



# Jewish Residents of Leisure World

Silver Spring, Maryland

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear JRLW Members:

First, let me wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. May the year 2014 be unflawed for everyone.

I thought by now we would have grown more as an organization, but I want you to know that I am not giving up. I have proposed several ideas to the Board and hopefully we will grow in that direction.

We had to cancel the January brunch for lack of participation. We are also cancelling the February brunch. When an organization has over one thousand members and only fifty seven attend a breakfast it is important for everyone to know that it is unrewarding to plan a function for so few people. I understand some of the reasons. They are viable excuses, but the chairmen who are running these events are as frustrated as I am. There were complaints that it was too expensive so we lowered the cost and still there are complaints. It is too cold to go out (cannot do anything about the weather), the entertainment, and so on and so on.

In March we are planning a Purim Party and in April we will sponsor the second Seder. In May we are sponsoring the Expo at Leisure World. We are trying to make it easier for all to attend. You will receive more information about that as the time gets closer.

I am pleased that Hadassah, NaAmat and Jewish War Veterans are continuing to sponsor Friday night services. We are going to start Friday night services at 7:30 pm starting in May, so that

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## FEBRUARY ATTRACTIONS

- Tues - 4 JRLW Bd Mtg. CH II 7 pm
- Wed - 5 Hadassah Bd Mtg CH I 10 am
- Wed - 5 JWV Mtg CH I 10:00 am
- Fri - 7 JRLW Shabbat Reform Svc  
Interfaith Chapel 8 pm
- Sat - 8 JRLW Shabbat Svc CH II 9:15 am
- Wed - 12 JRLW/CofA Concert CH II 1:30 pm
- Mon - 17 Hadassah Study Group  
CH I 1:30 pm
- Tues - 18 Na'Amat Bd Mtg CH I 10:30 am
- Tues - 18 JRLW/CoA Movie CH II  
1:30 - 3:30 pm
- Wed - 19 Hadassah Mtg CH I 12:30 pm
- Thur - 20 JRLW Singles Lunch 12:00 pm

## WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Faye Fedder 2901 S. LWB.

Irma Lazaroff and Arnold Alpert 3310 N. LWB.

Jules and Shirley Bowen 3200 N. LWB.



### NEWSLETTER STAFF

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Rae Paley - Recipes

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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we can enjoy a longer Oneg and social time together. Our Saturday Shabbat services are always enjoyable and well attended. We are looking into buying a lighter Torah, making it easier to handle.

We will have elections in May at our Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held in Clubhouse I Ballroom. We want everyone to attend. We hope to have 75% of our membership attend.

Do you actually know where your dues money, activity money and donation money goes? If you are interested, our annual May meeting will report this information. We look forward to an outstanding meeting with great attendance. Fred Shapiro will be heading the Nominating Committee.

I am always opened to ideas and suggestions. While Sue and I will be heading south for a few months, I am always available by telephone, at 301- 318- 0681 or email me at: mortonadavis@comcast.net.

Fred Shapiro will be standing in for me while I am away.

Shalom,  
Morton A. Davis

## JRLW SINGLES

Anita Van Grack

The next luncheon of the JRLW Singles will be held on Thursday, February 20, at 12 noon, at Bedford Court. We are looking forward to having you join us for a delicious lunch and stimulating conversation.

Please contact Anita Van Grack at 301-438-1431 to make a reservation.

## NEEDED TO MOVE JRLW FORWARD

Morton Davis, JRLW President, has named the Nominating Committee to select the officers and Board members for the coming year. This committee will be meeting shortly to organize their efforts and to cull through the list of people who are interested in enhancing the organization and bringing in new ideas to promote the quality of life for the Jewish community here in Leisure World. Named to the committee are Fred Shapiro, Jerry Weiss, Kitty Atkin from the Board and Janet Lazar and Larry Cohen, JRLW members.

We have all moved to Leisure World after a very busy and active business or government life. JRLW needs both your talents and time to move ahead and face the future. Our organization can only be as good as the input from the members. Now is not the time to rest on your laurels, despite your age; it is time to be an active and contributing member of the leadership of JRLW. If you are interested in being an officer or board member of JRLW, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee. We need YOU!

## WE REMEMBER THEM

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

Arnette Fasteau  
Goldie Chelemer  
Jeanette Zubkoff  
Sandra Fiske  
Hyman Hirschberg  
Milton Thaler  
Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

*May their memory be a blessing.*



# THE AMERICAN STUDIES ASSN. BOYCOTT

An Editorial  
Bernice Cohen

The American Studies Association (ASA) was founded in 1951. Its home-page states that it is the nation's oldest and largest association devoted to interdisciplinary study of American culture and history. None of my college friends or relatives is aware of its existence.

This January its membership voted by a two-thirds margin to boycott Israeli universities and academic institutions on the grounds that Israel should "end human rights violations." I would like to partially quote from a January 19 column by Charles Krauthammer in the Washington Post, titled, "How to fight academic bigotry."

"For decades, the American Studies Association labored in well-deserved obscurity. No longer. It has now made a name for itself by voting to boycott Israeli universities, accusing them of denying academic and human rights to Palestinians.

Given that Israel has a profoundly democratic political system, the freest press in the Middle East, a fiercely independent judiciary and astonishing religious and racial diversity within its universities, including affirmative action for Arab students, the charge is rather strange.

Made more so when you consider the state of human rights in Israel's neighborhood. As we speak, Syria's government is dropping "barrel bombs" filled with nails, shrapnel and other instruments of terror on its own cities. Where is the ASA boycott of Syria?

And of Iran, which hangs political, religious and even sexual dissidents and has no academic freedom at all? Or Egypt, where Christians are being openly persecuted?

Or Turkey, Saudi Arabia or, for that matter, massively repressive China and Russia?

Which makes obvious that the ASA boycott has nothing to do with human rights. It's an exercise in radical chic, giving marginalized academics a frisson of pretend anti-colonialism, seasoned with a dose of edgy anti-Semitism.

And don't tell me this is merely about Zionism. The ruse is transparent. Israel is the world's only Jewish state. To apply to the state of the Jews a double standard that you apply to none other, to judge one people in a way you judge no other, to single out that one people for condemnation and isolation — is to engage in a gross act of discrimination."

Mr. Krauthammer and his wife have managed to bring a world famous musician, Evgeny Kissin, to perform at the Kennedy Center on February 24. Mr. Kissin, a Russian Jew became an Israeli citizen on December 7, declaring: "I am a Jew, Israel is a Jewish state...Israel's case is my case, Israel's enemies are my enemies, and I do not want to be spared the troubles which Israeli musicians encounter when they represent the Jewish state beyond its borders."

I have heard from several Jewish organizations including the JCRC, about the boycott by ASA of Israeli academic institutions. Several colleges, including the University of Maryland, American and George Washington University, have publically denounced the boycott.

What can we do? We can write our legislators and the colleges and universities we have attended. We can strongly urge them to condemn the action of the ASA. When anti-Semitism reaches this level **again**, something must be done to stop it. What will you do?

## BIMAH to BROADWAY!

When: Wednesday February 12, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Where: Clubhouse II.

Cost: \$6.00.

RSVP by February 6.

We will hear four local cantors, with their rich voices and vibrant personalities, in a concert of some of your favorite selections! From Jewish music of prayer, to Broadway, to popular tunes, we will be entertained and inspired. Several Yiddish songs will complete this exciting concert. Two of our featured cantors will be Hazzan Wendi Fried of Shaare Tefila Congregation and Cantor Marshall Kapell of B'nai Tzedek, who will share their love and passion for Jewish music. What a wonderful way to celebrate beautiful music!



## GOOD AND WELFARE

Eleanor Prissman, who was very active in Jewish Residents for so long, is now a resident in Collingswood Nursing and Rehab Center. She would love to hear from her friends. The address of Collingswood is 299 Hurley Avenue, Room 222E, Rockville MD 20850. She can be reached by calling the main number at 301-762-8900.

Joy Podolsky is also now a resident of Collingswood Nursing and Rehab Center. Her phone number is 301-795-9636. She is in Room 181.

We are happy to learn that Barbara Firestone is recuperating from foot surgery. Thanks to Leonard and Goldie Bosin for their donation of a Torah stand to JRLW.

Anita Van Grack is recovering from a nasty fall.

Mazel tov to Shirley Greenberg on the birth of a great-grandson born on January 10.



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# What's Cooking in the Kitchen?

Submitted by Rae Paley

Baked Zucchini Sticks (parve)

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 12-18 sticks

## Ingredients:

- 3 medium zucchini, washed and sliced into 3" sticks
- 1 large egg (or egg white only), slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs, mixed with garlic powder, paprika, salt, freshly ground black pepper according to taste
- cooking spray

## Preparation:

1. Preheat oven 400°F. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper and spray with non-stick cooking spray.
2. Set up three dishes:
  - 1) cut zucchini slices;
  - 2) beaten egg; and
  - 3) spiced bread crumbs
3. Dip zucchini sticks into egg then into bread crumbs. Place the breaded zucchini slices on the cookie sheet in a single layer. Spray breaded slices with cooking spray.
4. Bake at 400°F for about 25-30 minutes, or until cooked through and golden brown.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Beth Shapiro, LCSW-C

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It can be scary to have a difficult conversation with someone you care about. An essential step in being successful rests with how the presentation is made.

- First ask for permission to offer feedback.
- Ask if it's a good time for an uncomfortable talk.
- Give the person a chance to brace for what's coming; don't just dive right in.
- Start by explaining that you would like to offer your thoughts on a sensitive topic.

Most people are uncomfortable initiating these conversations, as is the person on the receiving end. Next month I will talk about how to handle being on the receiving end of a difficult conversation.

~Beth

**DEADLINE: THE DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 10. ARTICLES SUBMITTED AFTER FEBRUARY 10 WILL APPEAR IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER.**

# February 2014

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## **TZEDAKAH & ONEG/KIDDUSH DONATIONS**

For information about Tzedakah donations or Oneg/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

### **Tzedukah Donations**

Carole Jason sending get well wishes to Arlene Siller.

Rita Newman to Laura and Sid Sussan in honor of the recent baby naming of their great grand-daughter Jasmine.

Trudy and Jofred Grinblat to John Downey in memory of his beloved wife JoAnn Downey.

Yiskor donation by Ruth Yudkoff Love in lovingmemory of her father Charles Walder.

### **Kiddush Donations**

Lenore (Lola) Farber in honor of Abe Hamburg's birthday on January 2.

Dora and Marc Levin in honor of their new grandson Spencer Owen Stern and of their anniversary.

### **Oneg Donations**

Joni and Gerry Sommer in memory of their great nephew Samuel Asher Sommer (Superman Sam)..

Roz and Joel Kawer in honor of Joel's mother Lilli Kawer on her 90th birthday on January 30.

## **Mt. Scopus Hadassah**

Barbara Eisen

On Wednesday, February 19, Dr. Helen S. Barold will speak on "Heart Health." Dr. Barold is a board certified cardiologist practicing at Comprehensive Cardiac Care in Washington, DC. Socializing begins at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:00pm in Clubhouse I. All Leisure World residents are welcome to attend.

The Greater Washington Chapter of Hadasah (GWAC) presents "Toast Hadassah at the Equinox" on Sunday, February 9, at 11:00am. Join world-renowned chef and cookbook authors Todd Gray and Ellen Kassoff Gray for brunch and a discussion of their recently published cookbook The New Jewish Table. The Equinox Restaurant is located at 818 Connecticut Avenue NW in Washington DC. The cost of this fund-raising event is \$100 (couvert \$50). A check payable to Hadasah may be sent to GWAC, 11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 350, Rockville, MD 20852 or you may register online at [equinox.dchadassah.org](http://equinox.dchadassah.org). Janet Lazar (301-598-4066) will be coordinating transportation for those who need a ride.

The Mt. Scopus Judaic Study Group will meet on Monday, February 17 at 1:30pm in Clubhouse I. The group will continue its studies of the minor prophets of the Bible. For further information call Joan Lees (301-598-3768).

The Hadassah Chapter is now selling attractive Shema Bracelets for \$36. Proceeds of the sale will benefit Hadassah's Major projects. To purchase, please call the Hadassah Office at 301-881-8203.

## NA'AMAT NEWS

Ruth Reid

In the last N'Amat column we wrote about the February 13th fund raising event. As you know that event had to be cancelled. All of us were disappointed but we felt it was the right decision. We now look forward, with much anticipation, to future plans.

On Wednesday, March 5, we will have an open meeting featuring Ben Williamosky. He is delightful, making us smile, chuckle and laugh with his stand up comedy routine.

The next fund raiser we will have is Tuesday, March 18, to Wednesday, March 19. We will have an overnight trip to the Dover Downs Hotel and Casino. It is a fabulous hotel with many slot machines. There will be live harness racing and entertainment at night. It is a great package (including breakfast buffet and play money). Contact Trudy Stone for more information (301) 438-0016.

On Wednesday, April 2, in the Clubhouse I Ballroom, we will have our annual Spiritual Adoption Luncheon. It will be a served lunch with tea sandwiches, petite salad and delicious pastries. Cost \$20.00. After lunch we will be entertained by Vladimir Fridman who is a singer/guitarist/composer.

On Sunday, April 13, we will attend a matinee performance at the Arena Stage. The play will be "Camp David," and will be followed by dinner at the Pooks Hill Marriott. The play will be most interesting and dinner will be delicious. Contact JoAnn Cadeaux for more information (301) 438-0737.

Quoting Elizabeth Raider to Na'Amat USA National President, "Without your continuing support we will not be able to maintain and increase the vital programs and services that we provide in cooperation with Na'Amat Israel." It is important to remember this when attending an event or making a contribution.

**THINK NA'AMAT, THINK ISRAEL!**

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS AT HAR TZEON-AGUDATH ACHIM

Events in the morning program:

10:00 am Tai Chi with Leonard Gross  
11:00 am Exercise with Mim Parizer.

### LUNCH AT NOON

Afternoon programs at 1:00 pm:

Yiddish Class with Marcia Levinsohn.

Feb. 6 Amit Levinson, Shaliach from JCCGW: "Israel Inventions"

Feb. 13 Liz Kruger, vocalist: "Love Songs" program sponsored by Alfred House Eldercare

Feb. 20 Program sponsored by the Golden Network to be announced.

Feb. 27 Alan Zimmerman: "A Visit to Poland"

For lunch reservations and more information, please contact Linda Wechsler at 301-348-3893 or lwechsler@jccgw.org

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## 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 3210 N. Leisure World Blvd., Apt 504, Silver Spring, MD 20906, or call her at 301-598-2144 between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm.

Sonya Korenblit in loving memory of my beloved husband Hyman N. Hirschberg.

Susan & Jonas Weiss in memory of Hyman N. Hirschberg.

Ellen S. Zweig in memory of Hyman N. Hirschberg.

Helen & Jack Culbert in memory of Hyman N. Hirschberg.

Burt Guzovsky & Rae Paley for Yahrtzeit in memory of Helen & Nathan Guzovsky.



## FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

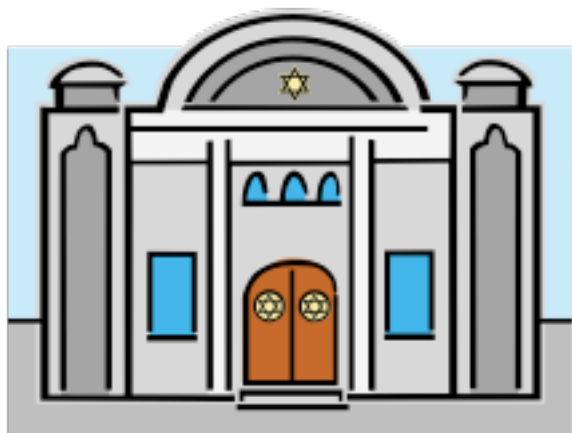
Friday Evening Shabbat Services will be held at the interfaith Chapel on February 7 at 8:00 pm. The services this month will be Reform. New voices for the choir are always needed. If you would like to join the choir, contact Ed Laskin.

Beginning in May, Friday Services will begin at 7:30 pm so that there will be more time for the Oneg and for socializing.

Saturday Morning Services will be held in Clubhouse II on February 8 at 9:15 am. The D'Var Torah will be given by Fred Shapiro. The Haftorah will be chanted by Egon Gutman. The Torah Portion will be Tetzaveh. Join us for Kiddush following the Services.

Anyone needing a Shiva Minyan should contact Lou Paley at 301-598-2493. He will be able to organize a Minyan and supply the necessary prayer books.

We are grateful to Leonard and Goldie Bosin for having a Torah stand built for use by JRLW during any Service when the Torah is read.



## WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

Here is your chance to use your talent to help JRLW. Listed below are some of the areas and committees that need help. Below is a space to fill in your name, phone number and e-mail address. Please check the committee you can help, and leave this page in the JRLW slot in the E&R Office in Clubhouse I. Someone will be in touch with you. Thank you.

### Religious Committee

Setting up for Friday Evening Service.  
Join our choir.  
Chant a Haftorah at Saturday Service.  
Give a D'Var Torah at Service.  
Help with the Yiskor book.

### Newsletter

Volunteer to collect material for our Good and Welfare column.  
New ideas for our Newsletter.

### Programming Committee

### Community Relations Committee

### Membership

### JRLW Board Member

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## ONCE AGAIN JRLW PRESENTS ACE at LEISURE WORLD!

**Tuesdays, March 4-April 8, 2014**

**Cost: \$15.00 per class.**

**Register at E&R, Clubhouse I**

**10:00 – 11:15 am: Rights, Liberties and the Courts** - This course will review the role of the courts in protecting habeas corpus and advancing protections against racial and ethnic prejudice. Also under consideration will be gender equality and government censorship of the arts. Implicit in each class are the questions: have the courts been a successful venue for balancing rights and interests, and is the court system the best agent for bringing change? Each class will consist of an historic overview, a review of relevant court cases and substantive discussion. Those who are willing to think critically and appreciate differing points of view will enjoy the class.

Instructor: **Paul H. Levy** has a BA, M.Ed and EdD from the U. of Massachusetts

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**11:20 am – 12:20 pm: Parallel Narratives Never Meet: The Arab-Jewish Conflict** - Palestinians and Israelis each have a narrative that tells the history of their people. Both peoples perceive the conflict from within the context of their separate histories. Failure to acknowledge the other's narrative has contributed to the collapse of every peace effort to date. Each week we will examine one era in the history of the conflict as it is described in the Israeli narrative and as it is described in the Palestinian narrative. Lectures will be augmented by slides and discussion.

Instructor: **Ira Weiss**, PhD, is a retired neurophysiologist.

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**1:05 – 2:15 pm: Immigration Stories:**

Imagine having the courage to leave everything you know as well as the ones you love behind and beginning an uncertain journey to the United States. The challenges were enormous. Immigrants often came with little money and significant language barriers. Local residents will talk about their immigrant experiences, why they came to this country, their frustrations, hardships and successes.

Series Moderator: **Melanie Gross Greenfield**, ACE Program Coordinator at JCC

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**2:20 – 3:30: A Modern View of Biblical Women** - Traditional reading of the bible sees women in a minority, submissive role. Tradition also "blames" all women for the "sin" of Eve, when she allowed herself to be tempted by the serpent and eat from the forbidden fruit, a sin that traditionally is blamed for bringing death and suffering upon humanity. However, modern scholarship and new ways of reading the same biblical texts suggest a different way of understanding the stories and a different view of the role and importance of biblical women. We will study several of these stories and see how a different approach to the text can lead to a better appreciation of the women of the bible and their role in early history and the possible implication of such reading on the way we view women today.

Instructor: **Gideon Amir**, MS, MA; MS Judaic Studies, teaches Bible and Jewish liturgy courses in many area synagogues, churches and other adult education institutes.

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## A TRIBUTE TO ARIEL SHARON

**Ariel Sharon, Larger than life**

Sunday, January 12th, 2014

By Caroline Glick

Ariel Sharon, who died Saturday at age 85, after being suspended comatose, between life and death for the past eight years, was the final Israeli prime minister from the generation that fought in the 1948 War of Independence.

And as with others of his generation, the growth and development of the country were reflected in his career.

Sharon was a dazzling military commander. He was one of the original authors of Israel's trailblazing counter terror strategies. The large battles against regular armies that he commanded in the 1956 Suez campaign, the 1967 Six Day War, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War are still taught in military academies around the world for their tactical brilliance.

Sharon was a risk-taker. The most prominent shared quality of his military battles and his political ones was that they were always over high stakes. As a general, Sharon's gutsiness paid off in spades more often than not. As a politician, the results were less impressive.

His two big gambles as a political leader were the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, and the 2005 withdrawal from Gaza. Although the results of both actions were mixed, Israel could have won the gains it made in both at far less cost, if it had not gone along with Sharon's plans.

Perhaps the most notable way in which Sharon's life is a reflection of his country, at least outside of Israel, is that the blood libels published against him in the Western media are of a piece with the overall slander of

Israel in the European and US mainstream media.

Like Israel as a whole, Sharon saw his good name dragged through the mud by the Western media with tales published against him against which he had no means of defending himself. Sharon's powerlessness was exposed in the libel suit he filed against Time Magazine for a 1982 article in which the magazine alleged that Sharon had planned the massacre of Palestinians in Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps by Christian militiamen. When the jury rendered its ruling, it declared that although the story was false, Sharon had no right to monetary damages, because although the story was a lie, the lie was not actionable.

As Prime Minister, Sharon was caricatured as a baby eater, as a Nazi, the murderer of Jesus, and a hook nosed, greedy Jew. In the hours following the announcement of his passing, he was libeled repeatedly by such outlets as the BBC. And as was the case throughout his life, and throughout the life of Israel, so now after he has died, the libelers will pay no price for their misdeeds.

Sharon was one of the warmest, most engaging political leaders Israel has ever seen. He had an infectious sense of humor, a true love of life, of Israel, and of Israelis that made even his greatest Israeli critics like him.

Sharon was larger than life. His accomplishments and failures were similarly outsized. And while much of what happened to him, particularly at the hands of the media, reflects the larger predicament of all of Israel, there can be no doubt that Ariel Sharon was one of a kind.

*Originally published in National Review Online*

## MOVIE MATINEE

### "THE RAPE of EUROPA"

Date: Tuesday, February 18

Time: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Where: Clubhouse II Auditorium

Cost: \$6.00 per person-tickets available at E&R, checks to be made out to JRLW

The Rape of Europa tells the epic story of the systematic theft, deliberate destruction and miraculous survival of Europe's art treasures during the Third Reich and the Second World War.

The movie is presented by JRLW and the Coming of Age Program.

In a journey through seven countries, the film takes the audience into the violent whirlwind of fanaticism, greed, and warfare that threatened to wipe out the artistic heritage of Europe. For twelve long years, the Nazis looted and destroyed art on a scale unprecedented in history. But young art professionals as well as ordinary heroes, from truck drivers to department store clerks, fought back with an extraordinary effort to safeguard, rescue and return the millions of lost, hidden and stolen treasures.

The Rape of Europa begins and ends with the story of artist Gustav Klimt's famed Gold Portrait, stolen from Viennese Jews in 1938 and now the most expensive painting ever sold.

Today, more than sixty years later, the legacy of this tragic history continues to play out as families of looted collectors recover major works of art, conservators repair battle damage, and nations fight over the fate of ill-gotten spoils of war.

Joan Allen narrates this breathtaking chronicle about the battle over the very survival of centuries of western culture.

### Update:

Art found in Germany Linked to Nazi Looting (November 3, 2013, NY Times)

Works by Matisse, Picasso and Chagall are said to be among a collection of 1,500 pieces of art found in Munich, according to BBC News and the German magazine Focus. The works were reportedly confiscated by the Nazis during the 1930s and '40s and, if confirmed as genuine, would be among the largest recoveries of looted art with a possible value over \$1.3 billion. The stockpile was discovered by chance in 2011, when tax investigators obtained a warrant to search the home of Cornelius Gurlitt, the son of the art dealer Hildebrand Gurlitt. There are international warrants out for at least 200 pieces in the collection, which is being stored in a secured warehouse in Munich. It is unclear why the discovery was not publicly reported until now. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum estimates that the Nazis seized about 16,000 works of art in all, according to BBC News





# *Winter in Leisure World*







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