

**Sisterhood Annual Report**  
**2017 – 2018**  
**Submitted by Audrey Yanofsky, President**

Sisterhood had many first time events this past year and also has had an increase with partnering with other arms of the synagogue. Our events have been very successful. Thank you to all who have attended, participated, and supported our efforts. Our membership has grown over 25% and hope it continues to do so.

**Here are some highlights:**

We donated a gift to all Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrants.

We provide financial support for the Emanuel Scholarship Fund, Youth Activities Fund, Camp Ramah, the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Emanuel Religious School.

We welcomed new and existing members to our Sukkah Reception and talk with the Rabbi.

Elysa Graber Lipperman did an interactive program with the Sisterhood for our Paid Up Membership dinner which was well received and had us understanding another way of looking at things.

Sisterhood helped to financially and physically support both Kiddush's for Rabbi Small and Rabbi Lazowski for their milestone life cycle events.

This past Sisterhood Shabbat - Chaired by both Carolyn Topol and Emily Lebovitz was a special service where our Sisterhood members led the Shabbat morning service and for the first time the entire board members had an Aliyah together. It was a very special moment to be able to honor the board for all the hard work they have done. The service was also special since Gloria Bein did her last Haftorah service.

Sisterhood also prepared a delicious luncheon after the service for the congregation.

We collaborated with Brotherhood and Minyonaires on the Simchat Torah Café, Purim Café, and the World Wide Wrap.

This year our Sisterhood went to Playhouse on Park to see the Diary of Anne Frank and had a talk back with the cast members. Prior to the event we held a social hour in the lobby with appetizers.

Our major fund raisers this year were a Mah Jongg Tournament and a Fashion Show. Both were great events and had a wonderful turnout.

Another first this year was Dinner with the Rabbi. The dinner was opened to the entire congregation. The topic was Stories of Jerusalem. The rabbi was funny, engaging and informative. Everyone had a great time and the dinner was excellent.

With the Adult Education committee, we sponsored a guest speaker: Irene Berman: Book Discussion on the book she wrote called: We are going to pick Potatoes (Her life during WWII in Norway). We all learned about the lives of the Jews in Norway during the war which is not always talked about.

We honored Faith Helene and Bonnie Lasker for their dedication to Sisterhood and all their hard work in keeping our Sisterhood together and functioning at our Torah Fund dinner.

Sisterhood is also sponsoring a Game Night and a Pot Luck in the Park for our last two events of the year.

Sisterhood also runs the Judaica Shop. We have many different items available for purchase. The shop is located across from the synagogue office and is open on Sundays (when Religious School is in session) from 9:00 am – 12:15 pm, during the week when the office is open, or by appointment.