
Subject: SISterhood News and Events - December 2016

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SISterhood NEWS December 2016

A Word from our President by Nancy Roffman

Recently, SISterhood celebrated our Major Fundraising Event with a record turnout and an inspiring speech by Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar.

With over 200 attendees, the evening was a great success. We raise funds at this event that enable us to underwrite programming throughout the year at the shul, the Religious School, and the Family Center.

I want to thank the committee chairs, Cynthia Cohen and Dora Rudberg, for working tirelessly to make the event a great success. Our Auction Chair, Brenda Levine, and our Administrative Chair, Andrea Bard, worked for months to set-up the auction and the registration.

Many thanks to all on the committee for helping:

Malka Amster	Maxine Pomerantz
Ellen Bond	Laura Rudberg
Mireille Brisebois-Allen	Eileen Scheib
Lori Cohen'	Kathi Silver
Susan Ehrlich	Rena Silverberg
Robbe Epstein	Sandy Somer
Lucille Friedman'	Harrian Stern
Marsha Lev	Rachel Stock
Sarah Lipinsky'	Katie Venetsky
Carolyn Marcus	Amber Zable

[Please click here to view pictures of the event!](#)

Sunday December 4, 2016

SHEARITH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD WOMEN OF NOTE LUNCHEON



Karen Katz, CEO of the Neiman Marcus Group

Karen Katz, CEO of the Neiman Marcus Group, will be the featured speaker at Shearith Israel SISTERhood's Women of Note Lunch and Learn program on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 12:00 PM in Topletz Auditorium at Congregation Shearith Israel. In a fireside chat format, Ms. Katz will talk about her experiences as a Jewish woman in the business world.

Inaugurated in 2015, the aim of the Women of Note Lunch & Learn program is to give people an opportunity to learn about the experiences of prominent women in various fields such as politics, business, education, medicine, law, etc. The event is open to all and we encourage attendees to bring their daughters.

To RSVP, please send a check for \$10 per person to Roz Benjet at 14905 Havenshire Place, Dallas, TX 75254; your check must be received by Thursday, December 1. For more information, contact [Roz Benjet](#) or [Janet Jerrow](#).

SISterhood Membership Appreciation: Thank YOU!

We all enjoyed a night at the movies on November 2nd and we look forward to our next Membership Appreciation Event currently planned for March 2017 featuring Gardening. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Your Annual SISterhood Dues R Due...

...by December 2nd. If you have not renewed your membership this year, please do so as soon as possible. Mail checks or credit card info to Helene Schussler. If you need a registration form, please e-mail [Kathi Silver](#).

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**THE  
Gallery**

**Annual Ruthie Rosen, z"l  
Chanukah Sale**

**Sunday, December 11  
20% Off & Tax Free  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm**

***Avoid the lines, come and shop our pre-sale  
from Sunday, December 4 to Friday, December 9***



The Gallery will be open in December as follows:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 10 am to 4 pm

Wednesday: 1-5 pm

Friday: 10 am-2 pm

Sunday: 10 am -12:30 pm

(Closed from Sunday, December 18 until early January 2017)

**Remember:**

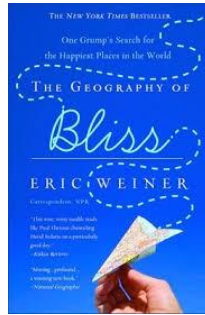
Open by appointment: please call (214) 939-7343 or [email us](#)

Support SISTERHOOD and Shearith Israel by shopping at The Gallery, conveniently located near the main entrance of the synagogue. Whether you want to purchase a gift for a birthday, a hostess, an anniversary, a wedding, a bar/bat mitzvah, or celebrate a child's birth, the Gallery offers a wide assortment of items in a variety of price ranges. Don't miss out on our special sales!

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Book Club

Sunday, December 4 at 10:30 sharp!



Hello, Ladies,

I was so sorry to miss our last meeting because I really enjoyed reading The Accidental Caregiver. It opened my eyes in many ways to both the caregiver and the patient.

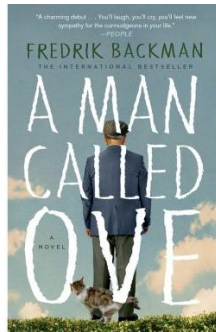
Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th. We will begin promptly at 10:30 so that we can attend the Woman of Note Luncheon at Shearith at noon. I encourage all of you to hear Karen Katz of Neiman Marcus.

Emily will lead our discussion of Geography of Bliss by Eric Weiner.

I hope you had a meaningful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Diane

Coming Up!



Jan. 8 A Man Called Ove by Frederic Backman.

Marcy will guide our discussion.

(This is the second Sunday of the month due to New Year's Day on the first)

Feb. 5 And After the Fire by Lauren Belfer.

Mindy will lead our conversation.

March 5 A Master Plan for Rescue by Janis Cooke Newman.

Our dialogue will be initiated by Anita.

For those of you who may be new, we convene at the Barnes and Noble on the NW corner of Preston and Royal. We begin at 10:30 JST.

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## Yarn Yentas

Our next Yarn Yentas meeting will be on Sunday, December 11, 2016, from 2-4 pm, on the second floor of Whole Foods at the southeast corner of Preston and Forest.

Looking forward to seeing you all for a great time of schmoozing, knitting, and noshing. Our schedule for the next few months is as follows: please save the dates!

### January 8 - February 12 - March 19

Join us for great camaraderie and companionship while we create works of love for the needy, homeless, or for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Questions? Contact Lita Marishak, [lita@compuserve.com](mailto:lita@compuserve.com) or 214-212-9788.

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Sunday January 15, 2017



18th Annual Tootsie Fonberg z"l Mah Jongg Tournament at Congregation Shearith Israel

For questions or more information contact Event Chairs
Debbie Weinstein at 214-914-1168 or Shayna Weinstein 214-729-5336.

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## Friday, January 20, 2017 Women's Shabbat

Shearith Israel Sisterhood's annual Women's Shabbat, this year with a Sephardic flair, will take place on Friday, January 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Congregation Shearith Israel.

Rabbi Shira Wallach will lead services and Cantor Zhrebker will incorporate Ladino melodies into the service.



**Rachel Bortnick**

The dinner following the service will feature Rachel Bortnick, whose talk, titled Four Sephardic Graces: Three Women and a Blessing, introduces three intriguing Sephardic women named Grace, or Gracia, each from a different time and place in Jewish history. Then, she will give us a taste of Ladino by sharing with us a short version of the grace after meals in Ladino.

Born and raised in Izmir, Turkey, Rachel came to the United States as a foreign student in 1958. Active in the preservation of Sephardic culture and the Ladino language for more than four decades, she is featured in the film "Trees Cry for Rain: A Sephardic Journey" and is the founder of the only online Yahoo group for communication in Ladino. In Dallas, she has taught classes and served as the president of the Dallas Jewish Historical Society. Reservation information is forthcoming.

Event Chairs: [Roz Benjet](#), and [Janet Jerrow](#).

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Community Intra-Faith Luncheon Sunday, January 22, 2017

Congregation Beth Torah Sisterhood is excited to invite community Sisterhoods to join them on January 22, 2017 at 12:30 at Beth Torah for what will be an eye opening and informative program.

We are fortunate to have Natalie Nanasi, Asst Prof. and Director of the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Center for Crimes against Women, as our guest speaker. Professor Nanasi will be bringing a guest with her who will share her personal story of being caught in "modern sex trade"..... in our own backyards. This is going to be a most interesting and enlightening program.

RSVP by January 8! [Invitation attached here!](#)

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# February

**Sunday, February 12, 2017**  
**Save the Date for a very special Torah Fund Luncheon**



Our Torah Fund honorees for 2017 are our longest tenured gabbayim:  
Cary Rudberg, Dr. Marvin Noble, Dr. Jay Lifshen,  
Alan Sandgarten, Leonard Epstein

This group of dedicated and under-the-radar volunteers give their time week in and week out so that religious services run smoothly and seamlessly at the shul. They coordinate aliyot and other honors, call people to the Torah, and generally attend to the details of the services so that our klay kodesh can deliver the best possible worship experience for our members.

Please join us on February 12, 2017, as we honor these gentlemen.



## About Torah Fund

As an affiliate of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Shearith SISTERhood conducts an annual Torah Fund Campaign. Launched in 1942 as a scholarship fund in the Conservative movement, Torah Fund assures that our traditions, rituals and culture continue to thrive.

Your generous contribution will support scholarships and programming at The Jewish Theological Seminary, The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, The Schechter Institute, Seminario Rabinico, and Zacharias Frankel College ensuring the future of Conservative Judaism throughout the world. Donations of \$180 or more will receive this year's Torah Fund Pin, now available at The Gallery.

For more information, contact Torah Fund Co-Vice Presidents and Event Co-Chairs, Debbie Weinstein at [hweinst451@aol.com](mailto:hweinst451@aol.com) or 214-914-1168 or

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER 4

- Women of Note lunch & Learn: A Conversation with Karen Katz

### DECEMBER 11

- The Gallery's annual Ruthie Rosen z"l Chanukah Sale

### JANUARY 15

- Tootsie Fonberg z"l Mah Jongg Tournament

### JANUARY 20

- Women's Shabbat

### January 22

- Sisterhood Intra-faith luncheon hosted by Beth Torah at 12:30 pm

**FEBRUARY 12** - Torah Fund honoring Shearith Israel Gabbayim Leonard Epstein,

- Dr. Jay Lifshen, Dr. Marvin Noble, Cary Rudberg, and Alan Sandgarten.

## Good and Welfare!

Yasher Koah to Shayna Weinstein on her marriage to Michael McKim (November 19th)

Yasher Koah to our MFE team - Co-chairs Cynthia Cohen and Dora Rudberg,  
Silent Auction Chair Brenda Levine and our software wizard Andrea Bard!

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Amazon Partnership

SISterhood is partnering with Amazon to raise additional funds to support all of our programs within the synagogue. Help SISterhood benefit from your regular shopping as we partner with Amazon. How??? It's as easy as 1-2-3:

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2. Select Congregation Shearith Israel Endowment Fund so that a percentage of your purchases can be donated to SISterhood . You only have to do this once: smile.amazon.com will remember your choice every time you shop.
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