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A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT

Snow, Snow, Snow--we sure had our share, but wasn't it beautiful as long as we were in our warm homes, looking out of our windows, and watching the amount of snow on the ground grow and grow until it was up to our knees.

I couldn't help but notice, as I looked down on the parking lot of the building I live in, how many neighbors were pitching in and helping each other dig out the snow-laden cars. Helping clear the doorways. Helping each other, not sitting back saying that it's too much trouble--but saying LET ME HELP.

It was also a time when we realized that it was a perfect opportunity to think about what we could do to enrich our own lives.

The Nominating Committee will soon begin to gather names for people to fill the necessary positions for the success of JRLW. I am asking you to think about what you can do to enrich your own lives and what you can do to keep JRLW active in the future.

And so my dear friends, if you are called by the Committee, consider saying, "YES, YES I WILL HELP."

Thank you,

Miriam (Kitty) Atkin

Administrative Vice President

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE JRLW PRESIDENT

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your prayers and well wishes during my recent illness. I was extremely ill and appreciate your concern. Since I am still in recovery and undergoing therapy, any prayers would be appreciated.

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MARCH DATES

- 1 Tue - JRLW BD CH II 7:00 pm
- 2 Wed - JWV Mtg CH I 11 am
- 2 Wed - NAAMAT Mtg CH I 12:30 pm
- 4 Fri - JRLW Cons. Shabbat Svc. Interfaith Chapel 7:30 pm
- 5 Sat - Study w/Rabbi Samber CH II 9:15 am
- 10 Thu - ALL Classes
- 12 Sat - JRLW Shabbat Svc CH II 9:15 am
- 13 Sun - JWV Brunch CH I 10:00 am
- 15 Tue - NAAMAT Bd. CH I 10:30 am
- 17 Thu - ALL Classes
- 19 Sat - Study w/Rabbi Samber CH II 9:15 am
- 20 Sun - JRLW Brunch CH I 10:00 am
- 20 Sun - Hadassah High Tea 2:00 pm
- 21 Mon - Hadassah Study Grp.
- 24 Thu - JRLW Purim Svc CH II 9:15 am
- 26 Sat - Study w/Rabbi Samber CH II 9:15 am

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I want to take this opportunity to also thank all the board members and especially our Vice President, Kitty Atkin, for all of their hard work and for continuing to do an outstanding job for all our members during my illness. It is wonderful to realize how concerned and how professional they are in behalf of all our members.

Thank you again. I truly appreciate it.

Your President,
Larry Sperling



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

We are happy to welcome new members:
Stephen and Rose Abramowitz
15101 Interlachen Dr., #925.

Jacqueline Samuel
3330 N. Leisure World Blvd., # 702.

We hope they will enjoy being a part of
the Jewish Residents of Leisure World!

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE
APRIL NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 10.
ANY ARTICLE SENT IN AFTER
THAT DATE 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 Saturday, April 23, at 6 pm in the Crystal Ballroom of Clubhouse I.

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 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 pg 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.



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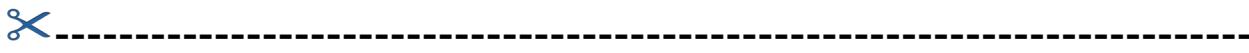
JEWISH RESIDENTS OF LEISURE WORLD

Traditional Kosher Passover Seder
Led by Fred Firnbacher

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 6pm in Clubhouse 1

Please complete and return this registration form by April 10, 2016
Adults: \$35 per person; 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 \$ _____

JRLW BRUNCH

Evelyn Dickman

Join us on Sunday, March 20, at 10:00 am, for our next JRLW Brunch in the Clubhouse I Ballroom.

JRLW is happy to have Bob Gotkin as our speaker for the Brunch. Mr. Gotkin has had a long career as a professional broadcaster. He has studied acting and singing as well as broadcast journalism. Since his retirement, he has lived here in Leisure World. He has been using his voice for singing, acting and performing on stage as a member of the Fun and Fancy theater group. We look forward to hearing some of Bob's favorite radio stories acquired during his forty-year career as a broadcast journalist in the greater Washington area.

Please mail your check, made out to JRLW, for \$10.00 per person to Jerry & Shirley Gordon, 15311 Beaverbrook Court, #3A, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

See you at the Brunch!



GOOD AND WELFARE

Congratulations to Evelyn Dickman on the engagement of her grandson, David Dickman, to Allie Alter.

Get well wishes to Art Podolsky, who currently is in rehab at Bedford Court.

We hope that Joan Engleman is recovering from her surgery while enjoying the warm weather of Florida.

We are all happy to see Larry Sperling home and on the mend.

Happy Birthday wishes to Julie Schecker and Carole Jason on their special birthdays. Carole, who is a leap year baby, is celebrating her 20th birthday!

WE REMEMBER

Our condolences to Carol and Larry Cohen on the death of their son Barry. E. Lynn Cooper. Ronald Glenn Estrain. Sara Dick. Gilbert Fleisher. Dorothy Jacobs.

May their memory be as a blessing.

PLEASE NOTE: Shirley Collier sends out sympathy cards for JRLW. You can contact her if you know of any deaths of our members. You may reach her at 201-598-4616. Her address is 2901 South Leisure World Blvd., #311.



JRLW WOMEN'S SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, May 21, 2016

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

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

Our Deadline For Your Donation IS APRIL 20, 2016!

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 of the women to be honored below.

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Honored by – Please fill in your name below.

_____ Phone Number _____

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO JRLW.
(IN THE MEMO LINE PRINT "PRAYER BOOKS" 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.

MARCH RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Conservative Friday evening Shabbat Services will be held on March 4, at 7:30 pm, in the Interfaith Chapel. Rabbi Gary Fink will conduct the Services. The choir will be led by Ed Laskin. We will have a special guest speaker at this service; Mr. Will Recant will speak about the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The JDC, which was formed 100 years ago, is tasked with feeding Jews in war-torn areas as well as serving other needs, including emergency responses around the globe. An Oneg and social hour will follow the Services.

On Saturday morning, March 12, we will hold Shabbat Services in Clubhouse II at 9:15 am. Services will be led by Cantor Mike Kravitz. The Torah Portion will be Pekudei. Egon Guttmann will chant the Haftorah. Fred Shapiro will give the D'Var Torah. Join us for a Kiddush following the Service.

Rabbi Samber will lead a short service and Torah study on Saturdays, March 5, 19, and 26, at 9:15 am in Clubhouse II. All are welcome.

We will hold Purim Services on Thursday, March 24, in Clubhouse II at 9:15 am.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

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A female CNN journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Western Wall to pray, twice a day, every day, for a long, long time. So she went to check it out. She went to the Western Wall and there he was, walking slowly up to the holy site. She watched him pray and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave, using a cane and moving very slowly, she approached him for an interview.

“Pardon me, sir, I’m Rebecca Smith from CNN. What’s your name?” “Morris Feinberg,” he replied.

“Sir, how long have you been coming to the Western Wall and praying?”

“For about 60 years.”

“60 years! That’s amazing! What do you pray for?”

“I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews and the Muslims. I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop. I pray for all our children to grow up safely as responsible adults and to love their fellow man. I pray that politicians tell us the truth and put the interests of the people ahead of their own interests.”

“How do you feel after doing this for 60 years?”

“Like I’m talking to a wall!”



JRLW/CoA MOVIE

Movie Matinee: "Tango Glories"

2014 • 109 minutes • Spanish [English subtitles] Discussion to follow

When: Monday, March 14, 1:30- 3:30 Where: Clubhouse II Auditorium Price: \$6.00/person. Tickets available at E&R

A vivacious mix of music, magical realism and electrifying dance mesmerize in this tale centered on octogenarian Fermin Tundera. Committed to an institution decades ago, and suffering from PTSD and depression, Fermin breaks out of his isolation with the help of an ambitious young psychiatrist who connects to Fermin through the language of the Argentinian tango. As their relationship deepens, we're transported back to 1940's Buenos Aires where long-kept secrets unwind to the sensual beats of a deep and beautiful dance. Dramatic, colorful and surreal, like tango, the film calls to attention the basic need for connection, passion and forgiveness in life.

A.L.L. (Adult Living & Learning) CLASSES COMING IN MARCH

Two new classes are coming to Leisure World in March, courtesy of JCCGW:

Clash of the Secular and Orthodox in Israel

Thursdays, March 10--April 14

10:30-noon, Clubhouse I

Cost: \$30.00

Instructor Ira Weiss

Each session will consist of an episode of the award winning Israeli TV miniseries, A Touch Away, preceded by a short introduction and followed by class discussion. The miniseries is about an orthodox religious young woman and a secular Russian immigrant, and the lives of their two families.

Jewish Women of Song

Thursdays, March 10--24

1:00 - 2:00 pm, Clubhouse I

Cost: \$15.00

Performer Karen Webber Gilat

Explore the contributions of Jewish women to music and of women to Jewish music. We will learn about the lives of Sophie Tucker, Fanny Bryce and Dinah Shore through their histories and music.

NA'AMAT NEWS

Ruth Reid

March is the time to have our first open meeting of 2016 after our winter hiatus.

On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 12:30 in Clubhouse I, we will have a most interesting meeting with guest speaker Dr. John Withers. The topic he will discuss is Albania during World War II and the Jews. Albania is a topic Dr. Withers knows well.

Put this important date on your calendar: Wednesday, April 6, 2016, when we will hold the annual Spiritual Adoption Luncheon. There will be a served cold plate with delicious pastries and we will have delightful entertainment. The fee for this worthy fundraiser is \$22.00 per person.

Here is some very good news from the President of NAAMAT Israel. She tells us that a brand new NAAMAT day care center was recently opened in Carmel (lower Galilee). Seventy babies, toddlers and children will be educated there. It has three classrooms filled with modern facilities. We can be proud and happy to be a part of an organization that promotes the well-being of future generations.

The next NAAMAT board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 10:30 am, in Clubhouse I.



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

HAR TZEON AGUDATH ACHIM

Each Thursday there is a day-long program, including lunch, held at Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim, a satellite program of the JCCGW.

March 3 - Paula Rehr and Tom Kowalski: "Two for the Show Duet."

March 17 - Purim With The Kehillat Montessori.

YOUNG ISRAEL SHOMRAI EMUNAH

On the first and third Wednesday of each month there is a day-long program, including lunch, held at Young Israel Shomrai Emunah, a satellite program of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington (JCCGW).

March 2 - Alzheimer Association: "Healty Habits for a Healthier You."

March 16 - Purim With the YISE Nursery School.

If you have any questions about any of these programs, call Linda Wechsler at 301-348-3893.

HAZAK OF B'NAI SHALOM OF OLNEY

On Wednesday, March 2, at 10:30 am, HAZAK of B'nai Shalom of Olney is sponsoring a program from the Technion in Haifa, Israel. Alon Gany, Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Aerospace Engineering; Shani Elitzur, a third-year doctoral student in the Technion Faculty of Aerospace Engineering, whose research is

focused on green energy; and Nimrod Harani, a third-year undergraduate student with a double major in the Technion Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering and the

Faculty of Chemistry, will introduce us to major scientific discoveries from Israel and its co-operative projects with the United States. All are welcome. There is no charge. Questions: BSO, 18401 Burtfield Lane, Olney, at 301-74-0879, or Naomi Kline at 240-669-7683.

NOTICE! ANNUAL MEETING

Jewish Residents of Leisure World will hold their Annual Meeting and Elections on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, in Clubhouse I at 7:00 pm.

A Nominating Committee has been formed. The members are Neil Ross, Milli White and Anita Sperling. A slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting. The committee is looking for people who are willing to serve as an officer or board member. If you are willing to serve, please call one of the committee members. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Anyone who is nominated must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination.

Please plan to attend this important yearly meeting.



TORAH MAINTENANCE AND PRAYER BOOK FUND

Individuals can be honored and loved ones memorialized with a contribution to the JRLW Torah Maintenance Fund or Prayer Book Fund for a minimum donation of \$25.00. Send your check, made out to JRLW, to Annette Cooper, 15107 Interlachen Drive, Apt. # 812, Silver Spring MD 20906.

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

TORAH FUND:

Sonya, Barbara and Daniel Korenblit and Joel Beller in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Helen and Jack Cubert.

TZEDAKAH, KIDDUSH AND ONEG DONATIONS

For information about Tzedakah, Oneg or Kiddush donations, please call Susan Weiss at 301-460-6030. Checks should be made out to JRLW and mailed to Susan Weiss, 3739 Glen Eagles Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

KIDDUSH

Susan Weiss in memory of her parents Helen and Sidney Schaffer.

TZEDAKAH

Joyce Tanenbaum for the Yahrzeit of her beloved husband Morris Tanenbaum.

Fred Firnbacher for the Yahrzeit of his beloved father Maier Firnbacher.

Benjamin Sachs for the Yahrzeit of his beloved father.

Bernice Cohen in honor of Carole Jason's special leap year birthday.

Bernice Cohen in honor of Julie Schecker's birthday.

HADASSAH

Barbara Eisen

Hadassah presents "High Tea and Harmony" on Sunday, March 20, at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb St. NW, Washington DC. The boutique will be open from 2 pm to 3:30 pm and hors d'oeuvres will be served during the boutique. Everyone will have a place at a table for the elegant high tea. A concert featuring Cantor Gideon Yechiel Zelermyer of Congregation Shaar Hasomayim in Montreal and Cantor Thom King of Beth El Congregation will include a variety of music, including Broadway songs, opera, and liturgical music. The charge for members and associates is \$50 couvert plus \$50 donation. Non-members can attend for \$65 couvert plus \$50 donation. Members who are Chai Society members, Keepers of the Gate, and/or Special Gifts 2016 donors may attend for couvert only. Send your check payable to Hadassah to Hadassah Office, 11900 Parklawn Dr., Suite 350, Rockville, MD 20852. Include your name, address, phone number, email, and seating companion(s). You can also pay with a credit

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card by sending your credit card number and expiration date. The deadline date is March 1. If you have any questions, call Vicki Friedman (301-881-8579). Janet Lazar (301-598-4066) will coordinate transportation. Let her know if you can drive or if you need a ride.

The Judaic Study Group will meet on Monday, March 21. At their Feb. 15 meeting they will decide whether to meet in the afternoon or evening and whether to try meeting at a member's home. Check with Peri Schuyler (301-869-2968) for details of the March 21 meeting.

Hadassah Greater Washington needs volunteers for a Phone-A-Thon on Tuesday, March 8 to raise funds for the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower and for Hadassah's lifesaving work of healing, teaching and research. A script including talking points and a list of names will be provided. You can call from home anytime on March 8, until 8:30 pm. Or, you can join others at the Hadassah office (11900 Parklawn Dr. Suite 350) from 10 am to noon, from 1 pm to 3 pm or from 4 pm to 6 pm. If you come to the office, bring your cell phone, fully charged, along with the cord. Please RSVP no later than February 24 to Tema Sternberg (301-681-7747) if you can participate either from home or at the office. Snacks and drinks will be provided at the office. Thank you in advance for volunteering your time for Hadassah. Your helping to make this event a huge success will contribute substantially toward fulfilling Hadassah's mission.

RECIPE CORNER

Marcia Crystal

RAISIN SPICE OATMEAL COOKIES

(Low Fat)

1 cup flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
1 egg white
2 tbsp water
2 tbsp canola oil
1 tsp vanilla
1 1/3 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
1 cup raisins



Preheat oven to 375°. Coat 2 or 3 large baking sheets with no-stick spray.

In a small bowl combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon. Mix well. In a large bowl combine the brown sugar, applesauce, egg white, water, oil and vanilla. Mix well. Stir in flour mixture. Add the oats and raisins. Mix well.

Drop by rounded teaspoons, 2 inches apart, on baking sheets. Bake one sheet at a time for 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Place baking sheet on a wire rack and let stand for 5 minutes. Remove cookies from baking sheet and cool on rack. Makes 35 - 42 cookies. Freezes well. (Good with some chocolate chips added to the batter)



CALLING OUR GOOD COOKS!

Passover is coming in April! Please send in your favorite Passover recipe. We will include the recipes in our April Newsletter. E-mail your recipes to bernifc@juno.com or rishgrif@gmail.com. You may call them into Bernice Cohen, 301-598-0192 or Shirley Griffin, 301-598-1646.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 567 AT LEISURE WORLD

Milton Loube

SUNDAY BRUNCH March 13, 2016, in Clubhouse I Crystal Ballroom at 10:15 am. Now that you have weathered the snow storm it's time to join in some warm pleasant fellowship, a delicious meal, and enjoyable entertainment. The brunch will consist of the usual complete menu. All are invited and are most welcome. The cost is \$14 per person, mail order only. Please make your reservation check payable to "JWV Post 567" and mail to Marvin Franklin, 3200 N. Leisure World Blvd., Apt. 709, Silver Spring, MD 20906. (Tel: 301-598-9372).

NEXT REGULAR POST MEETING March 2, 2016, in Clubhouse I at 11:00 am. Refer to lobby directory for room location. Coffee and Danish will be served at the meeting. All members are urged to attend as your thoughts, ideas and concerns are the engine that keeps us moving ahead. We will be discussing plans for spring and summer and would like your input. Prospective members are most welcome and are encouraged to join the oldest active veterans' organization in the USA. Members of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA have long served our country with honor and distinction. Our organization has supported and will continue to support all programs designed to enhance the lives of military active duty, reservists, veterans and their families, including patients in VA medical centers and hospitals where our members volunteer much of their time.

STRICT GUN CONTROL MAKES GOOD COMMON SENSE. The American people are truly patriotic, fair-minded and loyal to our Constitution and all that it stands for. No one with good common sense would offer a mentally disabled person, a felon, a terrorist, a Jihadist, a fanatical leader of a country sworn to the destruction of another nation and its people or anyone bent on destroying another innocent person, the means to kill. Enforcing

strict gun control does not violate our right to own a gun. It merely helps prevent evil people from using guns to kill. We should apply the same or tougher restrictions to leaders of terrorist countries and those countries financing terrorist activities. It makes no sense for our country to give a fanatical leader of a terrorist nation, who has repeatedly threatened to annihilate us and our allies, a gun (nuclear pathway) with which one pull of the trigger could kill 50,000 to 100,000 Americans. America is a caring and peace-loving country whose men and women have given their lives over the years to keep us and other nations free and safe. Giving our enemies the means to destroy or inflict major harm on us or others is just not good common sense.

CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING PRESENTS "WHAT IS JEWISH ART?"

By Fred Shapiro

Leisure World's Center for Lifelong Learning joins with Moment Magazine to present Deputy Editor Sarah Breger discussing the subject "What is Jewish Art?" The program will take place Wednesday, April 6, at 1:30, pm in Clubhouse I. There is no admission charge, but residents are asked to register with E&R in Clubhouse I for an admission ticket.

What is Jewish art? Simply art produced by Jews? Art depicting Jews or art that contains Jewish subject matter? What about Jewish ceremonial objects with Jewish iconography, such as menorahs, goblets, Torah coverings, carvings, or folk art evoking the daily life of Jewish communities? Or art, which grapples with Jewish mysticism, probes the letters of the Hebrew alphabet or attempts to express some aspect of the Jewish conception of reality? Join Moment Deputy Editor Sarah Breger to explore this perennial question.

CANTOR'S CORNER

Michael Kravitz

The subject of this month's column is named Albert, and he was chosen because March 14 marks the 137th anniversary of his birth. While Germany was the country of his birth, he left Germany in 1933 and spent the latter years of his life in the United States as professor of Physics at Princeton University. You all know about Albert's achievements in the scientific world. What you may not know is that Albert was a proficient violinist and, especially in the last years of his life, a brilliant writer on subjects other than science. I'd like this article to concentrate on those facets of Albert's life.

A German music critic heard him play in the late 1920's and, apparently unaware of his academic claim to fame, described what he heard with "his (violin) playing is excellent but he does not deserve his world fame; there are many others just as good." Albert's fame was such that it opened doors that might have been closed to other people. He had the chance to play with Beethoven specialist Artur Schnabel, a world-class pianist. According to one version of a story frequently told by musicians, the two were playing a Beethoven Sonata when Albert got lost in the score and missed an entrance. Schnabel was said to slam his hands on the keyboard and exclaim "Albert- CAN'T YOU COUNT?"

I am sure that all of you have figured out by now that the aforementioned Albert is Albert EINSTEIN. In the last years of his life, he was very devoted to Jewish causes and was even offered the Presidency of the State of Israel which he turned down. He stipulated that on his death, his papers would be donated to the Hebrew University. In 1954, the year before his death, a book he wrote was published by Bonanza Books and was entitled IDEAS AND OPINIONS. Part of that book, a section entitled "Why Do They Hate the Jews?" was excerpted in a two volume set published in 1968. That set was entitled MODERN JEWISH LIFE IN LITERATURE and was edited by Azriel Eisenberg. I began my Jewish teaching career

in 1968 and I used this pair of books with my students. I was fascinated by what Einstein had written and have come back to his words a number of times over the years. I'd like to share some excerpts from that book.

"The bond that has united the Jews for thousands of years and that unites them today is, above all, the democratic ideal of social justice, coupled with the ideal of mutual aid and tolerance among all men. Even the most ancient religious scriptures of the Jews are steeped in these social ideals which have powerfully affected Christianity and Mohammedanism and have had a benign influence upon the social structure of a great part of mankind. The introduction of a weekly day of rest should be remembered here- a profound blessing to all mankind. Personalities such as Moses, Spinoza and Karl Marx, dissimilar as they may be, lived and sacrificed themselves for the ideal of social justice; and it was the tradition of their forefathers that led them on this thorny path. The unique accomplishments of the Jews in the field of philanthropy spring from the same source.

The second characteristic trait of Jewish tradition is the high regard in which it holds every form of intellectual aspiration and spiritual effort. I am convinced that this great respect for intellectual striving is solely responsible for the contributions the Jews have made toward the progress of knowledge, in the broadest sense of the term. In view of their relatively small number and the considerable external obstacles constantly placed in their way on all sides, the extent of these contributions deserves the admiration of all sincere men. I am convinced that this is not due to any special wealth of endowment, but to the fact that the esteem in which intellectual accomplishment is held among the Jews creates an atmosphere particularly favorable to the development of any talents that may exist. At the same time a strong critical spirit prevents blind obeisance to any mortal authority.

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I have confined myself here to these two traditional traits, which seem to me to be the most basic. These standards and ideals find expression in small things as in large. They are transmitted from parents to children; they color conversation and judgment among friends; they fill the religious scriptures; and they give to the community life of the group its characteristic stamp. It is in these distinctive ideals that I see the essence of Jewish nature."

So, as we remember Albert Einstein on the 137th anniversary of his birth, let's remember a man of many talents, one who possessed one of the greatest scientific minds of all time who remained fiercely proud of his Jewish heritage throughout his lifetime. His words are just as timely now as when they were written.

GOOD DEEDS DAY IN LEISURE WORLD

Fred Shapiro, Jewish War Veterans

Leisure World joins the Greater Washington community, along with hundreds of thousands of volunteers from around the world, in a day of service on April 10. Two projects will be observed here in Leisure World. The first is the annual collection of food for the needy and homeless in Clubhouse I. The second, sponsored by JRLW, is a return of the Jewish Day School students to coach our seniors about current communication and computer technology in Clubhouse II.

Co-sponsored by NAAMAT and the Jewish War Veterans Post 567, volunteers will be manning a table in Clubhouse I to collect containers of food for donation to MANNA. Residents are urged to take a few cans, jars or cartons of food or a monetary donation to the Clubhouse from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Chair of the event is Gladys Blank, NAAMAT.

This is the fourth year that Leisure World has participated in Good Deeds Day with donations to MANNA to feed the needy as its goal. Here in our region it is organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington with support from a broad range of interfaith and social oriented organizations.

Technology Support will take place in the Computer Center and New Activities Room in Clubhouse II. This event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Residents of Leisure World and the Computer Learning Center. Students from the Jewish Day Schools will work one-on-one with seniors to cope with their smartphones, tablets, laptops, as well as the computers in the center. At the last Technology session in December, more than 60 seniors joined with the students to learn how to use or better use their equipment.

To enable the scheduling of students and seniors during the two sessions starting at 11:00 am and ending at 1:00 pm, residents are asked to sign up at the E&R office in Clubhouse II. Indicate on the sign-in sheet the technology you would like to learn and the session(s) you will be available.

Good Deeds Day is an annual celebration of doing good—where all around the world hundreds of thousands volunteer to help others, putting into practice the simple idea that every single person can do something good, be it large or small, to improve the lives of others and change the world.

On April 10 more than 8,000 locals are expected to join the international Jewish community in making a difference. Some will dance the day away with senior citizens, prepare and serve lunch to the homeless, help unite dogs with their former homes or help clean up a local park- all are projects that serve the best interests of the community,

PURIM IN A NUTSHELL



The Persian empire of the 4th century BCE extended over 127 lands, and all the Jews were its subjects. When King Ahasuerus had his wife, Queen Vashti, executed for failing to follow his orders, he orchestrated a beauty pageant to find a new queen. A Jewish girl, Esther, found favor in his eyes and became the new queen—though she refused to divulge the identity of her nationality.

Meanwhile, the anti-Semitic Haman was appointed prime minister of the empire. Mordechai, the leader of the Jews (and Esther's cousin), defied the king's orders and refused to bow to Haman. Haman was incensed and convinced the king to issue a decree ordering the extermination of all the Jews on the 13th of Adar—a date chosen by a lottery Haman made (hence the name Purim, "lots").

Mordechai galvanized all the Jews, convincing them to repent, fast and pray to G-d. Meanwhile, Esther asked the king and Haman to join her for a feast. At the feast, Esther revealed to the king her Jewish identity. Haman was hanged, Mordechai was appointed prime minister in his stead, and a new decree was issued granting the Jews the right to defend themselves against their enemies.

How We Celebrate

On Purim, there are four mitzvahs we observe:

1. Hear the Megillah

Head to your synagogue to hear the whole *megillah*. The *megillah*, a.k.a. "The Book of Esther," is the scroll that tells the Purim story. When Haman's name is mentioned you can twirl *graggers* (noisemakers) or stamp your feet to eradicate his evil name. Purim is the only time when it's a mitzvah to make noise!



2. Give to the Needy

One of Purim's primary themes is Jewish unity. Haman tried to kill us all, we were all in danger together, so we celebrate together, too. Hence, on Purim day, we place special emphasis on caring for the less fortunate. Give money or food to needy people. On Purim, we give a to whoever asks; we don't verify his or her bank balance first.



3. Send Food Gifts to Friends

On Purim, we emphasize the importance of friendship and community by sending gifts of food to friends.



4. Feast!

During the course of Purim day, gather your family, maybe invite a guest or two, and celebrate with a festive Purim meal.

Masquerade! On Purim, children—and some adventurous adults, too—traditionally dress in costumes, an allusion to G-d's hand in the Purim miracle, which was disguised by natural events.



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