

SISTERHOOD REVIEW

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EDITOR:

DEE DEE QUINN

Co-Presidents' Greetings

Dear Friends,

The secular New Year provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the past and plan for even greater accomplishments in 2018. Together we have created many engaging events and supported many a worthy cause, enhanced the camaraderie amongst our women, and, as a result, produced a tangible contribution to our synagogue and to our community. For all of you who have given of your time, talent and effort, we are thankful and fully realize that our success is only a result of your dedication.

Social Action

With the beginning of the calendar year, we have renewed our efforts to focus on Social Action. With the guidance and support of Rabbi Nicole Guzik, we initiate the "Spoonful of Hesed" effort, where we gather together to cook for those in need. The gathering in and of itself is a means to community bonding and we eagerly look forward to supporting this program. Please join us on **Thursday, January 11, 2018** as we gather to make soup for those in need of community care. Of course, we continue our efforts to support Project Outreach (delivering food to home bound seniors) and Project Caring (visiting and – we hope – entertaining residents of a local senior center).

Education

We continue to provide an array of educational opportunities, including watercolor, calligraphy and exercise classes, as well as our new Book Group – which will take place every couple of months in a private home and be facilitated by our former librarian, Lisa Silverman. Please see flyer in this issue or in our next issue of our e-newsletter, "Sisterhood Scoop." Thank you to Rosa Berman Ruder for her leadership.

Community Engagement

We are thrilled to report that our second Sisterhood-sponsored "March of the Living" Mission to Poland – this time focused on Young Professionals – is completely sold out! On Yom Hashoah participants will march from Auschwitz to Birkenau with thousands of others from around the world. After our inaugural MOTL Mission in 2017 for Adults, our Sisterhood is now pioneering this trip for our Young Professionals (ages 21-39). We are certain that time spent together witnessing history will bond this group together as last year's trip did for the Adults. Special thanks to Program VP Lina Pournazarian for her wisdom and passion in making this happen.

Spirituality

Our women will take charge of Shabbat services on February 9th and 10th, 2018 for the annual Sisterhood Shabbaton. This year we are saluting Sharsheret during our Friday night services by wearing something pink – Sharsheret helps Jewish Women facing cancer and Dr. Suzanne Gilbert Lenz will deliver an uplifting sermon supporting the same. This will be followed by Shabbat morning services – also led by our women, and together with Rabbi Nicole Guzik and Cantor Lisa Silverman will provide an avenue for all participants to elevate their souls by helping to lead the service. Following services, we will enjoy a Luncheon, featuring Rabbi Guzik in conversation with Dr. Sheila Nazarian – we look forward to the ensuing discussion as Dr. Nazarian has been a women's advocate for some time. Later that afternoon, we will celebrate Mincha Service with song from our long-standing Mincha Melodies choir, led by Aryell Cohen. What a weekend!

Supporting the Future

On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, we will gather together to celebrate Sisterhood's support of Torah Fund and celebrate this year's Ha'Yay Olam honorees, Rabbi Jason Fruithandler and Deborah Eisen Weinstein. Please join us as we not only celebrate our honorees but support the education of our future Conservative rabbis, cantors and educators.

We are excited for all of this and much more in 2018. We wish you all a year of health, happiness and peace and are blessed with your support and friendship.

Flora and Lisa



Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz • Winter 2018

Sinai Temple, 10400 Wilshire Blvd. at Beverly Glen

Eight-week workshop session, Tuesdays 1:30 – 4:30 pm.

January 9, 16, 23, 30 February 6, 13, 20, 27

This immersive watercolor workshop for Intermediate and advanced students explores the creative range and technical immediacy of the watercolor medium. Using demonstrations and projects, students will be reintroduced to all painting fundamentals including: composition, rendering, eye-hand training, brush work, correct values, color washes and glazing, as well as other invaluable tips & tricks.



Timothy Kitz is an accomplished award winning watercolorist and instructor whose paintings reflect a command of the medium and range of subject matter that demonstrates a distinctive style, freshness and fluidity. He exhibits regularly at venues throughout Southern California and is sought after as a teacher, demonstrator and juror.

His formal fine arts education was at the University of Toledo School of Design and Herron School of Art of Indiana University. He continues to hone his present "plein air" experience and exhibition presence through active participation in the Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore, the Valley Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society and the California Art Club.

www.timothykitz.com

Workshop Fee: \$150 plus \$20 materials fee payable to Instructor at first class.

Students will be asked to provide most of their own supplies. A list of necessary equipment and other class requirements will be provided upon registration.

For further information, please contact Rosa Berman at (310) 557-1009 or rbermanr@yahoo.com

***** Cut Here*****

"Watercolor Class" Registration Winter 2018

Registration is first-come, first-serve basis. Class is limited to 20 students.

(Please Print)

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

\$150 per person \$20 material fee at first class Total amount enclosed _____

Please make your check for \$150.00 payable to **Sinai Temple Sisterhood** and mail in with this form to Sinai Temple, 10400 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Must write on envelope: **Attention: Rosa Berman Ruder**

Sinai Temple Sisterhood

Have you joined us yet?

Sisterhood is

for every age group

Add your voice

and connect with other women

Support

special projects for our Sinai Temple Community and our schools, as well as Torah Fund, Project Outreach and Project Caring

Experience

stimulating programs and enhance your personal growth, Jewish involvement and sense of community. Participate in our monthly Rosh Hodesh gatherings and dynamic classes series like Cooking, Mah Jongg, Mudwalking, Body Sculpting, Watercolor and more...

Be part of great events

Tuesday, October 17

Membership Luncheon

Thursday, October 26

The Great Challah Bake

Sunday, October 29

A Night of Hope and Remembrance Gala

Friday-Saturday, February 9-10

Sisterhood Shabbaton

Tuesday, March 20

Torah Fund Luncheon

Sunday-Sunday, April 8-14

March of the Living Mission

Join or Renew Today!

www.sinaitemple.org/sisterhoodmembership

For more information contact Membership Vice-Presidents Nora Rakow or Monica Brik at norarakow@sbcglobal.net or monica.sisterhood@gmail.com



Sisterhood is an affiliate of
Women's League for Conservative Judaism
The international network of Conservative Jewish women



A Spoonful of Hessed: Making Meals for Those in Need

Do a mitzvah. Join us as we make soup for community members in need of a little healing.
Adults and kids ages 10+ are welcome to join.

Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Can't join in the cooking but willing to drop off soup to someone's home?
Contact Rabbi Guzik and she will give you a call when someone is in need.

Additional dates for cooking are tentatively scheduled
throughout 2018 and will be announced.

RSVP is appreciated to ensure we have enough ingredients and supplies. Please confirm
your attendance by calling (310) 481-3234 or e-mailing nguzik@sinaitemple.org.



SISTERHOOD'S BOOK CLUB

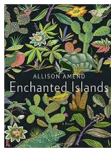
With Lisa Silverman

Join us in 2018 on Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9:00 PM

Lisa Silverman, Library Director at the Sperber Jewish Community Library of American Jewish University will lead lively discussions at private homes. Light refreshments. Space is limited to 15 persons.

Enchanted Islands by Allison Amend

February 7



Inspired by the midcentury memoirs of Frances Conway, *Enchanted Islands* is the dazzling story of an independent American woman whose path takes her far from her native Minnesota when she and her husband, an undercover intelligence officer, are sent to the Galápagos Islands at the brink of World War II.

A Backpack, A Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka: A Memoir by Lev Golinkin-April 25



A former Jewish refugee recounts his family's desperate flight from the Soviet Union in the late 1980's and his personal quest to retrace their journey years later in order to thank the strangers who helped them.

As Close to Us as Breathing by Elizabeth Poliner

June 6



A multigenerational family saga about the long-lasting reverberations of one tragic summer in 1948 on a small stretch of Connecticut shoreline, affectionately named "Bagel Beach". It is the summer destination for Jewish families, including sisters Ada, Vivie and Bec, and their children and weekend-only husbands who come up from the city to join them.

Cost: 3 sessions for \$60 for Sisterhood members or \$25 per session
3 sessions for \$75 for non-Sisterhood members or \$30 per session

For information, contact Rosa Berman Ruder at (310) 557-1009 or rbermanr@yahoo.com. Mail your check payable to Sinai Temple Sisterhood to the Temple at 10400 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90024. Address of event provided upon registration.



MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

FACILITATED BY JUDI & BILL NACHENBERG

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

Schedule for the Day:

8:30 – 9:00 am	Check-in, coffee/bagels
9:00 – Noon	Session 1 (three rounds)
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch buffet
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Session 2 (three rounds) Followed by prizes!!

Questions – contact:

Judi Nachenberg 818.764.6240

Rachelle Marcus 310.550.5884

Send your **\$40 check payable to Sinai Temple Sisterhood** to:

Judi Nachenberg, 7037 Park Manor Avenue,
North Hollywood, CA 91605

No refunds if cancellation less than 5 days prior to the event

SINAI TEMPLE SISTERHOOD MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT – MARCH 25, 2018

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

I will be EAST and keep score ☐ Yes ☐ No

I will bring my set and dice ☐ Yes ☐ No



Sunday

March 25, 2018

8:30 to 4:00 pm

Don't forget your
2017 Mah Jongg
card (be sure it has
your name on it!!)

WHERE:

SINAI TEMPLE

**10400 Wilshire
Blvd.**

**Los Angeles 90024
(corner of
Wilshire & Beverly
Glen)**

**Must have
reservation to
park in garage**

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Rosh Hodesh Club

The Club celebrated the month of Kislev at the home of Deborah Weinstein, who was a most gracious hostess. Her dinner consisted of Chinese dishes, regular chicken, vegetables, two rice dishes, Israeli salad, fruit, cookies and coffee. Edie Nitzberg presented the program based on the book, "Who Knew" compiled by Jack Cooper. It was very well received.

The month of Tevet will be celebrated on Thursday, December 21st at 6 p.m. at the home of Rosalie Kornblau. The cost of the evening is \$15 and includes dinner. The program will be presented by Lisa Silverman, former Sinai Temple head librarian. Reservations are a must. For more information and reservations, please call Edie Nitzberg at (310) 471-0886.

Save the date of January 18th to celebrate the new moon of Shevat.

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Join Us for Project Caring!

Be a part of the Sisterhood team that visits a local retirement home bi-weekly and cheers up the residents with musical entertainment (no auditions necessary!). If you are interested in giving this a try, please contact Beanie Polsky, (310) 305-1912 or beaniepolsky@ca.rr.com. Beanie has devoted herself to this mitzvah for many years - and welcomes any and all to join her!

Here are the upcoming dates - you don't have to commit to all - just give it a try! It's just an hour out of a regular Tuesday, from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Tuesday, January 2, 2018
 Tuesday, January 16, 2018
 Tuesday, January 30, 2018
 Tuesday, February 13, 2018
 Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Here is where we meet:

Brentwood Health Care Center
 1321 Franklin Street
 Santa Monica, CA 90404

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Project Outreach Hanukkah Deliveries - Thank you!

Despite the disastrous fire going on at the time, 18 volunteers gathered at the home of Sandy Croll on Thursday, December 7, 2017 and delivered food to 24 home bound seniors, whose names were suggested by Jewish Family Services.

Thank you to Sandy Croll and Estelle Ashkenazi for purchasing and bagging the food and sundries (and in such a stylish manner too!). Thank you to our volunteers:

Estelle Ashkenazi
Brina Rosenbaum
Phyllis Dreifus
Rabbi Nicole Guzik
Marjan Nourani
Lisa Pompan
Sandy Croll
Sheree Gould
Judy - friend of Sandy
Edie Nitzberg
Steve Nitzberg
Fran Stengel
Rita Rodef
Raquel Rodef (Rita's daughter)
Janet Bina
Golda Mendelsohn
Barbara Moritz
Stevie - friend of Sandy

The more the merrier! If you would like to help with our Passover deliveries in March, please contact Lisa Pompan - lpompan@gmail.com.

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December Birthdays

Lenore	Sussman	12/1
Jeannette	Mandelbaum	12/4
Myrna	Singer	12/5
Judith	Hoffman	12/8
Roslyn	Swartz	12/9
Jila	Rahban	12/12
Eileen	Hinkes	12/13
Eleanor	Weintraub	12/13
Soraya	Kermani	12/14
Abbe	Leff	12/14
Fariba	Efraim	12/15
Sylvia	Weiner	12/16
Julie	Schoenfeld	12/18
Naomi	Weiner	12/18
Muriel	Perry	12/19
Elaine	Lotwin	12/20
Helgard	Field	12/23
Maria	Del Mundo	12/24
Marjorie	Platt	12/24
Aviva	Biederman	12/25
Michele	Gabai	12/26
Helen	Rosin	12/27
Violet	Friedland	12/28
Dora	Mossanen	12/28
Ann	Mitnick	12/29
Judy	Rosenberg	12/29
Maryam	Bostani	12/30
Fahimeh	David	12/30
Rona	Schwartz	12/30

December Anniversaries

Shana & Elias	Kharrazi	12/1
Jila & Said	Rahban	12/1
Angela & Jamshid	Maddahi	12/6
Esther & Martin	Pearlman	12/10
Lea & Alexander	Loewinger	12/15
Abbe & Perry	Leff	12/16
Bette & Jerry	Nagin	12/16
Shirley & Mark	Bilfield	12/17
Janice & Owen	Miller	12/17
Suzanne & Stuart	Schweitzer	12/18
Kathy & David	Moghimi	12/21
Sarah & Nassir	Shokrian	12/23
Faith & Richard	Gershbock	12/24
Fran & Arnie	Stengel	12/24
Neli & Ramin	Roofian	12/26
Sylvia & Kambiz	Hakim	12/27
Anne & Allen	Gordon	12/28
Mahnaz & Matt	Pouratian	12/28
Jan & Phil	Zakowski	12/28
Gay & Norman	Levin	12/29
Anna & William	Tenenblatt	12/29
Carol & Jerry	Muchin	12/30
Lillian & Stuart	Raffel	12/30

January Birthdays

Selma	Daye	1/2
Hilda	Silvers	1/3
Estelle	Silberman	1/4
Shireen	Shafai	1/5
Harriet	Trunk	1/5
Rica	Sabah	1/7
Nora	Rakow	1/10
Margaret	Gan	1/12
Carole	Greenberg	1/12
Jessica	Sacher	1/13
Rita	Schwartz	1/13
Barbi	Weinberg	1/13
Afsaneh	Daneshvar	1/17
Eva	Berger	1/20
Phillis	Curlender	1/20
Lorraine	Joffe	1/20
Sheila	Leibovic	1/20
Majdolin	Zelkhah	1/21
Deborah	Lewis	1/22
Nancy	Kattler	1/23
Barbara	Berman	1/24
Cindi	Hausheer	1/24
Jeanne	Mitchell	1/26
Miriam	Wagman	1/26
Judith	Fisher	1/27
Golda	Mendelsohn	1/28
Janice	Miller	1/31

January Anniversaries

Helgard & Irwin	Field	1/1
Aviva & Leon	Biederman	1/3
Judith & Burton	Hoffman	1/4
Stacy & Jesse	Sharf	1/7
Nora Chaouli & Jack	Rakow	1/10
Judy & Tom	Flesh	1/15
Lisa & Steve	Silverman	1/20
Jeannette & Mervyn	Mandelbaum	1/21
Helene & Benjamin	Boston	1/22
Barbi & Larry	Weinberg	1/22
Flora & Nasser	Ahdout	1/23
Raquel & Ber	Oberfeld	1/26
Jill & Tom	Barad	1/28
Tommie & Don	Shulman	1/29

*Tributes – Speedy Recovery**To:*

Judy & Rebecca Begin
Speedy recovery for sister

Barbara Berci

Lonnie & Jimmy Delshad
Speedy recovery for Daniel

Anna Fogelman

Lorraine Joffe

Shirley Kory

Don Shulman

Myrna Singer

Myles Weiss

From:

Linda & Bob Camras

Abbe & Rodney Barron
Linda & Bob Camras
Carole & Dick Greenberg

Linda & Bob Camras

Bella Goldstine
Dee & Arny
Lisa Pompan

Carole & Dick Greenberg
Judi & Burt Hoffman

Jina & Ata Rezvanpour

Carole & Dick Greenberg
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Mazel Tov

Flora & Nassar Ahdout
Birth of new grandson

Dee & Arny Goozé
Carole & Dick Greenberg
Judi & Burt Hoffman
Lea & Alex Loewinger
Nora & Jack Rakow

Barbara & George Berci
Honored by the Masorti Foundation

Beanie & Stan Polsky

Phyllis & Lloyd Berkett
New

Dee & Arny Goozé

Angelina Billaur
Birth of twin great-grandchildren

Beany & Stan Polsky

Rabbi Zvi Dershowitz
Birth of great-grandson

Beany & Stan Polsky

***Rabbi Zvi Dershowitz
Receiving the Mensch award***

***Carole & Dick Greenberg
Edie & Steve Nitzberg***

***Rabbi Feig
Being named Global Justice
Fellow for 2017-18 by American
Jewish World Services***

Sinai Sisterhood

***Jennifer & Maziar Ghodsian
Birth of son***

Lisa Pompan

***Ellen & Harvey Guzik
Happy anniversary***

Lea & Alex Loewinger

***Betty Hamburger
Happy birthday***

Ruth Fiske

***Frances Katz
Happy birthday***

***Lea & Alex Loewinger
Miriam Wagman***

***Stefanie & Mark Lipson
Birth of daughter***

Linda & Bob Camras

***Lea Loewinger
Happy birthday***

***Gabriella Nasch
Nora & Jack Rakow***

***Nili Mandelbaum
Happy birthday***

Lea & Alex Loewinger

***Harriet & Sheldon Markman
Happy anniversary***

Lea & Alex Loewinger

***Gabriella Nasch
Happy birthday***

Lea & Alex Loewinger

***Edie Nitzberg
Happy birthday***

Miriam Wagman

***Dee Dee & Michael Quinn
Happy anniversary***

Miriam Wagman

***Jina & Ata Rezvenpour
Happy anniversary***

Miriam Wagman

Sympathy

Sara Aftergood

Loss of mother, Beverly Schmier

Clara & Roman Bruno

Dee & Arny Goozé

Carole & Dick Greenberg

Lorraine Joffe

Frances Katz

Tommie & Don Shulman

Tributes (continued)

Aryell Cohen

Loss of father, Aaron

Rodney & Abbe Barron

Sharon & Alex Baskin

Clara & Roman Bruno

Linda & Bob Camras

Phyllis Dreifus

Laura Dwoskin

Ruth Fiske

Flora & Nassar Ahdout

Aaron & Jacob Gershbock

Faith & Richard Gershbock

Marilyn Goldman & Paul Troy

Dee & Arny Goozé

Carole & Dick Greenberg

Betty Hamburger

Judi & Burt Hoffman

Lorraine Joffe

Lea & Alex Loewinger

Rachelle & Ed Marcus

Diane & Ovvie Miller

Eddie & Steve Nitzberg

Nora & Jack Rakow

Tommie & Don Shulman

Sinai Sisterhood

Louise Wechler

Cami Gasmer

Loss of father

Lea & Alex Loewinger

Judi & Burt Hoffman

Loss of brother

Ed Marcus & Family

Rosalie Kornblau

Loss of aunt

Eddie & Steve Nitzberg

Howard Lesner & Family

Beany & Stan Polsky

Loss of father, Jules

*Ed Marcus & Family
Loss of brother, Edamer*

*Golda Mendelsohn & Family
Loss of husband, Marty*

*Jack Rakow
Loss of sister*

*Naahama Tesfar
Loss of brother*

*Jina & Ata Rezvanpour
Marilyn & Jeff Stern & Family*

*Clara & Roman Bruno
Sharon & Alex Baskin
Michele & Joe Gabai
Marilyn Goldman & Paul Troy
Dee & Arny Goozé
Carole & Dick Greenberg
Edie & Steve Nitzberg
Jina & Ata Rezvanpour
Adele & Stan Stogel*

*Abbe & Rodney Barron
Jina & Ata Rezvanpour
Marilyn & Jeff Stern & Family*

*Laura Dwoskin
Dee & Arny Goozé
Carole & Dick Greenberg*

Sinai Sisterhood

Tributes (continued)

*Mehrzaad Roshan & Family
Loss of husband, Mansoor*

*Isaac Schmidt
Loss of brother*

*Julie Schwartz & Family
Loss of parents, Marilyn &
Bernie Socher*

*Rabbi Erez Sherman & Family
Loss of brother, Eyal*

*Abbe & Rodney Barron
Jina & Ata Rezvanpour*

Dee & Arny Goozé

*Carole & Dick Greenberg
Sinai Sisterhood*

*Clara & Roman Bruno
Laura Dwoskin
Jina & Ata Rezvanpour
Adele & Stan Stogel*

**For those who wish to honor someone with a tribute,
Call Carole Greenberg at (310) 476-8048**



LETTER FROM AN EDITOR

Dear Sisters,

Thirty years ago, Michael's and my travels found us in Budapest. As we recalled, it was a pretty city, with lovely old buildings covered with beautiful ornamental detail on their facades. We also remember that these handsome buildings were ridden with bullet holes from the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. We returned recently as part of a Jewish Heritage tour...more about that later. This time, on our first evening in Budapest we were taken on a cruise along the Danube - plentiful help-yourself buffet served inside where it was warm, watching the lights of the buildings as we drifted by: Parliament (described as one of the most beautiful legislatures in the world), Buda Castle, Matthias Church, and the Chain Bridge, among many sparkling lights. It's no wonder this movie-set panorama has been named a UNESCO World Heritage site. Most of us couldn't resist going out in the cold to take photographs on the deck.

Of course, we had been on no such cruise on our first visit to Budapest. Hungary was still Communist then and the buildings would not have been lit up. No big surprise when we stopped to think about it. But then, our daytime excursions of the city were equally startling. Budapest, as it turns out, is not merely pretty. It's beautiful! I asked our guide, a local, about my memory and she assured me that my recollection was accurate. Under Communism, there was no money for anything, so everything was dark and dingy (her words) with years of built-up soot. Our 39-year-old tour director, also born and raised in Budapest, described life under Communism: if you were lucky enough to be able to save enough to buy a car, you paid for it and in return were given a piece of paper. The wait-time before you actually *received* your car averaged 11 years. The wait-time for a telephone was 25 years; Communism ended in 1989, before her family was able to receive theirs. It seems that the reality under Communism was every bit as bad as the Communist-era jokes. Like the one about the guy who buys a car and is told it will be delivered on Tuesday, April 18, seven years later. Nonplussed, he asks the dealer if he can schedule the delivery for the afternoon on that day. The surprised dealer says OK but asks him why, and the buyer tells him that the plumber is scheduled to be there in the morning!

Our Jewish Heritage tour also took us to Warsaw, Krakow, Bratislava (in Slovakia), Vienna and Prague. We learned so much that there is no way I can repeat it here, but I thought I'd share a few random impressions. Eastern Europe has changed borders and governments over and over, with entire countries going in and out of existence. That, in some ways, resembles the history of European Jews for a thousand years. Under some governments, Jews lived relatively good lives; but those times were interspersed with expulsions and often pogroms. Typically, Jews would be permitted to live only in certain places and were often legally required to pay special taxes or wear distinctive clothing. Even the better times sound horrific to this lucky American-born Jew. In 1782, for example, the Hapsburg Emperor Joseph II issued his Edict of Tolerance for the Jews of Vienna. The Edict allowed "tolerated" Jews (i.e., those who practiced trades that would be useful to the State) to enjoy the protection of the law of the land and to lease housing where they pleased in Vienna or its suburbs. However, no synagogues or public worship would be permitted and many, many other restrictions still applied. The number of Jewish families already established in Vienna was not allowed to be increased, and Jews from elsewhere were not permitted to move to Vienna. The Edict of Tolerance was considered a great gift to the Viennese Jews of the time, which only highlights what life for them had been like prior to the Edict.

Our tour took us to synagogues (most no longer being used) and Jewish museums. Last year the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, built on land in the former Warsaw Ghetto, received the award for the best museum in Europe. Opened in 2013, this exceptional museum chronicles the 1000-year history of Polish Jews. In Krakow, Poland, we were taken to the building that housed the factory from which Oskar Schindler saved 1200 Jews from the Auschwitz gas chambers, more than any other individual. Our guide, a life-long resident of Krakow, assured us that no Pole knew about Oskar Schindler until Steven Spielberg's hit movie *Schindler's List* came out. In 1980, Thomas Keneally fortuitously had gone into the Beverly Hills leather shop of Poldek Pfefferberg to ask about the price of briefcases. Pfefferberg's life was saved by Schindler, and when he learned that Keneally was a novelist, he persuaded him to write the book on which the movie was based - and then persuaded Spielberg to make the movie.

One of our fellow travelers on our tour was born and raised in Belfast, Ireland. His father and grandfather were active members of their synagogue, the Belfast Hebrew Congregation. After Kristallnacht, Jews from Germany and Austria were desperate to leave, but hardly any country would take in penniless refugees. Ireland permitted entrance to workers who had jobs to go to, so the Belfast Hebrew Congregation leased a derelict farm and some outbuildings and brought in - and saved the lives of - desperate Jews of all ages from Germany and Austria to work on "The Farm." In all, it is estimated that The Farm was a haven to more than 300 adults and children. I only learned about it by chance, but you can read about this little-known secret history on the internet. How many other such stories are out there?

Your editor, *Dee Dee Quinn*

Upcoming Events:***January 2018***

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 9:15 am – **EC Meeting**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 10:30 am – **Board Meeting**

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – **Sisterhood Review submissions due** to Dee Dee Quinn

Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm – **Social Action: A Spoonful of Hessed w/Rabbi Guzik**

Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm – **Rosh Hodesh Shevat** (Edie Nitzberg - off site)

Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in Ziegler Sanctuary – **Shabbaton Rehearsal**

Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 3:00 pm in Kohn Chapel – **Shabbaton Rehearsal – Mincha Service**

Sunday, January 28, 2018 – time tba – **Torah Fund Study Day at AJU**

February 2018

Thursday, February 1, 2018 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in Kohn-Shabbaton Rehearsal – **Mincha Service**

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 9:15 am – **EC Meeting**

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:30 am – **Board Meeting**

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in Kohn-Shabbaton Rehearsal – **Mincha Service**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in Ziegler – **Shabbaton Rehearsal**

Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in Kohn – **Shabbaton Rehearsal-Mincha Service**

Friday, February 9, 2018 – **Sisterhood Review submissions due** for March issue

Friday, February 9, 2018 at 5:45 pm – **Shabbaton Friday Night Services & Oneg (Pink Shabbat)**

Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 8:45 am – **Shabbaton Shabbat Morning Services**

Saturday, February 10, 2018 immediately following Services – **Shabbat Luncheon, featuring conversation between Rabbi Guzik and Dr. Sheila Nazarian**

Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 4:30 pm – **Mincha Service, followed by Oneg and Havdalah**

Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm – **Rosh Hodesh Adar** (Edie Nitzberg – off site)

March 2018

March date tbd - at 10:00 am – **Social Action - Project Outreach Food Deliveries** (off site)

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:15 am – **EC Meeting**

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:30 am – **Board Meeting**

Friday, March 9, 2018 – **Sisterhood Review submissions due** for April issue

Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm – **Rosh Hodesh Nisan** (Edie Nitzberg – off site)

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 11:30 am – **Torah Fund Luncheon** honoring Rabbi Jason Fruithandler and Deborah Eisen Weinstein (Michele Gabai & Rebekah Gould)

Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 8:00 am – **Fundraiser: Annual Mah Jong Tournament**

(Rachelle Marcus & Judy Fisher)

Friday, March 30, 2018 – **Erev Pesach**

Saturday, March 31, 2018 – **Pesach 1**

April 2018

April date and **Program tbd** (Judi Hoffman)

Saturday, April 7, 2018 – **Pesach 8**

Sunday – Sunday, April 8-14, 2018 – **Young Professional's March of the Living Mission**

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – **Sisterhood Review submissions due** for May issue

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – **1-Day Women's Retreat** (Kathy Moghimi & Rita Rodef – off site)

Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm – Rosh Hodesh Iyar (Edie Nitzberg – off site)

May 2018

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 9:15 am – EC Meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 10:30 am – Board Meeting

Thursday, May 10, 2018 – Review submissions due for June (final issue of the year)

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 11:30 am – **Donor Appreciation Luncheon** (off site)

Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm – Rosh Hodesh Sivan (off site)

Saturday, May 19, 2018 – Erev Shavuot

Sunday, May 20, 2018 – Shavuot 1

Monday, May 21, 2018 – Shavuot 2

June 2018

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 9:15 am – EC Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 10:30 am – Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 11:30 am – **Installation of incoming EC and Board**



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VP Judaica Shop	Frances Katz/Lorraine Joffe
VP Membership	Nora Rakow/Monica Brik
VP Program	Lina Pournazarian
VP Torah Fund	Michele Gabai/Rebekah Gould
VP Ways and Means	Rachelle Marcus/Judy Fisher
Corresponding Secretary	Dee Goozé
Dues Secretary	Marcy Melton
Financial Secretary/Treasurer	Leslie Wachtel
Recording Secretary	Clara Bruno
Parliamentarian	Edie Nitzberg
Immediate Past President	Clara Bruno/Michele Gabai
By Presidential Appointment	Roz Goldstine

Board of Directors:

Bikur Cholim	Miriam Wagman/Phyllis Dreifus/
Board Refreshments	Rachelle Marcus
Camp Ramah Scholarships	varies each month
Catering	Lili Shafai
Catering Contracts	Lorraine Joffe
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Conference	Dee Goozé
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	Marcy Melton

Door Committee
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Membership Retention
New Year's Cards
New Year's Greetings

Program Chairs
Project Caring
Project Outreach
Publicity

Reservations
Rosh Hodesh
School Relations
Shabbat Ushering Coord.
Shabbaton – Friday Evening
Shabbaton – Shabbat
Shabbaton - Mincha
Sisterhood Review
Sisterhood Scoop
Social Action
Sunshine
Tribute Cards – Sisterhood
Tribute Cards – Torah Fund
Women's Interfaith

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