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## **SISterhood NEWS**

### **January 2017**

#### **A Word from our President**

by Nancy Roffman

Chanukah is a time of celebration and remembrance. I hope everyone had a special Chanukah with their families.

Looking back over the year, I am so grateful to everyone who worked hard to implement our programs- including the High Holy Days Booklet, Break-the-Fast refreshments, Religious School Holiday celebrations, Lunch & Learn with Karen Katz, a Membership movie night, our popular Book Club and Yarn Yentas, and our very successful Major Fundraising Event. Because of the success of our fundraisers and many generous supporters, SISterhood was able to purchase new event chairs for the synagogue - to replace the chairs that were last purchased by SISterhood in 1995!

We have now set-up an easier way for you to RSVP to our wonderful events that also offers online payments to will simplify your reservation process. Please be sure to use this new convenient method for our Mah Jongg Tournament on January 15th, and the Women's Shabbat on January 20th.

I hope to see many of you in the coming months at SISterhood programs and events!

Sincerely,  
Nancy

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**Sunday January 15, 2017**

**18th Annual Tootsie Fonberg z"l Mah Jongg Tournament**

at Congregation Shearith Israel, Douglas Location  
Noon to 5 PM



**18th Annual  
Tootsie Fonberg, z"l,  
Memorial Mah Jongg  
Tournament**

**Chinese Lunch  
included!**

**Sunday January 15  
Noon - 5:00 p.m.  
Topletz Auditorium**

**Click here to register!**

A delicious Chinese lunch will be provided and  
is included in the \$45 admission price!  
[Purchase your tickets here!](#)

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, 6 PM  
Women's Shabbat**



Women's Shabbat at  
Shearith Israel

**Friday, January 20th at 6:00 p.m**  
**Followed by dinner with Rachel Bortnick**

**Cost for Dinner:**  
\$15 Adults  
\$10 for Children under 12

**CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS**

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 (Douglas location).

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



Rachel Bortnick

The tasty Sephardic-flavored 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.

Cost of dinner is \$15 for adults (12 and over) and \$10 for children (under 12); family maximum of \$40. [Please use the online payment option](#) to pay for your meal. Payment due date is Thursday, January 19.

We look forward to seeing you on this very special Shabbat!

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.

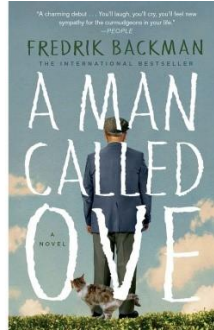
We are fortunate to have [Natalie Nanasi](#), Asst Prof. and Director of the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Center for Crimes against Women, as our guest speaker. Professor

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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**Book Club**  
**Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 10:30 am JST**  
Barnes and Noble, Preston & Royal



Hello Ladies,

We had an amazing turnout in December as Emily led us on our journey in discussing The Geography of Bliss. Thank you to all who attended and especially to Emily for providing munchies for our personal happiness.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 8th (Note that we are meeting the second Sunday of the month since the first Sunday is a holiday). Marcy will begin our discussion at 10:30 am on the much talked about book, A Man Called Ove by Frederic Backman. It would be interesting to compare the movie as well if anyone has seen it.

Since some of you may have some extra time to read in December, the next two books are: After the Fire by Lauren Belfer (discussion Feb. 5 led by Mindy); and A Master Plan for Rescue by Janis Cooke Newman (discussion March 5 initiated by Anita).



We will be selecting our next book titles and dates at our January meeting. If you are unable to attend, please send me your suggestions in advance.

I hope you all had a very meaningful Chanukah.

L'hitraot,  
Diane



## Yarn Yentas

Our next Yarn Yentas meeting will be on Sunday, January 8, 2017, 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!

New groups are forming for cultural activities, lunches out, spirituality and cooking light. More information to follow.

### 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, February 12, 2017  
11:30 am at Shearith Israel**

## Torah Fund Champagne Brunch Honoring Our Devoted Long Standing Gabayim



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

**\$36 Plus \$18 Minimum Torah Fund Contribution Per Person  
Invitations in your mailbox now!**

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.



### 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 Lisa Schwarz at [lisaschwarz1@gmail.com](mailto:lisaschwarz1@gmail.com) or 214-797-2420.



**Save the Date!**

**Spring Membership Appreciation Event**  
March 31, 2017, 7-9 PM at Shearith Israel!



## CONTAINER GARDENING MADE SIMPLE!

No cost for members, refreshments will be served!

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please share your info with Helene Schussler. If you need a registration form, please e-mail Kathi Silver.

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# THE Gallery

## **The Gallery will re-open on January 9!**

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday: 10 am to 4 pm

Wednesday: 1-5 pm

Friday: 10 am -2 pm

Sunday: 10 am -12:30 pm

### **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.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **January 8**

- Book Club (10:30 am) and Yarn Yentas (2-4 pm)

### **JANUARY 15**

- Tootsie Fonberg z"l Mah Jongg Tournament, Noon to 5 pm

## **JANUARY 20**

- Women's Shabbat, Douglas Location, 6 pm

## **January 22**

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

## **FEBRUARY 12**

- Torah Fund Champagne Brunch honoring Shearith Israel Gabbayim Leonard Epstein, - Dr. Jay Lifshen, Dr. Marvin Noble, Cary Rudberg, and Alan Sandgarten, Douglas Location 11:30 am

## **MARCH 31**

- Membership Appreciation Event - Container Gardening Made Simple, 7 pm



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