

SISTERHOOD

NEWSLETTER

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SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

JANUARY 23RD AND 24TH

Friday night services at 6:15 PM

Dinner following services.

COST: \$18 per adult, \$10 per child (under 16)

RESERVATIONS: Please call the Yorktown
Jewish Center Office at

245-2324 by Friday January 16, 2009.

Saturday services start at 9:15 AM.



PRAYER

May the door of our Sisterhood be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for fellowship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this Sisterhood be narrow enough to shut out the pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

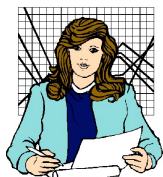
May its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness and harshness.

May our Sisterhood be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life. Amen

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!



The weather might be cold but it is always warm inside Yorktown Jewish Center. We are very blessed to have a vital and active Sisterhood. I can barely keep up with all activities we have going on!

Our big event this month is **Woman's League Sisterhood Shabbat**, January 23rd and January 24th . Our sisters will be leading the services both days. On Friday night, after services, we would love it if you could join us for a lovely Shabbat Dinner. The cost is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children (under 16). Please make your reservations no later than Friday, January 16 by calling the YJC office at (914) 245-2324.

Big thanks to Pearl Felsenfeld and her knitting group for sending off 20 hand knit scarves to our Israeli soldiers to keep them warm in the coming months. I am sure the soldiers will appreciate the scarves as much as we all *President - Continued on page 2*

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enjoyed making them.

Sharon Sorken did it again! She lead an amazing craft meeting last month. We made beautiful beaded kippot. Of course, being together with our sisters, was as much fun as the project! I am certain you will see some



of our kippot during Woman's League Shabbat.

Thank you Susie Rudin, Sandy Gross, Elaine Boshnack and Donna Deiner, for keeping the Bingo Kitchen going strong. Bless you all!

Stay warm and healthy during these winter months. Please consider joining one of our many committees. Keeping busy will certainly make the winter zip right by. The added bonus? Making new friends and reconnecting with old ones. See you soon!

Shalom,
Sharon

JEWISH LIVING: THE HOUSE THAT BOOKS BUILT

By Elaine Contard

Recently, in arriving several minutes early to prepare for leading Junior Congregation, I was caught by surprise by the shelves that had been added to our new Chapel/Library. Taking in the arranged books, I felt a familiar cozy warmth rise in me from deep inside that led me to broadly smile on the outside. My smile was one of pride and fond memories of books from early on in my life.

When I was young, my favorite thing to do on a Friday night was curl up in bed with a book. It could be a new book or one that I had read over and over again - it didn't matter. There was something thoroughly enjoyable about cozing up with a good story. Two of the most memorable books which opened me up to new ideas, were *Black Beauty* and a biography on Theodore Roosevelt. *Black Beauty* made me aware of the genuine sensitivity of animals to either a kind word or rough treatment at the hands of their owners. To this day, I love horses as well as other animals and I am quite aware of their need for and response to love and kindness. The book on Theodore Roosevelt (who strengthened himself against illness as a child) made me aware that one can combat limitations with persistent effort.



What does this have to do with Jewish books? Well, from early on, I was discovering the value and the enjoyment of reading. Plus I was learning good things, for instance an appreciation and respect of animals (which is a Jewish idea) as well as perseverance against the odds. So, reading begets not only more reading, but also interest in enduring virtues that help mold our outlook on life. When I got old enough to go to Hebrew School, I started picking up books about

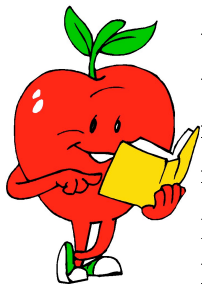
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Anne Frank and Emma Lazarus, and as I got older, I was attracted to other Jewish books, i.e., *The Chosen*, and *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok. I still remember picking up the latter in a bookstore and opening it to a random page. It turned out that the main character was a painter who grew up Orthodox but eventually had to come to terms with making a decision about painting Christian subject matter. Being a lover of painting, myself, I bought the book immediately and it has been one of my favorites of all time.

Back in the Chapel Library, that Shabbat morning, as the kids came into Junior Congregation, they looked around, also noticing the new shelves and books. One of the students said, "But not all the books in here are Jewish." I asked him what he meant. He pointed to one of the books and said, "That one is about Albert Einstein." I responded, "Albert Einstein was Jewish." He replied incredulously: "I didn't know that!"

Right there is an example of how Jewish books can open up a whole new world of knowledge and pride of heritage in our young people! Often, when I took Aleph classes to our old library, many students would take out books about Jewish sports figures. There were books in



our library on Jewish figures contributing ideas over a variety of fields, from science to comedy to art and these were often taken out by our boys and girls. I know our new library is being filled with these kinds of books and more.

Inside our YJC "Bet-Sefer" (translated as 'school' but literally means, "House of Book"), the foundation and future that is our children's growth, is only as strong as the education they receive and the interest they have in discovering their Jewish heritage. And in our current age of cell phones and ipods, one enduring path that still links a child to that strong Jewish foundation, can be found inside the cover of a good Jewish book.



We need help for the upcoming Bingos. We need a morning crew and a night crew. PLEASE find time to give a a few hours. We are doing so incredibly well, thanks to Elaine and Donna! Just let us know as soon as possible. You guys are the best! Bingo dates are: January 4 and January 18

Thanks again for stepping up. Please call Susan Rudin at (845) 528-6340.



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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
You shall call the Sabbath a delight. - Bible

Jan 2.....	4:19 PM
Jan 9.....	4:26 PM
Jan 16.....	4:33 PM
Jan 23.....	4:42 PM
Jan 30.....	4:50 PM

BUY A&P GIFT CARDS

Please remember to buy your Sisterhood gift cards for use at A&P and Food Emporium. Use them to do all your 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.



Calendar of Events 2008-2009

*Knitters Group meets every Monday
morning at 9:30*



January

- Sunday 1/4 Bingo
 Thursday 1/8 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30PM
 Sunday 1/18 Bingo
 Friday 1/23 Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner
 Saturday 1/24 Woman's League Shabbat-
 Sisterhood Kiddush-Book Club

February

- Sunday 2/8 Men's Club/Sisterhood Brunch
 10am-12noon
 Thursday 2/12 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30PM

March

- Sunday 3/8 Packing and Delivery of Mishloach
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 Thursday 3/12 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30PM

THE SNAKE THAT POISONS EVERYONE



It topples governments; wrecks marriages, ruins careers, busts reputations, causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion, spawns suspicion, generates grief, dispatches innocent people to cry in their pillows. Even its name hisses. It's called gossip. It makes headlines and heartaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not, be quiet.

VOLUNTEER

Pirkey Avot

It is the unique talent of our people to give us words to live by:

- ☆ According to the labor is the reward...
- ☆ One good deed draws another good deed in its train...
- ☆ Separate not thyself from the community...
- ☆ If I am only for myself, what am I?

Dated Mail

