



JRLW

# MEGILLAH

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JOEL L. KRISTAL

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

What can I say? I prepare my column a few weeks in advance of you reading the Megillah. I had prepared my column to talk about our holiday season and one of rejoicing during Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. A season of joy for Jews everywhere.

However, yesterday, October 7th, Israel has been attacked by "militants". I heard one Israeli newscaster said that Hamas should not be called "militants". They should be called for what they are "Nazis". Their behavior of killing civilian men, woman and children; humiliating them before murdering them and dragging their bodies through the streets are reminiscent of Kristallnacht and Nazi Germany. Too often the word "Nazi" is bandied about, usually referring to some action taken by our (U.S.) police forces. Today, to our horror, we see true Nazis; going after people because they are Jews.

The following is a paragraph from my draft message written before the attack in Israel. It is still appropriate today. "We will be observing a somber

## NOVEMBER DATES 2023

01	Wed	– J WV Meeting	11:00 am
		Hadassah Board Mtg	7:00 pm
03	Fri	– Shabbat Service	7:30 pm
07	Tue	– JRLW Board	7:30 pm
09	Thu	– Kristallnacht Program	2:00 pm
11	Sat	– Shabbat Service	9:15 am
13	Mon	– JRLW Book Club	10:00 am
15	Wed	– Hadassah Monthly Mtg	2:00 pm
16	Thur	– JRLW/JCC Movie	1:30 pm
19	Sun	– JRLW Brunch	10:00 am
20	Mon	– Hadassah Study Grp	1:30 pm

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

On Friday, November 3, Reform Shabbat Services will be held in Clubhouse II at 7:30 pm. The Services will be conducted by Rabbi Gary Fink and Cantor Wendy Gonzales. The Shir Delight Choir will participate. There will be an Oneg Shabbat following Services.

There will be a Conservative Shabbat Service on Saturday, November 11 in Clubhouse II at 9:15 am. Cantor Michael Kravitz will conduct these Services. There will be a Kiddush afterwards.

**President's Message**

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remembrance of Kristallnacht, on November 9, Club House #1 at 2:00pm. It is a time to reflect the one thing the Jews who were beaten, raped and murdered, had in common. They were Jews. The Nazis didn't care about their religious observance or political views and neither do the antisemites of today. Today, we Jews span a wide range of political and religious views, even here in Leisure World, and we need to be respectful of each other and fight antisemitism wherever we see it. Our upcoming holiday of Hannukah is an opportunity for Jews to recall how we banded together to fight a common enemy that wanted to eradicate us."

If you can, I recommend that you show your support for Israel. Please make a donation, of any amount, to any charity that directly supports Israel's war against the Nazi Hamas.

One of my favorite charities is "American Friends of Magen David Olam". Your donation will help outfit ambulances with lifesaving equipment and wound-stanching dressing; support MDA's Blood Services, which is enabling hospitals to save lives by providing essential blood for the injured; and provide more personal-protection equipment, such as ballistic vests, to make the EMTs and paramedics as safe as possible under these horrendous conditions. You can send a check to: **American Friends of Magen David Adom, 20 West 36th Street, Suite 1100, New York, NY 10018** or to donate by credit card, call: 866.632.2763 or **on-line** at [https://secure.afmda.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=2000&2000\\_donation=form1&s\\_src=GNRLWEB&FURL=UR](https://secure.afmda.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2000&2000_donation=form1&s_src=GNRLWEB&FURL=UR).

I am praying that by the time you read my column, Israel is at peace again.

Shalom

**NOTICE: THE DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER MEGILLAH IS NOVEMBER 10. ARTICLES SUBMITTED AFTER THAT DATE WILL APPEAR IN THE JANUARY MEGILLAH.**

## FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 7-8 AT INTER-FAITH CHAPEL

The Inter-Faith Chapel appreciates the generous donations from the Leisure World community to support our previous food drives. Please consider donating to our Thanksgiving 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, November 7 and Wednesday, November 8.

### MEGILLAH STAFF

Bernice Cohen – Editor  
Barbara Cronin  
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## PROGRAM AND EDUCATION

Becky Siman

A special thank you goes to those who helped to distribute the bakery items from Sunflower Bakery – Marsha Bernstein, Shari Goldstein, Tova Kaplan, and Leah Weisman.

**Monday, October 30, JRLW/JCC Movie Exodus 91 Clubhouse II Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.**

This extraordinary film follows Israeli diplomat, Asher Naim, on a seemingly insurmountable mission to bring 15,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel. As he learns more about these African Jews, he finds himself between worlds and faces a crisis of faith in himself and his country. Set in 1991 amidst the international politics behind Operation Solomon, Asher Naim learns he is being sent to Ethiopia to negotiate the release of thousands of Ethiopian Jews from a country collapsing under famine and civil war. Working with his Ethiopian-Israeli colleagues who themselves immigrated to Israel only a decade earlier, Asher's faith in his mission is tested as he navigates the treacherous world of bureaucracy and politics. Made in 2022, 90 minutes, in English \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door by check only made out to JRLW. Tickets available September 19 – October 29, at Clubhouse II LifeStyle Office. See the flyer.

**Thursday, November 9 – JRLW Kristallnacht Program with speaker, Shelby Gadol, Assistant Regional Director from the Washington DC ADL. 2 p.m. Clubhouse I, Crystal Ballroom.**

See article in the Megillah and the flyer.

**Thursday, November 16 – JRLW/JCC Movie A Pocketful of Miracles: A Tale of Two Siblings, Clubhouse II Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.**

Berlin-born and D.C. based filmmaker, Aviva Kempner chronicles her mother Hanka and uncle Dudek Ciesla's lives before and during WW II. From their idyllic Jewish upbringing in Poland through their survival of the Holocaust to their tearful reunion after the war, this moving documentary tells their incredible life stories in an impressive, humorous, and moving way. Tickets available October 24 at Clubhouse II LifeStyle Office. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door by check only made out to JRLW. In English, 2 hours, 15 minutes.

**Hold the dates:**

Thursday, December 7, Latkes and Vodka from the Social Activities Committee Monday, December 11, Annual Hanukkah Musical program with Cantor Michael Kravitz Monday, January 8, 2024, Book Event with Author Deborah Kalb, **Off to Join the Circus**

**Bender JCC Coming of Age Events**

**Theater trips with Leisure World Pick Up**

Sunday, November 12 to see Ragtime with 12:15 p.m. Leisure World pick up

Sunday, December 17 to See Pretty Woman with 5:30 Leisure World pick up.

Check out their website <https://www.benderjccgw.org/adults2/coming-of-age-in-maryland/> or just type in Bender JCC Coming of Age into your search engine. Contact Frieda Enoch for more information on 301 343-3832 or [fenocho@benderjccgw.org](mailto:fenocho@benderjccgw.org).

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## RITUAL COMMITTEE

Ellyn Kaufman

Shalom friends,

November is a time to give thanks and I believe we can all be thankful to the many people who put up, administered, visited, and then later took down the Sukkah for us. It was a beautiful way to remember the harvest festival and show thanks inside the hut.

The Ritual Committee is hard at work evaluating this past year's high holidays and we have already started to consider how to improve the services for next year.

November 14 starts the Rosh Hodesh (new month) of Kislev and that means Hanukkah is around the corner. Time to look for the *Hanukiyot* (menorahs), candles and frying pans to make *latkes* and *soofganiyot* (jelly filled doughnuts). Stay tuned for good recipes and more information about Hanukkah next month.

Enjoy the fall season. *Kol tuv,*

Ellyn Becker Kaufman  
Ritual Chair

## CANTOR'S CORNER 101

Cantor Michael Kravitz



I wanted to use the November column to talk about this year's Conservative High Holy Days services. Even though you are probably reading it at the end of October, I began working on it on September 26, the day after

Yom Kippur.

Preparations began for these High Holy Days services in the spring. The core "team" consisted of Ellyn Kaufman, Harold Geeter, Sid Sussan and me. Outlines for the Rosh Hashanah services went out and Ellyn, throughout the time leading up to the services, did a fabulous job of contacting people about having parts in our services. The overwhelming majority of the people showed up at services to do their parts. Harold, Sid and I met in person over the summer, and we had a plan that worked really well for the Rosh Hashanah services.

And then came Yom Kippur.

In the days just prior to Yom Kippur, I knew my voice was not at 100%. But, with the exception of the year 1965, I had been involved in conducting High Holy Days services somewhere since 1958, starting as one of the cantors for a junior congregation service. And I had always been able to get through Yom Kippur with my voice intact.

Until this year.

At the end of the Kol Nidre evening service, the congregation and I knew that I was in trouble vocally. Harold, Sid and I had the outline for the Yom Kippur morning service, but I hadn't presented one for the afternoon service which I was planning to conduct mostly by myself. So, what to do?

Harold and Sid stepped up big time. I continued to announce pages for the morning and afternoon services with Harold and Sid doing the reading and singing parts. I had some special Yom Kippur stories that both Harold and Sid presented beautifully, and with the last-minute outline I gave the two of them for the Yom Kippur afternoon and Yom Kippur final service, we did get through those final services with dignity and grace.

I saw my ears/nose/throat doctor two days after Yom Kippur ended, and she diagnosed my condition

as acute laryngitis. I couldn't sing and it would be almost two weeks before I could again. That's why I want to provide a shout-out for Harold and Sid. We really couldn't have done it without you.

So, let me wish all of you, once again, a Shanah Tovah u-metukah – a good and sweet new year. Let me also say "thank you" to all of you who have offered prayers and best wishes for my wife, Cheryl, who is battling cancer. The prayers and best wishes are most appreciated during this difficult time. Be well and stay safe.

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## KRISTALLNACHT PROGRAM

Jacob Tenenbaum

On November 9, 2023, JRLW will present a program in the Crystal Ballroom of Clubhouse I, at 2:00 PM, commemorating Kristallnacht, or The Night of Broken Glass which took place on the night of November 9, 1938. It was a pogrom (an anti-Jewish riot) of destruction, beatings, killings, and mass arrests carried out at the direction and participation of the Nazi government. What makes this event important is that it began the violent attempted destruction of the Jews of Europe.

What makes it relevant today is that Kristallnacht serves as a model of what prejudice, racism and hate can become. This is not merely a Jewish problem, but a human rights problem for every minority population. With so many internet sites spuing hatred of Jews, Blacks, Asians, Latinos, Arabs, and LGBT+ and every other minority, the lessons of hatred and what it can and did become, are more relevant today than ever before.

Our guest speaker will be Shelby Gadol, the Assistant Director of ADL's DC region. Among other duties, she manages incident response. She will speak about hate crimes and their rise in the U.S., and what is being done about them.

"ADL fights all forms of antisemitism and bias, using innovation and partnerships to drive impact. A global leader in combating antisemitism, countering extremism, and battling bigotry wherever and whenever it happens. ADL works to protect democracy and ensure a just and inclusive society for all."

This program is free, registration is not required.

## CELEBRATING THE GREAT LEWANDOWSKI!



By Cantor Wendy  
cantorwendyg@gmail.com

When Shir Delight meets weekly at their Tuesday evening rehearsals, they wait expectantly for the selections that we will sing for our next Erev Shabbat service! While I have introduced many new melodies to our prayers and blessings, our wonderful singers are always eager for traditional melodies that can be integrated into our services.

One of the great composers that we celebrate with what is now considered "traditional" synagogue music is Louis Lewandowski (1821-1894). Particularly during the High Holiday services, it is essential to incorporate Lewandowski's melodies.



Louis Lewandowski came from a Polish/German/Jewish lineage. He composed much of his synagogue music while musical director of the Neue Synagoge in Berlin. He was a child prodigy both in piano and voice and at the early age of twelve he went to Berlin to study at the Berlin Academy. There he perfected his piano skills and his beautiful (at the time!!) soprano voice. Lewandowski was the first Jewish person admitted to the academy at the recommendation of Felix Mendelssohn. When he graduated in 1840, he was appointed the choirmaster of the Berlin Synagogue and composed much of his synagogue music during that time.

In 1866, he was appointed "Royal Musical Director" and then the choirmaster for the Neue Synagoge (what might be termed "Conservative" in today's definition) in Berlin where he composed the entire musical service. At the time, Lewandowski's music was considered quite progressive compared to the ancient Hebrew melodies. He incorporated music for choir, cantor, and organ that were both simplistic and filled with emotion at the same time. Many of his pupils became cantors. His formerly assessed

"progressive" music has now become "traditional" just as our currently characterized "progressive" music is starting to be labeled "traditional!" (Think of Debbie Friedman's *Mi Shebeirach* or Naomi Hirsch's *Oseh Shalom!*)

Lewandowski had a storied and celebrated career, and his music is beloved to this day in all synagogues, regardless of their "denomination!" He died in 1894 and on his (and his wife Helene's) gravestone the inscription reads, "Liebe macht das Lied unsterblich!" (Love makes the melody immortal!). Tragically, his daughter Martha died in Terezin in 1942 at the age of eighty-two.

I hope you can take the time to type in **Louis Lewandowski Festival 2019** on YouTube so you can hear his truly beautiful music performed by brilliant musicians. No matter where you go to worship around the world, you will hear his melodies and without a doubt, feel moved.

And, one more shameless plug – please consider joining our wonderful choir, *Shir Delight!* We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in Clubhouse II in the Edmonson Room. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions! We would love to see you there!

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## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Enjoy vodka, latkes and jelly donuts in celebration of the upcoming holiday of Hanukkah. Entertainment will be provided by a singing guitarist. Join us in the Norbeck Room of Clubhouse 2 on December 7 between 4 and 6 PM. The cost is \$17. This will be limited to 48 JRLW member only attendees, so reserve your space early. For payment details, look for the flyer in this issue of the Megillah.

Watch for it. We are also planning a fifties, sixties and seventies musical review party for late February. We anticipate having live singers for your enjoyment. Further details will follow.

As I have mentioned before, if you have a social activity to propose and will lead a group of our committee members to bring it to life, join us by contacting Fred Springer by text to 301-213-5482.

## THE TREFA BANQUET

Bernie Ascher ©

To celebrate the ordination of the first graduating class of Hebrew Union College (HUC) in Cincinnati, Jewish community leaders, on July 11, 1883, sponsored an elaborate dinner at a classy, mountain top restaurant. That banquet, attended by 200 people, has become famous because it featured non-kosher (tref) food (shrimp, clams, crabs, and frogs' legs), which offended Jews who observed the dietary rules. Historians regard this event as the first step in splitting the American Jewish community, leading to the creation of Conservative Judaism.

In 2008, Jonathan D. Sarna, a professor at Brandeis University and chief historian of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia, wrote an article published by the Jewish Telegraph Agency in 2008, presenting his view of what really happened at the banquet.

It "capped ceremonies aimed, ironically, at unifying American Jews," he wrote. "Earlier in the day, 100 rabbinic and lay leaders, representing 76 congregations from across America, celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (today known as the Union for Reform Judaism, but then a much broader union of congregations) as well as the ordination of Hebrew Union College's initial class of four rabbis – the first such ordination ever held on American soil."

The menu was not carefully planned by the caterer (Gus Lindeman, a prominent local Jewish businessman), who "took no account that traditionalists were invited." It was the caterer's blunder, Sarna concluded. Rabbi Isaac Wise, an early leader of Reform Judaism in America and founder of HUC, "knew the banquet was a blunder," but defended it. He himself, married to the daughter of an orthodox rabbi, kept a kosher home. Nevertheless, he attacked his critics, asserting that "the dietary laws had lost all validity, and ridiculed them for advocating 'kitchen Judaism'."

In a February 1966 article in Commentary Magazine, historian John J. Appel noted that two rabbis left the banquet without eating anything. Gus Lindeman, he wrote, was caterer for the Allgemeiner Club, whose membership consisted of Cincinnati's wealthiest German Jews, including some who

arranged and paid for the dinner. Professor Sarna's report conflicts with Appel's, which indicates that the manner in which the menu was prepared and presented was not simply the result of an oversight. Appel did conclude, however, that there was no evidence that Rabbi Wise knew about the seafood in advance.

Rabbi Wise abandoned his original goal of unifying American Jews. His detractors called him "The Pope of American Reform Judaism," according to Appel. Rabbi Wise kept defending the banquet. He said that "a large majority of American Jews were indifferent to dietary laws" and that "Orthodox Jewish customs cheapen Judaism before the public."

In 1885, the Reform movement's Pittsburgh Platform, among other things, dismissed the Jewish dietary laws as "entirely foreign to our present mental and spiritual state." Jews who favored a more traditional approach to Jewish life acted to establish New York's Jewish Theological Seminary, which opened on January 2, 1887. It is the primary educational and religious center of Conservative Judaism.

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## RECIPE CORNER

### EASY CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Marcia Crystal

Combine in a pot:

- 1 ½ cups water
- 1 ½ cups chicken broth
- 1 stalk celery, sliced
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 1 minced garlic clove
- Bring to a boil

Add:

- 1/3 cup small pasta (like Orzo)
- 1 lb. skinless, boneless, chicken thighs cut in ½ inch chunks.

Cover and simmer 10 minutes or until pasta and chicken are done.

Season to taste.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024.  
1:30 PM – CLUBHOUSE II  
AUDITORIUM.**

**BOOK AND AUTHOR AND  
PROGRAM EVENT WITH  
DEBORAH KALB**

Author Deborah Kalb, will appear to discuss her first adult fiction book *Off to Join the Circus*. Deborah has written three novels for children and nonfiction for adults. She and her father, Marvin Kalb, co-authored *Haunting Legacy: Vietnam and the American Presidency from Ford to Obama*. She's the host of the blog Book Q&As with Deborah Kalb, where she interviews an eclectic range of authors. Deborah is a former longtime D.C.-based journalist covering Congress and politics.

*Off to Join the Circus* is the fictional account of what happens to a close-knit (and some would say neurotic) Jewish family of suburban Washington, D.C., when a relative returns after 64 years.

Adele Pinsky ran away as a teenager back in 1954, perhaps to join a circus. The repercussions from her departure reverberated down the generations, affecting her younger brother, Howard, now a 75-year-old retired lawyer; his educator wife, Marilyn; their three daughters; and their two teenaged grandsons. Adele's reappearance in 2018, at a moment when the family is preparing for the younger grandson's bar mitzvah and the birth of the middle daughter's baby, upends the Pinsky family's assumptions about one another in hilarious and poignant ways.

Besides learning to love the family, you will enjoy the references to so many places you will recognize in DC and Montgomery County. The book can be found in your favorite bookstore or online.

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## **HADASSAH NEWS**

### **Personalizing the Past**

Sandy Stein

Susan Evans, Ed.D., Document Retrieval Specialist at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource center, will present

an overview of the Museum's Research Services, on Wednesday, November 15 at 2:00pm, in Clubhouse 1. Dr. Evans will include examples of digitalized documentation and how individual inquiries are processed.

Dr. Evans has served as a volunteer at the US Holocaust Museum since 2011 and worked with the Research and Reference team since 2016. Dr. Evans is a second generation Holocaust survivor. Prior to moving to the D.C. area she was a teacher, curriculum supervisor, and assistant principal in a suburban Philadelphia school district.

The program's \$5 fee can be paid at the door with a check payable to Hadassah, or cash. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Hadassah Judaic Studies Group meets on Monday, November 20 at 1:30pm on Zoom. The focus will be on Jewish Book Month. Participants are invited to share their recommendations of favorite books and authors. All are welcome to attend. Hadassah members will receive an email notice with a link to access the program. Others may send an email to Marylin Jordan at [mjordan2262@comcat.net](mailto:mjordan2262@comcat.net) to request the link.

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.

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 20994. For questions call her at 301-622-1613.

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

## 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.

### PRAYER BOOK FUND

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



### 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 Ronald and Maria Tsimmerman in memory of their parents.



## 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.

### TZEDAKAH DONATIONS

Richard Rothstein made a Yizkor Donation.

Lori Mauzy in memory of Rosalind Rosenthal.

Wallace and Ruth Becker in appreciation of the High Holiday Services.

Maria Cherny in appreciation of the High Holiday Services.

Robin Lisa Rosenberg in honor of Janet and Sidney Lazar's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Howard and Anita Rosen in gratitude to JRLW.

Stan Feinstein in honor of his High Holiday Aliyah.

Yizkor Donation by Harvey and Joan Berman.

Vadim Schwartzman made a donation to our Tzedakah Fund.

Iris Grossman made a donation to our Tzedakah Fund.

Rhoda Friedman made a Yizkor Donation.

### KIDDUSH DONATIONS

Sue Schwartz in loving memory of Sid Schwartz, Debra Schwartz Sapcarop and Shirly Rosenhaft.

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS

KRIEGER-LOUBE POST 567

Jerome Cohen

Veterans and non-veteran of all faiths and religions who live in Leisure World are invited once again to participate in a Veterans Day weekend commemoration event at Clubhouse I in the Chesapeake Room at 10 AM, Sunday, November 12, 2023. Veterans who wish to speak or just say a few words will have an opportunity to do so. Coffee and refreshments will be served, compliments of the Post.

Happy November birthday wishes to Post members Ed Cohen and Lowell Weiner.

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 additional information or questions about membership, 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

Suzy Klein

We hope you had a wonderful High Holidays season. We are thankful that JRLW was able to provide Reform and Conservative High Holidays and Shabbat Services and Sukkah for our members and their guests.

Fall is often synonymous with our children and grandchildren back to school season and with JRLW the metaphor also seems applicable. Although JRLW is busy with activities throughout the year. JRLW members feel an air of excitement that surround the start of the new year with our Brunches back beginning on October 15, 2023. We hope you will agree that our vibrant, caring JRLW is a vibrant, caring is a Leisure World organization that truly meets the needs and interests of our our Jewish member community. As you see throughout the columns and pages of the Megillah, JRLW welcomes and encourages suggestions on new ones. Examples of this would include our new Travel Committee, led by Sue Sandler, that will include Theater Trips that will continue throughout the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons.

All our countless activities will be published in the Megillah, on our JRLW website, [www.jrlwmd.org](http://www.jrlwmd.org) and our closed Facebook page. Please remember to introduce yourself to those whom you do not know when you are attending our services and other events. Also, please encourage those who are not members to join our organization. Have a wonderful November and thank you for being a member of the Jewish Resident of Leisure World.

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## GOOD AND WELFARE

We send our best wishes to Cantor Michael Kravitz and Cheryl Kravitz for a return to good health.

Our prayers go out to Bernice Cohen for a speedy recovery and return to good health.

We wish Steve Kline a Refuah Schleima – a full and complete recovery.

A joyous Mazel Tov to Harriet and Stanley Garfinkle who will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary in November.

Congratulations to Bernie Ascher on the wedding of his grandson, Jacob.

**Our High Holiday Services were beautiful this year and we have many people to thank....**

Our deep gratitude goes to Ellyn Kaufman, the Chair of our Ritual Committee, who, together with her committee, worked endlessly to make sure every detail of the Services went so smoothly.

Our sincere appreciation goes to our wonderful clergy, Rabbi Gary Fink, Cantor Michael Kravitz and Cantor Wendy Gonzales for leading us in beautiful High Holy Day Services. Our thanks is extended to the Shir Delight Choir, as well.

We also wish to give an enormous “Thank You” to Sid Sussan and Harold Geetter who provided their tremendous help in assisting Cantor Kravitz with all the Conservative High Holiday Services this year.

Thank you to Naomi Kline and her committee who, once again, made sure our Sukkah had a lulav and etrog, volunteers, food, prayer sheets and activities. And a special Todah Rabba (thank you) to Bob Fenichel and his “crew” for making sure the Sukkah was set up and taken down. We had a record number of people who visited the Sukkah this year.

## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

### New Officer Added to By-Laws

The job of JRLW Treasurer has grown exponentially since I first took office about 4 years ago. It has become a much bigger job than any one volunteer can do. I took my concerns to the JRLW Board and at the October 3rd Board Meeting I made a motion, that was approved, to add "Assistant Treasurer" to the list of Officers in our Bylaws.

Our President, Joel Kristal, appointed Beverly Masters as Assistant Treasurer. Beverly moved to Leisure World from New Hampshire. And, like many of us, she came here to be near her son, daughter-in-law, and 2 adorable grandchildren. Beverly has a wealth of financial experience, including working at Fidelity Investments and Voya Financial Advisers, which makes her highly qualified for this job. I know Beverly is excited to get more involved and meet new people and she will definitely be an asset to JRLW.

### Change of Fiscal Year

Our current fiscal year (May 1 – April 30) has caused much confusion over the years, so by vote of the Board, we are changing our fiscal year to January 1 – December 31.

### What does this mean for you?

We are asking that you pay your dues for 2024 any time between January 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024. Whatever date you chose, your payment will be good for all of 2024.

In the January 2024 Megillah, there will be a new Dues Form which you will either be able to mail, together with your check, to Beverly Masters or drop off in the JRLW mailbox in Clubhouse I.

Dues will remain the same price: \$25 for a single membership and \$45 for couples. And, of course, we welcome anyone who would like to become a Life Member, as well.

I know this might be confusing for 2024, but hopefully, it will ultimately be easier to remember.

Marsha Bernstein

## NOVEMBER BRUNCH

Our next brunch will be held in the Crystal Ballroom on Sunday, November 19. Our guest speaker will be Evan Glass, President of the Montgomery County Council. Mr Glass will be speaking about Antisemitism, but also about issues of concern to Montgomery County Seniors.

Tickets are available at Clubhouse I, Lifestyle Office, until November 14th. The brunch, which is open to JRLW members, costs \$21.00 per person. Payment by check (made out to JRLW) only.

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## ORDER YOUR 2024 MAH JONGG CARD FROM JRLW



If you ordered last year, you will receive correspondence from the National Mah Jongg League shortly. If you want, use the label they send you when you order your 2024 Mah Jongg card. Prices remain the same ... \$14 for standard size and \$15 for a large size. I will need your order and check (made out to JRLW) by January 10th, 2024. Mail to Lois Schmeidler, 3200 N. Leisure World Blvd., #705, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

Let your friends know that we will be providing this service.

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## GRANDPARENTS HOLD YOUR BRAGGING!

In December, we will have our GRANDPARENTS QVELLING column. See you then!



# **JRLW Sunday Brunch**

## **November 19**

**Evan Glass**

**President, Montgomery County Council**

**Speaking on ANTISEMITISM**

And issues of concern to Montgomery seniors

**Crystal Ballroom, Clubhouse 1**

**Includes full Sunday food buffet:**

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**October 24 – November 14 at Club House I.**

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**My name is:**

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✓ **Remember to have each person bring a mask.**

Seat assignments given at the reception table at the event 10:00am.

✓ **Bring this form with you to purchase your tickets.**



## **JRLW Kristallnacht Commemoration Program**

Guest Speaker **Shelby Gadol**,

Assistant Regional Director

Anti-defamation League

Washington, DC Office



Monday, November 9,  
Clubhouse I Crystal Ballroom  
2 p.m.

Kristallnacht serves as a model of what prejudice, racism and hate can become. This is not merely a Jewish problem, but a human rights problem for every minority population. "The ADL is a global leader in combating antisemitism, countering extremism, and battling bigotry wherever and whenever it happens. The ADL works to protect democracy and ensure a just and inclusive society for all."

This program is free and all are welcomed to attend.

## **JRLW BOOK GROUP**

**November 13, 2023 10-12 pm MODERATOR: FLORENCE KASDEN**

### **LAST KINGS OF SHANGHAI**

**AUTHOR: JONATHAN KAUFMAN  
POTOMAC ROOM**

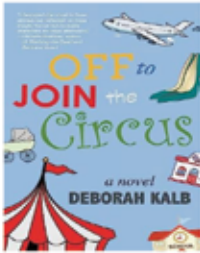


***The Last Kings of Shanghai* is a history of the Sasoons and Kadoories, two powerful Jewish families who helped shape modern China.**

**January 8, 2024 1:30-3:30pm MODERATOR: DEBORAH KALB**

### **OFF TO JOIN THE CIRCUS**

**AUTHOR: DEBORAH KALB  
AUDITORIUM**



***Off to Join the Circus* focuses on an overly enmeshed, neurotic Jewish family in the Washington, D.C., area, and what happens when a relative returns after 64 years**

**March 11, 2024 10:00-12:00pm MODERATOR: MARTHA ANN TOLL**

### **THREE MUSES**

**AUTHOR: MARTHA ANN TOLL  
MONTGOMERY ROOM**



***Three Muses* is a love story that enthralls a tale of Holocaust survival venturing through memory, trauma, and identity while raising the curtain on the unforgiving discipline of ballet.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT STEVE COHEN AT:  
301-667-3099 [STEVECOHENJD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STEVECOHENJD@GMAIL.COM).**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023 1:30 p.m.  
Clubhouse II Auditorium**

**JRLW and Bender JCC Coming of Age Present the Film**

***A Pocketful of Miracles: A Tale of Two Siblings***



Berlin-born and D.C. based filmmaker, Aviva Kempner chronicles her mother Hanka and uncle Dudek Ciesla's lives before and during WW II. From their idyllic Jewish upbringing in Poland through their survival of the Holocaust to their tearful reunion after the war, this moving documentary tells their incredible life stories in an impressive, humorous, and moving way.

Tickets available October 24 at Clubhouse II LifeStyle Office. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door by check only made out to JRLW. In English, 2 hours, 15 minutes.

# VODKA & LATKES PARTY



**Thursday**  
**December 7th**  
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The Jewish Residents of Leisure World Presents  
 A Deborah Kalb Book Event  
*Off to Join the Circus*

Monday, January 8, Clubhouse II Auditorium  
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Sixty-four years after her disappearance, Adele suddenly returns on her brother, Howie's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and slowly but surely inserts herself into the lives of her brother, sister-in-law, three nieces and 2 great nephews all in different stages of navigating through life.

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*Off to Join the Circus* is Deborah Kalb's first adult fiction book having written children's books and nonfiction with her father, Marvin Kalb.

The program is free. No registration required.



## ORDER YOUR 2024 MAH JONGG CARD FROM JRLW

JRLW is taking orders for the **2024 Mah Jongg cards**. The National Mah Jongg League price this year is -- **\$14 for standard (S) size and \$15 for a large (L) size**. Lois Schmeidler is coordinating this for JRLW. Orders must be received by **January 10, 2024**. Use this form or send a note to Lois with your order and additional orders. If you are ordering for someone else, be sure to include the address where the card should be sent. **Let your friends know that JRLW is providing this service.**

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<b>Email Address</b>		
<p><b>Checks are payable to <u>JRLW</u>.</b>  <b>Mail by January 10, 2024, to:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;"><b>Lois Schmeidler</b>  <b>3200 N Leisure World Blvd, #705</b>  <b>Silver Spring, MD 20906</b>  <b>856 577-0757</b></p>		
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## Guide to Funeral and Shiva Information for the Families of JRLW Members

Below is a list of service providers that have served Jewish Residents of Leisure World over the past years. Detailed information on Funeral Homes and Cemeteries are in advertisements following this page.

### FUNERAL HOMES

These are Jewish Funeral Homes with whom JRLW has a relationship. Preplanning services are available.

1. **Torchinsky Hebrew Funeral Home** in Washington
2. **Sagel Bloomfield Funeral Care** in Rockville
3. **Dignity Hines-Rinaldi** in Silver Spring

### CEMETERIES

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1. **Garden of Remembrance Memorial Park** in Clarksburg
2. **Judean Memorial Gardens** in Olney

### OFFICIANT

1. Funeral Homes have a list of officiants who will be added on to the cost of funeral services.
2. Cantor Wendy Gonzales can be reached on 301-938-4922, [Cantorwendyg@gmail.com](mailto:Cantorwendyg@gmail.com). Cantor Wendy lives in Leisure World and is familiar with LW rules and regulations. She has a fee for performing Funeral and Shiva ceremonies.

### SHIVA

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2. Contact Cantor Wendy Gonzales 301-938-4922, for paid clergy led services. Cantor Wendy provides guidance to your Shiva planning.

### NOTIFICATIONS

1. If you want JRLW to provide funeral and/or Shiva information to all JRLW members via email, contact Rebecca Siman, 609-304-6098, with the details. Please email your request to [rmrsiman@gmail.com](mailto:rmrsiman@gmail.com).
2. If you want us to notify the entire JRLW membership of your loved one's death in the Megillah, contact Bernice Cohen at 301-598-0192. Send information via email to [bernicecohen1@gmail.com](mailto:bernicecohen1@gmail.com)
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5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 JRLW Board Meeting 7:30 pm	8	9 Kristallnacht Program 2:00 pm	10 4:41	11 Shabbat Service 9:15 am
12	13 JRLW Book Club 10:00 am	14	15 Hadassah Monthly Meeting 2:00 pm	16 JRLW/JCC Movie 1:30 pm	17 4:35	18
19 JRLW BRUNCH 10:00 am	20 Hadassah Study Group 1:30 pm	21	22	23	24 4:31	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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