

SISTERHOOD GHC

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Dear Friends,

Sisterhood wishes to say Mazel Tov to Greenburgh Hebrew Center on this joyous occasion, the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee, 75th Anniversary.

When GHC was first established in 1947, the words Egalitarian and Conservative Judaism did not go hand in hand. But as religious norms changed over the years to become more inclusive so did the role of Sisterhood and our organization is proud to be one of the recipients of the changes at GHC. No longer does Sisterhood hold coffee klatches to allow women to get together. Our events are insightful, inspiring, and educational. Our two major annual events, the Women's Seder and Sisterhood Shabbat, provide an opportunity for women at GHC to connect more intimately with the Synagogue and are well supported.

The last 2+ years have been trying times for GHC due to the prolonged COVID pandemic. Many synagogues have not been able to survive this difficult period. But due to the strong leadership at GHC and the desire to maintain social connectedness and support, in hard times as well as good, GHC has come through the pandemic.

When the Synagogue was closed down in 2020 at the start of the pandemic, Rabbi Stein came in every Shabbat and conducted a service on his own which we could watch via Livestream and continue to participate in the joy of Shabbat. He and the Board of Trustees reached out via phone to each and every congregant so no one would feel alone. When the Synagogue was able to reopen, the Planning for the Future Task Force established protocols and kept on top of the health guidelines so everyone coming into the Synagogue remained healthy and safe. Rabbi Stein and Cantor May modified the Shabbat and High Holiday Services so that we could maximize the number attending. Sisterhood, the various VPs, and committees at GHC became creative and came up with events that were able to be held on Zoom or outdoors so that congregants of all ages could remain engaged. Our value to be a family and interact with one another has proven stronger than the pandemic.

Sisterhood thanks GHC for its active support of our organization. We have the utmost admiration for our Synagogue and all it has accomplished in the last 75 years. We are certain GHC has a promising and long-lasting future. I join the women of Sisterhood as well as our Board – Arlene Krawitz, Enid Lotstein, Vivian Milefsky, Robin Rosenberg, Nancy Sklar, Pam Stoller, Bernice Strauss, Nancy Streiter, and Sharon Weiss – to say, once again, Mazel Tov to GHC.

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