

SISTERHOOD

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisterhood Women,

January was busy for the Yorktown Jewish Center, beginning with the dedication and then our Women's League Shabbat weekend commemorating *Kol Ishah* and *Shabbat Shirah*. We celebrated the importance of women in the Bible and in our faith. It was meaningful and heartwarming to have so many of you come together and participate in the weekend. Thank you to all who took part in services and helped to organize the weekend's festivities. A huge thank you goes to Sharon Sorken and her committee for preparing food for the weekend.

February will be a quiet month for Sisterhood with our winter weather and winter vacations for our school people. Please look out for the Mishloach Manot and participate in the mitzvah of giving. The packing of goodies will take place on March 16th so please think about helping and sharing.

I hope that this is a peaceful and healthy winter for all of you. Try to stay cozy and warm by a fireplace or in the company of friends and family.

Shalom,
Jackie



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UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

☆ **Sunday 3/16** Mishloach Manot packing

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Belated Birthday wishes to
 Martha Novick, December
 29th.



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absolutely stunning!

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You shall call the Sabbath a delight. -
Bible

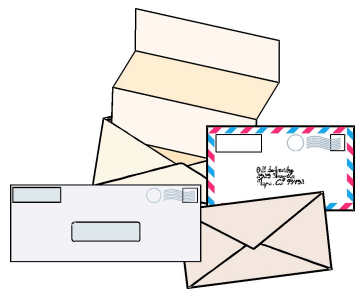
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WE GET MAIL

Dear Ladies,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful hand knitted baby blankets for our smallest patients. I know the maternity unit will appreciate them, especially at this time of the year when many of their patients have so little. These blankets will be given out to those families.



Thank you again for your wonderful efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,
 Linda Moroney
 Office Coordinator-Volunteer Services Department



To my dear friends in Sisterhood,

I want to thank you all for all of your good wishes and kind support during my "tsoris" and especially during my recent surgery. It was so kind of you all to bring the delicious Chanukah meal and it was a big help not to have to do anything but microwave in order to eat well. Linda, as your "shaliach", was so concerned to accommodate my crazy schedule these past few days and still deliver the food.

I so value all of my friends in Sisterhood and their kindness to me.

Fondly,
 Sharon



Enclosed is my check for \$25. Have a Happy Chanukah and Best Wishes for a Healthy, Peaceful and Happy New Year.

Phyllis Goldfield

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Buy your Sisterhood gift cards for use at A&P and Food Emporium. Use them to do your holiday food shopping. We earn 5% profit from the sale of these cards, and it costs you nothing, so be sure to pick up your gift cards soon! Call Rachel Seliber at 914-962-6738.



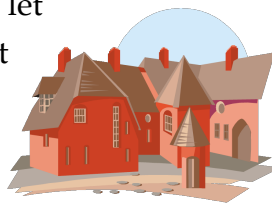
JEWISH LIVING: GROWING UP JEWISH IN ENGLAND

By Anne Lowy

When I was two years old my parents moved to Hendon, a middle-class suburb in northwest London with a significant Jewish population. They lived in the same house for 46 years, until my mother's death, so although I left home to go to college and then moved to the U.S., I would keep going back to Hendon until 2002.

Being Jewish in Hendon was even easier than in Yorktown! My first school was the Orthodox Jewish day school down the road. At age nine I moved to the local public school which was at least one-third Jewish. With no separation of Church and State, we had daily assembly, a religious service including the Lord's Prayer and Anglican hymns, but since these mentioned only the Old Testament God, we Jewish kids sang along happily to "Morning Has Broken (Like the First Morning)", "All Things Bright and Beautiful," and other classics. In that school, certain classes were taught through radio broadcasts, in particular, "Singing Together." I remember one December when the radio show taught carols and all the Jewish kids stopped singing and started snickering. We must have caused quite a disturbance because our teacher gently but firmly lectured us on religious tolerance!

My middle and high school also held daily assembly with Anglican hymns, except for Fridays when we had separate Jewish prayers. My classmate Pippa Sohn wanted to go to the Jewish assembly but her parents, Jewish atheists, wouldn't let her! We also had R.K., Religious Knowledge, taught by the very British school principal. Since it was all Old Testament history, we felt quite at home.



My family attended the local Modern Orthodox synagogue, Hendon Synagogue. We went on all Jewish holidays, missing school, and occasionally on Shabbat. You would feel pretty comfortable at their services—they are very similar to the YJC's. Of course women sat upstairs and watched the proceedings downstairs when they weren't chatting. We girls wore hats and white gloves to services! From ages nine to twelve I attended

Hebrew School there three times a week. Girls did not have Bat Mitzvahs in those days, but I chose to continue my Hebrew education with a private tutor.

My grandmother, aunt and cousins attended the Orthodox synagogue down the road from us and we once went to a shtetel in nearby Golders Green, where my uncle prayed. It consisted of two rooms: the front room jammed full of men in black hats and the back room with women who had no hope of seeing anything going on in the other room, let alone following the service.

How strange life can be... In the past few months Hendon has entered my life three times. I read an affecting memoir, "Two Lives," by one of my favorite English authors, Vikram Seth, about his Indian uncle and German Jewish wife who lost her whole family in the Holocaust. On the first page I read: "There was a red pillar-box not far

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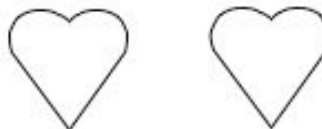
from the gate of 18 Queens Road, Hendon; this was to be my beacon whenever I trudged up from the tube (subway) station." This was two minutes from my home—I must have walked past it countless times on my way to the tube or to Hendon Synagogue. Then this fall the Sisterhood book discussion group selected the novel "Disobedience," by Naomi Alderman, also set in Hendon! Unfortunately she did not use street names so I had more difficulty situating myself, except when the protagonist took a walk right through my old neighborhood.

Last, I was emailed a radio broadcast from 1945 of my Rabbi, then the senior chaplain in the British Army, leading the survivors of Bergen-Belsen in the singing of Hatikvah. Reverend Hardman was an institution at Hendon Synagogue, first as Rabbi, then as Rabbi Emeritus; I would still see him there on my visits to England until about 2000. Yet I had no idea of his wartime experiences until a couple of months ago.

Now when I visit my sister in England I rarely end up in Hendon, though I am often tantalizingly close. Still, our childhood memories and old neighborhoods never leave us.

BINGO Kitchen Honor Roll

Thank you to the following Sisters for
supporting the BINGO Kitchen



August, 2007

Jackie Martins
Cheryl Cohen
Lorraine King
Debbie Levy

September, 2007

Jeannie Berlin
Debby Levy
Rachel Seliber
Elaine Schanzer

October, 2007

Sherry Handwerker
Mara Braverman
Hannah Reinhertz
Suzie Rudin
Jackie Martins

November, 2007

Lorraine King
Ruth Rosenberg
Jeannie Berlin

December, 2007

Sharon Sorken
Marcia Allen
Phyllis Cohen

We really could not have done it
without your investment of
time, help & patience

Donna Deiner
Elaine Boshnack



IHO'S



MARION REINHERTZ

- ☆ Thanks to Sharon Sigler for sharing her broccoli-slaw recipe.
- ☆ Thanks to Rabbi Sternstein for his hard work and for the wonderful class he teaches.
- ☆ Thanks to Jackie Martins and her team for such hard work, efficiency and courtesy.
- ☆ Wishing my friend, Helen Weisberger, a complete recovery.

ANNE ROSENBLATT

- ☆ Kudos to Celia Greer who planned and arranged the "Mainstream Program which have been ever so stimulating and informative.

ISABEL KOPSTEIN

- ☆ IHO my husband, Jay's promotion to Chief of NYPD.
- ☆ IHO my son, Greg who is spending 1 month in Peru for college credit.
- ☆ To the Academy of Jewish Religion for their kindness and generosity.
- ☆ Sharon Urbas' recovery from surgery.

EVELYN LENES

- ☆ Congratulations to Anne Rosenblatt on her anniversary Bat Mitzvah.

LILLIAN KLEIN

- ☆ Best wishes to Anne Rosenblatt - Health and Happiness on her 87th birthday.

SHARON SORKEN

- ☆ My mother, Martha Novick's 95th birthday on December 29th.
- ☆ My grandson, Alexander Julias' 3rd birthday, January 20th.

CHERYL COHEN

- ☆ To everyone for a happy and healthy new year.

PHYLLIS COHEN

- ☆ IHO Sharon Urbas' recovery from surgery.
- ☆ IHO Anne Rosenblatt on her special birthday. Many more!

MARIA HANDWERGER

SISTERHOOD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2007 - 2008



Knitters group every Monday at 9:30 am

<u>February</u>		
Thursday	2/7	Board meeting
<u>March</u>		
Thursday	3/13	Board meeting
Sunday	3/16	Mishloach Manot packing
<u>April</u>		
Sunday	4/06	Torah Fund Brunch
Thursday	4/10	Board meeting
Sunday	4/20	Community Seder
<u>May</u>		
Thursday	5/8	Board meeting
Sunday	5/18	General meeting
<u>June</u>		
Thursday	6/5	Installation

- ☆ Wishing everyone a healthy and happy new year and the best for 2008!

SHARON SIGLER

- ☆ Sharon Urbas, you look mahvelous! We are so blessed to have you as a "sister".
- ☆ Our wonderful Sisterhood. may we all have a healthy,happy and prosperous New Year!
- ☆ Jackieoe Martins for her wonderful commitment and leadership.
- ☆ My sister, Maria, for her amazing strength and love.

SHARON URBAS

- ☆ IHO all my sisters in Sisterhood for the love, help and support.

ANONYMOUS

- ☆ Sharon Urbas' birthday





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