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To all the members of JRLW from the Board of Directors and Officers, we hope that you had a sweet and happy New Year and that the new year brings good health and happiness to your entire family. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Once again, Allan Firestone and his committee provided to the membership an insightful and enlightened High Holy Days Service. Cantor Kravitz and Rabbi Fink led us in the Conservative Services. Cantor Kravitz outdid himself in blowing the Shofar. Rabbah Arlene Berger and Cantor James Perlmutter led and conducted our Reform Services.

The Sukkot observance began the evening of Sunday, September 27, with our Sukkah being open daily. I want to remind you that on Monday, October 5, a Service with Yiskor prayers will take place in Clubhouse II. We are still looking for members to help with the Onegs on Friday evenings. Please contact me if you can assist us in this endeavor.

Do not forget to sign up for the upcoming Atlantic City trip in November. Contact Sue Sandler at 240-242-3742 for details.

The next JRLW Brunch will be held October 18, at 10:00 am in the Crystal Ballroom. Please send payment to Jerry and Shirley Gordon.

On October 28, we will sponsor a FINRA program about investment scams and fraud, which will also include dinner. You can pick up your free tickets at E & R office.

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OCTOBER DATES

- 2 Fri - JRLW Reform Shabbat Svc Interfaith Chapel 7:30 pm
- 3 Sat - Study w/Rabbi Samber CH II 9:15 am
- 3 Sat - JRLW Sukkot Mincha Svc in the Sukkah 4:00 pm
- 5 Mon - Shemini Atzerit/Yiskor Svc CH II 9:15 am
- 6 Tue - JRLW Bd Mtg CH II 7:00 pm
- 7 Wed - Hadassah Bd Mtg CH I 10 am
- 7 Wed - JWV Mtg CH I 11:00 am
- 7 Wed - NAAMAT Fashion Show CH I 11:30 am
- 10 Sat - JRLW Shabbat Svc CH II 9:15 am
- 11 Sun - JWV Brunch CH I 10:15 am
- 14 Wed - Hadassah Lunch & Learn (Hadassah Office)
- 14 - 15 Wed-Thur - NAAMAT to Dover Downs
- 15 Thur - Class CH I 10:30 A
- 17 Sat - Study w/Rabbi Samber CH II 9:15 am
- 18 Sun - JRLW Brunch CH I 10 am
- 18 Sun - Hadassah Walkathon for Heart Health
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- 22 Thur - Class CH I 10:30 am
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- 28 Wed - FINRA Dinner and Program CH I 5:30 pm
- 29 Thur - Class CH I 10:30 am
- 31 Sat - Study w/Rabbi Samber CH II 9:15 am

If you are going to Florida for the winter and you want your Newsletter sent to you, please contact Milli White and remember when you return you must contact her again to change your address back to Leisure World.

In the upcoming year, watch for announcements of classes, brunches and interesting events for our members.

L'Shana Tova,

Larry Sperling

E-MAIL GROUP

It's still not too late to join our e-mail group. This way, we will be able to inform you instantly in case of change of plans or an important announcement. If you wish to be on our list, please email me at bernifc@juno.com. This way I will be certain to have your e-mail address correct. The list will not be sold or used for other purposes.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 10.
ANY ARTICLE SENT IN AFTER
THAT DATE WILL APPEAR IN
THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER.

ON THE LIGHT SIDE



Moishe had a wife named Gitel, who nagged him unmercifully. From morning until night for the 65 years they had been married, Gitel was always complaining about something. The only time he got any relief was when he was out buying and selling junk and scrap metal with his old mule. Consequently, he was away from home often. One day, when Moishe was negotiating a deal with another junk dealer, Gitel brought him lunch. Moishe drove the mule into the shade, sat down on a stump and began to eat his lunch. Immediately after lunch, Gitel began nagging him again. Complain, gripe, nag, nag; it just never stopped.

All of a sudden, the old mule lashed out with both hind feet and caught Gitel smack in the back of the head, killing her dead on the spot.

At the funeral the next day, the Rabbi noticed something rather odd. When a female mourner approached Moishe, he would listen for a minute, then nod his head in agreement; but when a male mourner approached him, he would listen for a minute, then shake his head in disagreement. This was so consistent, the Rabbi decided to ask him about it. The Rabbi spoke to Moishe and asked why he nodded his head in agreement with all the women, but always shook his head in disagreement with the men. Moishe said, "Well, the women would come up and say something about what a good person my wife was, or how she was such a good cook or devoted wife, so I'd nod my head in agreement."

"And what about the men?" the Rabbi asked.
"They wanted to know if the mule was for sale."

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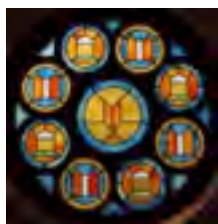
OCTOBER RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Reform Friday evening Shabbat Services will be held on October 2 at 7:30 pm. The Services will be held in the Interfaith Chapel. Rabbi Gary Fink will conduct the Services. The Choir will be led by Ed Laskin. An Oneg and social hour will follow the Services.

On Saturday, October 3, we will hold Sukkot Mincha Services in the Sukkah at 4:00 pm.

On Saturday morning, October 10, we will hold Shabbat Services in Clubhouse II at 9:15 am. Services will be led by Cantor Kravitz. The Torah Portion will be Bereshit. Jerry Miller 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, October 3, 17, 24 and 31 at 9:15 am in Clubhouse II. All are welcome.



JRLW BRUNCH

Evelyn Dickman

Hope you have made your reservation for the JRLW opening brunch of the season on Sunday, October 18, 2015, at 10:00 am, in the Clubhouse I Ballroom.

The Fun & Fancy Outreach Group will present an entertaining show performed by your favorite Leisure World residents. There will be a variety of musical numbers sung by our talented singers and dancers to welcome the autumn season.

We look forward to seeing you at our first brunch of the season.

Please send your reservation and check for \$10.00, made out to JRLW, to Jerry Gordon, 15311 Beaverbrook Court, Apt. #3A, Silver Spring, MD, 20906.



WE REMEMBER THEM

We send our condolences to the families of the following:

Sidney Eichner

JoAnne Sternberg

Leon Altschuler

May their memory be as a blessing.



CANTOR'S CORNER 7

This year, in the Diaspora, Erev Simchat Torah falls on October 5 with the full day falling on October 6. It is a time of great joy with sifrey torah taken from the ark and marched around the synagogue. Children are encouraged to follow the torahs, and I remember, as a child, carrying a flag with an apple attached as I followed the sifrey torah along with other members of my class. As an adult davening in shuls in this area, many have a table with alcoholic liquid refreshment available. And let me say that this table represented a high point of the celebration.

During my college days at the American University, I was lucky enough to have courses in Old Testament and Post-Biblical Judaism taught by the rabbi at Temple Sinai in the District of Columbia, Rabbi Eugene Lipman. He was one of the most gifted teachers I would have during my undergraduate years and I would work with him again when I joined the faculty at Temple Sinai for a year and we would work together off-and-on for another 15 years with bar and bat mitzvah students I would prepare. He had many wonderful stories, and one of them involved Simchat Torah. I'd like to share it with you.

Although he was a Reform rabbi, he had been brought up in the Orthodox tradition. While still a student, he found himself in New York on Simchat Torah and decided to attend services at an Orthodox shul in Brooklyn. As he walked into the synagogue, there was the distinct smell of cigar smoke. He looked on the bimah during the reading of the torah, and he saw the gabba-im smoking cigars. So, he sought out the rabbi who was busy passing out cigars. Rabbi Lipman went over to the synagogue's rabbi and asked in Yiddish "what is this?" and the rabbi, without hesitation, replied "ON SIMCHAS TORAH, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING!" I'm not sure that is true, but the standard rules that are followed for many services are certainly relaxed for the occasion.

During my religious school teaching years starting in the late 1960s, one of the sets of textbooks I used was entitled MODERN JEWISH LIFE IN LITERATURE and was edited by Azriel Eisenberg. In volume 2, one of the selections was written by Elie Wiesel and is entitled "A Night of Dancing." In it, Wiesel describes his experiences in the streets of Moscow on Erev Simchat Torah. Here are some excerpts.

"How many were there? Ten thousand? Twenty thousand? More. About thirty thousand. The crush was worse than it had been inside the synagogue. They filled the whole street, spilled over into courtyards, dancing and singing, dancing and singing. They seemed to hover in mid-air, Chagall-like, floating above the mass of shadows and colors below, above time, climbing a Jacob's ladder that reached to the heavens if not higher.

Tomorrow they would descend and scatter, disappear into the innermost parts of Moscow, not to be heard from for another year,. But they would return and bring more with them. The line will never break; one who has come will always return."

As we, too, return to the synagogue to celebrate Simchat Torah, let us hope that Jews everywhere in the world will be able to celebrate without fear of violence.

Chag Sameach!

Michael Kravitz

HADASSAH

Barbara Eisen

The Helene Kahan, the Hadassah Greater Washington chairperson of the Hadassah walkathon for heart health, will be the speaker at our regular meeting on Wednesday, October 21. Helene's topic is "Siyum: Celebration of the Virtual Jerusalem Walk and Heart Health." A siyum is a celebration that occurs at the end of a major activity. Socializing begins at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:00pm in Clubhouse I. All Leisure World residents are welcome to attend.

Helene managed both the "Every Step Counts" virtual walk from the National Hadassah Office in New York to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and the actual walk to be held on October 18 at 1:00 pm, starting from Ohr Kodesh Congregation at 8300 Meadowbrook Lane and going through Rock Creek Park. If you did not participate in the virtual walk you can still join it by paying the \$18 registration fee and sending your check, payable to Hadassah to the office at 11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 350, Rockville, MD 20852. If you are unable to join the walk, you can sponsor a walker by making a donation and sending it to the office.

Hadassah Greater Washington and Hadassah Greater Baltimore are sponsoring a "Day on the Hill" on Wednesday, October 21, for interested Hadassah members. The registration fee is \$85 and includes a bus and lunch. The bus will depart from the Ohr Kodesh Congregation parking lot promptly at 8:45am. The first stop will be at the Department of State for a briefing with representatives from both the Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs and the Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations. The trip ends with an intimate luncheon with Senator Barbara Mikulski to thank her for her years of service to Maryland residents, and

for her support of Israel, women's issues and Hadassah. Barbara Eisen (301-598-8658) can provide a registration form if you did not receive the chapter newsletter. The deadline date is October 9.

A Lunch & Learn Series will be held on Wednesday, October 14, at the Hadassah Greater Washington Office, 11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 350, from 11:30am to 1pm. Elissa Schwartz, the Executive Director of The Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA), will be the speaker. JCADA's mission is to support victims of domestic abuse to become empowered and obtain safe environments, to educate community professionals and others about domestic abuse and appropriate responses to it and to prevent future generations from suffering domestic abuse by raising awareness. Bring a dairy/pareve lunch. The program is free and open to the public.

The Judaic Study Group will meet on Monday, October 19, 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).

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



DAY PROGRAMS

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).

October Highlight:

October 7: Cantors Ed Laskin and Mike Kravitz - "A Musical Journey: Songs of My People"

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

October Highlight:

October 20: Paula Rehr and Tom Kowalski "Two for the Show Duet" musical sensations

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

OLNEY FARMERS & ARTISTS MARKET

The Olney Farmers and Artists Market will be open weekly on Sundays from 9 am until 1 pm, thru November 8. It is held on the grounds of the Medstar Montgomery Hospital Thrift Shop.

NA'AMAT NEWS

Ruth Reid

If it's October (and it is) then NA'AMAT has to be thinking Annual Fashion Show (and we are). On Wednesday, October 7, in the newly refurbished Ballroom of Clubhouse I, at 11:30 am, we will have our Annual Fashion Show and Brunch. The clothes that will be featured are from the unique boutique shop "The Look" in Olney and the delicious brunch will be provided by Leisure World.

On Wednesday October 14, NA'AMAT is sponsoring an overnight stay at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino. There is much to do at this lovely resort. In addition to gambling, there are two restaurants, small cafes, shops, indoor pool, and Fire and Ice Lounge. Contact Trudy Stone at (301) 438-0016 for more information.

We will hold our October Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 20, at 10:30 am in Clubhouse I.

In September, we had the first meeting of our year and it was very successful. There was a large attendance. Bob Levey was our guest speaker and everyone enjoyed his talk. I made an appeal for donations and was very glad to see that our members contributed generously. We try, during the year, to have fund raisers where we offer our members enjoyable events and at the same time raise much needed funds.

All the money we raise goes to NA'AMAT Israel where they decide the need is the greatest -- day care center, scholarship or helping to support the Glickman Center. As a member of NA'AMAT, you are doing your share in supporting those important benefits to children and women and youths in Israel.

THINK NA'AMT, THINK ISRAEL!

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mazel Tov to Milli and David White on the bar mitzvah of their grandson.

We send get well wishes to Jo Ann Cadeaux. Sonya Korenblit was hospitalized and is home now. We hope she is feeling better soon. Mazel Tov to Sandy and Buddy Budman on the birth of their second great grandchild Judah Wade Budman. Judah weighed in at 9 pounds, 11 ounces.

Sandy and Buddy Budman have long been a part of what makes JRLW tick. We thank them both for all that they have done and continue to do. Among the many things they both do behind the scenes: Buddy takes care of our bulletin board in Clubhouse I and Sandy sends out the thank-you notes for the donations made to our Tzedakah fund. We appreciate you both.

Eleanor Rothenberg's granddaughter Lindsay Nyman was featured in an ad on page 97 in the September 7 issue of People Magazine. Lindsay is currently in T.V. commercials about the product.

We send get well wishes to Larry Cohen following his surgery.

Get well wishes to Bea Perry who had to be hospitalized following a fall.

If you know of anyone who has been ill or under the weather, please call Annette Cooper at 240-669-6614. Annette will send them a card from JRLW.

We wish a speedy return to good health to Marilyn Cohen who is currently in rehab at Bedford Court.



LIFETIME MEMBERS

JRLW is happy to welcome Sonya Korenblit and Art Podolsky as Lifetime Members.

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

Victor Spitz in honor of his 82nd birthday on October 10.

Anita Sperling in honor of her brother Larry's 74th birthday.

TZEDAKAH

Tanya Rize to Marilyn and George Kessler in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Rona Rothenberg in memory of Selma Leah Rothenberg

Ellen and Martin Hamburg to Hinda Exler and family in memory of Herbert Exler.

Linda and Earl Reba to Dr. David Zeheb in honor of his 90th birthday.

Yiskor donation by George Goldrich in memory of his beloved wife Marcia Goldrich.

Fred Firnbacher on the Yahrzeit of Ida Firnbacher.

Yiskor donation by Betty Salzman.

Yiskor donation from the family of Judith Friedman.

Susan and Jerry Weiss to Nate Sternberg and family in loving memory of JoAnne Sternberg.

Bernice Cohen in memory of Sidney Eichner.

Bernice Cohen in memory of JoAnne Sternberg.



JRLW and the FINRA FOUNDATION COSPONSOR FREE SEMINAR AND DINNER THINKING \$ - LEARN TO SPOT AND AVOID FINANCIAL FRAUD

By Fred Shapiro, JRLW Community Liaison

The Jewish Residents of Leisure World (JRLW) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation are hosting a FREE seminar and dinner on Wednesday, October 28 at 5:30 pm in the Crystal Ballroom on how to spot and avoid financial fraud. Free tickets for the dinner and forum are available at the E&R office in Clubhouse I. There will only be 200 tickets available. Tickets will be limited to Leisure World residents with LW ID. Only two tickets per person will be issued.

At the program, experts from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the FINRA Foundation will explain how to:

- recognize your vulnerabilities and their impact on your financial decisions.
- recognize the red flags of financial scams.
- slow down decision-making.
- learn about the resources available to you at no charge.

Anyone can be a victim of financial fraud. Fraud criminals are masters of persuasion, tailoring their pitches to match the psychological profiles of their targets. They ask seemingly benign questions—about their target's health, family, political views, hobbies or prior employers—to make an emotional connection and identify the best ways to separate victims from their money.

This kind of persuasion—combined with investors' biases—can open them up to fraud. Common investing biases include:

- unrealistic optimism about future financial wealth.
- relying on the first piece of information offered when making a decision.

- the “halo effect,” which is assuming that people who have one important quality have other unrelated qualities, such as trust.

The workshop is presented by SaveAndInvest.org, a project of the FINRA Investor Education Foundation in collaboration the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. There is no charge for the program or refreshments. This is an educational program—no sales presentations will be permitted during the program or on the premises.

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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. Send your check, made out to JRLW, to Annette Cooper, 15107 Interlachen Drive, Apt. # 812, Silver Spring MD 20906.

PRAYER BOOK FUND DONATIONS

Elaine Molnick in memory of beloved husband, Dr. Barry Molnick.

Martin, Ellen, David and Jonathan Hamburg in memory of Abe Hamburg.

Abbey Brahin in honor of Manny Collier's 90th Birthday.

Abbey Brahin in memory of Shirley Collier's sister Harriet Weinstein.

Hinda Exler in memory of JoAnne Sternberg.

Matty Feldman and Joan Engleman in loving memory of JoAnne Sternberg.

TORAH FUND DONATIONS

Michael and Judy Schwartz in memory of Rae Beiser.

Elaine and Jerry Daniels in honor of the 25th anniversary of George and Marilyn Kessler.

Mickey and Sheila Myers send congratulations to Marilyn and George Kessler on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mickey and Sheila Myers send sympathy to Shirley Collier on the passing of her sister, Harriet Weinstein.

Movie Matinee: "Deli Man"

2015 ♦ 92 minutes ♦ English - No Subtitles

When: Thursday, October 22, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Where: Clubhouse II Auditorium

Discussion to follow.

This documentary focuses on Ziggy Gruber who co-owns a large deli in Houston and is also the grandson of the original owner of the Rialto Deli, the first Kosher deli to open on Broadway in New York City in the 1920s. While the film also covers other famous Jewish delis in Manhattan, Queens, Los Angeles and San Francisco and their histories, the emphasis is on the cultural aspects of the food and how the culture and the desire for this food is disappearing. Such luminaries as Larry King, Jerry Stiller, Fyvush Finkel, Freddie Roman and Alan Dershowitz, as well as various deli owners, express their love for the culture and the food.

FALL CLASSES

JRLW and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington will sponsor a six-session course given by the Adult Living & Learning (ALL) Program. The course examines life in the Arab sector of Israeli society through the lens of an Israeli TV series called "Avodah Aravit." It is a show about a Muslim Arabic family living in a Jewish neighborhood in Israel. It uses comedy to convey what it means to be an Arab living in Israel. Each episode will be preceded by a short introduction and followed by class discussion. Each hour and a half session will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 12, 19 and Dec. 3 in Clubhouse I. The fee is \$30, payable at E&R.

RECIPE CORNER

PUMPKIN BREAD

Ingredients

- 3 cups white sugar
 - 4 eggs
 - 2/3 cup water
 - 2 teaspoons baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon ground allspice
 - 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
 - 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
 - 1 cup chopped walnuts
 - 1 cup raisins and/or dried cranberries
 - 1 cup vegetable oil
- * 1/2 cup slivered almonds - optional

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350° F
2. Grease and flour three 7 x 3 inch loaf pans.
3. Mix oil, sugar, and eggs together in a large bowl. Mix in pumpkin puree and water. Stir together flour, soda, baking powder, salt, and spices. Add to the pumpkin mixture, and mix until just combined. Stir in nuts and raisins and/or dried cranberries. Divide batter into prepared pans.
4. Bake for 1 hour. Cool on wire racks.

*For a prettier loaf, sprinkle slivered almonds on top of the loaves before putting them in the oven.



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November

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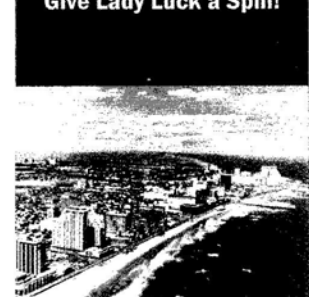
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D'VAR TORAH - NITZAVIM

Bernice Cohen

A few weeks ago, I was shopping at our Leisure World Giant. The cashier at the line I was in at checkout was a nice looking, young black man. He was smiling and humming to himself as he worked. When he reached across the counter I noticed that he had a star of David tattooed on the inside of his left forearm. I was puzzled. The next time he reached across the counter I noticed there was Hebrew word under the star. I asked him, "Is that a special tattoo?" He said "Yes it is." I asked him if it had a special meaning. He looked at me and said "You are Jewish, aren't you?" I said yes, He said, "I am not Jewish. I was raised Christian, but I saw things in the church that I did not agree with so I am no longer Christian." This tattoo of the Star of David and the word of the name of God printed under it are to remind me of a promise." He looked at me and smiled. I asked him what promise and he said, "It is to remind me of the promise I made to love God."

I was awe-stricken. Such a simple sentence that to me is the soul of our religion. To love God and to walk in His ways. To me, the rest of our Torah is a how-to guide.

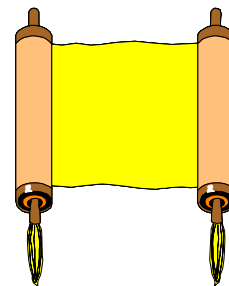
Which brings me to the Torah portion, Nitzavim. In Deutronomy, Chapter 30, Verse 6 and again in Verse 16 it says very simply, ..."**to love the Lord, thy God with all your heart and with all your soul that you may live.**"

Nitzavim is a short but powerful Portion. The word Nitza means a tall, strong person. It is first used in the story of Lot, when his wife looked back and was turned into a tower of salt. Nitzavim mans a group of people standing tall. This refers to the gathering of the Israelites standing before Moses as he had ordered.

On the last day of his life here on earth, Moses had called together all the Israelites. We are told he included each tribe, all the tribal heads,

their families, men, women, children and the stranger at the gate - one who was living with them but not necessarily an Israelite. He called them together for a reason. Moses was a strong, charismatic leader. He had been the leader of these people since he first went to Pharaoh to ask him to let his people go. He was with them thru the ten plagues, at the parting of the Sea, throughout 40 years of wandering in the dessert. And he was there when we received the Ten Commandments at Mt Sinai. What was his purpose in calling all of the people together? Now, as he was preparing to leave them, he wanted to ensure that they would not forget the teachings. He wanted to insure continuity. He wanted to enter them into a covenant with God, that they would love Him and walk in his ways. Not only the people standing there, but their heirs and descendents. A covenant is stronger than an agreement, it is truly binding--like our marriage vows.

Moses also tells the people about the freedom of choice. If they follow God's teachings and not turn to false idols, they will prosper. But if they turn away from God, they will suffer greatly. He says, "**I have set before you life and goodness, and death and evil: in that I command you this day to love God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments. Life and death I have set before you, blessing and curse. And you shall choose life.**"



A Guide to Sukkot



Sukkot is the Jewish calendar's eat local poster child. The weeklong holiday, which this year begins the evening of September 27, is a harvest pilgrimage that celebrates the bounty that follows a season of growth. Historically, it also commemorates the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert after their exodus from slavery in ancient Egypt.

The major physical symbol of the holiday is a hut called a sukkah. Right after Yom Kippur ends, Jews begin building these temporary dwellings, in which they will eat during the holiday.

Green Roof

There are many laws that dictate how to construct a proper sukkah. One is that the top must be covered with natural materials like tree branches or bamboo, and be woven loosely enough that you can see the sky through them.

Natural Decorations

In addition to covering the sukkah with natural materials, many people weave harvest-related fruits and vegetables into their sukkah decorations. Some string up gourds or hang apples from the rafters. Others lay bundles of dried corn stalks at the entrance, or make vases out of hollowed out gourds or pumpkins

Lulav and Etrog


On Sukkot, Jews have the custom of waving a bundle of four different natural species: fronds from the myrtle, date, and willow trees, along with a yellow etrog (the citron fruit). Waving the four species symbolizes Jews' service to God. They also look beautiful and, in the case of the etrog, smell delicious, adding a bit of natural beauty to the holiday. After Sukkot ends, some people use their etrogs to make marmalade, candied etrog peel, or etrog-infused liqueur.

Autumnal Foods

Sometimes referred to as the Jewish equivalent of Thanksgiving, Sukkot foods are all about the autumn harvest. In America, Sukkot tables are filled with dishes made from apples, pears, sweet potatoes and other autumn foods readily available this time of year.


Because the holiday falls so close to Rosh Hashanah, there is a lot of overlap between dishes served. The honey-sweetened root vegetable and dried fruit stew, tzimmes, for example, is commonly eaten for both holidays.






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| | | | | 1 | 2 JRLW Reform Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Interfaith Chapel | 3 Study w/Rabbi Samber 9:15 am CH II Sukkot Mincha Svc in Sukkah 4 pm |
| 4 | 5 Shemini Atzerit/Yiskor Svc CH II 9:15 am | 6 JRLW Bd Mtg CH II 7:00 pm | 7 Hadassah Bd Mtg CH I 10:00 am JWV Mtg CH I 11:00 am NA'AMAT Fashion Show CH I 11:30 am | 8 | 9 Sukkot day 5 6:30 | 10 Shabbat Services- 9:15 am CH II |
| Sukkot day 7 6:16 | Sukkot day 8 7:12 | Simchat Torah | | | | |
| 11 JWV Brunch 10:14 am CH I | 12 | 13 | 14 Hadassah Lunch & Learn NA'AMAT to Dover Downs | 15 Class CH I 10:30 am | 16 6:20 | 17 Study w/Rabbi Samber 9:15 am CH II 6:09 |
| 18 JRLW Brunch CH I 10 am Hadassah Walkathon | 19 Hadassah Study Grp 1:30 pm CH I | 20 NA'AMAT Bd CH I 10:30 am | 21 Hadassah Mtg CH I 12:30 pm | 22 Class CH I 10:30 am JRLW/CoA Movie 1:30 pm CH II | 23 6:00 | 24 Study w/Rabbi Samber 9:15 am CH II |
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