



Jewish Residents of Leisure World

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JRLW President's Message



Life is full of challenges, and I have accepted a new one as your President for the coming year. I am looking forward to a stimulating year with a new Board of Directors governing under a new set of By-laws that I feel will be a credit to our organization. They are all quite excited about the upcoming year. Your newly elected Board of Directors comprise the following individuals:

President:	K. Neil Ross
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On behalf of the Board, I am asking that anyone who has an interesting idea and/or is willing to serve on any of our committees to please contact me or anyone of our Directors with your ideas or interest in serving. We are an organization of some 1200 members and it takes a lot of volunteers to meet the needs of our membership. I have not listed the

Committee Chairs as they have not all been selected at the time this article was written.

We must not forget that the foremost mission of JRLW is the good and welfare of our membership and the community. Our aims and objectives are to provide religious services, educational, social, and inter-religious activities as may be desired and approved by the Board.

I can be reached either by e-mail knross@comcast.net or telephone 301-598-2994

K. Neil Ross, President

Upcoming June Events

Fri 1 – Friday Evening Services - Reform
Mon 4 – Thur 7 JRLW Travel Wildwood,
Cape May, Atlantic City
Wed 6 – JWV Meeting
Wed 6 – Hadassah Board Meeting
Sat 9 – Saturday Morning Services
Sun 10 – JWV Brunch
Sun 10 – Israel Independence Day
Celebration 7:00 pm CH II
Tue 12 – JRLW BD CH II Rm #2 7:00 pm
Tue 12 – Na'Amat Cheeburger Fund Raiser
Tue 12 – Na'Amat Board Meeting
Wed 13 – Na'Amat Breakfast 10:30 am CH I
Mon 18 -21 – Na'Amat Trip to Rocking Horse
Resort
Mon 18 – Hadassah Bible Study Group
Wed 20 – Hadassah Summer Luncheon &
Fashion Show
Thur 21 – JRLW Singles Lunch - Golden Bull

**THE JRLW MEMBERSHIP FORM IS ON PAGE 3 OF THIS
NEWSLETTER. OUR MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS FROM JUNE 1
THRU MAY 31. FILL IN AND RETURN THE FORM NOW.**

Editorial

June is the beginning of a new year for JRLW. It is also the beginning of a new year for our Newsletter. The Newsletter serves as a link between the Officers and Board Members and the members of our organization.

No paper or newsletter can be just a one-way street. In order for it to be interesting as well as informative, it must be a combined effort. You, the JRLW members, have to voice your opinion. Is there something you would like to see in the Newsletter other than what we put in? Are you willing to share your good or bad news with our readers? Do you like the recipes? Would you like to see more about Israel? Would you like to have anecdotes in the Newsletter? Do you read the information we put in about funeral arrangements?

Please take a moment to either e-mail or phone me with your comments or suggestions. My e-mail address is bernifc@juno.com. My phone number is 301-598-0192.

Bernice Cohen,
Editor

CONDOLENCES



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

Alexander Korn

Adele Rocker

Bea Jacobs

Fran Kabatchnick

May their memory be a blessing.

JRLW Yizkor Book

Now that you have received the Yizkor Book Application in the mail, we are pleased with your positive response.

As many should know your support of this effort will go to many of our programs and projects.

For those who have not participated yet, please use this to serve as a reminder. As I said last month "Time goes by very fast these days, and now is better than later to submit your completed application." Again, the deadline for your submission is July 16, 2012.

We have included a form on page 15 for those who need it.

If anyone has any questions please contact me at 301-598-6684 or email thebergs58@verizon.net.

Nate Sternberg
Yizkor Chairman

JRLW SINGLES

Anita Van Grack

The free luncheon held on Thursday, April 26, was a delightful get-together. All who attended left with smiles on their faces.

The next Singles lunch will be held on June 21, at 12 Noon at the Golden Bull Restaurant. Please call Anita Van Grack at 301-438-1431 to make your reservation.

JRLW Singles membership for the year 2012 – 2013 started on May 1, 2012, and will run until April 30, 2013. Kindly send your \$10.00 check made out to JRLW Singles to: Theda Rosenblum, 3330 N. Leisure World Blvd., #117, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES
(June 1 – May 31)

Dear JRLW Member:

Jewish Residents of Leisure World (JRLW) offers many opportunities for involvement. It is that time again to renew your membership dues. The dues year runs from June 1 through May 31. Membership dues are \$18 per person; \$36 for a couple.

JRLW conducts services for both Reform or Conservative services the first Friday of the month followed by an Oneg Shabbat. Conservative services are conducted the 2nd Saturday of each month followed by a kiddush. We sponsor services for the High Holy Days and the 2nd Seder. A breakfast is held the 3rd Sunday of each month with an interesting speaker. The breakfasts are \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. There are also various classes of Jewish interest. Education courses are mentioned in our monthly newsletter and the Leisure World Newspaper. The charges are so noted. There are many other phases of JRLW which might whet your appetite. Please see our website and learn more about JRLW at jrlw.org.

Membership Renewal Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Silver Spring, MD 20906

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____*

Individual - \$18 _____ Couple - \$36 _____

Check should be made out to : **JRLW**. Please include this form with your payment and send it to:

**JoAnn Downey, Membership Chairperson. 3005 S Leisure World Blvd, #725,
 Silver Spring, MD 20906**

*JRLW asks for your email address so we can send you important and time-sensitive messages, while being sure not to send you too many emails – possibly once a month.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 12th. ARTICLES RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE JULY NEWSLETTER!!

NEWSLETTER STAFF

Bernice Cohen – Editor
Nate Sternberg – Layout
Fred Shapiro – Business
Shirley Griffin - Asst. Editor

PHYLLYS HUTT'S CORNER:

GAMES I'D LIKE TO PLAY

Now that Passover is far behind us, I am left with the remnants of that great holiday: leftover matzo. As it is in the homes of many people, matzo has always been a staple in our home and it is on the shelf year round. As a result, when my semi-annual check-up rolls around each June, the aforementioned remnants are hanging around the hips. This reminds me that it is once again time to fill out forms.

Each year in the doctor's office we are obliged to answer the same questions, two to three pages of repetitious queries. It is apparent that nobody is paying any attention to the answers. They ask your age. You say, for instance, "Seventy-five". The next question, "Are you pregnant or do you plan to be?" Besides, I always wondered why the ophthalmologist needed to know about such things, and why does the dentist want the details of your recent foot surgery.

I would love to have fun with a telemarketer and pretend to try to sell THEM something or accuse a female voice of really wanting to speak to my husband.

Next on the form is, "Has anything changed since your last visit?" The obvious answer is, "If anything had changed you would have

heard from me before now." I often wish I had the chutzpah to answer these questions the way I really want to. Talking about gender, where it says "Sex," I'd like to answer, "Occasionally" or "What did you have in mind?" To "Do you have an STD?" I would say, "I'm not that kind of a girl!" A frequent answer could be "Here I sit in a paper gown under an air-conditioning vent." The next answer will be, "Yes, I have pneumonia."

But alas, I am a mature grandma, and these are only foolish whimsies. Maybe, someday...

If I am not careful, I could become drunk with power.

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GOOD AND WELFARE

Mazel Tov to Ruth and Earl Geldon on the wedding of their youngest grandson Daniel Geldon to Heather Geldhof. Daniel is a senior advisor to Elizabeth Warren, candidate for U.S. Senate from Massachusetts.

Speedy recovery wishes to Barbara Firestone who underwent hand surgery.

We are happy to see that Trudy Kotzker is back home following hospitalization and rehab due to a tragic auto accident which also took the life of her beloved husband Larry. We send Trudy and her family our condolences on the death of Larry.

Shirley Light travelled to New York for the graduation of her grandchild. Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to all of us who have the most wonderful grandchildren graduating from high school or college this year!

Congratulations to all the incoming officers and board members of Jewish Residents of Leisure World. We wish you a successful year and hope you enjoy your tenure. Our wish is that you lead us to another year of accomplishments. We thank all of the outgoing officers and board members for all the hard work they have put in while in office.

“ANITA” TO BE SHOWN JUNE 25

JRLW and Coming of Age JCCGW will present the film “Anita” Monday, June 25, at 1:00 pm in the Auditorium of Clubhouse II. Tickets will be available from E&R with a donation to JRLW of \$6.00.

The movie “Anita” was directed by Marcos Carnevale in 2009 in Argentina. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles

Anita Feldman, a young woman with Downs syndrome lives a happy, routine life with her devoted mother,

Dora. But one fateful morning, everything changes when Anita is left alone, confused and helpless. What starts as a tragedy turns into an odyssey of discovery, resilience and compassion. As Anita wanders through the city, she learns not only to care for herself, but touches the lives of those around her, from an alcoholic to a family of Asian immigrants. Alejandra Manzo, an actress living with Downs syndrome, gives a heartbreaking and touching performance in the title role. An audience favorite at many film festivals across the country!

RECIPE CORNER

BUBBE FANNIE’S SIMPLE SALMON CAKES

Marcia Crystal



- 1- 7³/₄ oz can Red Salmon
- 7 Nabisco Premium crackers (unsalted tops)
- 1 egg
- Seasonings to taste
- 2 tbsps margarine

Crumble crackers in bowl. Add drained salmon, one egg and seasonings. Put margarine in frying pan and melt. Make six salmon cakes and lightly brown in the melted margarine.

Put the salmon cakes on a cookie sheet and bake in moderate oven. When browned on one side, turn over and brown on the other side. Be careful not to overcook.

Drain salmon cakes on paper towels and serve hot.

TZEDAKAH & KIDDUSH- ONEG 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.

TZEDAKAH DONATIONS

Shirley Griffin to Bernice Cohen in honor of the birth of her first great-grandson.

Susan and Jerry Weiss to Bernice Cohen in honor of the birth of her first great-grandson.

Carole Jason – get well wishes to Sandy Rosenblatt.

Charlotte and Lawrence Bardack for Yiskor.

Barbara and Jerry Miller for Yiskor.

Ray and Louis Paley for Yiskor.

Carol and Jack Lerner for Yiskor in memory of parents, brother and sister.

Bernice Brahin for Yiskor.

Max Klueger for Yiskor.

Barbara and Allan Firestone for Yiskor.

Sandra and Sidney Gritz for Yiskor.

Betsy and Fred Firnbacher for Yahrzeit of Irving Goldstein.

Ruth and Aaron Reid in honor of their grandson Eli Matthew Gerber on his graduation from Walter Johnson High School and entering the University of Michigan Honors School in the fall.

Bernice Cohen in honor of the birth of her first great grandson.

Ruth and Earl Geldon in honor of the wedding of their grandson Daniel Geldon, a senior advisor to U.S. Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren, and Heather Geldhof.

ONEG & KIDDUSH DONATIONS

Madeline and Fred Shapiro in honor of Fred's 80th birthday.

Robert Fenichel in honor of the 10th anniversary of his retirement.

Na'Amat for sponsoring JRLW breakfast.

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

Torah Fund Donations:

Sonya Korenblit - Yiskor

Elaine & Jerry Daniels - Yiskor in memory of our Parents

Ruth Love - in loving memory of my beloved son-in-law Stuart Marcus

Joni & Gerald Sommer - Yiskor

Joanne & Nathan Sternberg - Yiskor

Joanne & Nathan Sternberg - Yiskor

Prayer Book Donation:

Ruth Nemerofsky - two Prayer Books in memory of my beloved Husband Louis Nemerofsky

WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

Shirley Griffin

The intriguing study of numbers and their relation to words, phrases, worship and holidays is replete with example, opinions and varied information from many sources. This is simply a cursory introduction to the intricate, absorbing and fascinating subject of the relationship of numbers in Judaism.

The Gematria is the name of a system that gives numerical value to a word or group of words. People in ancient times assigned numerical values to the letters in their alphabet and to words and phrases that bore some relation to each other. The addition or multiplication of numbers augments or alters the meaning of the individual numbers.

Some examples are:

Number 3. This is a symbol of holiness. The sacredness of this number probably is due to the fact that primitive man divided the universe into 3 regions—heaven, earth and water. It signifies completeness and stability. The word “holy” is repeated three times in the Kedusha, the third section of the Amidah.

Number 4. The Tetragrammaton which forms the name of the Supreme Being, YHWH, is transliterated as Yahweh but was substituted by Adonai or Elohim because it was too sacred. This number occurs often—the Four Questions, four main directions.

Number 7. This letter is one of the, if not the most, sacred numbers. It is composed of 3, the universe, and 4, The Tetragrammaton. Examples of the use of 7 are: the world, created in 6 days and the seventh day, Shabbat. Seven years of work demanded of Jacob by Laban for the release of Rachel. (Jacob did double duty in his case.)

Number 12. This is a product of 3 and 4. (See above.) It represents wholeness, the completeness of God's purpose. There were 12 tribes of Israel, 12 sons of Jacob, etc.

Number 13. In biblical times Rabbis believed that the age of majority for boys was

13 and for girls 12. They asserted there was a new development in their growth where impulsive tendencies gave way to physical, intellectual and moral growths!!! Therefore, beginning at those ages children were obligated to perform the commandments. This is the meaning of bar/bat mitzvah.

Number 18. According to the Gematria that assigns a numerical value to Hebrew letters, the letters chet and yod add up to eighteen, chet with the value of 8 and yod with the value of 10. Together they spell the word chai, life. This number is used to wish good luck, life.

Number 40. This number represents a time of transition or a passage from one place to another. It is a change in time or period, often uncertain or unknown. The flood lasted 40 days and 40 nights. The Jews wandered for 40 years in the wilderness. Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai. These are examples of the importance of numbers in Judaism.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Leisure World will again celebrate Independence Day on Wednesday, July 4, 2012, with a short parade, a patriotic program and picnics. JRLW/HADASSAH members, family and friends are invited to come out and enjoy the fun and camaraderie.

Members interested in helping to represent JRLW/HADASSAH by marching in the short parade, should arrive by 9:00 am. and look for the JRLW banner in the Club House I parking lot. For further information contact Walt Budman, 301-438-1264, or Janet Lazar, 301-598-4066.



NA'AMAT NEWS

Ruth Reid

Na'Amat USA Greater Washington Council (RBZ is one of seven clubs) will be concluding another fiscal year on June 30. To mark this event, we will be having an "End of The Year Meeting/Breakfast" on Wednesday, June 13, at 10:30 am in the Ballroom of Clubhouse I in Leisure World. At this Meeting/Breakfast we will be hearing from our Council Treasurer. We will have the "Woman of the Year Award" and will also raffle off an original water color donated by a local artist who, by the way, is a member of Na'Amat. Our speaker will be Cantor Josh C. Perlman of B'nai Israel Congregation. There will be entertainment by Jules Levine with the "Classy Jazz Quartet." There will be a light breakfast. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Even though summer is approaching and most organizations go into quiet mode, we have planned an event for the evening of Thursday, July 26, an Italian buffet dinner and entertainment and on the evening of Thursday, August 23, an indoor picnic with entertainment. Expect to receive flyers for both events.

Our goal is to raise funds for Israel. The need is always there. Raising funds is not easy, so we try to make it a win-win situation: our members enjoy themselves while contributing to our cause.

Our next Na'Amat RBZ Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 12.

Remember: **Think Na'Amat; Think Israel!**

Mt. Scopus Hadassah

The Mt. Scopus Summer Luncheon on Wednesday, June 20, at noon in the Crystal Ballroom of Clubhouse It will feature a Fashion Show by Taylor Marie's Apparel. Participants will have an opportunity to buy

clothes at a discount after the event. There will be door prizes, raffle prizes and other surprises. Entrée choices are baked salmon or egg salad cold plate. To make your reservation send a \$24 check payable to Hadassah to Barbara Eisen, 3200 N. Leisure World Blvd. #810, Silver Spring, MD 20906, by June 14. Indicate your choice of entrée and any seating requests. Call Barbara (301-598-8658) for further information. We are very pleased that Leisure World Opticians have volunteered to sponsor the event.

Don't delay in making your reservations for "Legally Blonde: the Musical" at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia on Sunday, July 15. This trip includes an award-winning Broadway musical, a delicious buffet brunch, and a luxury motor coach. Send your \$75 check payable to Hadassah to Faye A. Freedman, 14 Finsbury Park Ct., Silver Spring, MD 20906, by June 10. Include your telephone number on the check. Bus leaves Clubhouse II at 9:45 am and returns around 4:00 pm. Call Faye A. (301-598-9919) for further information.

The Mt. Scopus Bible Study Group will meet on Monday, June 18, at 1:30 pm in Clubhouse I.

Looking forward to July, we are glad to welcome back book reviewer, Liane Lunden, who will speak on "In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin" by Erik Larson on Wednesday, July 18 at 2:00 pm in Clubhouse I.

To reserve a seat send a check for \$7 payable to Hadassah to Barbara Eisen, 3200 N. Leisure World Blvd. #810, Silver Spring, MD 20906. If space is available, the fee will be accepted at the door.

LEISURE WORLD CELEBRATES THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL

ENTERTAINMENT AND A SPEAKER FROM THE ISRAEL EMBASSY

Fred Shapiro, Community Liaison JRLW

The Jewish Residents of Leisure World joins with Bnai Brith, Mt Scopus Hadassah, Na'Amat and the Jewish War Veterans, Post 567, to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. The program will take place Sunday evening, June 10, at 7:00 pm, in the Clubhouse II Auditorium. Tickets will be available in the E&R office with a donation of \$18.00 per person made out to JRLW. The funds donated will benefit Magen David Adom and the Hadassah Hospital Sarah Davidson Tower.

Entertainment will be provided by Noreen Friedman and Bob Wysong. The Israeli Embassy will be represented by Eli Groner, Minister of Economic Affairs. Mr. Groner is a graduate of Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel.

Comprised of Noreen Friedman, flute, and Bob Wysong, guitar, the Friedman-Wysong Duo is dedicated to the exploration of diverse repertoire composed, transcribed or adapted for flute and classical guitar with a focus on music inspired by folk traditions. The ensemble has performed at public and private functions at various venues in the Washington DC area.

Noreen Friedman received her BA with a major in music from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and her MBA from Pepperdine University. Actively involved with chamber music, Noreen has participated in flute-guitar duos in Los Angeles and Atlanta. She currently plays

flute, piccolo and alto flute with the Olney Concert Band and the Flutes on the Brink Flute choir. Noreen has studied Klezmer flute with Adrienne Greenbaum.

Bob Wysong received his Bachelors degree in Classical Guitar performance from Catholic University. An accomplished classical guitarist, arranger and teacher, Bob performs regularly at public and private events and [functions](#).

HAPPY 64TH BIRTHDAY ISRAEL !

Check out this website as we honor Israel for 64 years, with a listing of 64 wonderful achievements given to the world. Thanks to Rabbi Ari Sunshine for pointing us to this site: www.israel21c.org

JUNE PROGRAMS AT HAR TZEON-AGUDATH ACHIM

Thursday Morning Programs

10:00 am Tai Chi with Leonard Gross.
11:00 am Exercise with Mim Parizer.
Current Events with Judge Marvin Roth, first Thursday of the month.

Thursday Afternoon Programs – 1:00 pm

Yiddish Class with Marcia Levinsohn.

June 7 - Dr. Bob Misbin :
"Don Giovanni: Opera Highlights"

June 14 - Dr. Edward Kaitz, former Dean of the School of Business Administration, Georgetown University :
"Understanding China through its History"

June 21 - Ambassador Andrew Steigman:
"The Rise and Fall of Venice"

June 28 - Shoshana Bryen, Senior Director, Jewish Policy Center: "Israel Update"

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Sivan 11 Candle lighting 8:11PM Reform Services	2 Sivan 12
3 Sivan 13	4 Sivan 14 Travel – Wildwood Cape May - Leave	5 Sivan 15	6 Sivan 16 JWV Meeting Hadassah Board Meeting	7 Sivan 17 Travel – Wildwood Cape May - Return	8 Sivan 18 Candle lighting 8:15PM	9 Sivan 19 JRLW Conservative Services
10 Sivan 20 JWV Brunch Israel Independence Day Celebration CH 2	11 Sivan 21	12 Sivan 22 JRLW Board Meeting Na'Amat Fund Raider –Chbrgr Na'Amat Bd Meeting	13 Sivan 23 Na'Amat Breakfast 10:00 AM CH 1	14 Sivan 24	15 Sivan 25 Candle lighting 8:18PM	16 Sivan 26
17 Sivan 27	18 Sivan 28 Na'Amat Trip – Rocking Horse Resort – Leave Hadassah Bible Study Group	19 Sivan 29	20 Sivan 30 Hadassah Summer Lunch & Fashion Show	21 Tamuz 1 Na'Amat Trip – Rocking Horse Resort - Return JRLW Singles Lunch – Golden Bull	22 Tamuz 2 Candle lighting 8:20PM	23 Tamuz 3
24 Tamuz 4	25 Tamuz 5	26 Tamuz 6	27 Tamuz 7	28 Tamuz 8	29 Tamuz 9 Candle lighting 8:20PM	30 Tamuz 10



Bill Paying Stressing You Out? The Senior Connection Volunteers Can Help!

by Beth Shapiro, LCSW, JSSA Senior Services
301-816-2665 • bshapiro@jssa.org

When I write this column for you each month I carefully consider my topic. As a clinician with JSSA, I often lean toward topics related to mental health. This month is no exception. I want to share information about a new service that is offered by a non-profit in Montgomery County. The Senior Connection has been quietly doing the work of a small army providing volunteer driving to help older adults get to their doctor's appointments.

But that's not the only way The Senior Connection can help! Does paying your bills each month make you uncomfortable or are you concerned that you may not understand an invoice you received? Perhaps your spouse used to pay the bills and you don't have much experience with the process. Paying bills is stressful for many of us. Please do not let your discomfort keep you from seeking outside assistance from your family, a trusted friend or, yes, from The Senior Connection!

The qualifying guidelines for bill paying assistance as set up by The Senior Connection are very generous. A single adult over the age of 61 qualifies if their income is not more than \$45,500. A

couple can earn up to \$52,000 in combined income as long as assets do not exceed that same amount. Do note that assets do not include your primary residence, your car, retirement accounts, or life insurance policies.

So folks, if you are ready to reduce the stress that can come from bill paying – there is someone that can help! You'll be amazed by how much better you will feel and you may even learn that you can pay your bills without help. For more information, please contact my colleague at The Senior Connection, Marcia Custer at 301-962-0820, ext. 14 or check out their website: www.seniorconnectionmc.org.

As always, I hope by now you will feel free to call me to talk for a few minutes about anything that is stressful for you. I am happy to listen and can guide you to other JSSA or community services.



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An Intergeneration Experience

by Fred Shapiro, JRLW Community Liaison
The Jewish Residents of Leisure World and the Karabakh Foundation will present an Azerbaijani Fun Day Sunday, JULY 8, 2012, 1-5 PM IN CLUBHOUSE I The theme for the Fun Day is to provide an intergenerational festival for the purpose of learning about the country of Azerbaijan. Cost for attending the program will be \$6.00 per adult and \$2.00 for older children; no charge for children under 12.. Tickets for adults will be available from the E&R office in Clubhouse I. Children's tickets will be sold at the event.

The festival will incorporate Azerbaijani mugham music, descriptions of traditional foods, crafts, storytelling, and more that highlight the complex and spectacular culture of the country of Azerbaijan. The Festival will highlight the ethnic diversity and culture of Azerbaijan. Participants in the Festival will include not only artists and craft presenters but also Azerbaijani residents of Washington, D.C, residents of Leisure World; and American friends of the Karabakh Foundation. The Foundation will invite staff of the Embassy of Azerbaijan to the United States to participate in an accompanying ceremony.

Leisure World residents will be asked to volunteer to read translated versions of Azerbaijani children's stories, while children will learn and then perform Azerbaijani folk dances.

Plans for the Fun Day include the Karabakh Foundation Dance Troupe teaching Azerbaijani folk dances, youngsters trying on Azerbaijani folk costume and learning to dance while wearing the costumes; craft making such as musical instruments and weavings, displays and explanation of Azerbaijani handicrafts, an Azerbaijani carpet display celebrates the exquisite designs and colors of Azerbaijani

carpets. with the motifs explained by an Azerbaijani carpet expert. There will be a display of pictures of Azerbaijani's distinctive cuisine with discussions lead by expert chefs and an Interactive slideshow lead by visitors to Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan is a small country in the Caucasus region, bordering Georgia, Armenia, Russia, Turkey, Iran and the Caspian Sea. 99% Muslim (85% Shi'a), the country is proud of its pluralism; an ancient Jewish community of "mountain Jews" (from the Caucasus Mountains) has maintained its distinctive culture and language for centuries. Azerbaijan also maintains a strong friendly relationship with the State of Israel. In fact, Azerbaijan was among the first to respond to recent wildfires in Israel.

Because of its historic location on the Silk Road, Azerbaijan was and is a cultural crossroads that has brought out and reinterpreted the best of many cultures. The resulting Azerbaijani culture is extraordinarily sophisticated and multifaceted. Azerbaijan was home to the first Muslim opera and was the first Muslim republic to grant women's suffrage (in 1918—before the United States!). Few in the West realize that many of the world's treasured "Oriental carpets" are actually Azerbaijani in origin. Moreover, the United States Department of State considers Azerbaijani a critical language.

The Karabakh Foundation is a U.S. 501c(3) cultural charity foundation based in Washington, D.C., that seeks to increase awareness and understanding in the United States of the cultural heritage and traditions of the country of Azerbaijan, the Caucasus area, and the Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

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