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July 2024
Sivan/Tammuz 5784

Monday, July 1: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room, 2 p.m. with Michael Kaplan leading discussion.

Tuesday, July 2: Jewish Heritage—Judaism Today, 1 p.m., Liberty Commons Music Room

Thursday, July 4: 

Friday, July 5: NO *SHABBAT* SERVICES Torah portion: *Korach*
ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ

Monday, July 8: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room, 2 p.m. with Rabbi Shlomo Kohn.

Friday, July 12: *Shabbat* Services 4 p.m.—In the Chapel or on Channel 980
Torah* portion: *Chukat* David Seltzer will be leading our *Davening

Monday, July 17: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room, 2 p.m. with Rabbi Shlomo Kohn.

Thursday, July 18: Hadassah meeting, 1 p.m. Village Music Classroom, Barbara Glickman, Ohev Shalom Executive Director

Friday, July 19: *Kabbalat Shabbat* Services 4 p.m. — In the Chapel or on Channel 980
***Torah* portion: *Balak* SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE with Rabbi Johanna Potts**

Saturday, July 20: *Shabbat* morning services 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Chapel
***Torah* portion: *Balak* SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE with Rabbi Johanna Potts**
LIGHT DINNER IN THE KEYSTONE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM 5:30 p.m.
(BY PRIOR RESERVATION ONLY!!!)

Monday, July 22: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room, 2 p.m. Michael Kaplan leading discussion.

Wednesday, July 24: JRC Lecture Series 2 p.m. in the PAC with Karl Middleman, Leonard Bernstein, Part I

EVERYONE WELCOME

Friday, July 26: *Shabbat* Services 4 p.m.—In the Chapel or on Channel 980
***Torah* portion: *Pinchas* *D'var Torah* delivered by Norma Segal**

Monday, July 29: No *Torah* Study

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR VERY GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE JEWISH RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

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IN MEMORY OF

Lela Seidel
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Barry Goldfarb, beloved cousin
Neil H. Stone, beloved husband
Mark (Buzz) Shapiro, our sincerest condolences to Judie Shapiro
and Family

Delores Rodos, beloved wife
Louis and Rose Krison, beloved parents
Ev Liebman
Edie Davis
Lottie Weiss
Al Rotman, beloved brother
Sidney Flexner
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Sylvia Golombeck
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my aunt, Etta Kaplan's yahrzeit
Ev Liebman
Edna Silverman
Ronald Rosenberg, husband of Sylvia Rosenberg
Neale Richman, beloved husband
Joseph Coopersmith, beloved father
Ronald Rosenberg
Ronald Rosenberg
Edie Davis
Edie Davis
Ronald Rosenberg
Ronald Rosenberg, husband of Sylvia

*****Yahrzeits for Tammuz/AV*****

During the time from 25 Sivan to 25 Tammuz, we remember our friends and family who are no longer with us. Please honor them by attending Shabbat Services and saying the Kaddish:

Rose Kreithen, Aaron Sham, Sidney Weinberg, Jacob Goldfarb, Frances Heiman, Mendel Rosenzweig, David Gelb, Eli Borocharer, Mildred Horn, Brenda Kapustin, Bernard Kavitsky, Jack Roseman, Barry Shemin, Jeffrey Olen, Herman Freedman, Morton Ostroff, Clair Weisser, Anita Klein, Rebecca Pitt Jacob, Maurice Rosen, Morton Saunders, Martin Adler, Anna Baker, Jack Pressman, Eliezer Kofman, Hilda Segan, Lillian, Kavitsky, Samuel Schenfeld, Beth Bondel Rosenthal, Marian Feldman, Sumner Rotman, Adelheide Benjamin, Aaron Brint, Louis Baum, Robert Goodman, Sheila Coles Neibauer, Henry Worms, Sheldon Klein, Lillian Emdler, Peter Tashman, Fannette Asinofsky, Anna Berman, Avraham Kofman, Deborah Krauss, Mollie Goldberg, Eva Lashner, Ronald Sklonik, Dinah Bloom, Benjamin Winokur, Rose Pincus, Bessie Salem, Morton Ceaser, Meyer Shapiro, Stanley Steiner, Ruth Lowenthal, Chaya Gelman, Richard Pressel

If there are errors or additions, please put a note in Phyllis Halpern's cubby-- WP 108.

**May all their memories be for a loving blessing, and their lives
be an inspiration to us all.**

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BY	IN HONOR OF
Hildegarde Goodstein Phyllis Durr Barbara Steiner	the entire JRC Board the JRC in appreciation for all you do in honor of get well wishes to René Stein get well wishes to Barbara Josephs a thank you for condolences on the passing of my brother, Elliott Heiman a thank you to everyone who wished me a speedy get well a special thank you to Mimi Travis for her kindness a special thank you to Phyllis Halpern for her kindness a special thank you to Marty and Joan Freedman for their kindness
Laurie & Stephen Capin	get well wishes to Barbara Steiner get well wishes to Ronald Rosenberg get well wishes to Burton Korn get well wishes to Allen Herring get well wishes to Leslie Tropin get well wishes to Carol Durrant get well wishes to Ivan Kaminoff new home of Barbara and Ed Godorov a speedy recovery to Carol Durrant Israel a Mazel Tov to Lior & Ofra Sarabani on the engagement of your daughter
Phyllis Halpern Florence Gendler	get well wishes to Zipporah Segal get well wishes to Burton Korn
Toby Adler	a speedy and complete recovery to Sandra Neiderman
Sheila Newman	a speedy and complete recovery to Sheila Kauffman

****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****

Ada Fishman, Toby Adler, Carol Schnitzler, Peter Worms, Brenda Cohen, Saul Katz, Shelly Wismer, Shoshana Gruen, Mary Ann Weisser, Miriam Shur, Ann Kalmanor, Diana Hellinger, Arthur Fentin, René Stein, Barbara Josephs, Kate Korn, Anne Broad and Frances Gewertz

If your name is not on the list, please let me know your birth date and you will be included next July.

***MISHEBERACH*
WE PRAY FOR HEALING**

For all our residents who are ill, in the hospital or in RG or other nursing homes

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope some of you are thinking about how you can become more involved in helping out with the JRC activities. If we do not get more dedicated people, we may not be able to continue to have some of our popular functions in the future. You can call any member of the Board if you want to become involved. It doesn't take much time but it will help all of us tremendously.

If you want to learn how to operate the equipment in the sound room in the PAC and the Chapel, we have wonderful people who can teach you how to run the equipment. It is just a phone call away.

****If you have forgotten to pay your dues, it is never too late! Just send a check for \$10 per person in your household made payable to the JRC and send it to Mimi Travis, Treasurer, JRC. Take it to your clubhouse desk, and it will be delivered to the secure lockbox in the Village Clubhouse.****

We are currently working on getting a new Memorial book to be ready for *Yom Kippur, 2024*. In the next few weeks or so, you will be getting a form for the Memorial book. If the information is correct, just return it to me, Phyllis Halpern, JRC President, at your front desk. Please make any corrections, additions or deletions. Also note anyone who passed away from September 2023 to now.

Congratulations! to Vivian Spector, our new Education Chair. Welcome to the JRC Board of Directors.

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far and staying well and safe. Watch for information about High Holidays which are coming in late September/early October. Everyone on the Board hopes you will have your name listed on our *Rosh Hashana* card which will be delivered in October. Watch your cubby for the notice.

B'Shalom



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**If you meet new residents who are interested in joining us, please refer them to
Sandy Sham, Membership Chair.**

What's Happening in the JRC



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



Justin Derman entertained us with his steel drums at our May General Meeting. Because of the holiday of *Shavuot* and the summer coming soon, we will not have a General Meeting until September.



At our May Hadassah meeting, author Jean Hoffmann Lewanda spoke to us about her parents' journey from Vienna to Shanghai. Everyone was riveted to what she had to say. She promised to return after her next book is finished.



Rabbi Daniel Levitt, from Gratz College, spoke about the concept of God and goodness. Everyone enjoyed his presentation and he has promised to come back soon.

HADASSAH NEWS

If you are a member or life member of Hadassah in any chapter, anywhere in the country, you can easily transfer your membership to Newtown Hadassah. You are **ALWAYS** a life member once you pay the life membership dues. Just call or write Mimi Travis and she will help you transfer your membership.

Mimi Travis – 215-420-7507 or email me at MLTPRES@COMCAST.NET

OY VEY, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

By Nina Haydel

I grew up in a tri-generational environment in South Philadelphia. My grandparents lived with us: Us means my parents, younger brother and me until I was 14 years old. In my home, as well as those of my friends and neighbors, the two dominant spoken languages were English and Yiddish. My grandmother could speak English, albeit with a heavy accent, but her central language was Yiddish. The Philadelphia Bulletin and the Forwards, written in Yiddish, were delivered regularly to the front door of our meager row house at 7th and Ritner Streets (for those of you who are acquainted with the neighborhood.) Yes, I read the Bulletin, but I could never decipher the right-to-left printing of the strange “swiggles” that encompassed the Yiddish font on the Forwards, pronounced with a Yiddish tongue...Forwardz. Yet, my brother and I understood the spoken Jewish language, Yiddish. By the way, “*Yiddish*” is actually the Yiddish word for “Jewish.”

Dear Reader: If your experiences mirror my description, I share with you a short paragraph I found on the Internet that epitomizes my description. I trust many of you will tingle at the echo of our previous generational vocabulary. *“If you’ve ever called someone a schmuck or a klutz, or just got verklempt on a long-winded schpiel where you kvetched about your friend...because he was a putz who schleps his way late to class noshing on a bagel like it’s a useless tchotchke or some other piece of dime-store kitsch, yet oy vey, he’s still a first-class mensch with a lot of chutzpa, no matter how you’d love to knock the adorable punim on his tuchus.”* These Yiddish words are just a minor sampling of the most common, traditional phrases we find garbling our heritage.

An ancient Semitic language, Aramaic, already existed in the Middle East and had been spoken since the 8th Century, BCE (Institute of Catalan Studies). It was the language of the Jews in Judea probably during the life of Jesus. Ultimately, it morphed into a language that was written by the Jews of Medieval Europe.

Yiddish is nothing more than the communication of the diaspora of global Jews, a thousand-year-old tongue that followed the Jews during their journey away from Israel, although scholars have argued about its origin. Yiddish is mistakenly believed to be primarily Germanic, but researchers have debated the possibility that “Ashkenazic” Jews, traders, came from the Roman Empire and Eastern Europe through Turkey during 1st to 9th Centuries. The language name, Yiddish, was not applied to Jews until the 11th Century in southwest Germany (British Medical Journal), thus the misconception that the language was Germanic.

The language represented a solidification of a people far from the norm of Pope Urban II, in 1096, when he called for the First Crusade. Jews were an easy target identified by their language, thus causing racist uprisings against Jewish communities. The dialect that uses what sounds like Slavic grammar mixed up with German vocabulary made Jews easy targets for the Christian peasants. Jews fled to Eastern Europe where Yiddish dominated verbal communication in Jewish communities. Poland became a haven for Jews by the 16th Century when Jews began to write their language in Aramaic, not just speak it. The first record of a printed sentence in Yiddish is a blessing found in the *Worms Mahzor* from 1272 (Vormser maklzar). Creating a written record gave new life to the tongue of the Jews and provided a lens by which to view those living in the Middle East. European Age of Enlightenment from 1685-1815 shifted social and educational norms toward modern science and humanity. As a result, a “Jewish Enlightenment” reinterpreted the Torah and revolutionized Judaism by converting from a religious to a secular environment. Yiddish became considered “an unclean language” of the Dark Middle Ages. Scholars returned to Hebrew as the “pure language.” The Hasidic then wrote their primary works in both Hebrew and Yiddish, keeping Yiddish a key language, but Jews living in countries outside of the Middle East were delighted to shed Yiddish, thus leading to decreased use of the language.

The late 19th Century gave birth to modern Yiddish by writers of literary works such as poetry, essays, and drama. Collections of stories written by members of the Hasidic movement blended into the culture as never before. Humorist Sholem Aleichem, born in Ukraine, offered realism, satire, and moralism that influenced the development of Yiddish literature. A new flame began to lick paper.

In 1908, Yiddish was declared “a national language of the Jewish people” (Czernowitz Conference) who founded Yiddish schools and established standard Yiddish spelling. But, by the 1930s, the Soviet Union began to censor Yiddish works and arrest Yiddish writers. Stalin viewed Yiddish as anti-Soviet, and 1952 orchestrated the Night of the Murdered Poets, a tragic episode.

Linguists following World War II and the Holocaust added to the divesting of Yiddish as a formal language by citing the resemblance of Yiddish to the German language (Krogh). Modern history was at a dramatic juncture: Between 1939 and 1946, six million of the 17 million murdered by Nazi regime were Jewish. Jews living under Stalin found it illegal to speak Yiddish, thus decimating the population of Yiddish speakers. Jews fled to the United States, Latin America, Canada, Israel. Yiddish became a kind of “second tongue,” and the new languages grew tails and wagged the speakers.

Much to the surprise of the Jewish community of the 70’s, Yiddish rebounded through a cultural revival of music and theatre. Klezmer groups added a new dimension to American Jewish music; Yiddish literature, as far back as 1978, blossomed with Isaac Bashevis Singer’s Nobel Prize for Literature. Thus, this became therapy for the Jewish soul which was ready to inhale the perfume of the past.

Time has certainly molded our inheritance. The 21st Century has become a buffet of delicacies, as we see how the appetite for change has entered our academics. Today, Rutgers University is one of numerous American and Canadian universities teaching courses in Yiddish language, culture, and literature. Hasidic communities throughout Canada and USA function completely in Yiddish, and even German linguistic specialists are learning Yiddish to enable them to examine the development of their language (Encyclopedia Judaica). Technology has flavored the exposure to Yiddish. Check Tik Tok Yiddish Community online, www.tiktok.com › tag › yiddish #yiddish | TikTok. Perhaps you will be able to share our birthright with your grandchildren and preserve the language that will help perpetuate our heritage.

Special thanks to Janet Levinton for reviewing my Yiddish.



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