



## A note from the Sisterhood President 6/1/2024

The Sisterhood calendar year runs from July 1st to June 30th. As our year of activities wraps up for the summer I look back with a joyful heart on the 20 events we have enjoyed together. I want to thank each and every one of you who stepped up to help plan, shop, bake, cook, advertise, set up or clean up. Programing is only possible with the efforts of many!

This year Sisterhood placed Israel at the top of our fundraising efforts. In December we raised \$1210. Sisterhood increased the total to send \$1400 to **Yellow Blue Bus**, an organization that solely directs its funds to feeding the soldiers. At Purim we raised \$150 which was matched by Reb Lev and \$350 was sent to **Meir Panim**, an organization that also feeds the hungry in Israel. In April Sisterhood raised \$265 dollars to send to Colel Chabad's efforts to raise 1,000 shekels for each of the displaced Israeli families. This token speaks volumes that they are individually and personally cared about. On Yom Ha'Atzmaut with 50% of the proceeds from our dinner and additional donations we raised \$327 to go to **Feed Israel**. All total **Sisterhood will have sent \$2,342 to Israel this year**. The need is great and ongoing.

Thank you all for your generosity and your support!

We are already busy planning some fantastic programs for the fall. Beth Emeth will be hosting a week long lecture tour across the valley featuring Professor Gary Rendsburg. He holds the rank of Distinguished Professor in the Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers University, New Jersey. Mark your calendar he will be speaking at Beth Emeth on Wednesday Nov.13th, and Saturday Nov.16th. Save the dates and watch for more information to come, he is not to be missed!

Other special programs include a photo tour of synagogues around the world, by Dan Fellner from ASU in December, a concert by Nicole Pesce in October as a thank you for membership. There is a special Family Education Series planned, Story Time followed by lunch in the Sukkah, outings and so much more in store... it will be an exciting year ahead.

As Shavuot approaches, we recall standing together at Mt Sinai as one people. Then and now a mix multitude of individuals coming together; to live in community, support one another, celebrate and learn together, and to thank HaShem for our blessings. Together is the key! Have a wonderful summer.

Am Yisrael Chai!

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