



# Jewish Residents of Leisure World

Silver Spring, Maryland

July 2009, Tammuz-Av 5769

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## July 2009 Events

(details are on the calendar on page 5)

- Wed July 1. . . . . Hadassah board meeting
- Fri July 3. . . . . Leisure World Parade
- Wed July 8. . . . . JRLW Bible Study Group
- Sun July 12. . . . . JWV Brunch
- Mon July 13. . . . . Na'Amat board meeting
- Mon July 13. . . . . JRLW Board meeting
- Tue July 14. . . . . Deadline for submissions  
for the August 2009 JRLW Newsletter
- Wed July 15. . . . . JWV business meeting
- Wed July 15. . . . . Hadassah book review
- Tue July 21. . . . . Na'Amat RBZ
- Wed July 22. . . . . JRLW Bible Study Group

## Membership Dues Renewal

It's time to renew your JRLW member dues. The year is June 1 thru May 31. Dues are \$18 per person; \$36 per couple. Thank you for your continued support. Please mail your dues to:

Sue A. Rudo, Membership Chair  
2901 S. Leisure World Blvd, #520  
Silver Spring, MD 20906

If you have questions, call or email Sue Rudo,  
301-598-1153, suearudo@verizon.net

## July 2009 Religious Services

- Friday, July 3. . . . . Conservative Service  
8pm in the LW Interfaith Chapel
- Sunday, July 5. . . . . Conservative Services  
8:45am in Clubhouse 2
- Saturday, July 11. . . . . Conservative Services  
9:15am in Clubhouse 2, Activities Room
- Sunday, July 12. . . . . Conservative Services  
8:45am in Clubhouse 2
- Sunday, July 19. . . . . Conservative Services  
8:45am in Clubhouse 2
- Sunday, July 26. . . . . Conservative Services  
8:45am in Clubhouse 2

We appreciate the efforts of the members who put together the June JRLW Newsletter on such short notice, following the resignation of the former editors. Thanks!

## President's Message

July brings with it the celebration of the founding of this great nation with all the human rights and religious freedoms that we cherish. It is a time for reflection on where we stand as a nation, an organization and individually, relative to the rights of others. It is a time for extending ourselves to our fellow man and putting into action the words that introduced our nation to the world. "... that all men are created equal..."



JRLW President  
Fred Shapiro

Here in Leisure World we may see signs of xenophobia, a fear of strangers those outside our walls who are not owners or renters. Whether this refers to all beings or only those who are different, this fear can lead to building a virtual wall around our community to isolate it from the outside society.

JRLW has broken down that wall and our members and LW residents have benefitted from these outside contacts. Some have asked why we need this when we have so much already inside our walls. What benefit do we obtain from providing programs and opportunities for our members in the Jewish Community Center in Rockville or its satellite sites? What can they do for us here in Leisure World that we cannot do ourselves?

The answer is evident in the number of our members who now travel by their own means or those provided by the agencies to their sites. The outpouring for the classes held in Leisure World has been excellent. The expanded experiences this relationship affords us can provide many more opportunities to keep our minds and bodies sharp. The opening of doors works both ways. Seeing how we live can be an inducement for those on the outside to join us as residents.

We can have it both ways. We can benefit. We will.

**Fred Shapiro**

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**Jewish Religious Services in July 2009**

The July Friday night Shabbat services will be Conservative, held on Friday, July 3, 2009, starting at 8pm, at the Interfaith Chapel, led by Rabbi Gary Fink and Cantor Emeritus Mark Levi, with Ed Laskin leading the choir.

Saturday morning Conservative Shabbat services will be held July 11, starting at 9:15am, in Clubhouse 2, Activities Room, led by Cantor Michael Kravitz. Preliminary service will be by Justin Kramer, Torah service by Cantor Kravitz assisted by JRLW members, Haftorah by Jerry Miller, D'var Torah by Irene Siegel, Shacharit by Mike Kravitz. Services have been shortened by about 25 minutes; Kiddush follows the services.

Conservative services are held every Sunday at 8:45am in Clubhouse 2. Rabbi Jonah Layman officiates.

**JRLW Bible Study Group**



The JRLW Bible Study Group will meet July 8 and 22, 2009, at 7:15pm in Clubhouse 2, discussing Exodus.

**Bedford Court Events**

Bedford Court invites JRLW members to the following events in July 2009. For further Information and to make reservations contact Heather or Beth at 301-598-2900.

- Thu, July 2. . . . . Health Lecture, 11am
- Mon, July 6. . . . . Outdoor Concert, 7:30pm  
M Street Brass Quintet
- Thu, July 9. . . . . Yiddish Club, 2pm
- Thu, July 16. . . . . Jewish Art Program, 2:30pm  
with Dr. Myrna Teck
- Sun, July 19. . . . . Capital Accord Chorus, 4pm

**Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim Senior Group**

- Thu, July 2. . . . . Camp Day sing-along with  
Ruth Newhouse - Bring out your Memories
- Thu, July 9. . . . . Dr. Louis Blumen  
Jewish Magic and Superstition
- Thu, July 16. . . . . Dr. Marc Grossman  
Physiatry, Spine and Sports Medicine  
How to deal with Lower Back Pain
- Thu, July 23. . . . . Shoshana Bryen  
Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs  
(JINSA) Israel Update

**Communications Committee**

JRLW's Communication Committee, chaired by Bernice Cohen, welcomes volunteers to be on the committee and to submit articles or pictures for use in the monthly newsletter.

If you are interested in joining the committee or submitting articles or photographs, contact Bernice Cohen, (phone) 301-598-0192, (email) bernifc@juno.com

**New JRLW Members**

- ✓ Barbara & Jerold Halperin
- ✓ Marsha & David Ratner
- ✓ Mildred & David White

We're glad you joined JRLW and look forward to your participation in our activities



**Plan Ahead: JRLW Plans for 2009-2010**

- Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009. . . . . breakfast & program
- Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009. . . . . Melaveh Malka
- Monday, Nov. 9, 2009. . . . . Kristallnacht Program
- Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009. . . . . breakfast & program
- Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009. . . . . Annual Interfaith  
Thanksgiving Service
- Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009. . . . . breakfast & program
- Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010. . . . . breakfast & program
- Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010. . . . . breakfast & program
- Sunday, Mar. 21, 2010. . . . . breakfast & program  
B'nai B'rith sponsoring
- Sunday, Apr. 11, 2010. . . . . Yom Hashoah  
(Holocaust Memorial Day)
- Sunday, Apr. 18, 2010. . . . . breakfast & program  
Mt. Scopus Hadassah sponsoring
- Monday, Apr. 19, 2010. . . . . Yom Ha'Atzmaut  
(Israel Independence Day)
- Sunday, May 16, 2010. . . . . breakfast & program  
Na'Amat sponsoring
- Thursday, May 20, 2010. . . . . JRLW Annual Meeting

**JRLW Annual Meeting**

JRLW held its annual membership meeting May 21. More than 120 JRLW members attended.

Last year's officers and committee chairman gave their reports, and new JRLW officers were elected, as shown on page 2 of this newsletter.

In addition, we heard a very interesting talk by Rebecca N. Strandberg, a lawyer in Silver Spring, who told us about new laws recently adopted in Maryland that may have an impact on the members of JRLW and Leisure World in general.

**Lost in Yonkers**

On Sunday evening, November 1, 2009, JRLW is sponsoring a bus trip to Theater J in Washington DC to see the play *Lost in Yonkers* by Neil Simon. For information call Theda Rosenblum at 301-598-9105.

**Sanctuary Beautification**

Please contact Mort Rudo at 301-598-1153 if you are willing to lend or give framed art work with a Jewish theme for the mantel of the chapel for Friday night services..



### Mt. Scopus Hadassah

The Mt. Scopus Hadassah group is part of the Greater Washington Area Chapter of Hadassah. The goals of the chapter are to strengthen partnership with Israel by supporting health care, education, youth institutes, and land development; to ensure Jewish continuity through education and support of Young Judea youth programs; to advocate health awareness through education; to act as a force on social issues that impact us as American Jewish women; and to promote personal growth through enrichment opportunities and education.

On July 15 at 1pm in Clubhouse 1, Amy Pasternak, a retired librarian and our former advisor will give a book review of *The Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer. The novel is about a Jewish family in Tehran in the aftermath of the Iranian revolution and should be of interest to all. Dessert refreshments will be served. The cost is only \$6, payable at the door, and women and men are welcome to attend.

Our annual Game Day Get-Together will be held on Wednesday, August 19 at 1pm in the Crystal Ballroom. The fee is \$8 per person, and the event is open to everyone. Gather your friends and neighbors to make up tables of your favorite games – bridge, mah-jongg, Scrabble, dominos, poker, etc. We will be serving a special dessert buffet. Checks payable to Hadassah can be sent in advance to Deborah Letow, 15422 Bramblewood Dr. Silver Spring, MD 20906 or you can pay at the door.

Our first meeting of the 2009-2010 year will be on Wednesday, September 16 at 12:30pm and will feature a lawyer, Robert M. Reiner, who will speak on "Current Estate Planning Issues."

Any JRLW woman is encouraged to join. Call Sonya Korenblit, our Membership VP, anytime before 8pm at 301-598-3497.

### Celebration of the 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Israel

Sunday evening, June 7 was a big night for JRLW as over 300 people were in the auditorium to celebrate the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

The program featured the Robyn Helzner Trio following an update by Shimon Shmooely of the Israeli Embassy. JRLW co-sponsored the event with B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Na'Amat and the Jewish War Veterans. Proceeds are being donated to the Jewish National Fund's Water Replenishment Project.

Thanks to Sheila Chodorov and her committee for arranging a great evening.

### Tzedakah

imo = in memory of    iho = in honor of

- ✧ Dorothy Glaser iho the wedding of granddaughter Carolyn Weiss, daughter of Joan Weiss of Rockville MD and Leslie Weiss of Brunswick ME to Mark Bernstein, son of Valerie and Bruce Bernstein of Rockville, MD.
- ✧ Jan Wikes & Jerry imo Buddy Budman's Brother Yitz Blossom & Phil Karben iho Sarah Hinden's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- ✧ Ellen Weisenberger & Family in Appreciation of the Shiva Service imo My Beloved Mother, Melba Fishman
- ✧ Phyllis Hutt in Gratitude for the Safe Return of Samantha Hutt from Dubai
- ✧ Susan & Jerry Weiss Mazel Tov to Renee & Jerry Lease on the Birth of Their First Great-granddaughter
- ✧ Lorraine & Bob Levan imo Esther Wasser and Irv Budman, Sister and Brother of Bonnie Favin & Buddy Budman
- ✧ Sandy Ehrlich, Get Well Wishes to Janice Berger
- ✧ Rita & Sherman Shapiro Philanthropic Fund of B'nai B'rith Foundation grant to JRLW Tzedakah Fund
- ✧ Miriam Rothchild imo My Husband, Phil Rothchild
- ✧ Renee & Gerry Lease Get Well Wishes for a Speedy Recovery to Eli Sturman, Grandson of Gil & Lori Sturman
- ✧ Albert Kliman imo Phyllis Kliman
- ✧ Murray & Pamela Relkin iho Our Grandchildren, Eli, Leah & Sam
- ✧ Sol Schwartz imo Abe & Mary Schwartz
- ✧ Fred & Madeline Shapiro iho the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Susan & Jerry Weiss
- ✧ Edith Milman Wishing Alma Katz a Speedy & Complete Recovery

Yizkor

- ✧ Max Klueger
- ✧ Charlotte & Lawrence Bardack
- ✧ Zelda Winelander
- ✧ Sylvia & Jack Goldstein
- ✧ Fred & Madeline Shapiro
- ✧ Phil & Rita Horwitz
- ✧ Lilli & Leon Kawer imo Our Beloved Parents
- ✧ Edith Milman imo My Husband Leo
- ✧ Elaine & Jerry Daniels imo Our Parents

July Kiddush

- ✧ Susan & Jerry Weiss iho Our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- ✧ Irene & Bernard Siegel iho Our 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Prayer Book & Torah Fund

- ✧ Zelda Winelander, a Prayer Book imo Benjamin Chappel, son of Claudea Winelander
- ✧ A Prayer Book iho the 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Gerald H. Lease from Renee Lease, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
- ✧ A donation to the Torah Fund iho our first Great Grandchild, Julia Danielle Hausfeld, by Renee & Gerald Lease

The JRLW calendar is now on a single full page so you can clip it and keep it handy.

**July 2009 — Tammuz-Av 5769**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>July 1</u> Hadassah board meeting 10am Clubhouse 1 Ballroom	July 2	<u>July 3</u> LW Parade Reform Services 8pm Interfaith Chapel Candle Lighting 8:20pm	<u>July 4</u> United States Independence Day
<u>July 5</u> Conservative Services 8:45am Clubhse 2	July 6	July 7	<u>July 8</u> Bible Study Group 7:15pm Clubhouse 2	<u>July 9</u> Fast of Tammuz	<u>July 10</u> Candle Lighting 8:18pm	<u>July 11</u> Conservative Services 9:15am Clubhse 2
<u>July 12</u> Conserv. Services 8:45am Clubhouse 2 JWV Brunch 10:15am Clubhouse 1	<u>July 13</u> Na'Amat board 10am Clubhse 1 JRLW Board meeting 7pm Clubhse 2	<u>July 14</u> Deadline for August JRLW Newsletter	<u>July 15</u> Jewish War Veterans meeting 10am Hadassah book review 1pm Clubhse 1	July 16	<u>July 17</u> Candle Lighting 8:15pm	July 18
<u>July 19</u> Conservative Services 8:45am Clubhouse 2	July 20	<u>July 21</u> Na'Amat RBZ 10am Clubhouse 1	<u>July 22</u> Rosh Chodesh Bible Study Group 7:15pm Clubhse 2	July 23	<u>July 24</u> Candle Lighting 8:10pm	July 25
<u>July 26</u> Conservative Services 8:45am Clubhouse 2	July 27	July 28	July 29	<u>July 30</u> Tisha B'Av	<u>July 31</u> Candle Lighting 8:04pm	

Companies that advertise in the JRLW Newsletter are proving their support of JRLW.

Please show your support of them!

If you know of other companies that might be interested in supporting JRLW by advertising in our Newsletter, please contact JRLW President Fred Shapiro.

*Please join us for a complimentary lunch and tour of our community.*

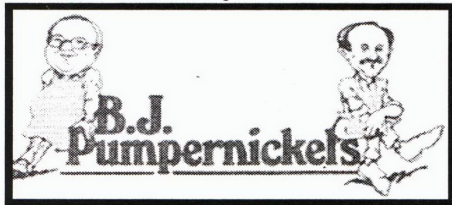
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### Fast of Tammuz and Tisha B'Av

During July 2009 there are two Jewish days of remembrance for the Temples in Jerusalem.

The Fast of Tammuz commemorates the breach of the walls of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 BCE and by the Romans in 70 CE. It marks the beginning of a three week period of mourning. Fasting lasts from dawn to dusk.

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Tisha B'Av, on the other hand, is a major fast day because it commemorates the actual destruction of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Temples, more than 600 years apart.

Observant Jews do not eat or drink, wash or bathe, wear leather shoes, or have sexual relations, and practice shiva customs part of the day. As with other Jewish holy days, those with serious health issues, and soldiers, are permitted to eat and drink.

Torah study is prohibited on Tisha B'Av because that is considered an enjoyable activity. Instead, observant Jews study sad books such as the Book of Job and the Book of Lamentations. People refrain from sending gifts on this day, and old prayer books and Torahs are often buried on Tisha B'Av.

The nine days leading up to Tisha B'Av are also days of mourning, when Orthodox Jews refrain from eating meat or holding weddings. In Israel, most restaurants and places of entertainment are closed on the eve of Tisha B'Av and the following day.

Reform Judaism has never assigned a central religious role to the ancient Temple. More recently, in Reform Judaism Tisha B'Av has become a day to remember Jewish tragedies throughout history.

## **I Wasn't Always a Grandmother!**

*by Phyllis Hutt*

The day after my granddaughter Samantha's 21st birthday, I found myself "keeping her company" on the phone as she drove home from visiting an out-of-town friend for the weekend. Discussing what exciting things she did to celebrate the big transition from fake ID's to a real one, I was glad to hear all about the dinner with friends in honor of the occasion. I confided to her that my own 20th year had been fraught with problems, and I even recited a little verse I had written on the subject.

"You see," I explained, "when I was 20 that was the year that I got dumped." Long pause. "Yes, dumped." I told her, "and by your Pop-Pop". It went like this: Paul and I went out all summer. We hit it off. We had fun. His friends became my friends and vice versa. We were going "steadily" as it was called then. I detected a soft giggle in the background, so I kept the story going, knowing how Sam enjoys hearing about my youthful adventures.

One night he said he wanted us to have a serious talk, and as my heart pounded in anticipation, he stated that he didn't think we should continue seeing each other so frequently.....he was not ready for a commitment.....etc., etc., etc. So we agreed to remain good friends. I spent three or four agonizing weeks imagining him, the Jewish Fred Astaire, out dancing with some gorgeous femme fatale and having forgotten about me.

On a Sunday morning my phone rang. My mother answered and said, "It's You-Know-Who." I said, audibly, "It must be Stanley! Hi, Stan!" The reply was, "Hi, it's me." Another long pause. "Did you miss me?" he asked. "Were you away?" I replied. He asked if I wanted to go to a movie. I said no. He offered some other options. I said no. Then he said, "Can I come over, then?" "If you're sure it wouldn't seem like too much of a commitment." I retorted. My mother, the eavesdropper, said I was being mean. She didn't understand how it felt to be a "dumpee". "Such a nice young man," she said. (What do mothers know about male/female relationships?)

So, over he came. The conversation was forced. I tried to seem bored, and he talked mostly to my mother. We were packing to move to a new house, and Paul asked a question that would endear him to her forever. "Mrs. Steinberg," he asked, "may I help you pack?" The afternoon was spent wrapping pictures, removing lampshades, stacking books. He worked very hard, and his reward was an invitation to stay for Sunday dinner, which he anxiously accepted.

I was about to turn 21 on a joyful note!

And so, dear Samantha, that was the re-beginning of your Mimi and Pop-Pop's courtship. Eventually, we both made the commitment which lasted 45 and a half years.....one of the greatest of our lives. By the way, the little verse that I recited to Sam went like this:

Oh, wonderful twenty

Oh, joy mixed with strife

The greatest, most miserable year of my life!

I cried oceans of tears for each moment of fun

But all that has changed, now that I'm twenty-one!

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## **Na'Amat**

Na'Amat Rachel Ben Zvi (RBZ) is a Club of Na'Amat Greater Washington Council. There are 450 members of this club in Leisure World.

Na'Amat is the Hebrew acronym for "Movement of Working Women and Volunteers" and is an organization striving to enhance the quality of life for women, children and families. It was founded as Pioneer Women in 1980. Na'Amat women act nationally and globally in United States and 11 sister countries, in addition to Israel. We are united in belief and in action around issues to improve the status of women at home and in the workplace, from child well-being, from the ability of single parents and new immigrants to build a life for themselves and to end domestic violence.

We help women and we help women help themselves.

Na'Amat RBZ Schedule:

Board Meetings: 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Open Meetings with programs: 1st Wednesday of the month.

Fundraisers: July 9 - "Singing In the Rain" Dutch Apple Theatre" (full).

October 7 - RBZ Fashion Show and Luncheon.

December - Card Party.

Na'Amat is sponsoring a cruise to Turkey and Greece in November. Contact Adele Traurig, 301-598-3977, for further details.

We are also sponsoring a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean in November. Contact Trudy Stone, 301-438-0016, for details.

As you can see Na'Amat RBZ is an active organization here in Leisure World. If you would like to join us, please call Esther Evans, Membership Chairman, 301-438-2002.

For any other questions, contact Edna Hendler, President, at 301-438-7363.

### Leisure World's Independence Day Parade



Leisure World will again celebrate Independence Day with a short parade, a patriotic program, and picnics on Friday, July 3, 2009.

JRLW members, family and friends are urged to come out and enjoy the fun and camaraderie. Please arrive by 9am and look

for the JRLW banner on the Clubhouse 1 parking lot.

White tops and blue pants, shorts or skirts are suggested. For further information call Buddy Budman at 301-438-1264.

### New Look for the JRLW Newsletter



The JRLW Newsletter has a new look. We're trying to make it easy to read, easy to quickly find important information, and including even more interesting articles and photos.

Please let us know what you think, especially if you have positive comments. If you have suggestions for improvements, please tell us. Also, please send us articles, photos, etc., that you'd like to suggest for inclusion in future newsletters.

The deadline for the next issue is July 14.

Send suggestions by email to:

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