Healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing you on the 13th. Please remember that every member is a membership chairman.

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

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**A BIG WELCOME to our new Sisterhood Members:**
- Pamela (Penny) Lichterman
- Phyllis Marcus
- Marlene Singer
- Ina Weiner
“Rosh Hashanah—Why Isn’t It Called Re’Sheet Hashanah?”

by Dr. Esther Javetz
Education Vice-President

“Re’sheet Hashanah” (=beginning of the year) would make sense; but we are using a word from the same root, Rosh (=head). What is the connection between Rosh and our kind of beginning of the year activities?

Everything we do is starting from our Rosh:

1.) Reviewing our activities and their results from the last year.
2.) Asking ourselves to feel guilty for actions that were not the best.
3.) Making plans for the New Year.
4.) Bringing ourselves to the synagogue to ask forgiveness from people and from G-d to avoid punishment.

It all starts from our Rosh, and guides our actions. Rosh Hashanah is not a biblical holiday, but it was later established by the Rabbis. A relevant quote from the Rabbis is: “Sof Maase Be’Machshava Techila” (a deed is just the last step of a thought that came earlier).

Our tradition is guiding us to be thoughtful and purposeful, and not to waste time as things just happen to us...let us all try to use our Rosh to benefit ourselves and our community.

*Shanah Tova*

Good and Welfare...

- Our condolences to Joan Cook on the passing of her beloved husband, Morrie Cook.
- Our condolences to Flora Steigman on the passing of her sister, Judith Goldwater.
- Wishing a Refuah Shlayma (a complete and speedy recovery) to Bobbie Levin, Rabbi Neil Brief, Rabbi Shlomo Levine, Rabbi Ralph Ruebner, Sharon Stein and Carol Straus.
- Mazel Tov to our EHNTJC Sisterhood for receiving the “Jewels in the Crown” Award at the Women’s League centennial convention.
- Mazel Tov to Elayne Baum on the birth of her granddaughter, Jorgie Gabrielle Shalit.
- Mazel Tov to Gloriann Levy on the birth of her grandson, Hudson Benjamin Levy.
- Mazel Tov to Bobbie and Stuart Levin on the engagement of their son.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you for the ‘get well’ and ‘speedy recovery’ wishes for my recent surgery...Barbara Barnett.
- Thank you Sisterhood for making me “Volunteer of the Year”! Also, a special thanks to my daughter, Judith-Rae, for her beautiful tribute when presenting the plaque. “My Cup Runneth Over”...Dorothy Lipstadt.

TORAH FUND 2017-2018

Mah Tovu—which means “how good”—is a phrase that originates in the Torah, in Numbers chapter 24:5. Quoted in our prayer book, it forms the basis of the opening prayer sung when we enter the synagogue.

The full phrase is Mah tovu ohalecha Yaakov, mishk’notecha Yisrael, “How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings O Israel!” It is a spontaneous exclamation of joy, said when gazing at the nation of Israel dwelling in peace and mutual respect.

As we celebrate the beginning of the 100th year of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism and the end of the 75th year of the Torah Fund Campaign of Kindness, we count our many blessings as individuals within the community of Israel. We are blessed in our synagogues with the depth of learning, prayer and acts of kindness that bind us together, thoughtful and learned communal leaders; with our children, grandchildren who give us reason to smile, and with the friends and family—also our Women’s League sisters lending us strong support. *Mah Tovu*, how good are all of these blessings in our lives!

This year’s pin features the number 100, and as such is a treasured keepsake of the Women’s League centennial, to be worn with pride. For a gift of $180 or more to Torah Fund, you may proudly wear the pin.

Please contact Torah Fund Chair, Evie Lowenthal at (847)673-2505 or eviel@prodigy.net for more information.

GIFT SHOP GAB: VOLUME TWELVE

The gift shop is gearing up for fall. The committee has been looking at various websites in order to find unusual, unique items for you or to give as gifts.

We have ordered some kosher parchments and were able to purchase some new Judaica, kippot, and Hanukkah items.

We have contacted Illinois Nut & Candy in Skokie, and they will work with us to order kosher candy and mixed nuts. We have been collecting catalogs, cards and snapping photos of items that we think will be beautiful additions to our inventory!

We are asking all of you for word–of-mouth recommendations. Our key to success is new customers. We look forward to a successful year ahead!

Marcy Feinberg and Ronia Gross
Gift Shop Co-Chairs
BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS
“Kirk and Anne: Letters of Love, Laughter and a Lifetime in Hollywood”

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on Wednesday—September 6th at 10:30 a.m. at the synagogue.

Film legend Kirk Douglas and Anne Buydens, his wife of nearly sixty-three years, look back on a lifetime filled with drama both on and off the screen. Sharing priceless correspondence with each other as well as the celebrities and world leaders they called friends, “Kirk and Anne” is a candid portrayal of the pleasures and pitfalls of a Hollywood life lived in the public eye.

Compiled from Anne’s private archive of letters and photographs, this is an intimate glimpse into the Douglases’ courtship and marriage set against the backdrop of Kirk’s screen triumphs, including The Vikings, Lust for Life, Paths of Glory, and Spartacus. The letters themselves, as well as Kirk and Anne’s vivid descriptions of their experiences, reveal remarkable insight and anecdotes about the legendary figures they knew so well, including Lauren Bacall, Frank Sinatra, Burt Lancaster, Elizabeth Taylor, John Wayne, the Kennedys, and the Reagans.

Filled with photos from film sets, private moments, and public events, “Kirk and Anne” details the adventurous, oftentimes comic, and poignant reality behind the glamour of a Hollywood life—as only a couple of sixty-two years (and counting) could tell it.

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

SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday—November 15th at 11:30 a.m., we hope you will join us for our next BOOK AND AUTHOR LUNCHEON featuring local author, Ron Balson, who will review his new book “The Trust” scheduled to be released on September 19th!

Sisterhood HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017

CALLING ALL COOKS!

The EHNTJC Sisterhood is creating a recipe book which will include categories such as appetizers, soups, salads, entrees, desserts and Jewish holiday recipes. If you have any gluten-free, dairy-free, low-carb, vegetarian or vegan recipes, we would like them too.

Remember that all recipes must be kosher and marked as meat, dairy, parve, gluten-free, vegan, etc.

Please e-mail your recipe(s) to Joanne Abelman at Joabelman1@aol.com or mail them to the synagogue office.

We are looking for appetizer, soup and salad recipes to bring them to our OPENING LUNCHEON on September 13th!
Sisterhood Pix.....

Sisterhood President, Judy Frank
Receiving the “Jewels in the Crown
Award” at the WLCJ centennial
convention.

Judy Frank and Torah Fund Chair,
Evelyn Lowenthal at the WLCJ
centennial convention.

EHNTJC Sisterhood
is affiliated with the Women’s
League for Conservative Judaism
and therefore is a partner in
enriching Jewish women’s lives worldwide.
We are a part of the Central Great Lakes
Region which is made up of sisterhoods in
Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and parts
of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Learn...we have a commitment to continuing
Jewish education of our members through classes
and programs.

Live...perpetuate Jewish tradition and observance
in your home, synagogue and community.

Link...make your voice heard as part of the
largest synagogue-based women’s organization in
the world.

Share...help us strive to repair the world.

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.

Shanah Tovah u’Mitukah!
Wishing you a good and sweet year—5778!