



Jewish Residents of Leisure World

Silver Spring, Maryland

July 2010, Tammuz - Av 5770

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Upcoming July Events

Fri 2nd JRLW Conservative Services
Mon 5th July 4th Celebration
Wed. 7th Hadassah Board Mtg
Sat. 10th JRLW Conservative Services
Mon. 12th JRLW Bd Mtg
Tue. 13th JRLW Singles Dinner
Wed. 14th JWV Business Mtg
Tue. 20th Na'Amat Board Mtg
Wed. 21st Hadassah Book Rev
Thu. 22nd Na'Amat King and I
Sun. 25th Hadassah – Forever Plaid

Religious Services

Conservative Services every Sunday Morning

Friday Evening Reform Shabbat Services July 2
8 pm at Interfaith Chapel. Services will be led by
Rabbi Gary Fink. Ed Laskin will lead the Choir.
Services will be sponsored by Na'amat.

Saturday morning Conservative Services will be
held July 10 at 9:15 in Clubhouse II. Services
will be led by Cantor Michael Kravitz. Preliminary
Service will be led by Justin Kramer. Haftorah
will be recited by Ken Israeli. D'var Torah will be
given by Gertrude Krick. Shocret will be led by
Cantor Kravitz.

EVENING MINYAN STARTED JUNE 15

An evening minyan commenced June 15th at
7:30 PM in the Café in Clubhouse II. The
minyan is being held Sunday through
Thursday. Rabbi Jonas Layman has agreed
to lead the services. If you are saying Kaddish
for Yahrzeit or simply wish to join in the
prayers, your presence will be welcome.



JRLW President's Message

Summer is upon us. It's
time to take a well deserved break. It's time
to forget about the meetings and must-dos.
Let's have fun and enjoy leisure activities
such as golfing, playing tennis, going to plays
and musical programs. How about going on
that trip that you've been too busy to take
during the past year? I hope you all have a
relaxing, enjoyable summer.

While you are relaxing, the officers and
committee chairpersons of JRLW are working
diligently on planning future events. People
are hard at work planning the High Holy Days
Services. We want to ensure that these
services are as meaningful and successful as
they have been in the past. Plans are also
being made for our break-the-fast.

Friday evening and Saturday morning
religious services will continue throughout the
summer.

Our monthly Sunday breakfasts will resume in
October at the cost of \$5.00 per person for
members. We are looking forward to
interesting speakers and entertainment for
these breakfasts.

The different committee chairpersons are
busy working on future educational and
entertainment programs. The Malava Malka
program is being set up and will take place on
October 30, 2010.

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President's Message (Continued from Page 1)

JRLW is the umbrella for all the Jewish organizations in Leisure World. We want to congratulate these organizations for having had a successful year.

We are looking forward to the July 4th celebration here in Leisure World. We would love to have you march along with us in the parade as we observe our Nation's Birthday.

Shalom,
Dolly Solomon

APPRECIATION

On June 1, 2010, at the Jewish Community Center in Rockville, special recognition was given to the following people for serving more than 100 hours as a volunteer in 2009: Brenda Flam, Marcia Levinsohn and Theda Rosenblum.

A lovely appreciation dinner reception was held. A big round of applause to these volunteers!



JRLW MONTHLY BREAKFAST FORUM

The 2009-2010 season for our monthly Breakfast Forums has ended. We will start the 2010-2011 season with the first breakfast scheduled for Sunday, September 26th. Please note this is the fourth Sunday in September, not the third Sunday. The High Holidays come immediately after Labor Day and prohibit us from having our first breakfast earlier in the month.

Watch the summer issues of this Newsletter for additional information regarding the next season.

62nd ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL

On Sunday, April 25th, JRLW celebrated the 62nd Anniversary of the State of Israel.

The speaker, sent from the Embassy of Israel, was wonderful. He was informative; sharing first hand information many of us had never heard before. Vladimir Fridman and Rafael Javadov entertained us for over an hour with music from around the world. The evening ended with a reception featuring a variety of fruit pies, tea and coffee. The proceeds from the evening are being sent to JNF for the numerous water projects so badly needed in Israel.

If you weren't able to attend but want to be a part of this project, your donation, in any amount, will be appreciated. Please mail your check to our new Treasurer, Millie White, JRLW, P.O. Box 9219, Silver Spring MD 20916.



SAVE THESE DATES!

October 6, 2010, 7:30 pm – Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C. "Verdi at Terezin."

November 7, 2010, 7:30 pm – Theater J Washington, D.C. "The Odd Couple."

April 5, 2011 – National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia.
day trip.

More information on the above forthcoming.
Theda Rosenblum,
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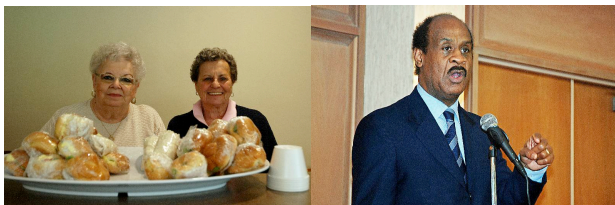
TO LIFE EXPO GREAT SUCCESS

Approximately 1,000 people attended the To Life Expo, held May 12 by JRLW and Coming of Age/JCCGW. The exhibit area was packed with over 40 representatives of government agencies, social agencies, hospitals, businesses catering to seniors, the Interfaith Chapel and Lady of Grace Catholic Church. In every corner there were beehives of activity. Demonstrations and appearances of elected officials took place in a staged area. The four workshops were exceedingly well attended and all were very well received.

The lunch with musical entertainment was a highlight of the day.

Our thanks to Selma Sweetbaum,. Frieda Enoch, Melanie Greenfield and Meryl Trachtman of the JCCGW for their exuberance and determined effort to make the expo a success. For JRLW, thanks to Fred Shapiro for planning and coordinating the programming of the exhibit areas and contacts with E&R, Dolly Solomon for coordinating the crew to man the tables and assist the JCC staff, and Laura Sussan for help in planning the workshops.

Next stop will be same place next year.



JEWISH WAR VETERANS CHARLES KRIEGER POST 567 AT LEISURE WORLD

Officers elected for the Year 2010-2011 are: Commander Milton Loube, Senior Vice Commander Jerry Goldberg, Junior Vice Commander Herb Ostrof, Judge Advocate Irv Lipskind and Quartermaster Marvin Franklin. Installation ceremony for officers and new members will take place at the June Brunch.

The June bus trips to the War Memorials and to the National Museum of American Jewish Military History as well as the Atlantic City Casino were complete sell-outs. Preparations for the July 5th Independence Day Parade are underway. We can use all the volunteers possible including golf carts and automobiles.

Dress code for the parade is white shirt or blouse & blue or black pants or skirt. Please wear your JWV cap. If you can join us please contact Jerry Jacobs (301-438-3556) or Marvin Franklin (301-598-9372). There will be no brunches in July or August. Next brunch will be September 12, 2010. The next Post Business Meeting will be held on July 14, Clubhouse I at 10 AM. See Directory for room.

Congratulations to Dolly Solomon on being elected President of JRLW.

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It is time again to renew your dues. Please take and make the time to write a check and mail it to me. The cost is \$18 a person. Please mail your check to PO Box 9219, SS, MD 20916. If you haven't paid your dues by now, you should have received a second mailing and a follow-up phone call. We need you to send in your dues now.

We need to recruit new members who live here to become part of our organization.

As I said at meetings, everyone who is a member of JRLW is on the membership committee. Talk it up, and if you know of any residents who are not members, maybe we can get them to join.

Sue Rudo - 301-598-1153

NA'AMAT NEWS

Na'Amat is having its annual convention in Boca Raton Florida in early July. Members from all over the United States and some members from Israel will be in attendance. Na'Amat Israel and Na'Amat USA have one goal. They both are involved in supporting the many day care centers in Israel where young children have a place to go where they can feel safe and happy. Na'Amat also awards many scholarships to youths and women. Scholarships that help make the recipients future brighter. We members of Na'Amat's Greater Washington Council, which includes the RBZ club, are proud of the work that Na'Amat is doing.

On Thursday, July 22nd, Na'Amat is going to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater for a matinee performance of "The King & I" We look forward to delicious dining and a delightful show. The cost is \$89.00 per person. If you are interested in coming with us contact Marion Binder - 301-598-3380.

We are looking forward to three exciting events planned for August: The August 4th fund raiser at Mama Lucia (5-10 pm), the Sunday, August 8th day trip to Richmond to the Fine Arts Museum for a Tiffany exhibit (contact Adele Traurig for more information 301-598-3977) and Thursday August 19th in Clubhouse I Ballroom there will be an actress portraying Eleanor Roosevelt and delicious desserts at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Contact Natalie Cohen 301-438-2663.



RECIPE CORNER

ANNE KIMBALL'S MANDELBROT

Preheat oven to 350°

Ingredients:

3 eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
3 cups sifted flour
2 tsps baking powder
½ cup chopped almonds or walnuts and
chocolate chips or raisins (if you like)

Combine first 4 ingredients in large bowl, blending well with a wooden spoon. Stir flour and baking powder together, then add to egg mixture 1/3 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add nuts and mix well.

Divide dough into 4 portions. Shape each portion into a loaf. Bake on un-greased cookie sheet in preheated oven for ½ hour. Remove from oven, cut each loaf crosswise into slanted 1 – 1½ " slices. Return to oven and bake 10 more minutes, until brown.

CHOICES TO HELP YOU THRIVE INDEPENDENTLY

By Beth Shapiro, LCSW-C, JSSA

Thriving independently later in life can mean different things to different people. For some, it may mean adding some logistical supports – perhaps light housekeeping, transportation to medical appointments, shoppers, etc. to make everyday life more manageable. For others, homecare, counseling or nursing services might be needed to ensure a safer, healthier living experience.

JSSA (Jewish Social Services Agency) and its Premier Homecare division have for decades been focused on helping seniors thrive independently. It is, in fact, a hallmark of our mission. In that spirit, we are now pleased to offer Leisure World residents access to a community liaison (an experienced JSSA social worker) from our new *At Home Choices* program. The liaison will be available to meet with you in the comfort of your own home to discuss how JSSA and Premier can help make finding the right support services an easy convenient and individualized experience.

Should you need help with some light housekeeping, managing your medication or need transportation to a doctor's appointment we are here to help you. If you have recently moved into Leisure World we can help with the transition, including any concerns you might have about meeting new people. Consider *At Home Choices'* experienced professional staff as your neighborhood resource and let's work together to make sure that you continue to thrive independently!

Should you or someone you know wish to learn more about working with *At Home Choices* please feel free to contact me directly at 301-816-2665 or at bshapiro@jssa.org.

DEFIANT REQUIEM: VERDI AT TEREZIN" at KENNEDY CENTER

PLAN TO ATTEND

JRLW has been asked to inform its members of the upcoming performance of "Defiant Requiem: Verdi at Terezin," at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on October 6th at 7:30 pm

Survivors can avail themselves of free tickets for the performance. Survivors should contact Louisa Hollman at louisa@bhevents.com or at 301-537-8434 for the concert tickets. The number of free tickets is limited. Should bus transportation from Leisure World be needed, survivors need to contact Theda Roseblum at 301-598-9105. The concert is being sponsored by Ambassador and Mrs. Stuart Eizenstat. They have made the provisions for the tickets for survivors.

JRLW members who are interested in attending the concert should contact Theda Rosenblum at 301-598-9105. The cost is \$61.25 per person. This includes bus transportation. A limited number of tickets is available.

4th OF JULY CELEBRATION

Leisure World will again celebrate Independence Day on Monday, July 5, 2010, with a short parade, a patriotic program and picnics. JRLW members, family and friends are invited to come out and enjoy the fun and camaraderie. Members interested in helping to represent JRLW by marching in the short parade, should arrive by 9:00 A. M. and look for the JRLW banner in the Club House I parking lot. For further information contact Walt Budman, 301-438-1264.



GOOD AND WELFARE

Congratulations to Phyllis Hutt, who was presented with an plaque by State Senator Mike Lennett at the JRLW Friday evening services, June 4th. The plaque was engraved with her poem, Lament, which she wrote remembering the Holocaust. This recognition is much deserved.

We wish a speedy recovery to Barbara Kaze, receiving therapy at the Hebrew Home.

Irv Lipskind recovering from hip replacement.

MORE GRANDCHILDREN GRADUATING

Samantha Hutt, granddaughter of Phyllis Hutt – graduating Indiana University with a double major.

Stephanie Harris, granddaughter of Esther Diamond – graduating from the University of West Chester, PA, magna cum laude.

Amanda Yaccarino, granddaughter of Esther Diamond – graduating from Rumson High School.

Matthew Goldman, grandson of Claire Goldman – graduating from the University of Maryland.

Adam Goldman, grandson of Claire Goldman – graduating from high school.

Carly Wasserman, granddaughter of Gilda Baum – graduating from high school.

Gabrielle Cohen, granddaughter of Esther Brenner – graduating from University of Maryland.

Allison Tenenbaum, granddaughter of Florence and Izzy Wolfe – graduating from Ithica University magna cum laude.

Brian Wolfe, grandson of Florence and Izzy Wolfe – graduating from Urbana High School.

Matthew Solomon, grandson of Dolly Solomon – graduating from Salisbury State University with honors.

Kate Daly, granddaughter of Shirley Griffin – graduating from the University of Maryland Medical School.

Matthew Kupferschmid, grandson of Cynthia and Bernard Silverstein – graduating 5th grade and entering middle school.

Amanda Dreyfuss, granddaughter of Belle Dreyfuss – graduating from the University of Georgia.

Julia Finkel, granddaughter of Myra and Merrill Stern – graduating from American University.

Lena Finkel, granddaughter of Myra and Merrill Stern – graduating from high school in Columbia, MD.



More good news about Florence and Izzy Wolfe: they recently celebrated their 61st anniversary. Their grandson, Ben Lurye, is one of the stars of the play, "Forever Plaid," currently at the Olney Theater.

Mazel Tov to Joyce Fisher on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Micah Cowan.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Judith Moffson - 3100 NLW Blvd.
Etta and Allan Doris - 2901 SLW Blvd.
Bernard & Marilyn Hein - 14801 Pennfield Cir.
Laura and Sid Sussan - 3200 NLWB.
Bobbye and Stan Hertzbach - 15100
Interlachen.
Elaine Helfand - 3330 NLWB.
Joshua & Helen Bass, 15100 Glade Dr.
Selma Edelman – 3005 SLWB.
Naomi & George Platt – 3100 NLWB.
Barbara J. Braswell – 3641 SLWB
Mel and Eleanor Doneff – 14801 Pennfield
Circle
Sylvia & Harold Eidlin – 3100 NLWB



Clare & Bernard Golub have sponsored a
Kiddush in honor of their 60th anniversary.

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

Barbara Saltzman
Elizabeth Chambre
Mildred Shankman
Rose Saul
Samuel Bernstein
Marilyn Rubinstein

May their memory be a blessing.

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TZEDAKAH

George and Joan Stricker in gratitude to all our dear friends at The Overlook and Center for Lifelong Learning.

Sarita and Sam Feuer IHO the birth of our grandson Jaden Zachary Feuer, on April 18, 2010.

Lisa and Stanley Friedman IHO Fred Firnbacher's 80th Birthday.

Carole and Larry Jason IHO Sandy Rosenblatt on her special 75th Birthday.

Barbara Axelrod IMO Leonard Burchman.

Susan and Jerry Weiss IMO Elizabeth Chambre.

Dorothy Welan IMO Elizabeth Chambre.

Yiskor donation IMO parents, sister and brother by Carol and Jack Lerner.

Carole and Larry Jason IHO Marvin Eskin's 85th Birthday.

Susan and Jerry Weiss wish Barbara Kaze a Speedy Recovery.

Miriam Rothchild IMO husband Phil Rothchild.

Eleanor Rothenberg IHO Joyce Fischer's special birthday.

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Rita and Sherman Shapiro Philanthropic Fund of B'Nai B'rith Foundation.

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Georgia Mantzouranis IMO Marilyn Rubinstein.

Bernice Cohen IMO Marilyn Rubinstein.

TORAH MAINTENANCE AND PRAYER BOOK FUND

Individuals can be honored and loved ones memorialized with a donation to the JRLW Torah Maintenance Fund or Prayer Book Fund for a minimum of \$ 25.00. Contact Ellen Zweig at 301-598-2144 between 9 AM & 9 PM.

George Stricker a Prayer Book in memory of my beloved Mother Diana Stricker.

Ralph & Carol Freibert a Prayer Book in memory of Diana Stricker Isenberg

Rita & Myer Norkin a Prayer Book in Honor of Freddy Firnbacher on his 80th Birthday.

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COMING OF AGE

Join Coming of Age for some “food ‘n fun” on Wednesday, July 21st at the Hollywood Diner. Located on Rockville Pike in Rockville, the diner serves up good old-fashioned food — all for just \$15. After lunch, we’ll play our version of Family Feud where the “survey says... - try your luck and win some prizes!” Call 301-348-3832 for more information, including what’s on the menu, or to register. RSVP by July 9th.

PHYLLYS HUTT'S CORNER

'TIS THE SEASON.....

Recently, I was perusing some snapshots from years ago, and I had a great time trying to figure out who was who. How youthful my parents looked back then, when I thought they were ancient relics. My husband, how young he was. All that hair! I wish I had some of that hair now, now that I have more hair on my brush and pillow than on my head! Revisiting family and friends in this manner can be great.

IT MADE ME SMILE.

It was when I found a certain photo of a young woman that I became pensive and curious. This young lady was holding a small baby. The baby didn't look like any one of mine, as their likenesses are etched forever in my memory and I can still look at their infant pictures and identify them. After much thought, I realized that the baby was my sister's grandchild. I studied the woman's countenance -- the bright eyes and cheerful smile. The hair, dark and thick. What a pretty girl, I thought. And then it hit me. The "lady" was me.

THAT MADE ME CRY!

The years bring changes that can be shocking. Acceptance takes time. But not to recognize yourself? Wow! Change is one thing. This was utter devastation! When did I ever look so good? I guess that youth itself has a real beauty, with our smooth skins and bright eyes. The problem is that at the time, we didn't know it! That picture had been snapped at a season of my life when I was overly critical -----eyes too big, dimples too deep, hair too curly, thighs too fat. I never thought I looked that good, but here was the proof, hidden away in an album to enable me, years later, to learn a lesson - - - to appreciate what you have when you have it!

The Bible says that to everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven. A time to plant, a time to sow; a time to laugh, a time to cry. A poet once said, "Youth is beauty. Beauty, youth". To that I would add one line: Ain't it the truth, ain't it the truth!

July program for Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim

Thursday, July 1 - Michael Patterson
"The Power and Potential of the Human Mind"

Thursday, July 8 - Bob Lachin at the Piano
"An Afternoon of Beautiful Music"

Thursday, July 15 - Dr. Bob Gallagher
"Radio- Its Early History"

Thursday, July 22 - Cantor Cal Chizever
"Momma: A Lost Child During World War II"

Thursday, July 29 - Cantor Cal Chizever
"History of Jewish Surnames: What Do They Mean?"

Every Thursday 11:00 am - Exercise with Mim Parizer.

Current Events with Judge Marvin Roth and Ed Morgenstern.

1:00-2:00pm

Yiddish Group with Marcia Levinsohn

These programs include a hot lunch and bus transportation.

If you would like more information, call Linda Wechsler 301-348-3893.

Mt. Scopus Hadassah

Mt. Scopus Hadassah is sponsoring two fund-raising events in July. We encourage all Leisure World residents to attend.

First, we are holding a Book Review on Wednesday, July 21 at 1:00pm in Clubhouse I. Amy Pasternak, our former advisor and a retired librarian, will be critiquing *My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for his Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq* by Ariel Sabar. It is an intriguing autobiographical account of a man's search for his family's history. To reserve a seat, send your check for \$6 payable to Hadassah to Deborah Letow, 15422 Bramblewood Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20906. If you have questions, call Deborah at 301-598-1189.

Second, we are sponsoring a trip to see the National Players Summer Musical, *Forever Plaid*, at the Olney Theatre Center on Sunday, July 25. This is the story of a musical quartet which represents innocence and traditional family values in the 1950's. We will see a 1:30pm matinee performance and will be leaving from Clubhouse II promptly at 12:30pm. The cost of the trip is \$45, which includes a reserved theater seat to the play, bus transportation and driver's tip. Checks payable to Hadassah should be sent to Faye A. Freedman, 14 Finsbury Park Ct., Silver Spring, MD 20906 by July 9. Be sure to include your telephone number on the check. For further information, call Faye A. at 301-598-9919.

The Hadassah 95th National Convention will be happening from July 25 through July 28 in Hollywood, Florida. Our Mt. Scopus president, Janet Lazar, has been selected as the Greater Washington Area Chapter's outstanding upcoming leader and has been awarded a prize paying her registration fee for the convention. We know she will have a worthwhile experience at the convention and will have many stories to tell on her return.

Mt. Scopus congratulates Sonya Korenblit on being presented the 24th Annual Leadership Award for 2010 from the Greater Washington Area Chapter.

SPOTLIGHT ON MT. SCOPUS HADASSAH

Mount Scopus is a group of the Greater Washington Area Chapter of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. Hadassah, founded by Henrietta Szold in 1912, is a women's volunteer group that motivates and inspires members to strengthen their partnership with Israel by supporting pace setting health care, education, youth institutes, and land development; ensures Jewish continuity through education and support of its Young Judea youth programs; advocates health awareness through education; acts as a force on social issues that impact upon us as American Jewish women; and promotes personal growth through enrichment opportunities and education. The following is a synopsis of our Hadassah Projects:

Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) supports the Hadassah University Hospitals at Ein Karem and Mount Scopus. Currently, we are building the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower, a state-of-the-art hospital to be ready in 2012. These teaching hospitals, through their modern clinics, provide state-of-the-art health care to nearly a half a million patients a year, regardless of race, religion or nationality. Hadassah's hospitals and clinics train medical personnel in Israel and around the world. These hospitals provide cutting edge biotechnological research and development, including Stem Cell, Heart, Pediatric, Diabetes, and Cancer research facilities.

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Youth Aliyah/Children at Risk was founded to bring children of the Holocaust to Palestine, and now provides housing, education and support to disadvantaged immigrant youth and "at-risk" native Israelis.

Young Judea offers clubs, camps, and Israel programs for U.S. teenagers to build connections to Israel and Jewish Life.

The Jewish National Fund (JNF) builds roads and parks, plants trees and works to preserve Israel's ecology and natural resources.

Hadassah is dedicated to teaching women about Health Awareness. Thousands of women of all ages have been educated in women's health issues such as breast cancer and osteoporosis.

Teaching and Advocacy plays an integral part of our goals. Hadassah encourages the strengthening of U.S. /Israeli relations on all levels. Hadassah advocates for the passage and full funding of the Violence Against Women Act and by creating innovative awareness training. Through voter registration drives, Hadassah urges all citizens to get involved in the political process.

Jewish Education through the parent-toddler program, Training Wheels-Al-Galgalim, allows parents and grandparents to participate in a fun program to teach them how to celebrate Shabbat and the Jewish Holidays with crafts for the kids, discussion time for adults and everyone singing together.

This is just an overview of our causes and activities. If you would like more information, come to one of our monthly meetings held the third Wednesday of each month.

Janet L Lazar, President
Mt Scopus Hadassah

ISRAELI INGENUITY AND QUICK THINKING

Noam Bedein

April 19, 2010: It was Monday, the eve of Israel's Independence Day and the fifth day in the world's largest aviation crisis that has paralyzed Europe, following a volcanic explosion in Iceland which left the sky of 23 countries clouded in volcanic dust.

I was left stranded in Holland, but after hearing that El Al had promised to send more Israeli jets to Europe to collect stranded Israelis, I found myself traveling to Rome, halfway across the European continent by train. After 27 hours of a nerve-racking trip, I remained doggedly determined to join the rest of the people of Israel in celebration of Israel Independence Day. I finally arrived at Terminal 5 in Rome at 23:30. Much to my amazement, I found a nearly empty terminal, deserted of passengers, aircrafts, and airline employees. Only one ticket counter had a long line of people and that was of course El Al. Exhausted Israelis from all corners of Europe had arrived to board the jumbo plane decked with Israeli flags. El Al specifically sent the plane to gather Israeli travelers and bring them back home to celebrate Independence Day with their families. It was a sort of in gathering of the exiles sponsored and facilitated by El Al. El Al, Israel's largest airline, privatized in 2003, serves as the national airline of Israel. It was one of the first if not the only airline that was able to adjust to a state of emergency in less than 24 hours when airports across Europe were forced to shut down. It is amazing how every time there is a national disaster or international crisis, Israel, somehow, is always among the first countries to act and lend a hand. As such a tiny country, which since its establishment has existed under constant terror and threat, Israel is constantly in a state of preparedness as well. Zionism still here and kicking. On my way to Rome

during the weekend on the train, I heard from many other Israelis that countless airlines on which they had flown did not open emergency centers in order to instruct passengers how to act during this emergency situation. Israeli media did not stop broadcasting the news that El Al was operating to return stranded Israelis back to Israel and consequently the airline established an emergency information center to receive calls and share information on flight location points where Israelis could verify where to catch a flight back to Israel.

El Al sent 15 additional jets to transport 20,000 Israelis stuck across Europe in places including Munich, Madrid, Barcelona and Rome. El Al also ensured that the same ticket could be used regardless of the country from which travelers were scheduled to fly from in Europe, even if the flight from that particular country had been cancelled to Israel. In addition, the El-Al crews did an amazing job, working over 20 hours non-stop to provide the best quality of services in this time of emergency. The flight from Rome to Tel Aviv on April 20, 2010, was the best way to begin celebrating 62 years to the state of Israel. During the soft landing in Ben Gurion Airport at 7 am, I felt that there was something Biblical in the operation, something like "the wings of eagles." As I traveled, I had much time to reflect on the country's current state and where we are today, after 2,000 years of dreaming of returning to our homeland. I can honestly say that my experience this past Israel Independence Day renewed my belief in our state. I am back home in Sderot, the world "capital" of bomb shelters, with hope in my heart, that Zionism is still here and kicking, and that the Jewish state will continue to stand up for her citizens both around the world and at home. Thanks to El Al, 20,000 Israelis made it back home in what was truly a reflection of the spirit that helped make Israel independent 62 years ago. Noam Bedein is a photojournalist, lecturer and founder/director of Sderot Media

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