



Jewish Residents of Leisure World

Silver Spring, Maryland

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JRLW President's Message

I realize that the November Newsletter did not reach our members in a timely manner. This was due to cutbacks in our Postal Service. I am sorry that this happened and I assume that by now you have received your copy. We are working with the printer to correct this situation.

I hope that you enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. I also hope you shared your bounty by donating canned foods or other food staples to the Interfaith Chapel here in Leisure World or to other organizations which are collecting food for the needy.

Now that the 'snowbirds' have left for the season, our pool of volunteers for JRLW has decreased in size. There are committees that need you. We appreciate those members who are constantly there to help. However, it is time for other members to come forward and offer their talents. A list of committees is available. If you are willing to be an active member of our organization, please call me. I will put you in touch with a committee chairman who will appreciate your assistance.

I hope your Chanukah lights burn brightly with good health and happiness in the coming year.

Shalom,

Dolly Solomon

Upcoming December Events

- 2nd Fri. JRLW Reform Services
Interfaith 8:00 PM
- 5th Mon. JRLW Board Meeting
- 8th Wed. JWV Meeting
- 8^h Wed. Na'Amat Card Party
- 10th Sat JRLW Conservative Services
9:0015 CH 2
- 10th Sat. Na'Amat Capitol Steps
- 11th Sun. JWV Brunch 10:00AM CH 1
- 14th Wed. B'nai B'rith Board Meeting CH 1
- 14th Wed. JWV Business Meeting
- 15th Thu. JRLW Singles Chanukah Party
3:00PM CH 1
- 18th Sun. JRLW Breakfast 10:00AM CH1
- 20th Tue. Na'Amat Board Mtg 10:00AM
CH 1
- 20th Tue. Chanukah Candle #1
- 21st Wed. Hadassah Meeting 12:30 CH 1
- 22nd Wed. Na'Amat Normandy Farms Tea
- 27th Tue. Chanukah Candle #8

DECEMBER SERVICES

The Friday evening Reform services will be held December 2, at 8 pm, at the Interfaith Chapel. Services will be led by Rabbi Gary Fink. Ed Laskin will lead the Choir.

Saturday Conservative services will be held on December 10, at 9:15 am, in Clubhouse 2. Services will be led by Cantor Michael Kravitz. Preliminary Service will be led by Justin Kramer. Haftorah will be chanted by Janet Lazar and the D'var Torah will be presented by Fred Shapiro.

DECEMBER BREAKFAST FORUM

CHANUKAH IS COMING!!

Can YOU believe Chanukah is coming! It seems like it was just Rosh Hashannah.

JRLW will celebrate Chanukah on Sunday, December 18, 2011, at 10:00 am with our monthly breakfast and a musical program presented by Hazzan Josh Perlman of B'nai Israel Congregation. He will be accompanied by Jules Levine. Make your reservations early (bring your friends) by mailing your check made payable to JRLW for \$5.00 per member (\$8.00 non-members) to Bella Rapaport, 3005 S. Leisure World Blvd., #301, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906. Checks must be received by December 14, 2011.

Membership

Our New Member Reception was very well attended. It is always a warm and social success. We even picked up **four** new members. Thanks to all of you who attended. Without you we would not have a New Member Reception.

Snowbirds will be getting their JRLW Newsletters in December, January, February and March.

Everyone who is a member of JRLW is on the Membership Committee. Please spread the word.

Sue Rudo, Membership Chair
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 301-598-1153

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Mort Rudo

Rabbi Gary S. Fink, D. Min. is going to return by popular demand to continue his course on the "The R-Rated Torah: What You Never Learned in Hebrew School." We will explore stories of conflict and passion in the Hebrew Bible and in Jewish tradition. Through the study of sacred texts, we will look at how our ancestors dealt with jealousy, animosity, sex, repentance, reconciliation and will include modern perspectives in our discussion as well.

What was the *real* story of Adam and Eve, Yael and Sisera, and Esther and Ahashuerus. Come and see the Bible in ways that you've never seen it before! During the course of the program, class discussion and questions are encouraged. The dates are December 7, 14, 21 and January 4. Classes are 10 am to 11 am in Clubhouse 1. The fee for the course is \$24.00.

DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 9TH. ANY ARTICLES RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 9TH WILL APPEAR IN THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.

A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE,

<http://www.jrlw.org>

Welcome New Members

We welcome the following new members to Jewish Residents of Leisure World:

- Margarete and Arthur Levy, 2901 S. LWB.
- Ruja Shemer, 14805 Pennfield Circle.
- Murray Schwartz, 15310 Pine Orchard Dr.
- Barbara Cronin 3330 N. LWB.
- Herbert and Hinda Exler 3330 N. LWB.
- Lee Haimowitz 2901 S. LWB.
- Edythe Kramer 2901 S. LWB
- Muriel Lerner 3100 N. LWB.
- Honey Rubinton 15310 Beaverbrook Court.
- Rosalind and Alfred Rosenthal 3330 N. LWB.
- Alvin and Ruth Temin 14801 Pennfield Circle.

If you recognize the address or name of a new member, please call them and welcome them to JRLW!

KRISTALLNACHT

Fred Firnbacher, Program Coordinator

I would like to thank the participants in our annual Kristallnacht Program. The participants, in order of appearance, were Allan Firestone, Dolly Solomon, Rabbi Gary Fink, Ellen Zweig, Rudy Winternitz, Cantor Mike Kravitz, Joe Turtill, Susan Weiss, Larry Rosen, Mim Parizer, Eugene Miller and Ed Laskin leading the JRLW Choir.

A great big thanks to Stanley and Lisa Friedman for giving out the programs.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

At the November Board Meeting of JRLW, President Dolly Solomon named the members of the Nominating Committee. The Committee members are: Dave Weiss, Theda Rosenblum, Fred Shapiro and Walter Budman. To adequately prepare for the next administration, the committee would like to hear from members who are interested in becoming active in the affairs of the JRLW. Planning for the present is one of the jobs; planning for the future is an even more important facet necessary in our leadership.

Please leave your name, address, interest in participating and a brief resume of your background in the JRLW mail slot in the E&R office in Clubhouse I.

Remember – it is not what you receive, but what you contribute that will make JRLW a success in meeting the needs of our Jewish community here is Leisure World.

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE REPORT

Allan Firestone, Chairman

The cycle of High Holiday services for this year is now complete. The committee responsible for the smooth running of the Sukkah was chaired this year by Susan Weiss and Elaine Shenberg. They arranged for the refreshments, the availability of siddurim for the services and most importantly they recruited the additional people to serve in the Sukkah and to conduct the services.

I want to thank Susan and Elaine for their hard work and I want to recognize all other members of JRLW who donated of their time to ensure that we once again had properly observed the Sukkot holiday - Janet Lazar, Suzi Offit, Jerry Weiss, Fred Shapiro, Dora Wistreich, Inga Guttman, Beverly Itzkowitz, Arnold Cooper, Miriam Gilbert, Lucy Pollack, Arnold Greenland, Sue Rudo, Judy Braverman, Theda Rosenblum, Bernice Cohen, Deborah Letow, Joan Lees and Egon Guttman.

My heartfelt thanks to all of them.

CONDOLENCES



We offer our sincere sympathy to the families of the following:

- Dr. Adolph Sandler
- Patricia Bress
- Edith Kale
- Bernice Ritwo

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JRLW SINGLES

Anita Van Grack

The Singles breakfast that was held on Friday November 11, at the IHOP was a great success. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The next function for the JRLW Singles will be on Thursday, December 15. It will be our Chanukah party. There will be a short meeting in Clubhouse I starting at 3:00 pm followed by the program. We will have a "Chocolate Party." There will be gifts and chocolate for everyone. Reservations are a must! Please call Miriam Atkin at 301-598-0450 if you plan to attend.

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PHYLLYS HUTT'S CORNER

MEMORIES OF A YOUNG FOSSIL

Recently, my son had a birthday. I should be ashamed to admit it, but sometimes I don't remember my children's ages. The years just seem to run together, and time becomes a blur, so I have to stop and recall the year. In the blink of an eye, my oldest will be the same age as the last two digits of the year in which he was born! Remembering 1957 evokes mixed emotions. We didn't have the Salk vaccine just yet, or the first trip into space; but we did have the Chevy Bel Air hard top convertible which our crowd coveted more than a Cadillac; and the gasoline to run it was 35 cents per gallon.

At that time, who had ever heard of throw-away diapers? Babies required a diaper service and what luxury! Pick-up and delivery! A young friend now tells me, "You used cloth diapers? Eewwww!!" It seems like back then life was simpler. In every age there is a certain amount of unrest. Some looked away from the rallies and marches and Civil Rights issues; others embraced them, and violence was an occasional event, rather than a daily one.

It was not like today. Today nothing is off limits. Our lives are exposed, from Dr. Phil to Dr. Drew, from Niagara to Viagra. Everything is discussed on TV. Anything goes. So the birthday boy and his siblings decided that I am a dinosaur. Maybe I am, but I have almost mastered my computer. I can't prepare spread sheets, but I don't use them so why worry? I can Skype, use Snopes, and enjoy You Tube. I have a Facebook page. I am trying to figure out my iPad2, and have already given up my Nook for a Nook "AP" on my iPad. My children insist that I enter the age of electronics.

My granddaughter asked me what role Maryland played in the War of 1812. I told her I wasn't sure. (I didn't really know). Maybe she thought I had been an eye witness. So I get by, with a little help from my friends, and what is wrong with dinosaurs, anyway?

TORAH MAINTENANCE AND PRAYER BOOK FUND

Individuals can be honored and loved ones memorialized with a contribution to the JRLW Torah Maintenance Fund or Prayer Book Fund for a minimum donation of \$25.00. Contact Ellen Zweig at 301-598-2144 between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm. Mail your check to Ellen Zweig, 3210 N. Leisure World Blvd. #504, Silver Spring MD 20906.

Torah Fund

Florence Pearlman Mudrick - in memory of Max Mudrick, Morton Pearlman, Minnie & Isaac Levine.

Elsa & Edward Dreyfus.

Shirley & Manuel Collier - for Manny Collier's Aliya on Yom Kippur and speedy recovery of Milli White.

Betty Salzman.

Dorothy Lemberger.

Honey Rubinton - in memory of Laurel Frisch.

Ruth Kay - in memory of my Husband David Kay & son Jeffrey Kay and beloved friends Anita & Aaron Rosenstadt.

PRAYER BOOK FUND

Milli & David White - in memory of Barbara & Allan Firestone's sister Helen Winchester; and in honor of the 80th Birthday of Judy Bravman.

NEWSLETTER STAFF

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Mt. Scopus Hadassah

Barbara Eisen

On Wednesday, December 21, Cantor Michael Kravitz will offer part 2 of his "Jewish Music in Pop Culture" presentation. Plan to come to our meeting and find out what surprises he has in store. The meeting will be held in Clubhouse I. Socializing begins at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1pm. All residents are welcome.

The Greater Washington Chapter of Hadassah will hold a Scholar Series, "Winds of Change: The Fast Moving Events of Today's Middle East and Their Effects on Israel," on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at Temple Shalom, 8401 Grubb Road. The speaker will be Deborah Saxon, one of AIPAC's representatives to Capitol Hill. Bring a dairy or parve bag lunch and Hadassah will provide coffee, tea and dessert. The event is free and open to the public.

The Mt. Scopus Bible Study Group will discuss Michal from the books of Samuel on Monday, December 19, at 1:30 pm in Clubhouse I. New participants are welcome.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mazel Tov to Theda Rosenblum. Her granddaughter Rachel passed the bar last month at the age of twenty-two. Quite an accomplishment!

Sheila Myers and Joy Podolsky are both scheduled for surgery this month. We wish them both a successful surgery and a speedy recovery.

Sheila Chodorov and Fran Feder are both making good progress following surgery.

Claire Goldman is home after an illness forced her to be hospitalized and following recuperation in Bedford Court. We're happy to have you back, Claire.

Our best wishes to Lenore Kalen who is undergoing medical treatment.

Get well wishes go to Selma Warsaw from all of us.

Happy 80th Birthday to Mort Rudo.

Happy Birthday to Buddy Budman.

Mazel Tov to Hyman Hirschberg on the birth of great-granddaughter Sadie Bella Green.

Leonard Bosin celebrated the 76th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah by chanting the Haftorah at Saturday Morning Services, November 12, 2011. He did it very well. Congratulations, Len.

NA'AMAT NEWS

Ruth Reid

December is the time to think about the holidays, of family and friends and fun and of welcoming in the New Year 2012.

Everyone looks forward to Chanukah, the happy holiday: a special time, a time to enjoy, a time for latkes and love, dreidels and donuts and gelt and guilt (guilt because of all the latkes and donuts you ate and shouldn't have!) Enjoy!

On Wednesday, December 7, in Clubhouse I Ballroom, we are having our card party. Our members always like coming to the card party and enjoying the socializing, playing games and delicious desserts. In addition to those tasty pastries we are having kugels made by our members.

On Saturday night, December 10, Na'Amat is going downtown to see and hear the "Capitol Steps," the political satirists who make you think and laugh. Contact Marian Binder at 301- 598-3380 to see if there are still tickets available at this time.

Our next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 20, at 10 am.

Once again, Na'Amat wants to wish everyone a happy, healthy new year surrounded with those you love and reminding you to keep in touch with those far away in distance but close in thoughts.

RECIPE CORNER

SWEET POTATO LATKES FOR CHANUKAH!

Andrew Friedman

3 cups grated sweet potatoes
 3 eggs
 1/3 cup brown sugar 1 tsp cinnamon
 1/2 cup matzo meal
 Vegetable oil for frying

Mix ingredients together. Drop by generous tablespoons in hot oil. Fry until brown and crisp on both sides, turning once. Drain well on paper towels. Serve warm with apple sauce and/or sour cream. Enjoy!



TZEDAKAH & ONEG/KIDDUSH DONATIONS

TZEDAKAH DONATIONS

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- Madeline & Fred Shapiro for Yiskor.
- Phyllis & Richard Rothstein for Yiskor.
- Lucy & Ernie Pollak for Yiskor in memory of their beloved parents.
- Bonnie & Stanley Favin for Yiskor.
- Barbara & Howard Rothenberg for Yiskor in memory of Sadie & Jack Solomon, Meyer & Sylvia Rothenberg, Dora & Benjamin Solomon, Leeza Gaspin and Kainna Silverman.
- Sol Bass for Yiskor.
- Bernice Cohen for Yiskor and High Holy Day Aliyah.
- Elsa & Edward Dreyfus in appreciation to JRLW.

- Norma Abbey for Yiskor.
- Sue & Bill Heyman for Yiskor in memory of beloved parents.
- Sandra & Morton Margulies for Yiskor.
- Carol Lerner for Yiskor in memory of parents, brother and sister.
- Rita & Philip Horwitz for Yiskor.
- Belle Garfinkel in honor of her children and grandchildren's good health, happiness and peace in 5772.
- Marilyn & George Kessler in memory of Barbara Firestone's sister Helen Winchester.
- Ann & Lester Sussman for Yiskor in memory of Simon & Leah Miller, and Jack & Fae Sussman.
- Lisa & Stanley Friedman in honor of Judy Brazman's 80th birthday.
- Blanche Rosenfeld in memory of Leon Kawer, husband of Lilli Kawer.
- Zahava & Maurice Stauber for Yiskor.
- Carole Jason wishing a speedy recovery to Selma Warsaw.
- Max Klueger for Yiskor.
- Larelda Gruber for Yiskor.
- Brenda Flam for Yiskor in memory of parents Miriam & Robert E. Flam.
- Clare & Bernard Golub for Yiskor.
- Renee Lease in honor of Theda Rosenblum for a wonderful Friday Service at Annapolis.
- Miriam Rothchild in memory and honor of Leon Kawer.
- Ruth Cohen for Yiskor.
- Cecilia & Louis Honig for Yiskor.
- Walker Packet in honor of Sandy Budman's birthday.
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- Lenore Kalen - in memory of Phyllis Hutt's sister Mitzi.
- Madeline and Fred Shapiro - in memory of Sherman Shapiro.

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- Sue & Morty Rudo in honor of Morty's 80th birthday.
- Rosalind & Joel Kawer in memory of beloved father Leon Kawer.
- Ruth Love in appreciation to JRLW for beautiful High Holy Day Services.

December

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Ladies! Learn How to Make Friends with Your Finances! Gaining the Confidence to Manage Your Money



By Beth Shapiro, LCSW

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Adapting to life as a widow or divorced woman brings many challenges and changes, including assuming the tasks a husband once covered. Taking control of finances for the first time is one job that makes many women uneasy.

Although this role may feel awkward at first, even women with little experience managing money can gradually learn to take charge of more of their own financial needs. In fact, doing so can reduce a persistent feeling of uncertainty and replace it with a sense of control.

Here are some tips for getting into the right mindset to manage your money better.

***Face your fears.** You need to understand a problem in order to overcome it. If you are nervous about becoming more financially literate, figure out why. Your fears or worries may be based on misperceptions about yourself, your skills or of what knowledge is needed. If you discover you do lack important knowledge, find out how you can learn what's necessary.

***Give yourself time to learn.** As with any task or skill you have needed to master, whether cooking, driving, or becoming computer savvy, learning takes time. Acknowledge that you might need to tolerate some discomfort or uneasiness while acquiring the knowledge that leads to confidence.

***Seek help.** Don't feel embarrassed to reach out for help. You may begin by talking with someone you trust --friends, relatives, or your children, perhaps. Tell them what you'd like to

learn. Find out if they can teach you or if they can refer you to someone else who can help – perhaps a financial planner, accountant or stock broker, for example.

***Break big challenges down.** Your initial goal should be to become more educated, not to turn into an expert. Begin tackling just one part of a task. For instance, if you've never really understood the financial statements you receive, try reading them more carefully. Then contact the institution that sent them and ask for someone to walk you through the statements.

If you would like to gain financial savvy but find the task daunting, please consider talking confidentially with a JSSA social worker. JSSA can help you prepare emotionally for this new role and for the challenges you might encounter as you begin to manage your own finances. Please feel free to call me at 301-816-2665 or send me an email: bshapiro@jssa.org to discuss your concerns

THE JEWS OF AZERBAIJAN; DECEMBER 22ND

By Fred Shapiro, Community Liaison
JRLW

The Coming of Age program cosponsored by JRLW will present a program centered on the Jews who have lived in Azerbaijan for centuries. The program will include a speaker and performers who will provide insight to the culture of the Azerbaijani Jewish community. The date is December 22nd from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in Clubhouse I. Tickets can be obtained at the E&R office in Clubhouse I for a donation to JRLW of \$6.00.

The program will consist of a speaker from the Karabakh Foundation who will discuss the history of the Jewish community in Azerbaijan, followed by two musicians who will play mugham music and talk about life as a Jew in Azerbaijan. Jeffrey Werbock and Vladimir Gamarnik are the musicians. The program will end with refreshments consisting of Azerbaijani finger foods and drinks courtesy of the Karabakh Foundation.

JRLW CAPTURED BY THE U.S. NAVY!

An Editorial

A few months ago in this space I wrote that I had fallen in love with a building – the Jewish Museum of Philadelphia. I now want to tell you of my new true love: the midshipmen and Rabbi Seth Phillips of the Jewish Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Thanks to Theda Rosenblum, who put in many hours on this project, a busload of seniors got to enjoy a wondrous Friday evening in Annapolis.

We went to Friday Evening Services of Simchat Torah. What a treat we were to have! For those of us who had been to the Jewish Chapel before, it was an anticipation of pleasant Shabbat Services. The Chapel was as lovely as I had remembered. When we entered, we took our place in the front rows of the Chapel. The midshipmen took their places in the back rows. When the Rabbi entered, smiling and tapping on a small tambourine, we were not sure of what to expect. He welcomed us warmly. He told us that besides being Rabbi of the Jewish students at the Naval Academy, he was also Chaplain of the football team. He admitted that he had not been that familiar with the game, but that he thought he could give some guidance to the young men. Instead, he learned a great deal from them. They had taught him about loyalty and team spirit. When they practiced, they rolled up their shirts. Practice started during warm weather. Their motto was, "Sun up; bellies out!" As the weather turned cold, they continued this practice. Rabbi Phillips asked why they would expose their stomachs in cold weather. The midshipmen told him, "The sun is shining somewhere." In other words, no matter what the situation is here, down the road it will be better. What a positive attitude.

What a joy it was to see the midshipmen take part in the service. These young people who came from all parts of our Country (including Hawaii) came together in worship. For me the highlight of the evening was something done in honor of Simchat Torah, something that I had never seen done before. Two Torahs were taken out and while supported by the midshipmen, they were both completely unrolled; reaching from the front to the back of the Chapel. First, Rabbi Phillips read the last paragraph of Deuteronomy from one of the Torahs and then a guest Rabbi read the first paragraph of Genesis from the second Torah. The Rabbi encouraged us to get up and inspect the

unrolled Torahs. And we did. Both Torahs were then rolled up, covered and replaced in the beautiful Ark. What a sensation!

Just before Kaddush was recited each of the young midshipmen got up and announced the name and the place of death of a serviceman who had died in service to our Country. An older gentleman rose to name a serviceman who had died in World War II. The Rabbi asked all of us, who could do so, to rise as Kaddush was recited out of respect to those servicemen whose names we had just heard.

The Oneg which was sponsored by JRLW was delicious; a fitting end to such a meaningful, beautiful Shabbat Service. Thanks to JRLW who sponsored the trip and thanks again to Theda for making it a trip to remember.

For those of you who did not go, be prepared for a treat when Rabbi Phillips will be our guest speaker at a JRLW Breakfast Forum in the beginning of the new year.

Bernice Cohen

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