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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Since this is February, the month of Valentine's day, the day devoted to Lovers and Friends, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks:

First, I would like to gratefully thank Fred Shapiro, who after many productive years

as business manager for the JRLW Newsletter, has decided to pass on the baton to Lyle Wolinsky. Lyle has many years of experience in this field. We welcome Lyle as our new business manager.

I would also like to thank Sue Sandler for stepping in to take over the reservations for the January Sunday JRLW Brunch while Jerry Gordon recovers from his surgery and his wife Shirley recovers from her hospital visit.

And while I am handing out kudos, I would like to thank Barbara Levin for volunteering to help with programming for the JRLW Brunches.

And now I would like to thank each and every one of the members of JRLW for their support of our organization. We couldn't do without you.

Shalom,

Kitty Atkin

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- 04 Sat - Study w/Rabbi Samber CH II 9:15 am
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- 08 Wed - Hadassah Bd CH I 2 pm
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JRLW BRUNCH

Evelyn Dickman

On Sunday, February 19, we will have our JRLW Brunch at 10:00 am in the Clubhouse I Ballroom.

The speaker at the Brunch will be Dr. Michael Siegel. He will be discussing his new book, "The President as a Leader." Dr. Siegel has an impressive knowledge of political science and a deep passion for leadership analysis. He will be sharing his thoughts about the leadership experiences and decisions of recent presidents; including Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. He will also offer his opinion on the Obama presidency.

Mail your check, made out to JRLW for \$10.00 per person, to Janet Lazar, 15311 Beaverbrook Court, #1B, Silver Spring, MD 20906. Please try to get your check in early. See you at the Brunch!



JRLW NEWSLETTER STAFF

As of this February Newsletter, there is a change in our staff. Fred Shapiro, who has been our Business Manager for years, has resigned. Fred has been a big asset to our staff. He has built up the advertising from one ad to where it is today. The ads that he has gotten almost defray the cost of our Newsletter. We are sorry to see him go.

Our new Business Manager is Lyle Wolinsky. Lyle has a strong background in publishing and advertising as well as layout. We look forward to working with him and are pleased to welcome him as part of our Newsletter staff.



WE REMEMBER

Our sincere condolences to the family of:

Miriam (Mim) Parizer.
Joe Swetlow.
George W. Lowy.
Jerry Boden.
Dorothy Joan Soffer.



Our condolences to Lewis Gold on the death of his daughter, Barbara Bandy.
May their memory be as a blessing.



JRLW WOMEN'S SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, May 13, 2017

The JRLW Women's Shabbat Service is providing an opportunity for individuals to honor all women. An annual booklet will include the names of the donors along with the names of those women whom we wish to honor. The proceeds from this booklet will go towards much needed new prayer books for JRLW.

This year it is requested that members contribute \$5.00 for each honoree name listed below. Donations should be included with your application. **Please include this entire page with your payment.**

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Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Marcia Hahn at 301-438-3225.

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HAR TZEON AGUDATH ACHIM

Each Thursday there is a day-long program, including lunch, held at **Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim**, a satellite program of the JCCGW. Lunch is at noon and the program starts at 1:00 pm.

February 2 - Shoshana Bryen:
"Israel Update"

February 9 - Tu b'Shevat Seder with Kehillat Montessori

Wednesdays at YOUNG ISRAEL SHOMRAI EMUNAH:

February 15 - Ed Fritz: "The Most Underrated President in American History"

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Doctor: "You'll live to be 80!" Patient: "I AM 80!"
Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

A doctor held a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand? The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"

Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears." Doctor: "Don't answer!"

A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking." The drunk says, "Okay, let's get started."

JRLW/COA MOVIE

"Fabulous Fashionistas"

When: Thursday, February 23, 1:30- 3:00 pm

Where: Clubhouse II Auditorium ♦ Discussion to follow.

Cost: \$7.00/person

"An uplifting, life-affirming, and inspiring film"
[The Times]

This film explores the art of aging through the lens of six extraordinary women with an average age of eighty. What they all have in common is to look fabulous, have fun and keep going! They all defy our expectations of the aging process. The women also want to convey the message that their interest in fashion is more than about looking cool. "It's not about money or looking younger," one of the six said. It's about "squeezing the pips out of life!" Gentleman, we hope you'll join us as well.



CANTOR'S CORNER

Michael Kravitz

For this February, 2017, column, I'm going to use the JEOPARDY! format for a 2-parter in the category:

JEWISH HOLIDAYS

You all know the drill. Don't forget to put each response in the form of a question.

Part 1. THIS JEWISH HOLIDAY FALLS ON FEBRUARY 11, 2017 ON THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

And, assuming you got the correct answer to part 1

Part 2. IT'S WHAT THE "TU" STANDS FOR

And now for the questions.

Part 1. What is Tu b'Shevat?

Part 2. What is the number 15?

Tu b'Shevat occurs on the 15th day of the month of Shevat which corresponds this year to February 11. And you're right if you said that "tu" is not a word – it's the number 15. One can write numbers in Hebrew using Hebrew letters, and tet (tes) has a value of 9 and vav has a value of 6. Add them together to get 15. This may seem strange because 15 would seem to be written more easily with a yud(10) and a hay(5) to get 15. The reason it isn't used is because a yud and a hay are the first 2 letters in one way to write the name of the Lord in Hebrew, and it is customary to use the other combination in order to avoid accidentally taking the name of the Lord in vain.

Tu b'Shevat is not explicitly mentioned in the Torah. It is, however, discussed in the Mishnah in Tractate Rosh Hashanah as one of the four new years on the Jewish calendar. The exact date on which it should occur was debated between the School of Shammai and the School of Hillel. Shammai's School wanted it to be on the first of Shevat and Hillel's School wanted it to be on the fifteenth of Shevat. Eventually, the School of Hillel

won out. The fifteenth of Shevat was determined to be the date for calculating the beginning of the agricultural cycle used for determining biblical tithes.

The celebration of Tu b'Shevat has taken on many forms. In the 16th century Rabbi Isaac Luria and his followers instituted a Tu b'Shevat seder in which fruits and trees in the Land of Israel were given symbolic meaning and ten specific fruits were eaten and four cups of wine were drunk in specific order. In 1890 a Rabbi named Ze'ev Yavetz took his students to plant trees in the agricultural colony of Zichron Yaakov. This custom was continued in 1908 by the Jewish Teachers Union and eventually by the Jewish National Fund. According to the JNF website over 250 MILLION trees have been planted in Israel since 1908. I planted my first tree in Israel close to 60 years ago. The teachers at my Hebrew school urged us to buy trees in Israel around Tu b'Shevat. It cost \$1.50 to plant a tree in Israel. We'd get a tree chart with spaces for leaves. We'd buy leaves for about 10 cents apiece and stick them in the appropriate places on the tree branches. When all the leaves filled in the tree, we'd send the completed sheet to the JNF with the name of the person(s) being honored, and got back a nice certificate. I honored my zayde by planting a tree in his name. Since then, I have continued planting trees. I have also had a number of trees that have been planted in my and my family's honor. AYTZ CHAYIM HE – "it is a tree of life." What better way to remember life as it transcends generations? I'd be interested to know your growing-up experiences with Tu b'Shevat.

There is a lovely song celebrating Tu b'Shevat called "I Wanna Be a Tree" by Carol Boyd Leon that is available on YouTube. It's a Broadway-type song that captures the spirit of the holiday, and it's one you can share with your grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Use your computer to type into your browser "I Wanna Be a Tree YouTube" and go to "Tu b'Shevat song 1:54" and you'll find it. **Chag sameach!**

HADASSAH

Barbara Eisen

On Wednesday, February 15, Hadassah will be showing the movie "Dough" in Clubhouse I. An old Jewish baker struggles to keep his business afloat until his young Muslim apprentice drops cannabis in the dough and sends sales sky high. The film is a warmhearted and gently humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places. Refreshments will be ready at 1:30 pm and the movie will start after a short business meeting. All Leisure World residents are welcome to attend.

The Judaic Study Group will meet on Monday, February 20, in Clubhouse I at 1:30 pm. We invite all who are interested in any aspect of Jewish studies and the relationship of Judaism to our daily lives to attend. Please contact Peri Schuyler (301-869-2968, perislaptop@aol.com) for further information.

Elaine Schenberg (301-598-0079) has volunteered to share the Hadassah card project with Jan Bloom (301-593-7720). Elaine lives in the Fairways South. The prices of the cards are \$2.50 each or 5 for \$10. Hadassah greeting cards are displayed and sold at every Hadassah meeting. Please call Elaine or Jan if you want to pick up cards or to have them mailed for you for an extra postal charge.

The local "Check It Out for Teens" program on breast cancer for high school girls will take place at various Montgomery County high schools from January 25 through March 7. If you want to volunteer to be a staff assistant at the assemblies on February 6, 17 or 21, please contact Phylis Ermann (301-622-6280) or Ruth Unteweger (301-622-3830) for specific information.

Larelda Gruber (301-598-5922) is chair of Youth Aliyah/Children at Risk. This project helps disadvantaged children in Israel. The goal is to create a circle of \$1000, made by individual

contributions of \$40. Please send your donations to Larelda at 3200 N. Leisure World Blvd. #201, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

If you want to know more about Hadassah, contact one of our membership vice presidents, Carole Sonneborn (301-288-4902, Carole200@comcast.net) or Mimi Meltzer (301-806-0976, Mimi20852@aol.com).

GOOD AND WELFARE

Jerry Gordon had to undergo emergency heart surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. Jerry and his wife, Shirley, are the ones who usually take reservations for our monthly JRLW Brunch.

Congratulations to Hinda Exler. Her grandson, Michael Gouterman, graduated in December from Towson College with a degree in Economics.

Mazel tov to Sheila and Mickey Myers on the marriage of their granddaughter Jayme Engel to Justin Boling. We wish the young couple a happy marriage.

Roberta Abbett is recovering from surgery on her leg. We hope the leg heals rapidly. Roberta is one of our Grand Readers at Bel Pre Elementary School.

Phyllis Rothstein is in Brooke Grove, recovering from a fall. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Don Eisen is home recuperating from a fall sustained in July. He has been in rehab at Brook Grove. We hope he has a full and rapid return to good health.



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.

KIDDUSH

Helen Rosenblum and Jerry Gillman in memory of Joan Soffer.

TZEDAKAH

Ruth and Marty Gutstein to wish Fred Shapiro a speedy recovery.

Shirley Light in memory of Ellen Baker, sister-in-law of Dolores Shapiro.

Shirley Light in honor of Jerry Gordon's quick return to good health.

Elaine Goodfriend in memory of Faye A. Freedman.

Estelle Cohen in memory of Joan Soffer.

Estelle Cohen in memory of Jerry Boden.

Irene and Alan Grant in honor of Jimmy Perlmutter at the High Holiday Service.

NA'AMAT NEWS

Ruth Reid

We hope you have had a good start to 2017.

We are thrilled to report that our annual Hanukkah Appeal was very successful and we thank you profusely for your generosity. We don't have the totals yet, but will report them when we are done tallying the results.

We are excited to announce that our March open meeting will feature guest speaker Jane Freundel Levey, a D.C. historian, who will tell us about the rich and fascinating history of many of Washington's neighborhoods. Drawing on an array of historical photographs, maps and prints, Ms. Levey will look back at the history of neighborhoods like Southwest, Greater H Street NE, Logan Circle, Downtown, Columbia Heights and Tenleytown. She'll also talk about the renaissance that many of these neighborhoods are now experiencing.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 1, starting at 12:30 pm, in the Clubhouse I Ballroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

In the meantime, our February Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 21, at 10:30 am, in Clubhouse I. All who would like to attend are welcome. We use these meetings to plan our future events and activities. Your ideas and involvement are much appreciated.

And there's lots more to come when spring returns:

April is our Spiritual Adoption Luncheon featuring special guest speaker Leslie Milk, a writer and editor with Washingtonian magazine and a perennial favorite of ours.

The Donor Luncheon and Installation of Officers and Board members will take place in May at a new venue – the Norbeck Country Club. We will have entertainment by a fabulous singer.

In June, we plan to have an exciting and fun end-of-the-year celebration.

So, here is hoping that we have a mild winter and that we see you soon.

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. Send your check, made out to JRLW, to Annette Cooper, 15107 Interlachen Drive, Apt. # 812, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

Annette Cooper sends get-well cards to members. Please contact her with the information, including the name and address. You can reach her at 240-669-6614 or you may e-mail her at Coop.annette@gmail.com.

TORAH FUND

Barbara Cronin in memory of Joel Swetlow to Karen Swetlow and family.

Fred and Michael Firnbacher in memory of darling wife and mother Betsy Firnbacher.



We need women to volunteer for the WOMEN'S SHABBAT SERVICE to be held May 13, 2017, to assist with:

- Aliyas
- English readings
- Opening the Ark
- Chanting the Aliyas

If you would like to participate in this Special Service, please contact Janet Lazar at 301-598-4066 as soon as possible.

RECIPE CORNER

EASY CHERRY CREAM CHEESE PIE

FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Ingredients:

- 1 ready-made graham cracker pie crust
- 1 (20 ounce) can cherry pie filling
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

Directions:

In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Add sweetened condensed milk, blending well. Add lemon juice and vanilla until well blended. Pour into pie crust and chill 3 hours, or until firm. Spread cherry filling on top of pie. Enjoy!



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

WHAT IS TU B'SHEVAT ?

Tu b'Shevat is the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat. This festival is also known as the "New Year for Trees."

Many Jews in the United States observe the festival by eating fruit on this day. The Torah praises seven "fruits", in particular grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. Many Jewish people also try to eat a new fruit, which can be any seasonal fruit. Some Jewish communities plant trees on Tu b'Shevat.

Tu b'Shevat is first referred to in the late Second Temple period (515 BCE to 20 CE) when it was the cut-off date for levying the tithe on the produce of fruit trees. When Jewish colonists returned to Palestine during the 1930s, they reclaimed the barren land by planting trees where they could. It became customary to plant a tree for every newborn child – a cedar for a boy and a cypress or pine for a girl.

RECIPE FOR TU B'SHEVAT

NUT-FILLED PEARS

4 pears
3 T. nuts, chopped
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 C. orange juice

Core the pears. Mix nuts and cinnamon. Fill each pear cavity with nuts and cinnamon. Place pears in a baking pan and pour orange juice over the pears. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes. Serve warm.



FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Friday evening Reform Shabbat Services will be held on February 3, at 7:30 pm, in the Interfaith Chapel. Rabbi Gary Fink will conduct the Services. The choir will be led by Ed Laskin. An Oneg and social hour will follow the Services.

On Saturday morning, February 11, at 9:15 am, in Clubhouse II, we will hold Shabbat Services. The Torah Portion will be B'Shalach. Sid Sussan will chant the Haftarah. Rabbi Moshe Samber will give the D'var Torah. There will be a Kiddush following Services. Come for Services and stay for a nosh and shmooze with friends.

Rabbi Samber will lead a short service and Torah study on Saturdays, February 4, 18 and 25, at 9:15 am in Clubhouse II. All are welcome.



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