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MEGILLAH

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JOEL L. KRISTAL

FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Joel Kristal

A follow up from last month's column about antisemitism. I had forgotten that Mark Twain had written many articles about the Jews, some flattering and some not so flattering. A quick search of the internet delivers his many articles about us. For example, a quote from Harold Behr's article: "In one single shaft of psychological insight, Mark Twain highlights the price which the Jews have paid for their survival over the centuries: 'they have incurred the envy of others because of their success in the face of adversity.' Until this hate-generating dynamic can be named and owned by the perpetrators of antisemitism, the future for us as Jews and for humankind as a species remains as precarious as it was in 1898, when Mark Twain wrote his article."

I find it interesting that even during our festive holidays, we take time to recall the threats to our religion and how we were able to overcome even the worst of times. Great empires have risen and fallen and yet our small group of Jews has endured for thousands of years. To me, it's amazing. A people who can see so many sides of an issue,

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MAY DATES 2023

- 02 Tue – JRW Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 03 Wed – JWV Meeting
- 03 Wed – Hadassah Board Meeting
- 05 Fri – Shabbat Services 7:30 pm
- 08 Mon – JRLW Book Club 11 am
- 09 Tue – Lag B'Omer
- 11 Thu – JRLW Program CH I 7 pm
- 13 Sat – Shabbat Services 9:15 am
- 15 Mon – Hadassah Study Group
- 16 Tue – JRLW/JCC Movie CH II 1:30 pm
- 21 Sun – JRLW Brunch CH I 10 am
- 25 Thu – Erev Shavuot
- 26 Fri – SHAVUOT
- 27 Sat – Shabbat/Shavuot Services/Yizkor 9:15 am

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mazel Tov to Charlotte and John Lass on their 60th wedding anniversary.

We send our condolences to Joyce Fischer on the death of her daughter, Bonnie. On a brighter note, we send Joyce our Mazel Tov on the birth of a great-grandson, Natan.



Vice President's Message

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who can disagree on politics and policy, yet can come together and pray to our one G-d.

...and from Rabbi Sachs of blessed memory: "Disagreement is essential to the life of any group. But there is a theology of disagreement. Judaism has a lovely ancient phrase, "arguments for the sake of Heaven". A civilisation (ed. note: British spelling) is a conversation scored for many voices. But that means an active commitment to preserve the protocols of public debate. It means not shutting out the voices of those with whom you disagree. It means modernists not calling their opponents fundamentalists, and conservatives thinking twice before calling the other side heretics.

This is not a call for politeness. It is the recognition that in a world larger and more complex than our imagination can compass, humility is more than a virtue. It is an imperative. It doesn't make headlines. It isn't even fun. Unless we can create, within each of our faiths, a culture of civility and respect, we will fail the challenge G-d is setting us now."

Lastly, to remain a vibrant organization, JRLW needs your help! The Membership Committee needs support, please contact Linda Nelson at lpnelson3@comcast.net.

Shalom

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Ellyn Becker Kaufman

Shalom dear Friends,

Flowers are all around us (achoo) and the grass is green! So happy to welcome the month of May! From the second day of Pesach, we started counting the Omer for 7 weeks which leads us to the holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot gets its name from the number seven (sheva), because there are sheva days in a shavua (week). The word Shavuot means weeks. Shavuot, commonly known in English as

the Feast of Weeks, is a Jewish holiday that occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan. In the Bible, Shavuot marked the wheat harvest in the Land of Israel.

You are no doubt familiar with the term shiva, also to represent the number seven, because traditional Jews observe sheva days of shiva. Hebrew uses a lot of root words, mostly originating from Biblical sources now used in modern day Ivrit (Hebrew).

In addition to our twice monthly services, JRLW offers services for Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot (the 3 pilgrimage holidays) where we have as part of our service Yizkor lead by Cantor Kravitz. In May, besides the 5th (first Friday) and 13th (second Saturday), there will also be services held on May 27, at 9:15 am.

Please note - Our Erev Shabbat service to be held in **June on the 2nd, will be Daven and Deli** and I understand this "sells out" quickly. **Due to space, we are limited to 110 people**, so if you are interested, don't delay! Get your tickets ASAP while they are available. The box dinner is kosher.

Looking forward to seeing more people out and about now that the weather (should be) nicer for strolling around the 'hood.

Shalom,
Ellyn Becker Kaufman
Chair - Ritual Committee
ellynsu@verizon.net

WE REMEMBER



Audrey Frank.

Rhona Klioze.

Carol S. Cohen.

Bonnie Cowan, daughter of Joyce Fischer.

Jerry Burke.

Jeffrey Gritz.

May Their Memory Be As A Blessing.

NOTICE: THE DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE MEGILLAH IS MAY 10. ARTICLES SUBMITTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL APPEAR IN THE JULY MEGILLAH.

MEGILLAH STAFF

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OLD SPICE IS KOSHER

By Bernie Ascher ©

Old Bay Spice is kosher, but it will not make your crabs kosher, no matter how much spice you put on them. Crabs are not kosher because they do not have fins or scales. Nevertheless, Maryland is famous for its crabs and Old Bay Spice is a popular seasoning for this seafood.

The spice was invented by Gustav Brunn (short for Brunngaessar), a Jewish immigrant. Through a Jewish lawyer in Frankfurt, his wife bought his freedom from Buchenwald concentration camp for 10,000 marks (a princely sum in those days). In December 1938, he left for America from Germany with his wife, two small children and his spice grinder.

Gustav found a job with McCormick Spices, but the company dismissed him after only a few days. Gustav said it was because of his lack of understanding English; his son says it was anti-Semitism. Gustav started his own business, selling almost entirely to restaurants, not to retailers. He noticed how the townspeople loved to eat crabs from the Chesapeake and sprinkle them with various spices.

Gustav developed his own spice, which tasted very well with crabs. He named it after a local shipping boat called "Old Bay." After years of success, in 1985, Gustav sold his company, the Baltimore Spice Company, along with the patented recipe for "Old Bay Spice," to SMC Corporation for an undisclosed sum.

In 1990, McCormick bought Old Bay from Hanson Industries for an estimated \$11-14 million, as reported by the Baltimore Sun. McCormick sells the spice in bright yellow, red, and blue containers at retail, as well as in bulk to restaurants. Also, McCormick sells products flavored with "Old Bay" at retail, including goldfish snacks, potato chips and even flavored beer (through Maryland-based "Flying Dog" Brewery). Sales of "Old Bay" amount to about 50 million ounces a year. The value of sales is not available.

McCormick, founded in 1889, is now a multinational enterprise with global net sales of \$6.3 billion annually and 14,000 employees. The company, headquartered in Hunt Valley, Maryland, since 2018, sells Old Bay along with other spices, seasonings and flavorings in 170 countries---60% percent in America, less than 10% in China.

McCormick accounts for roughly 20% of spices sold in the world. It sells four times as much as its nearest global competitor.

In March 2022, McCormick announced that it had suspended operations in Russia and paused them in Ukraine due to the outbreak of hostilities. McCormick supports the Polish Center for International Aid (PCPM), according to the company website.

McCormick owes much of its worldwide popularity to the product developed by a Jewish immigrant, who fled from Nazi Germany. Gustav Brunn died in 1985 at age 92. The spice grinder he brought to America now rests in the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

JEWISH RESIDENTS OF LEISURE WORLD BOOK GROUP

Steve Cohen

The next book club meeting is on May 8, at 11 am in the Potomac Room in Clubhouse I. Dr. Naomi Platt will moderate the book, "**JEWISH COMEDY--A SERIOUS HISTORY**," by Jeremy Dauber. We will learn what Jewish comedy is, how it developed, and how its various strands weave together in conversation with the Jewish story.



The next meeting will be on September 11, at 11 am (date is tentative, please check future Megillahs) in the Potomac Room in Clubhouse 1. Joel Kristal will moderate the book, "**BUT HE WAS GOOD TO HIS MOTHER**," by Robert A. Rockaway. It is a book about Jewish mobsters such as Meyer Lansky, Ben "Bugsy" Seigel, etc. Did you know Jews ran Murder Incorporated?



I am looking for a moderator for future dates. Please contact Steve Cohen at 301-667-3099 or stevecohenjd@gmail.com if you are interested in presenting your favorite book.

CANTOR'S CORNER

Cantor Michael Kravitz

BRING ON THE BLINTZES!



Chances are you have been eating blintzes on Shavuot from the time you were children. But, have you ever asked “why?” If you could have asked Tevye from FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, he might well have

answered, “I don’t know – but, it’s a tradition.” So, let me try to answer that question.

A meal of blintzes constitutes a DAIRY meal, and there are a number of explanations for why dairy meals are prominent during Shavuot. My favorite involves what happened when the Israelites reached their homes after receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai. They were now obliged to observe the laws of kashrut, as spelled out in the Torah, and the proper slaughter of animals for a meat meal was a time-consuming process. Being able to prepare a meal consisting of dairy products did not require the time or labor that preparing a meat meal did. So dairy was consumed for the first meal. The custom continued, and for those who eat 2 blintzes for their first Shavuot meal, the two blintzes are symbolic of the two tablets Moses brought down from Mount Sinai. And for those whose customs include having cheesecake for dessert? That is certainly in keeping with the spirit of having dairy on Shavuot.

And, if you were to ask me, “What should I sing on Shavuot?” I have an answer to that as well.

You can start with the song, “613 Commandments,” by Debbie Friedman. It is a delightful song that you can share with your grandchildren/great-grandchildren and everyone will love it. Another song is ERETZ ZAVAT CHALAV U’DVASH (a land flowing with milk and honey). The source of this phrase is found early in the Torah in EXODUS III verses 8 and 17. While you may know the song, you may not know that the milk was as likely to be goats’ milk as cows’ milk and the honey most likely came from dates rather than bees.

There are two versions I would recommend you look for. Both are on the internet. One is by a quintet headed by Nina Simone. It was recorded on November 25, 1962, early in Ms. Simone’s career. Type “ERETZ ZAVAT CHALAV U’DVASH

into your browser. The video should be on the upper left. The other is by an artist known as Baht Rivka Whitten. Type into your browser “ERETZ ZAVAT CHALAV U’DVASH Baht Rivka Whitten with Lyrics.” It should be the first video. It has some great photography, too.

So, enjoy your Shavuot and join us in Clubhouse II for our Shabbat morning service on May 12 and at services for the second day of Shavuot, Shabbat morning, on May 26.

Chag Sameach!



CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

The June issue of our newsletter will feature our annual “Grandparents Qvelling.” If you have very smart, wonderful, gorgeous grandchildren, and you want to tell us about them, this is the time. Is your grandchild graduating or getting married? How about a special award? We want to know! Please send an e-mail to bernicecohen1@gmail.com and include the information about that special grandchild.

TZEDAKAH, KIDDUSH AND ONEG DONATIONS

For information about Tzedakah, Oneg or Kiddush donations, please call Susan Weiss at 301-460-6030. Checks should be made out to JRLW and mailed to Susan Weiss, 3739 Glen Eagles Drive, Silver Spring MD 20906.

Sue Winakur to Shelley Lowinger and Family in memory of Phyllis Rand for her Yahrzeit on April 17, 2023.

Norman Salenger in gratitude to JRLW for all that they do.

Charlotte and John Lass in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

ERROR: *In our April Megillah, we mistakenly wished Charlotte and John Lass congratulations in honor of their **80th** wedding anniversary. We regret the error. We should have wished them mazel tov on their **60th** anniversary.*

CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE MUSIC TODAY



Cantor Wendy Gonzales
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There has been some controversy about how using the guitar and other percussion instruments is appropriate and halachically correct outside of the Reform movement. The world of music has changed dramatically in Conservative synagogues throughout the United States. Many Conservative rabbis have been concerned about the decreased attendance at Shabbat morning services. Back in 2015, when Rabbi Bruce Dollin spoke to the board of his Conservative synagogue about incorporating an alternative singing-centered Shabbat morning service, he expected significant resistance, but his concerns were unfounded. When he approached the board, there were no members under 50 attending services. After initiating the Shir Chadash service, an additional 70 “under-50” and mostly in their early 30s people began to attend services.

Rabbi Paul Drazen conducted a 2013 study for the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism on the use of instruments in Conservative synagogues’ Shabbat and holiday services and found that the concern was not about using instruments but more about whether the music used in the service was good and supporting prayer. Music should be intended to support the congregation in singing and not as a “Cantorial performance.”

Of course, the use of instruments in Conservative synagogues is not new. Some have used organs for decades and even back in 2013, at least 31% of the Conservative movement’s synagogues were using instruments before 2000 – with the number greatly increased in 2023. You can now attend a service in a Conservative synagogue on Shabbat and hear a wide range of instruments – from conga drums to guitars, keyboards, woodwinds and strings in Shabbat and holiday services. Some motivation for incorporating the instrumental music was due to Conservative synagogues facing declining and aging membership.

A pioneer in the integration of instruments at services was Temple Sinai in Los Angeles – a Conservative synagogue led by Rabbi David Wolpe. In 1998, Wolpe and singer-songwriter Craig Taubman started a very popular Erev Shabbat musical service called Friday Night Live which provided a service mixing traditional prayers with new melodies. Their service attendance grew from 300 to 1,500!

In our own area, Adas Israel, the largest Conservative synagogue in Washington, DC, launched an instrumental service in 2010. They had been using

instruments for decades before this, but mostly focused on traditional liturgical music. By bringing in the Carlebach-style service and adding chanting and niggunim along with Hasidic melodies, they broadened their appeal to the Jewish people in their 20s and 30s by encouraging a more participatory style in their services. Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt declared, “People want it. We need to think about what we are doing with davening to get people more into the experience.” This explains their success in the fact that while they expected 200 worshippers for their alternative service at Kol Nidre, 600 people showed up!

So, what we can see is that the goal of worship and prayer is to feel that you are a part of the process and that we have the individual opportunity to contribute in our davening and the clergy will facilitate the experience. I hope that we can encourage more of you to join our wonderful choir, Shir Delight. Please feel free to email me if you would like more information!

INTER-FAITH FOOD DRIVE MAY 16 - 17

Bonnie Bonner

The Inter-Faith Chapel appreciates the generous donations from the Leisure World community to support our previous food drives. Please consider donating to our spring food drive for Manna Food Center, a local food bank serving over 50,000 people each year in Montgomery County.

Manna serves all residents who do not meet the county’s self-sufficiency standard, defined by the wages needed to meet basic needs without additional assistance. Manna depends upon corporate, faith-based, not for profit, and individual donors in order to meet these needs.

Manna focuses on healthful food donations. Their most needed food list includes instant oatmeal, brown rice, dry and canned beans, whole grain pasta, canned (in water) tuna, salmon or chicken, nut butters, low sodium canned vegetables, canned fruit in juice, fruit cups, shelf stable milk boxes, cooking oil, spices, infant formula and baby food. They do NOT accept soda, cake, candy and cookies. All food needs to be in the original, sealed container.

Drive or walk up to The Chapel at 3680 S. Leisure World Boulevard to drop off your non-perishable food items. Bins will be available outside from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17.

Bonnie Bonner
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HADASSAH NEWS

Barbara Eisen

On Wednesday, May 10 at 2 pm, in Clubhouse I, Rabbi Charles Feinberg will present a program on his recent trip to Kyiv, Ukraine. He was a member of a small, interfaith delegation of religious leaders who were in Kyiv for five days. The trip was organized by an NGO called Europe, A Patient Organization led by a group of young Polish intellectuals and religious leaders. The mission was to show solidarity with the people of Ukraine, to affirm the multi-religious nature of Ukrainian society, and to pray for a just peace. The delegation was invited by Ukrainians for this act of solidarity at this most difficult moment for Ukrainian society.

During their five days in Kyiv, they met with religious leaders of different faiths, government officials and members of Parliament, and listened to testimony from different Ukrainian citizens. They visited different churches, religious compounds, and a Masorti congregation. They also toured three different towns outside of Kyiv where heavy fighting and human rights violations occurred. The delegation prayed for a just peace at the Babi Yar Memorial and at St. Sophia's Cathedral, one of Kyiv's best-known landmarks.

Rabbi Feinberg's presentation will include photos of his trip and summaries of what he heard and witnessed.

There is a \$5 entrance fee payable at the door by cash or a check payable to Hadassah. For questions, call Sandy Stein at (301-384-8739). Refreshments will be served.

On Monday afternoon, May 15, at 1:30 pm, the Hadassah Judaic Studies Group is scheduled to meet via Zoom. The topic is yet to be determined. Watch for an email to be sent to residents in our mailing list. If you are not in the mailing list, send an email to Marilyn Jordan at mjordan2262@comcast.net to be added to the list.

Elaine Schenberg and Jan Bloom sell Hadassah greeting cards. The price of cards is \$3 each for one to three cards and \$2.50 each for four or more cards. Call Elaine at 301-598-0079 or Jan at 301-593-7720 to buy cards. They will even send them for you, if you add postage costs to the regular fees.

Beverly Weinstein is chair of Hadassah's Youth Aliyah/Children at Risk project, which is currently

accepting Ukrainian children into their youth villages in Israel. Consider a donation to this worthwhile project. Those who would like to contribute can send a check, payable to Hadassah, to Beverly Weinstein at 12524 Eastbourne Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904. For questions, call her at 301-622-1613.

Hadassah encourages women of any faith to join as an annual or life member. Special associate memberships are available to men. If interested in knowing more about Hadassah, contact Linda Epstein at 301-847-9650.



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

David Kieserman
3210 N, Leisure World Blvd. # 715
Silver Spring md 20906



Margie and Arthur Lappen
2901 S. Leisure World Blvd, #306
Silver Spring MD 20906

Alan S. Levine
3200 N. Leisure World Blvd., #910
Silver Spring MD 20906

Ellen Goodman
3310 N. Leisure World Blvd., #416
Silver Spring MD 20906

We welcome new life members:

Bradley Statter
3446 Chiswick Ct.
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Irma Lazaroff
3310 N. Leisure World Blvd., #126
Silver Spring MD 20906

We hope you enjoy everything that Jewish Residents of Leisure World has to offer!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



So, Moses was the first man to download a file from the cloud using his tablet!



JEWISH WAR VETERANS

KRIEGER-LOUBE POST 567

Jerome Cohen

Volunteers are needed to help staff the tables during the Post's Memorial Day weekend poppy flower sale fundraiser, on Sunday, May 28, and Monday, May 29. The shiftwork is two-person, two-hour shifts from 8 am to 6 pm. Please contact Post Commander Jerry Cohen to volunteer. Last Memorial Day weekend's fundraising activities enabled the Post to donate \$1,500.00 to organizations that help Veterans in need.

The Post is honored to co-sponsor a Friday night Kiddish at the Jewish Chapel at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD on Friday, April 28, 2023.

The next members' monthly business meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 11 am, via Zoom. Current and prospective members are invited to participate in these friendly and welcoming meetings.

Zoom instructions will be provided separately to all members a day or two prior.

May birthday wishes to Post members or Patrons Jerry Cohen, Fred Firnbacher, Ernie Freedman, Lori Haddad, David Schecter, Fred Shapiro and Harold Steinman.

Jewish men and women who served honorably during war or peacetime in any branch of the U.S. Military, on active or reserve duty, as national guardsmen, or in the PHSCC or NOAA Corps are eligible to join the Post. All other men and women may apply for Patron membership.

For those who want additional information, have questions about membership, or wish to receive the Post's e-newsletter, contact Post Commander Jerome Cohen at 301-442-4942 or jeromeacohen67@outlook.com.

Donations to the Post are appreciated and may be made payable to "JWV 567" and mailed to Dottie Chanil, 3829 Glen Eagles Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Susan Kabatchnick-Klein

As we enjoy spring with the brilliant blossoming of flowers, dogwood trees and warmer temperatures, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to live in a robust community like Leisure World. The Jewish Residents of Leisure World is an 501C-3 organization of more than 700 members, one of the largest organizations in Leisure World.

The Jewish community is strong and getting stronger. If you have not renewed your membership for the year, please remember to do so. As a member, you will find activities that meet any interest you might have. These include attending religious services (including High Holiday) right in our community. You are able to attend our fabulous brunches complete with entertainment and speakers. You can take part in thought-provoking educational programs presented by JRLW/JCC. You can participate in our wonderful book club. You will have the opportunity to meet and become part of a support group for all Jewish people in Leisure World.

Please remember to introduce yourself to people you may not know. Our membership year begins this month. You will find the Membership Enrollment/Renewal form in the April issue of the Megillah. Please fill it out and send it, with your check, to our Treasurer, Marsha Bernstein. The cost of membership is \$25 for Individuals and \$45.00 for couples. We also welcome those who wish to become Life Members. Life Membership is a way of showing support and commitment to JRLW. It also means you do not have to pay your annual dues in the future. The cost of Life Membership is based on age. Please contact Suzy Klein or Linda Nelson, our Membership Co-Chairs. for further information on Life Membership. If you have any questions or concerns about membership, please do not hesitate to contact Suzy or Linda.

Have a wonderful May.

Thank you,

Suzy Klein smklein.advocate@gmail.com

Linda Nelson lpnelson3@comcast.net

PROGRAM AND EDUCATION

Becky Siman

Saturday, April 29, 7 pm - Clubhouse II – Auditorium - *Concert a la Carte*

The first event of the JRLW Israel 75 Celebration is an evening of Israeli influenced music with Concert a la Carte, an amazing group of three accomplished musicians who found each other through their shared love of music and music education. Together, they combine the joy of performing virtuoso interpretations of classical, folk favorites and international music along with interesting and educational stories. Tickets are \$10 and on sale at Clubhouse II Lifestyle Office.

Thursday, May 11, 7 pm - Clubhouse I – Maryland Room – David Speer, Executive Director of the Maryland/Israel Development Center.

In the second event of the JRLW Israel 75 celebration David Speer, the Executive Director of the Maryland/Israel Development Center (MDIC) will discuss the activities of The Maryland/Israel Development Center (MIDC), a non-profit/public-private partnership of the Maryland Department of Commerce, Israel's Ministry of Economy and Trade and The Associated Jewish Federation of Baltimore to promote bi-lateral trade and economic development. See the flyer. This program is free, no registration needed.

Tuesday, May 16, 1:30 pm - Clubhouse II Auditorium - a JRLW/JCC documentary – *The Future of Israel and Its Defenders*.

"This documentary encapsulates contemporary perspectives affecting Israel. A provocative documentary that encapsulates contemporary perspectives of critical issues affecting Israel today. Through the lens of experts, military strategists, 'start-up-nation' leaders, journalists and current and former political leaders, The Future of Israel and its Defenders focuses on internal and external existential threats to the safety and security of the Jewish State; a behind-the-scenes look at peacemaking from the architects of the Abraham Accords and the challenge of peace with the Palestinians; the violent threat of Antisemitism, Holocaust distortion and its ideological assault on the Jewish State and the path forward as Israel turns 75." This is a current film about an hour in length, but it was produced before the recent protests in Israel. It still has a good message to hear. This film is free, no registration needed.

Thursday, June 1, 10 am to 2 pm - Clubhouse I - *12th Annual Health & Wellness Expo*

The Bender JCC Coming of Age's annual, highly

anticipated Expo is designed to engage, educate and empower attendees to make choices and take actions to maintain a healthy and happy lifestyle. This event provides the opportunity to connect with health and wellness providers to learn about their products and services. Highlights include annual vaccinations, health screenings through 2 pm, hand sanitizer stations, interactive workshops, 'Capture a Memory' with a picture of you and friends, 'Head to Toe' massages, social and community organizations and fantastic raffle prizes!

Thursday, June 1, 3 pm - Clubhouse II Auditorium - *12th Annual Health & Wellness Expo Grand Finale – The Jersey Tenors*.

The Jersey Tenors are the newest Opera/Rock Mash-up sensation, creating an explosive blend of iconic Opera classics alongside Rock 'N Roll greats like Queen, Elton John, Bon Jovi and more.

Tickets are \$18 and will be on sale from April 25 through May 31. Checks only made out to JRLW. Tickets will be \$19 at the door.

TORAH and PRAYER BOOK FUNDS

Individuals can be honored and loved ones memorialized with a contribution to the JRLW Torah or Prayer Book Fund for a minimum donation of \$25.00.

TORAH FUND

For contributions to the Torah Maintenance Fund, send your check, made out to JRLW, to Carol Wendkos, 14805 Pennfield Circle, #212, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

A contribution was received from Sylvia Eidlin in memory of the following people: Harold Eidlin, Gertrude Landau, Harry Landau and Joseph Pulver



PRAYER BOOK FUND

If you would like to make a donation in honor of or in memory of someone in a Reform prayer book, Conservative Prayer book or a Chumash (Bible), please stipulate which one in your request. Please send your requests to donate prayer books to Florence Kasden, 3100 Leisure World Boulevard, #610, Silver Spring MD 20906. Her phone number is 410-251-9382.



ATTENTION PLEASE
 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ELECTIONS FOR THE JEWISH RESIDENTS OF LEISURE WORLD OFFICERS

THE ELECTION FOR OFFICERS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MAIL OR EMAIL.
 PLEASE FILL IN YOUR VOTE ON THE BALLOT AND RETURN BY MAIL OR EMAIL
 BEFORE May 12, 2023

JRLW OFFICERS SLATE AND WRITE IN CONDIDATES:

President: Joel Kristal _____ Write in _____

Administrative V.P.: Al Davis _____ Write in _____

Ritual (Religious) V.P.: Ellyn Kaufman _____ Write in _____

Rec. Secretary: Adele Ewing _____ Write in _____

Corr. Secretary Jonas Weiss: _____ Write in _____

Treasurer: Marsha Bernstein _____ Write in _____

Please mail or email your ballot, one per membership, to:

Leahweisman@gmail.com, or mail to:

Leah Weisman – Election Chairperson

3210 North Leisure World Blvd.

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Silver Spring, Maryland 20906

All ballots must be returned before May 12, 2023.

Thank You for being a member of JRLW.

JRLW MEMBERSHIP

It's time to join OR renew your membership for **Fiscal Year May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024**. Please fill out the form below so we can make sure your information is correct. Make your check payable to JRLW and mail it to:

MARSHA BERNSTEIN - JRLW
3210 N. Leisure World Blvd, # 921
Silver Spring, MD 20906-7605

_____ Individual (\$25) _____ Couples (\$45) _____ Life* _____ New Member

Name: _____

If all the information below is the same as last year, just put SAME

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

We ask for your email address so we can send you important and time-sensitive messages

If you have any questions or suggestions, or *if you would like to volunteer to help JRLW*, please contact Marsha Bernstein at 301-288-4678.

*LIFE MEMBER

You may also want to consider becoming a Life Member. Life Membership is a way of showing support and commitment to JRLW. It also means you do not have to pay your annual dues in the future. The chart below, based on age, shows the cost of Life Membership, **per person**.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>COST (per person)</u>
64 and under.....	\$375
65-69	\$300
70-74	\$285
75-79	\$225
80-84	\$175
85+	\$100



JRLW To Offer a Series of Diverse Programs to Celebrate Israel 75

Israel will celebrate its 75th's anniversary on Yom Ha'atzmaut (Independence Day) on April 25 – 26th, 2023. What a miraculous accomplishment to commemorate.

In honor of the 75th anniversary, JRLW will mark this joyous occasion by presenting a four part series of Israeli related programs - music, history, film, and dance.

On **April 29, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse II Auditorium**, Concert a la Carte will return to sing Israeli and Israeli themed music. This group consisting of Anna Kusner, Peter Omelchenko, and Luda Bard, wowed the JRLW/Leisure World audience last fall with their unique sound. This show promises to be a big hit.

On Thursday, May 11, in the Maryland Room in Clubhouse I, at 7 p.m. David Speer the Executive Director of the Maryland Israel Development Center. The Center, based in Baltimore, provides services for Israeli companies, organizes Maryland trade missions to Israel, and hosts Israeli Business Delegations in Maryland. Come learn how Israel and Maryland partner in innovation.

On Tuesday, May 16, in the Auditorium of Clubhouse II at 1:30 p.m., JRLW and the Bender JCC will present a documentary film, ***The Future of Israel and its Defenders***. This captivating documentary, presents contemporary perspectives of critical issues affecting Israel today through the lens of experts, military strategists, "start-up-nation" leaders, journalists, and current and former political leaders. This is a film that will uplift your spirits about Israel's future and your commitment to Israel.

On Sunday, October 22, at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse II Activities Room The local Israel Folk Dance group, Rikudei Yachad, will perform lively Israeli dancing, and afterwards, teach those interested in learning to dance. They perform throughout the DMV area where they delight audiences.

Help us mark this extraordinary time in Israel's history by coming together to acknowledge this special occasion. Detailed information will come out closer to each event. See the flyer in this Megillah for details on the April 29, 2023 Concert a la Carte event.

***Concert a la Carte to Open the JRLW Israel 75 Celebration Series
Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m. Clubhouse II Auditorium***



Anna, Peter, and Luda of Concert a la Carte helped JRLW usher in the 2022 High Holidays in September to a sell-out crowd. The response was so overwhelming that we invited them back as the *opening program in our Israel's 75th anniversary series* at Leisure World on *April 29th in the auditorium at Clubhouse II at 7pm.*

The cost of the concert is \$10 and tickets can be purchased at the Lifestyle Office by check to JRLW, in Clubhouse II beginning March 21, 2023. The last concert was a sell out and we had to turn people away so make sure you purchase your tickets as soon as they are available.

**David Speer the Executive Director
of the Maryland/Israel Development Center to Speak
Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m. Clubhouse I, Maryland Room.**



David Speer is responsible for outreach to Israeli companies about business opportunities in Maryland, organizing trade missions to Israel and hosting Israeli business delegations the state. He assumed the position his position in late 2021. Speer describes the organization “as a matchmaker between the Israeli and American business community in a lot of different ways,”

Speer previously worked at Americans for Ben-Gurion University as the director of intelligence and analytics and as regional director of the Baltimore/Washington region. This program is free, no registration needed.

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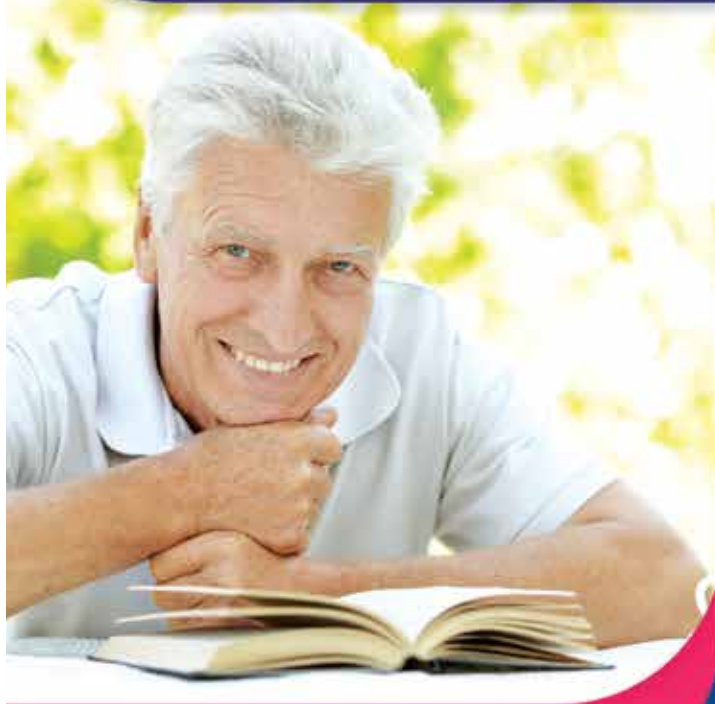
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7	8 JRLW Book Club CH I 11 am	9 Lag B'Omer	10	11 JRLW Program CH I 7 pm	12 7:44	13 Shabbat Service 9:15 am
14	15 Hadassah Study Group 1:30 pm	16 JRLW/JCC Movie CH II 1:30 pm	17	18	19 7:51	20
21 JRLW Brunch CH I 10 am	22	23	24	25 Erev Shavuot	26 SHAVUOT 8:04	27 Shabbat/Shavuot Service/Yizkor CH II 9:15 am
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