



Jewish Residents of Leisure World

Silver Spring, Maryland

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This message comes to you from sunny Florida.



Purim will be celebrated in March. It is one of the most joyous and fun holidays on the Jewish calendar. It commemorates a time when the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from extermination. I know that Allan Firestone has planned activities for everyone. Please join in.

My most famous quote for Purim is "They came, we fought, let's eat!"

Larry Sperling is forming a nomination committee. Anyone interested in being on the committee, please call Larry. Installation of officers will be April 28th. Don't forget the JRLW Board meeting for April will be the 14th.

Happy Purim

Stay Warm, Shalom
Morton A. Davis

March Dates 2015

- Tue 3 - JRLW Board Mtg 7:00 pm CH II
- Wed 4 - Hadassah Bd Mtg CH I 10:00 am
- Wed 4 - NA'AMAT Mtg CH I 12:30 pm
- Wed 4 - JWV Mtg CH I 10:00 am
- Thur 5 - JRLW Purim Svc CH II 9:15 am
- Fri 6 - JRLW Cons Shabbat Svc Interfaith Chapel 7:30 pm
- Sat 7 - Study w/Rabbi Samber
- Sun 8 - JWV Brunch CH I 10:15 am
- Tue 10 - Jewish Advocacy Day
- Wed 11 - Hadassah Lunch & Learn
- Sat 14 - JRLW Shabbat Svc CH II 9:15 am
- Sun 15 - JRLW Good Deeds Day CH I
- Mon 16 - Hadassah Study Group CH I 1:30 pm
- Tue 17 - NA'AMAT Bd Mtg CH I 10:30 am
- Wed 18 - Hadassah Mtg CH I 12:30 pm
- Thur 19 - JRLW Lunch Bunch
- Sat 21 - Study/Rabbi Samber
- Sun 22 - JRLW Brunch CH I 10:00 am
- Tue 24 - JRLW/CoA Movie CH II 1:30 pm
- Thur 26 - BrightStar Workshop CH I 2:00 pm
- Sat 28 - Study/Rabbi Samber

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Shirley Rosenhaft - Asst. Editor

PEASE NOTE:

FORM FOR OUR COMMUNITY SEDER IS ON PAGE 3.

FORM FOR WOMEN'S SHABBAT IS ON PAGE 5.

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

JRLW COMMUNITY 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 Community Seder right here at Leisure World with your friends and neighbors. This year the Community Seder will be on Monday April 6, at 6 pm in the Crystal Ballroom of Clubhouse I. Due to a conflict with Easter, we will not be able to have the Seder on Saturday and must wait until Monday night.

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 be invited to participate because we have responsive readings. And of course the Kosher style meal will be delicious!

Make your plans early since we hope to have another sellout.

If anyone plans to bring grandchildren, we will be happy to have some youngsters to recite the four questions. You can contact me at (301) 438-3877.

Please fill out the form on page 3 in this Newsletter and return it with your check, made out to JRLW, to Milli White, 2901 S. Leisure World Blvd., #106, Silver Spring MD, 20906.





JEWISH RESIDENTS OF LEISURE WORLD

Traditional Passover Seder *
Led by Fred Firnbacher

Monday, April 6, 2015, 6pm in Clubhouse 1

Please complete and return this registration form by March 28, 2015
JRLW Members \$35 per person; Non-members \$41 p.p.
Children under 12 - \$18 p.p.

Make your checks payable to **JRLW** and mail to: Milli White
2901 S. Leisure World Blvd. Apt. 106, Silver Spring MD 20906

Indicate whether you want Chicken or Salmon

Tables will be set for 8 or 10 people. If you wish to reserve a table, please list the names, phone numbers, and meal choices. Please send all checks with the form below.

Name	Phone	Chicken	Salmon

Number of Adults _____ Children under 12 _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

* All food is Kosher Kitchen not ritually Koshered

WOMEN'S SHABBAT

On Saturday May 9, 2015, the Jewish Residents of Leisure World will honor all women at our Shabbat Services. We would like to have as many JRLW members, men and women, as possible attend this special Shabbat Service for and led by women.

Please remember to fill out and return the form on page 5 of this Newsletter.
What a lovely way to remember the mothers in your life on the day before Mother's Day!

For more information please contact Joan Engleman, Chairlady of this project, at 301-503-4484 or at 1-561-496-7887.



PURIM



Allan Firestone
Religious Vice President

Purim is a holiday that commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish people in the ancient Persian Empire where a plot had been formed to destroy them. The story is recounted in the Biblical Book of Esther and is a festive holiday that is celebrated on the 14th of Adar which this year falls on March 5, 2015.

Rabbi Gary Fink will officiate at our service in Clubhouse II in the exercise room. 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 Megilla reading in costume and all JRLW members are

encouraged to dress up as characters from the Purim story. During the reading of the Megilla it is customary to boo, hoot or shake noisemakers (graggers) to express the dislike of the villain Haman when his name is mentioned.

Purim is festive holiday and refreshments will be provided by Rabbi Shmuel Leigh of the Golden Network. We are also commanded 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). In addition to the Shalach Manot provided by Rabbi Leigh we will provide coffee and tea, but not anything stronger, although members of JRLW are encouraged to bring their own refreshments.



JRLW WOMEN'S SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, May 9, 2015

The "JRLW Women's Shabbat Service" is providing an opportunity for individuals to honor all women. A special program will be distributed. The program will include the names of the donors along with the names of those whom we wish to honor.

JRLW needs your support to purchase a new Torah. This year we are requesting members to contribute \$5.00 for each honoree name listed below. Donations should be included with your application. **Please include this entire page with your payment.**

Our Extended Deadline For Your Donation Is MARCH 15, 2015!

Please complete the application below. The names should be listed in the order you wish them to appear in this program. Additional names may be added on an additional page.

Please **PRINT** each name to be honored below.

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_____ Phone Number _____

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO JRLW.
(IN THE MEMO LINE PRINT "TORAH FUND" AND YOUR PHONE NUMBER.)**

DONATION IS \$5.00 PER NAME OF HONOREE.

**THE TOTAL ENCLOSED CONTRIBUTION TO THE
JRLW WOMEN'S SHABBAT SERVICE PROGRAM IS \$_____.**

NOTE: This form with your check should be returned to:

Marcia J. Hahn
2901 S Leisure World Blvd., #136
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Attention: Women's Shabbat Service Program

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

JRLW BRUNCH

Evelyn Dickman

Join JRLW on Sunday, March 22, at 10 am for a delightful musical program based on the works of Jewish Broadway composers. Many of these composers had fathers who were professional cantors. These artists will be familiar to us. Cantor Karen Weber Gilat will sing their songs and inform us about their careers in the entertainment world. Be prepared to sit back and enjoy the music and the program.

We look forward to seeing you at the Brunch. The cost is \$10.00 per person, check payable to JRLW. Mail check to Jerry & Shirley Gordon, 15311 Beaverbrook Court, #3A, Silver Spring MD 20906.



JRLW LUNCH BUNCH

Anita Van Grack

The next luncheon of the Lunch Bunch will be held Thursday, March 19, at 12:00 noon at the Outback Restaurant.

If you plan to attend, please send your \$5.00 check with your reservation to Kitty Atkin, 3310 N. Leisure World Boulevard, #420, Silver Spring, MD 20906. Your check will be returned when you attend the lunch.



GOOD DEEDS DAY

The residents of Leisure World will hold its Good Deeds Day on Sunday, March 15. JRLW will have its own table. Anita Van Gack will be in charge of our collection.



Please bring unopened canned or boxed food products to Clubhouse I between 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. The food we gather will be donated to MANNA for those less fortunate who need the food.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN MARCH

Purim Services led by Rabbi Fink will be held in Clubhouse II on Thursday, March 5, at 9:15 am. Attendees are invited to come in costume, if so desired. Bring your groggers! Refreshments after Services provided by the Golden Network.



Shabbat Services will be held on Friday evening March 6, at 7:30 pm in the Interfaith Chapel. Oneg and socializing will follow Services.

Shabbat morning Services will be held on Saturday, March 14, at 9:15 am in Clubhouse II. Jerry Miller will lead the preliminary Service. Cantor Kravitz will lead the main Service. Hymie Rosenberg will chant the Haftarah. Two of the grandchildren of Glenda and Irv Bernstein will have aliyot as Irv celebrates the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. You are invited to join us at Kiddush following the Service.

Rabbi Samber will conduct an abbreviated Service and study sessions on Saturdays when our traditional Shabbat Services are not held. These sessions will take place on Saturday, March 7, 21 and 28.

Editorial

JE SUIS. . . . I AM A JEW. . I AM AFRAID.

Bernice Cohen

Last month we observed the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. And we said, once more, "Never again!"

Last month thousands came together in Paris to show solidarity against the horrific killings there by an extreme Islamic organization. Almost as an aside, the media reported the killing of some people in a kosher market. Anti-Semitism is nothing new in France. It is growing. We don't discuss it--maybe because we don't want to believe it. A synagogue bombed there, a Jewish couple walking down the street being beaten for no reason other than that they were Jews. When Bibi Netanyahu suggested that the Jews living in France should move to Israel, the media indicated that he should not have said that. We Americans thought it was a polite gesture. But was it?

Last summer as rockets rained down on Israel, Britons ranked the Jewish state right between North Korea and Iran as the country they hate second most in the world.

Here, in the United States, after the University of California, Davis, student government passed a bill encouraging the university to divest from Israel, some of the bill's anti-Israel supporters celebrated by painting a swastika on the house of a Jewish fraternity. That is anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitism is again growing in Europe and throughout the world.

Each year, here in Leisure World, we hold an observance in memory of the six million. It is a very moving service. We Jews living in

Leisure World know all about the Holocaust. Our children know because we made certain that they did. How about our grandchildren? Do you tell them about the horrors of Hitler's Europe? If we don't, who will?

We have an impressive Holocaust Museum here in Washington, D.C. School children are routinely taken there on a field trip. Some are impressed; some are happy to have an excuse to get away from school for a day. There is a movement now to stop teaching about the Holocaust in public schools, because it is an affront to the Muslim students.

We must find a way to make certain that the world does not forget. We are seeing acts of anti-Semitism grow again throughout the world. Here, in this area we feel safe. We can go to the kosher store without fear. When visiting in France, Jews are advised not to wear their Star of David so that it shows. Here, in this area, some synagogues are hiring guards on the High Holy Days. In Europe synagogues are bombed and the world takes little notice.

In my home, at the Passover Seder we spill an extra drop of wine in memory of the six million who are not able to celebrate Passover. What will you do to make certain that future generations do not forget?

There is a quote from Julius Lester: "History is not just facts and events. History is also a pain in the heart and we repeat history until we are able to make another's pain in the heart our own."

I am a Jew. I am afraid.



GET ON THE BUS WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL!

Fred Shapiro

As we have done for the past five or so years, JRLW and other Leisure World clubs have been invited to attend Advocacy Day in Annapolis, March 10, by the Jewish Community Relations Council. Buses will pick up our members at Clubhouse II that afternoon. You must register with the JCRCGW at their office in Rockville at 301-770-0881 or on their web site.

Join the JCRC for our annual Jewish advocacy day in Annapolis as we meet with our Delegates and Senators from Montgomery County to advocate for the community's top priorities. Despite the state's budget shortfall, the JCRC will be partnering with the Baltimore Jewish Council to push a joint agenda and to fight for vital funding essential to services and infrastructure in our community. They will be joined by the other organizations and agencies active in the region.

At the Advocacy Day reception Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Maryland's Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General have all been invited and we look forward to hearing from them as well as our Montgomery County Delegates and Senators. The \$15 registration includes transportation to and from Leisure World and a kosher dinner. We look forward to seeing you there as we need your voice more than ever!

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mazel Tov to Muriel Brenner on the birth of a great grandson, MAX REID SCHWARTZ. Mom, Dad and baby are doing well.

Congratulations to Evelyn Dickman on the birth of great grandson ARI BENJAMIN COHEN.

Naomi and Steven Kline are celebrating the birth of grandson JONAH WILLIAM KLINE. Mazel Tov!



Congratulations to Shirley Griffin on the marriage of granddaughter Lorin Cahill to Geoffrey Bent.

Mazel Tov to Shirley and Jerry Gordon on their 65th wedding anniversary!

Dolly Solomon is still in rehab at Brooke Grove. We all miss her.

We are happy to learn that Madeline Shapiro is doing well following hip surgery.

Mazel Tov to Carole Jason on the upcoming marriage of her granddaughter Hannah Marquis to Dan Endy in June.

**HELLO ALL QVELLING
GRANDPARENTS! WE WILL BE
LISTING GRADUATING STUDENTS IN
THE MAY NEWSLETTER. SO START
GATHERING YOUR NAMES NOW.**

POEM

By Phil Wendkos

My ode to the One on High
I look up to Him wistfully with a sigh
Through thick and thin He has guided me
Without so much mention of a fee.
God controls every minute of my day
When I awake, I know everything will be ok.
In God I Trust.

NA'AMAT NEWS

Ruth Reid

It is March and spring arrives on the 20th of the month. Our club has been on hiatus for two months. There were no open meetings in January and February. During those months our board has been busy discussing the present and future of our club. Now we are back to our open meetings. On Wednesday, March 4, at 12:30 pm in the ballroom we will first enjoy goodies provided by our hospitality committee followed by an interesting program. Fred Shapiro, photographer extraordinaire, will show slides. His presentation is called: "Jewish Sites Around the World." Countries you will visit are United States, Israel, Italy, Australia, Ukraine, Russia and many more. After the presentation Fred will answer questions.

On Tuesday, April 14, we will visit the Hillwood Estate. We will have lunch there and have a docent. The gardens and house are magnificent. The trip is now full, however there is a waiting list. Call Theda Rosenblum, 301-598-9105, for further details.

As spring bursts forth, beautiful flowers and trees blossom. NA'AMAT will have its own display of pretty things, such as our lovely Spiritual Adoption Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, in the Clubhouse I Ballroom at 11:30 am. The lunch will be plated, consisting of tea sandwiches, petite salad and delicate desserts. The speaker will be Leslie Milk, editor of the Washingtonian Magazine. Leslie loves us and we love her. She always brings a smile to our faces with her delightful stories.

On Sunday May 17, 2015, NA'AMAT will sponsor the JRLW Brunch. The guest speaker will be Charles O Heller. His book about WW II and his personal experience as a child in Europe during the 1930's will be most interesting to hear.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015, we will have our annual Donor/Installation Luncheon at the Manor Country Club. "Shades of Polynesia" Hawaiian dancers, music and singers will be the entertainment.

On Wednesday, June 3, we will have our end of the year celebration. We will then award the "Woman of the Year," have a report from our treasurer and enjoy desserts and coffee. We promise you some surprises. Do plan on coming and bring some guests.

Our board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at 10:30 am in Clubhouse I.

REMEMBER: THINK NA'AMAT, THINK ISRAEL

JRLW/CoA MOVIE

Movie Matinee: "The Age of Love"

When: Tuesday, March 24, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Where: Clubhouse II Auditorium.

Tickets may be obtained at the E&R Office. Check for \$6.00 should be made out to JRLW.

"The Age of Love" documentary follows the humorous and poignant adventures of a group of fearless senior adults, who sign up for a Speed Dating event exclusively for 70-90 year olds.

A discussion will follow the movie.

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MT. SCOPUS HADASSAH

Barbara Eisen

On Wednesday, March 18, Noa Meir, the Jewish Community Relations Council's Director of Israel Action Center, will speak about the elections in Israel and will share advice on advocacy tools to stand up for Israel. Socializing begins at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:00pm in Clubhouse I. All Leisure World residents are welcome to attend.

The Mt. Scopus Judaic Study Group will meet on Monday, March 16 at 1:30pm in Clubhouse I. New members are welcome. The group is doing a series of studies called "Parsha of the Week." For further information call Joan Lees (301-598-3768).

Everyone is invited to a Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, March 11, at the Greater Washington Hadassah Office, 11900 Parklawn Drive, from 11:30am to 1pm. The event is free. The speaker is Lindsay Jenkins from the UN-HCR's Regional Office for the USA and Caribbean. Her topic is the humanitarian situation in the Northern Triangle of Central America. The event is open to the public. Bring a dairy or parve lunch.

One of our new initiatives is "Every Step Counts: Hadassah's Walking Program." It is a virtual walk from Hadassah headquarters in New York across the USA and Asia to our hospitals in Jerusalem. Participants log their miles using their personal pedometers. The official start of the walk is April 1. The registration fee is \$18 and participants are encouraged to get sponsors. You will be taking steps to a healthier future and helping to raise funds for Hadassah. To register, log onto the website hadassah.org/everystepcounts. For further information call 212-303-8094.



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ATTENTION ALL COOKS:

Passover is almost here! So for the April Newsletter we are asking for Passover kugel recipes. Whether parve, dairy or meat, we want your recipes.

You may e-mail them to Shirley Griffin at rishgrif@gmail.com or call her at 301-598-1646. We are counting on you to send in your recipe. Thanks.

ACE SEMINARS SPRING SEMESTER

Tuesdays at Leisure World

April 14 – May 19, Clubhouse I

\$15/class (each class runs for 6 weeks)
Checks should be made out to JRLW and turned in at the E&R Office.

1. Aspects of Israel: Complex & Beautiful 10:00am – 11:00am

This course will explore the many facets of Israeli society. Six different Israeli *shlichim* (emissaries) in our community will discuss – military experience, the land and its beauty, Israeli history, Israel as “Start-Up Nation” and the impact of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on Israeli society.

2. Exploring Ultra-Orthodox Life in Israel 11:15am – 12:15pm

An examination of the Ultra-Orthodox sector of Israeli society through the lens of the Israeli TV series *Shtisel*. *Shtisel* won the Israeli Academy Award for Best TV Drama in 2014. Each session will begin with a short introduction followed by a screening of an episode of the Israeli TV program. Q&A and discussion will follow each screening. See a different slice and gain some new insight into Ultra-Orthodox life.

Facilitator: Ira Weiss, PhD, is a retired neuro-physiologist and an avid collector of cinema related to Jews and Israel.

3. Jewish Identity 1:15 – 2:15pm:

This class will explore many complex issues surrounding who is a Jew, what impacts the strength of one’s Jewish identity, especially the ever more fragile identity of our youth. Threats to Jewish identity and how Israel, social activism, and one’s background plays into identity and inevitably the strength of the Jewish community. Each week will feature a different Rabbi or Jewish educator each with a unique perspective.

CHANGES IN MEDICARE AND HOSPITAL READMISSIONS WORKSHOP

Fred Shapiro

With changes in the health insurance programs due to the Affordable Care Act that affects seniors, JRLW is co-sponsoring a workshop with BrightStar Care on Thursday, March 26, at 2:00 pm in Clubhouse I. Admission is free.

Abby FinTor, Community Outreach Manager of BrightStar, has engaged two nurses from Suburban Hospital who will elaborate on the conditions that are now prevalent under Medicare, including hospital readmissions. The nurses are part of a community outreach program from Suburban Hospital. They have considerable experience in the areas of concern.

Anyone with recent experience at a hospital or rehabilitation center has been confronted by the new rules. This is a workshop well worth attending for your own protection.

Further information will be published in the Leisure World News prior to the date of the workshop.

JEWISH RESIDENTS OF LEISURE WORLD WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mina and Ted Smith
Sid Fogel



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



A listing of interesting things happening in our community.

Each Thursday there is a day-long program, including lunch, held at Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim, a satellite program of the JCCGW: The highlight for March is The Singing Sensations Paula Rehr and Tom Kowalski who will perform on Thursday, March 12. This program is sponsored by Alfred House Eldercare.

If you have any questions, call Linda Wechsler at 301-348-3893.

“Wild Women of Washington, DC: A History of Disorderly Conduct from the Ladies of the District”

Presenting Author and Historian, Canden Schwantes

When: Thursday, March 19, 10:30 am
RSVP by 3/12

Where: Shaare Tefila Synagogue, 16620 Georgia Ave., Olney

Fiery suffragettes, unconventional first ladies and rebellious socialites--turning up their noses at ladylike behavior, these pioneering women of Washington, D.C. shattered the expectations of a tightly corseted society. Trading petticoats for trousers to work at the Union hospitals, Dr. Mary E. Walker was both the only female Medal of Honor recipient and the possessor of a police record for impersonating a man. During Prohibition, First Lady Florence Harding hosted jazz soirees and served up cocktails in the White House gardens. From pioneering photographers and newspaperwomen to enterprising madams and soldiers in disguise, author Canden Schwantes introduces readers to

the decidedly daring and wild women of the capital.

Refreshments will be served.

GOOD DEEDS DAY

Sunday, March 15 is Good Deeds Day. This is being observed throughout the Washington D.C. area. Here in Leisure World, food is being collected at Clubhouse I. JRLW will have its own table. Anita Van Grack will be in charge of our collection.

Special Invite to Temple Bat Yam at the Beach. For those of you who are interested in attending Shabbat Services or partaking in Jewish fellowship and socializing while at the beaches in the Ocean City area, Temple Bat Yam in Berlin, Maryland, gives the perfect answer! The Temple is offering a dues-free membership for up to a year for a test drive before you decide if you want to join. For more information, please call Peggy Tomarell, Office Administrator, at 410-641-4311. Or call Leisure World resident and member of Bat Yam, Ronnye Levin at 301-598-6064.

WE REMEMBER...

Our condolences to the families of
Betsy Firnbacher

Edith Milman

Eileen Bandler

Louis Rubenstein

Jerome "Jerry" Halperin

Ruth Love

May their memory be as a blessing.



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 at 15107 Interlachen Drive, Apt. 812, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

PRAYER BOOK DONATIONS

Eileen Ansher in memory of Betsy Firnbacher.
Linda and David Reiff in memory of Gilbert Sturman.

Renee Thaler in memory of Leonard Davidson.

TORAH FUND

Larry Sperling in memory of his brother Bernie's birthday and for his sister Anita's February birthday.

Laura and Sid Sussan in memory of Phina Zeheb.

Bonnie and Stan Favin in honor of the 65th wedding anniversary of our dear brother and sister-in-law Buddy and Sandy Budman with our loving wishes for good health and happiness.

Fred and Michael Firnbacher in memory of Betsy Firnbacher (Fred's wife and Michael's mother)

Dottie Dolinka in memory of Jean Bramow's beloved son Robert Bramow.

Elsie Budman in memory of Fred Firnbacher's wife Betsy Firnbacher.

Elsie Budman in memory of Paula Rubenstein's husband Louis Rubenstein.

Naomi and Steve Kline in memory of Phina Zeheb.

Naomi and Steve Kline in memory of Betsy Firnbacher.

TZEDAKAH, ONEG & KIDDUSH 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 donation by Larry Sperling in honor of the birthday of his sister Anita Sperling and in memory of the birthday of his brother Bernie Sperling.

Oneg donation by Shirley and Jerry Gordon in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.
Sandra Sager to Dr. David Zeheb and family in memory of Phina Zeheb.

Gilda Dubroof to Lori Sturman in memory of her husband Gilbert Sturman.

Bernice Cohen to Fred Firnbacher in memory of his wife Betsy.

Linda and David Reiff to Fred Firnbacher in memory of his wife Betsy.

Joyce Tanenbaum on the Yahrzeit of beloved husband, Dad and Pops Moe Tanenbaum.

Shirley Light to Millie Kipperman in memory of her beloved husband Bernie Kipperman.

Shirley Light in honor of the 65th wedding anniversary of Shirley and Jerry Godon.

Ellen Zweig to Naomi and Steve Kline in honor of the birth of a grandson.

Shirley Rosenhaft and Ray Kurlander to Millie Kipperman in memory of her husband Bernie Kipperman.



THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS WITH MOLLY

A Purim Story

“No! No!” said Molly. “I won’t, I won’t!” Lee and Molly were planning on what to wear at the Purim carnival. Ima had bought a sparkly crown for Molly to wear on her head as she dressed up as Queen Esther. But Molly wouldn’t hear of it. Molly’s younger brother, Lee, said “But Molly, you always go as Queen Esther and I always go as Mordecai. It’s tradition!” “Well this time, I want to be something different - maybe Vashti; or even one of the dancing girls--anything but Queen Esther.” Molly just stood there, her hazel eyes blazing. Then, with the sparkly crown still on her head, she turned and ran up the stairs, into her room and slammed the door behind her. “I won’t! I won’t!” she called back down the stairs. Once in her room, Molly turned to the mirror just to see how silly she looked with the crown perched on top of her head. Oh My! Instead of seeing her own reflection in the mirror, she saw a beautiful young woman looking back at her. The woman was older than Molly - she must have been at least eighteen years old. She had long, dark brown hair, just like Molly. Her eyes were hazel, just like Molly’s. She wore a crown on her head which looked very much like the one Molly had on. But instead of looking angry, she looked very sad. The woman in the mirror was dabbing at her eyes with a lace handkerchief, to wipe away tears. Molly looked around her room to see if there was someone else who was reflected in the mirror. But she was the only one in the room. She turned to the mirror again. The young woman was still there. Molly was a little scared. “Who are you?” she asked, her mouth open in amazement.

“My name is Esther. I am Queen! But right now I am not feeling very queenly. I have a terrible problem.” Molly remembered her manners, and asked, “Would you like to come into my room and sit down? I will be happy to listen to your problem. Maybe you


would like a glass of water!” Queen Esther managed a small smile; and lifting up the edge of her long silk gown, she stepped over the bottom edge of the mirror and into Molly’s room. “When I saw the crown on your head, I knew you were an important person and I thought that you might be able to help me.” Molly’s hand flew instinctively to her head. The crown was still there. She wanted to tell the woman that it was not a real crown, but the words just did not come out of her mouth. Now she felt obliged to listen to the Queen’s problems. She and the beautiful Queen sat down on the edge of her bed, and Esther began talking:

“Not long ago, my Cousin Mordecai entered me into a beauty contest. I won; and as a result got to marry the King. He is a wonderful husband, very kind and loving. But his chief advisor is a very mean man. His name is Haman. He is jealous of my people - the Jews - and wants to get rid of all of us. He made up some horrible lies about us and told the King. Now the King is thinking about killing all of the Jews; even my Cousin Mordecai! The

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King doesn't know I am a Jew. Uncle Mordecai came to me and told me it was up to me to save my people; but I just don't know what to do. I don't know if I have the courage to go to the King!" With that, she started crying again.

Molly thought for a moment. Then suddenly she smiled. She had an inspiration. "I think I know what you have to do!" She got up and went over to her bookcase. After looking at a few books, she took one down from a shelf. She thumbed through the book, glancing up from time to time to see if the young woman was still there. "Aha!" she said, "Here is what you must do!" "You must prepare a wonderful dinner for your husband, the King. The following night, you must prepare an even more delicious dinner for him. Dress in your most beautiful gown. When he has eaten the meal and feels full, he will see how beautiful you are and will ask you if there is anything he can do for you. He really loves you, you know. Then you must kneel before him and ask him to spare your life. He will ask why you say that, and you will tell him the whole story - the whole megillah! He will realize that Haman has been giving him the wrong information and will punish him. Your cousin will be so proud of you! Your husband, the King, will learn what a smart man your Uncle is and

will make him the chief advisor! Believe me, it will work just as I say!"

Esther put down her damp hanky. "You know, I believe you. It just might work! I must get back before I lose my courage. Thank you so much!" Then she got up and lifting her gown so she wouldn't trip on it, she stepped back into the mirror. Molly smiled, and put the book back on the shelf. Then she opened the door and ran down the stairs, calling out as she went, "Lee! Ima! Guess what just happened. You'll never believe it. I changed my mind. I will go to the carnival as Queen Esther! Wait 'till I tell you what happened!" Lee sighed. Knowing his sister he figured out that this was just another 'girl' thing. You could never tell what might make his sister change her mind about something. Molly insisted that he and Ima follow her up to her bedroom. "She was here! Queen Esther was here! And I told her what to do! I did! She was here and she was beautiful and she looked like me!" Ima sighed as she sat down on the edge of Molly's bed, shaking her head. She absent-mindedly picked up the beautiful damp lace handkerchief that lay on the bed -- wondering what had happened to make her daughter change her mind. Never mind. Tomorrow, Molly and Lee would go to the carnival as planned and they would have a wonderful time.

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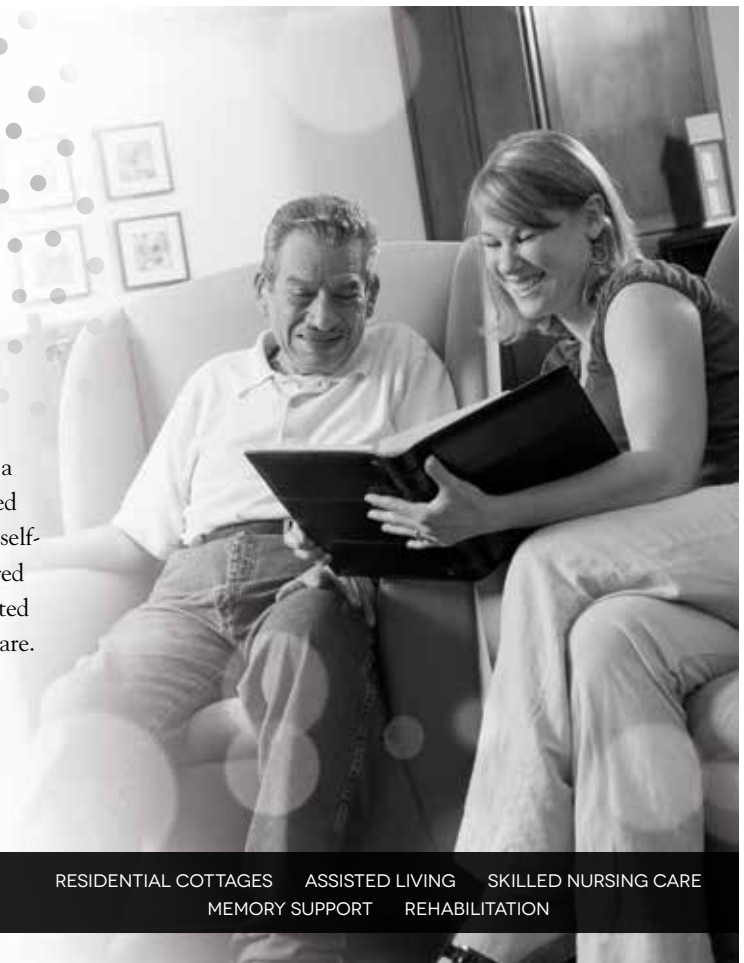


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