



# Jewish Residents of Leisure World

Silver Spring, Maryland

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The pool, the beach, the weather and all the new friends are proving to be a wonderful time in Florida.

My many thanks to Fred Shapiro and his nominating committee for preparing a slate for the 2014-2015 election.

I would like to also thank Evelyn Dickman for helping Sue Sandler with the traveling schedule. Hopefully, we will be able to go to the Naval Academy this summer.

Evelyn is also stepping in to help with the programming for the coming season.

If there is anyone who is interested in joining a committee, please call Fred and let him know.

Tonight when we went out to dinner we sat next to nine members of JRLW, it was nice being with them.



Stay warm

Shalom,  
Morton A, Davis

## Upcoming JRLW March Events

- Mon - 3 JRLW Bd Mtg CH II 7 pm
- Tues - 4 ACE Classes
- Wed - 5 Hadassah Bd Mtg CH I 10 am
- Wed - 5 JWV Mtg CH I 10 am
- Wed - 5 Na'Amat Mtg CH I 12:30 pm
- Thur - 6 CoA Speaker (TBA)
- Fri - 7 JRLW Shabbat Cons Svc Interfaith Chapel 8 pm
- Sat - 8 JRLW Shabbat Svc CH II 95 am
- Sun - 9 JWV Brunch CH I 10 am
- Tues - 11 ACE Classes
- Sun - 16 Purim Svc CH II 9:15 am
- Mon - 17 Hadassah Study Grp CH I 1:30 pm
- Tues - 18 ACE Classes
- Tues - 18 Na'Amat trip to Dover Downs
- Wed - 19 Hadassah Mtg CH I 12:30 pm
- Thur - 20 Torah Study with Rabbi Topolovsky CH I 2 pm
- Tues - 25 Na'Amat Bd Mtg CH I 10:30 am
- Tues - 25 ACE Classes
- Wed - 26 CoA Movie CH II 1:30 pm

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

**THE FORM TO FILL OUT FOR THE SECOND SEDER IS ON PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

# JEWISH RESIDENTS of LEISURE WORLD

Please save this page for future reference

## SAVE THE DATES

### **March**

Monday, March 3- JRLW Board Meeting, 7:00 - CH2  
 Tuesday, March 4 – Ace Courses to begin  
 Thursday, March 6 – Rabbi Doug Heifetz and Iman Basher Arafat  
 Friday, March 7 – Services - Inter-Faith Chapel – 8:00 pm  
 Saturday, March 8 – Services - CH2 – 9:15 am  
 Tuesday, March 11 – Ace Courses  
 Sunday, March 16 – Purim Service – CH 2, 9:15 am  
 Tuesday, March 18 - Ace Courses  
 Thursday, March 20, Torah Study Rabbi Uri Topolsky  
 Tuesday March 25 – Ace Courses  
 Wednesday, March 26 – Movie – “Oma and Bella”

### **April**

Friday, April 4 – Services – Inter-Faith Chapel – 8:00 pm  
 Tuesday, April 8 – Ace Courses  
 Wednesday, April 9 - Speaker (to be determined)  
 Thursday, April 10 - JRLW Board Meeting, 7:00 CH2  
 Saturday, April 12 – Services – CH 2 – 9:15 am  
 Tuesday, April 15 – Community 2nd Seder – CH1  
 Tuesday, April 22 – Passover Yiskor  
 Thursday, April 24 – Singles Lunch – Potomac Grill  
 Sunday, April 27 – Yom Hashoah (Holocaust) Service  
 Tuesday, April 29 - Movie (to be determined)

### **May**

Friday, May 2 – Services – Inter-Faith Chapel – 7:30 pm  
 Tuesday, May 6 – JRLW Board Meeting, 7:00 - CH2  
 Saturday, May 10, Services – CH2 – 9:15 am  
 Wednesday, May 14 – Israel Independence Day – CH2  
 Sunday, May 18 – Brunch – CH1 – 10:00 am  
 Tuesday, May 20 – JRLW Annual Meeting – CH1  
 Thursday, May 22 – EXPO – CH1

### **June**

Tuesday, June 3 - JRLW Board Meeting, 7:00 - CH2  
 Thursday, June 5 – Shavuot Yiskor Services CH 2 9:15 am  
 Friday, June 6 – Services – Inter-Faith Chapel – 7:30 pm  
 Saturday, June 14 – Services – CH2 9:15 am  
 Thursday, June 19 – Singles Lunch – Chesapeake Room  
 Tuesday, June 24 - Movie (to be determined)

Information for these JRLW events will be in the JRLW Newsletter, on the JRLW Website and also listed in the Leisure World

## JRLW/CoA MARCH MOVIE – OMA AND BELLA

Alexa Karolinski's film is a loving portrait of its two leading ladies as they embrace life in all of its extremes, finding joy in subtle moments and discovering hidden histories in unexpected places.

Oma, Karolinsky's grandmother, Oma, and Bella, Oma's close friend, live in Berlin, Germany. We meet them in the kitchen, where they prepare meals that they learned to cook as children. This unforgettable journey is told through stories told by the friends and the memories they share.

Oma and Bella are both survivors of the German concentration camps, where their deep friendship was forged. Karolinski's insightful and inspirational portrait remarkably captures their spirit from the past to the present, one meal at a time.

Recipes Remembered, a cookbook that is a celebration of survival, will be given to one lucky attendee!

German/English subtitles (2012)  
 76 minutes  
 Discussion to follow



# *Jewish Residents of Leisure World*

## **Community 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder**

**Led by Fred Firnbacher**

Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 6 pm – Clubhouse 1, Crystal Ballroom

**MEAL WILL BE KOSHER**

Menu: - *Traditional Seder Plate, Gefilte Fish, Chicken Soup w/Matzo Balls, Brisket or Cherry Chicken, Mixed Potatoes, Asparagus, Matzo, Wine, Beverages and Dessert*

Please complete and return this registration form by March 26

**Members \$36 per person; Non-members \$41 per person; Children under 12 - \$18**

Make your check payable to **JRLW** and mail to:

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Silver Spring, MD 20906

Indicate your preference for  
Brisket or Chicken on this form

Additional questions, call Gail Leon 301-598-2037

We will have reserved tables for 8 to 10 people. If you wish to put a table together, please list names, phone numbers, and meal choices. Include all checks with this form.  
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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.

Miriam (Kitty) Atkin to Anna Rae Gerstel in memory of Gertrude Goldman.

Evelyn A. Norwitz to help reach our goal of buying a smaller Torah.

Ruth Kaye in memory of Joe Margolis and Abe Rosen.

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## WE REMEMBER THEM

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

- Jack Schooler
- Pearl Scheer
- Arthur Levy
- Ilse Feuer
- William Luksenburg
- Stanley Rosenthal
- Murray Seid
- Eva Levenson
- Sally Richman



*May their memory be a blessing.*

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## JRLW's SECOND PASSOVER SEDER

Fred Firnbacher

Since many of us attend the first Seder with family or friends, JRLW gives us the opportunity to have a different experience by attending a second Seder right here at Leisure World with our friends and neighbors. This year the second Seder will be on Tuesday, April 15, at 6 pm, in the Crystal Ballroom of Clubhouse I. The food served at the Seder will be Kosher. We attempt to make this Seder a fun evening as well as a spiritual one. We use a Haggadah, which presents an abbreviated, yet complete service, with a lot of singing.

Everyone attending will participate because we have responsive reading.

And of course---the meal will be delicious!! Since our Seder will be abbreviated, you can plan to be home by 9 pm.

Make your plans early since we hope to have another sellout this year. If anyone plans to bring their grandchildren, we could use some youngsters to recite the four questions. You can contact me at 301-438-3877.

Please fill out the form in this Newsletter and return it with your check, made out to JRLW, to Belle Dreyfus, 3330 N. Leisure World Blvd., #112, Silver Spring MD 20906.



## The Jewish Lowdown On Downton Abbey

The Crawleys of Highclere Castle have a history with the Rothschilds. The Crawleys are based on the aristocratic Carnarvon family and the accomplishments of the fifth Countess of Carnarvon who is half Jewish. The film is based on the estate of the eighth Earl of Carnarvon.

George Herbert the fifth Earl of Carnarvon married Almina Wombwell the illegitimate daughter of Alfred de Rothchild. (Alfred's father was Lionel Rothschild and his grandfather Nathan Mayer Rothschild who established the British family fortune by financing Britain's war against Napoleon.) Almina's mother was Marie Wombwell, Alfred's mistress. Alfred never married and lavished his parental affection and wealth on Almina. Alfred had Almina presented at court by Sir George Wombwell. Through his financial support he secured her entrance into British society. She became a great aristocratic hostess and turned Highclere Castle into one of the great Edwardian pleasure palaces. She modernized Highclere Castle with electricity, modern plumbing and decorating.

Almina had very high skills in nursing and turned Highclere Castle into a recuperation hospital for wounded British soldiers.

**Information** – the name Almina was taken from both parents' names – Marie was called Mina and Al for Alfred

Another Interesting Tidbit – the fifth Earl of Carnarvon supported Howard Carter who with the fifth Earl of Carnarvon discovered Tutankhamon's tomb in Novmeber, 1922.

Summary of the article by Adam Fuerstenberg, professor emeritus at Ryerson University, which appeared in Forward, January 24, 2014

**Filming** – when looking for an estate to use for the filming, the directors wanted to use an estate where a family lived in order to make it more real with pictures and objects naturally used in an estate. Highclere Castle was chosen. (*Behind the Scenes of Downton Abbey* by Emma Rowley.)



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**STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!**

## ACE at Leisure World

Tuesdays, March 4--April 7, 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..

Instructor: **Paul H. Levy** has a BA, M.Ed and EdD from the University of Massachusetts and is a retired history and social science teacher.

### 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 active in organizations dedicated to Israeli-Palestinian coexistence.

### 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

### 2:20 – 3:30 PM **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.

# What's Cooking in the Kitchen

Submitted by Rae Paley

## Gluten Free Hamantaschen

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, room temp.
- 2/3 c sugar
- 2 eggs (1 for dough, another for egg wash)
- 2 1/4 c gluten-free flour (I use Red Mills All Purpose Gluten Free Flour)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp salt
- Various fillings (Make sure GF, if using) Canned pie fillings work well
- Grated zest of 1 orange

### Instructions

In a large stand mixer (or hand mixer), cream the butter until light and soft. Add sugar and cream together. Add 1 egg, vanilla and orange zest and mix well. In another bowl, sift together the flour and salt.

In about 2 batches and with the mixer on low speed, slowly add the flour mixture. Mix until just combined and use a spatula to scoop down the sides making sure everything is incorporated well.

Once mixed, take dough out and knead until a smooth ball forms but don't overwork it. Form the dough into a round, flat disk and wrap in plastic wrap. Place in refrigerator for about 2 hours or in freezer for about 1 hour.

Remove dough from freezer or refrigerator and place on well-floured surface. Using a rolling pin, begin to roll out the dough. The dough will feel hard. Let it rest on the counter for about 20 minutes. When it begins to feel flexible, roll out to about 1/4 thick. Using a 3 inch round cookie cutter or drinking glass, cut out circles. Don't discard scraps; knead and roll out again to cut more circles. Take one circle and place a teaspoon of filling in the center. Fold up 3 sides of each circle to form a triangle. Pinch folded sides tightly and place on a greased baking sheet (or parchment paper, if using). Brush with egg wash.

Bake at 350° for about 20 minutes, rotating half-way through.

Let cool on baking sheet for about 5 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack.



## Food for Thought...

By Beth K. Shapiro, LCSW- C  
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Last month I wrote about initiating a difficult conversation. This month I want to discuss being on the receiving end of such a conversation. An essential step is to have an open mind.

- When initially approached, do not prejudge
- If it's not a good time for an uncomfortable conversation, offer an alternative time
- Consider, that the person addressing you may also be uncomfortable
- Acknowledge what you are being told
- Don't make excuses
- Think before you respond

Believe it or not, healthy confrontations can improve relationships. Next month I will address the impact of a difficult conversation.

~ Beth

## NA'AMAT NEWS

Trudy Stone

After a harsh winter, NA'AMAT RBZ is looking forward to Spring and all the activities we have planned for the rest of the year.

On Wednesday, March 5, at 12:30 pm, in Clubhouse I, our open meeting will feature Dr. Ben Williamowsky. Plan to bring your friends and neighbors for a fun afternoon as Dr. Williamowsky entertains us with his jokes, satire and stories.

Our next fund raiser is an overnight to Dover Downs Hotel and Casino, Tuesday, March 18 to Wednesday, March 19. This is a luxurious hotel with many slot machines and gaming tables. There will be live entertainment at night, as well as live harness racing. The price includes \$30 play money as well as breakfast buffet. Please check this under club trips in the Leisure World paper and contact Trudy Stone for more information at 301-438-0016.

The next Na'Amat board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25 in Clubhouse I.

On Wednesday, April 2, we are holding our annual Spiritual Adoption Luncheon. This is a very important fund raiser for NA'AMAT. The menu consists of tea sandwiches, petite salad and delicious pastries. The cost is \$20. Our entertainment will be supplied by Vladmir Fridman, singer/guitarist/composer. We hope to see you there.

On Sunday, April 13, we will attend the performance of "Camp David" at the Arena Stage, followed by dinner at the Pooks Hill Marriott. Fliers for this show have been mailed. Our shows often sell out, so please send your check in or call JoAnn Cadeaux for more information at 301-438-0737 and see the information in the Leisure World news under Club Trips.

For your information, our annual donor luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 20. Please save the date. Additional information will be forthcoming.

NA'AMAT was founded in 1925 as Pioneer Women, dedicated to improving the lives of women and children. Now, with the largest network of day care centers in Israel, NA'AMAT has become a world leader in early childhood education and has served as a model for the Head Start Program in the U.S. So join NA'AMAT today and become a pioneer of the 21st century.

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

## MARCH 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.

March 6 - Paula Rehr, Tom Kowalski and friends: "The Singing Sensations!"

March 13 - Ta'anit Esther- No Program.

March 20 - Program sponsored by the Golden Network.

March 27 - Bob Lachin at the piano  
"An Afternoon of Beautiful Music."

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

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## MARCH RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Friday evening on March 7 Shabbat Services will take place at the Interfaith Chapel at 8:00 pm. The Conservative Services will be conducted by Rabbi Gary Fink. Please join us for an Oneg following the Services.

Saturday morning Conservative Services will be held in Clubhouse II on March 8 at 9:15 am. Cantor Mike Kravitz will conduct these Services. The Torah Portion will be Vayikrah. Hymie Rosenberg will chant the Haftorah. Bernice Cohen will give the D'Var Torah. There will be a Kiddush following Services.

We will hold Purim Services on Sunday, March 16, at 9:15 am, in Clubhouse II. Rabbi Gary Fink will conduct the Services. Following the Services we will enjoy Hamentaschen and other light refreshments.



## GENERIC DRUGS

Mort Rudo

I was troubled by the article on Generic Drugs by one Laurie Buonacorsi. As a pharmacist who has worked over 40 years, I felt the article was very self-serving and misleading. The truth is our generic drugs can come from any country in the world. There is no way the FDA can cover the globe and check out every little manufacturer of drugs. Sure the bottle gives the drug and strength, but that is only half the story. Besides the active ingredient in a tablet, there are inactive ingredients called excipients that hold the tablet together. The large drug companies that have strict quality control will test their tablets to see how much of the active ingredients get into the bloodstream. This is called bioavailability. These small generic manufacturers do not have the resources to set up these programs. Follow the money. It is in the interest of big health organizations to buy drugs as cheaply as possible. You do not have to be a rocket scientist to calculate that whoever comes up with the cheapest price gets the contract. How else can the CEO's make mega bucks?

Or, here is another test you can try. The next time you go into a drugstore to buy your favorite pain medication, check the brand name, like Aleve, and read the fine print. It will tell you that the company is the distributor or marketer but will not tell you who makes the drug or where it comes from.

This also goes for vitamins, antihistamines, decongestants, etc, etc.

When I started in Pharmacy in the 1960s, a generic manufacturer was required or requested to supply a certificate of bioavailability. Now it is all smoke and mirrors.

Recently, we read about the contaminated steroid syringes that killed many people. These were made in a small pharmacy which had no quality control. This would not have happened if the syringes were prepared by one of the large drug manufacturers, such as Lilly or Merck. I take generic drugs but I am fully aware that I am not getting what the label implies.

Mort Rudo  
Retired Pharmacist

## CANTORIAL CONCERT

Bernice Cohen

I just returned from the Coming of Age/JRLW Cantorial Concert. I am still humming the last song they sang – Aveeno Shalom Alechem. What a marvelous performance! It was a packed house. The audience clapped enthusiastically and hummed along to some of the pieces. I can't imagine what you would have to pay to hear a concert like this. The four wonderful cantors were: Cantor Wendi Fried (Shaare Tefila), Cantor Sara Geller (B'nai Shalom), Cantor Marshall Kapell (B'nai Tzedek) and Cantor Rachel Hersh (Adat Shalom). The piano accompanist was Ted Klaus (Temple Micah). Frieda Enoch of Coming of Age even got into the act singing two songs from the Yiddish Theatre. We have to thank Coming of Age for arranging for such a fine afternoon of entertainment. It was a two-tissue event. Each of the cantors was magnificent. They sang individually and together. There were Broadway songs, Hebrew songs and, of course, Yiddish songs. What a lovely way to spend a dreary winter afternoon! Aveeno Shalom Alechem, Aveeno Shalom Alechem—come sing with me.




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## WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS!

Doris Greber - 15000 Pennfield Circle.  
Lynne & Les Klein - 2900 NLWB.



## 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.

Joyce Tanenbaum in loving memory of her husband Moe Tanenbaum on his Yahrzeit in February.

Oneg donation by Evelyn Dickman on the Yahrzeit of her beloved husband Morris Dickman.

Etta and Allan Doris to Joni and Gerry Sommer in memory of their great nephew Superman Sam .

Barbara Axelrod in honor of Madeline and Fred Shapiro's 60th wedding anniversary and Madeline's 80th birthday.

Suzanne Offit to the family of Pearl Scheer in memory of Pearl, a lovely lady and role model for all of us.

Sandy and Larry Brockman to Barbara Werner in memory of her sister Beverly Kolker Friedman.

Betsy and Fred Firnbacher on the Yahrzeit of Fred's father Maier Firnbacher.

Kiddush donation by Inge and Egon Guttman in honor of Egon's chanting the Haftorah.

Kiddush donation by Abe Hamburg in celebration of his 93rd birthday.

Ben Sachs on the Yahrzeit of his father.



## PURIM

Allan Firestone,  
Chair Religious Committee

Purim is a festive holiday that celebrates the deliverance of the Jews from their enemies in the Biblical book of Esther. It is celebrated on the 14th of Adar which this year falls on Sunday, March 16. Rabbi Gary Fink will officiate at our service in Clubhouse II. Services will start at 9:15 am with a short service and a reading of the Torah and will be followed by the reading of the Scroll of Esther or the Megillah.

It is customary to attend Megillah reading in costume and all JRLW members are encouraged to dress up as characters from the Purim story. During the reading of the Megillah it is customary to boo, hoot or shake noisemakers (groggers) to express the dislike of the villain Haman when his name is mentioned.

Following Services, we will have Hamantaschen and light refreshments provided by Rabbi Shmuel Leigh of the Golden Network. It is also a tradition to enjoy a festive meal and to get so drunk that we can't tell the difference between Mordechai (the hero) and Haman (the villain).



**Many thanks to Fred Shapiro for the lovely "snow" photographs which appeared in last month's Newsletter.**

## MT. SCOPUS HADASSAH

Barbara Eisen

Dr. Itzhak Brook will make a presentation on the Yom Kippur War on Wednesday, March 19. Dr. Brook was a battalion physician in the war and published a book about his experiences entitled *In the Sands of Sinai: A Physician's Account of the Yom Kippur War*. He is the official speaker for the Israeli Embassy on the Yom Kippur War which occurred in October, 1973. Dr. Brook is currently an adjunct professor of pediatrics and medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine. Socializing begins at 12:30 pm and the meeting starts at 1:00 pm in Clubhouse I. All Leisure World residents are welcome to attend.

The Mt. Scopus Judaic Study Group will meet on Monday, March 17, at 1:30 pm in Clubhouse I. New members are welcome. The group is open for suggestions for future study. 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. The chapter also has started two new continuing activities: "Lunch and Learn" and "Yoga@Parklawn". The next "Lunch and Learn" event will be on Wednesday, March 12, from 11:30am to 1:00pm. The guest speaker, Maurice Shochet, will talk on "Iraqi Jewry & Their Historic Archive." Bring a pareve or dairy lunch to this free event in the chapter office at 11900 Parklawn Dr. Every Friday from 10:00am to 10:45am, certified yoga instructor Emily Star will conduct a low impact yoga class at the office. The cost is \$10. Call the office (301-881-8203) to RSVP for either of these events.

## UPDATE ON AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION'S BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

The Jerusalem Post, Jan. 29, 2014

The New York Senate has passed a bill that would prohibit private or public state colleges and universities from spending taxpayers funds on academic groups that support boycotting Israel.

The legislation, introduced earlier this month by Democratic Senator Jeff Klein, passed by a vote of 51-4. This is the first time a legislative body has managed to pass a bill targeting the American Studies Association over its decision to boycott Israel.

"This legislation sends a very simple message, which is that we should never ask taxpayers to support religious, ethnic, or racial discrimination. We need to marginalize the politics of intolerance whenever it rears its ugly head," Klein said in a statement.

Under the new legislation, New York academic institutes could no longer reimburse students or scholars traveling to conventions of the three groups that have voted to boycott Israel: the ASA, the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association and the Association for Asian American Studies. In addition, state schools will be henceforth prohibited from paying membership fees to the ASA. The state will cut off aid to any academic institution that violates the legislation during the academic year the violation occurred. A companion bill is currently being considered in the New York State Assembly. The bill, which currently has 48 sponsors out of 150 members, was introduced by Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver. A number of New York-based universities have Israel branches, and Silver made clear in a statement that the target was groups that boycott Israel. "Colleges should not use funds to support boycotts, resolutions or any similar actions that are discriminatory and limit academic opportunities," he said in the statement.

## ENJOY HOLIDAY PARK PROGRAMS COURTESY MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND JCA BUSES

Fred Shapiro

Montgomery County Council has provided funds for JCA to bus seniors to the county senior centers. The center which would be of interest to Leisure World residents is Holiday Park, off Veirs Mill Road and Connecticut Avenue. To register contact the JCA offices at 301-255-4200.

Plans are currently underway to provide for the JCA bus to make stops in Leisure World to pick up residents. The program is geared to enable seniors to attend functions without having to drive and the JCA buses are just the right thing. Unlike Leisure World buses, the buses and drivers are adept at providing services to people with walkers and wheel chairs. The drivers will assist anyone who needs help in getting on or off the bus. Depending on registration, the busses may come directly to your building, as well as the Clubhouses.

Holiday Park offers many programs that are of interest to our residents. If you are not aware of these programs you will have the opportunity to speak to Holiday Park representatives at the JRLW/JCCGW Coming of Age Health and Wellness Expo May 24 in Clubhouse I. They will have a table in the exhibit area. You can also contact the center to obtain current offerings.

Consider the fact that you do not have to drive there and will have ready access to the bus to take you. Call JCA now to register and you will not be sorry when you have the opportunity to enjoy yourself without the need to get a lift or drive yourself. Call 301-255-4200 and ask to register for the bus to Holiday Park under the contract with Montgomery County.



## STUDY TORAH AND JEWISH GUILT WITH RABBI URI TOPOLOSKY Fred Shapiro

JRLW will sponsor a Torah study session Thursday, March 20, at 2:00 pm in Clubhouse I. Our guest lecturer will be Rabbi Uri Topolosky, Rabbi of the Beth Joshua Congregation in Aspen Hill, MD., where he also serves as the Rav HaKehillah of the MJ Berman Hebrew Academy.

There is no fee for attending the Torah Study Group session and all are invited to not only attend, but take part in the discussion that accompanies the lecture.

Rabbi Topolosky will lead a discussion on the subject "Jewish Guilt: A Purim Text Study About When It All Began."

Prior to his return to Maryland this past summer, Uri served as the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel in New Orleans for six years where he helped revitalize a community shattered by Hurricane Katrina. Uri served previously as the Associate Rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in Bronx, NY. Uri received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School and was a member of the second graduating class in 2005.

Prior to his rabbinic studies, Uri spent two years studying in Israel at Yeshivat Sha'alvim before attending the University of Maryland at College Park. While completing a BA in Communication, Uri played an integral role in the development of an inclusive, Jewish community on campus. He spent the following year living in Jerusalem, learning and working for the Israelight Institute, further cultivating his passion for music and spirituality as a community leader.

Uri is married to Dahlia, a psychologist; and they are blessed with four children, Elyon, Itai, Adi, and Liat.





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