



To support the Jewish community spiritually, provide opportunities for religious and additional experiences, and encourage social interaction. To nurture respect, understanding and friendship among all residents and faith groups at Ann's Choice.

May 2024
Nissan/Iyar 5784

Friday, May 3: *Shabbat Services in the Chapel -- 4 p.m. – Channel 980, Rabbi Benjamin David from Keneseth Israel will be davening with us. Torah portion: Achrei Mot, 10th day of the Omer*

Monday, May 6: Joe Shrager Memorial Torah Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m., a class-led discussion.
YOM HASHOAH

Tuesday, May 7: Jewish Heritage—Judaism Today, 1 p.m., Liberty Commons Music Room

Wednesday, May 8: Yiddish Club, discussing Mother's Day, Lag B'omer and Israel Independence Day
ROSH CHODESH IYAR

Thursday, May 9: JRC General Meeting, 7 p.m., PAC with Jusin Derman entertaining
ROSH CHODESH IYAR

Friday, May 10: *Shabbat Service in the Chapel – 4 p.m. – Channel 980 Torah Portion: Kedoshim*
Barbara Steiner delivering the *D'var Torah*, 17th day of the *Omer*

Sunday, May 12: MOTHER'S DAY

Monday, May 13: Joe Shrager Memorial Torah Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m.
Rabbi Shlomo Kohn. *YOM HAZIKARON*

Tuesday, May 14: *YOM HAATZMA'UT*

Thursday, May 16: Hadassah, 1 p.m. in the Village Music Room, Jean Hoffmann Lewanda, author

Friday, May 17: *Shabbat Service in the Chapel – 4 p.m. – Channel 980, Torah Portion: Emor*
Steve Capin delivering the *D'var Torah*, 24th day of the *Omer*

Monday, May 20: Joe Shrager Memorial Torah Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m.
Rabbi Shlomo Kohn.

Wednesday, May 22: JRC Lecture Series with Rabbi Daniel Levitt from Gratz College, 2 p.m., PAC

Friday, May 24: NO SERVICES

Sunday, May 26: LAG B'OMER

Monday, May 27: MEMORIAL DAY

Wednesday, May 31: *Shabbat Services in the Chapel – 4 p.m. – Channel 980, Torah portion: Bechukotai*
Jackie Ioli delivering the *D'var Torah*, 38th day of the *Omer*

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

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IN MEMORY OF

Jules Levitt
Gertrude Solkov
Marvin Friedman, beloved husband of Vivienne Friedman
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Marvin Friedman
Delores Rodos, wife of Stephen Rodos
Delores Rodos
Bunny Averbach
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the yahrzeit of Albert Schwartz
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Joan and Martin Freedman
Joan Winokur
Sheila Kauffman
Lela and Donald Seidel

Marie and Bernard Granor

IN HONOR OF

being a member of the JRC and all members
Bernice and Robert Chast's 70th wedding anniversary
the 90th birthday of sister Barbara (Bobbie Belkin) Denkin
to Israel
Mimi Travis' recovery
get well wishes for Burton Korn
Bernice and Robert Chast's 70th wedding anniversary
a speedy recovery to René Stein
Laurie and Stephen Capin
Kate and Burton Korn
Lela and Donald Seidel
Rona and Leslie Altman
Ann Kalmanor
get well wishes to Ronald Rosenberg
get well wishes to René Stein
get well wishes to Sheila Kauffman
Joan Garber's birthday
get well wishes for Kate Korn
get well wishes for Ronald Rosenberg
a kasher v'zissen Pesach

****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****

David Heuscher, Bernice Salamon, Sandra Greenwald, Etta Krauss, Barbara Steiner, Marie Granor, Shelly Wismer, Dick Alexander, Dorothy Kaminsky, Linda Pressman, Ronnie Frebowitz, Thalia Rosen, Hilde Goodstein, Paul Greenwald, Len Borthwick and Roslyn Katz.

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

MISHEBERACH
WE PRAY FOR HEALING

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

*****Yahrzeits for Iyar/Sivan*****

During the time from **23 Nissan** to **23 Iyar**, we remember our friends and family who are no longer with us. Please honor them by attending *Shabbat Services* and saying the *Kaddish*:

Sara Marks, Freda Gershowitz Plavin, Dora Tellem, Joseph Lipschutz, Theodore Bloom, Herbert Pitt, Alan Wismer, Esther Gelman, David Davis, Anita Rabinowitz, Estelle Cohen, Leonard Goldberg, Minnie Levine, Mildred Press, Lena Rosenzweig, Ida Antman, Seymour Berman, Betty Lavine, Vilma Schwartz, Morton Weiser, Adele Dorman, Sylvia Gross, E. Melvin Halpern, Gilbert Newman, Lottie Weiss, Estelle Erlick, Salvator Saul, Sally Horloff, Dorothy Krone, Max Tellis, Al Rotman, Eva Cohen, Chris Edwards, Bobby Friedman, Joseph Hill, Sr., Julius Joslin, Sophie Kesloff, Neil Stone, Sidney West, Etta Kaplan, Sara Lipton Bluma Sarowitz, Sidney Flexner, David Ginsburgh, Arnold Samuels, Barry Goldfarb, Sylvia Oberstein, Tillie Kaminsky, Sadie Levy, Manny Newman, Gerd Franke, Max Frank, Samuel Schenkman, Max Silverman, Norman Sultanik, Freda Dorman, Ada Freedman, Clara Benoff, Sylvia Golombeck, Richard Plavin, Paul Weisser

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had over 250 people attend the Passover Seder this year. Everyone had a wonderful time. We are looking forward to our next dinner, Rosh Hashana 2024/5785.

A note from Mimi Travis, Treasurer: all checks written to the Jewish Residence Council should be made out: “**Pay to the Order of: JRC or JEWISH RESIDENTS' COUNCIL. DO NOT INCLUDE** name of function or Mimi's name. Please make sure you use the current date on all your checks. Do not postdate checks. These checks **will be** returned to you to be rewritten!!

I want to wish all the mothers in the JRC—mothers of our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and furry and feathery children—a wonderful Mother's Day.

Thank you to all our veterans and I hope you all have a happy Memorial Day.

I want to thank Sue Harrison for filling in for René during her absence. Thank you to Judy Maslin for playing the piano at services. Gertie is missed so much and Judy has helped to fill that void.

Yom HaShoah is on Monday, May 6, this year. Here is a link for a very moving film about the *Shoah*. <https://www.alivetobyssunshine.com/the-film/>

B'Shalom



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The JRC Board Members

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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



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

TURN OVER ⇒



Terrific Ted performed once again at our General Meeting and was better than before. Everyone loved and enjoyed his performance. We all hope he comes back again soon.



The Ann's Choice Newtown Hadassah group welcomed Nina Haydel as Susanna Dickenson, the last woman at the Alamo and enjoyed her presentation very much. Many members transferred Hadassah membership to Newtown and we had several people join our Hadassah group.



If you can knit and would like to make hats for the Israeli soldiers, contact Sandy Sham, HR 403, 215-420-7455, for the pattern and other instructions.

SIMPLE SOLDIER'S HAT, TWO WAYS

TURN OVER ⇨

BECOME A MODEL MOTHER-IN-LAW

By Nina Haydel

“Behind each successful man stands a devoted wife and a surprised mother-in-law.” English/ Mother-in-law; Arabic / الْحَمَاءُ; Chinese Simplified / 婆母或岳母; Czech / tchyně; French / belle-mère ; German / Schwiegermutter; Greek / πεθερά; Italian / suocera; Japanese / 義母; Russian / свекровь; Spanish / suegra.

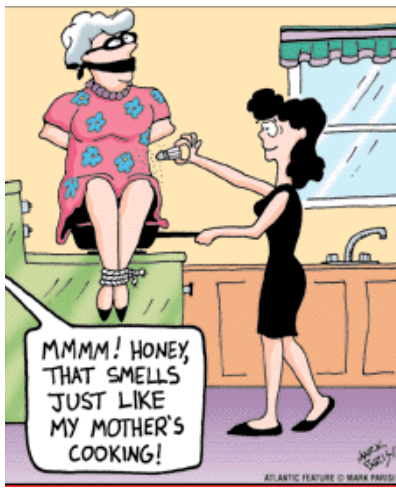
Most women, at some time in their life have experience with a mother-in-law relationship; we either have one ourselves or are one. That does not make us experts, but this social phenomenon needs to be explored. Regardless of language, culture, or age, the term *mother-in-law* carries many connotations, invades our perceptions of **the mother of a spouse**, often creates a tremor like no other and leads to jokes such as “Adam was the luckiest man in the world - he had no mother-in-law” (Sholom Aleichem). What have we mothers-in-law done to deserve thins?

How fortunate I was to have had a lovely mother-in-law, a southern belle from Catholic New Orleans, who was fascinated by her son’s Yankee Jewish wife. She often introduced me to people as her *Jewish daughter-in-law*, something about which she was very proud. She would explain: “Our medical doctors, dentist, lawyers, and accountant are all Jewish. We picked them because they are smart! Now, I have a Jewish daughter-in-law; what could be better?” Even when I was wrong, to her I was right.

I began thinking about my role as a mother-in-law when our second child of the seven, a son, announced he was getting married. What makes this experience different is that the new family member reached out to me far beyond the behavior of our other two daughters-in-law. I began to explore the mother-in-law/daughter-in-law relationship and what it means for the future of the family unit.

According to Apter, (2009) & Barry, (2008), most young women enter marriage with a minimal understanding of how their relationship with their mothers-in-law could impact their marriage. Perhaps this relationship should be part of a pre-nuptial exploration, as there are endless ramifications. Research has shown the direct correlation between daughter-in-law/mother-in-law relationship and daughter-in-law /husband relationship. Of course, each case can reflect its own development, but it is certainly something to ponder.

Common sources of conflict arise among those women who experience tense relationships with their mothers- in- law. Although many unhealthy family encounters may pepper the dating experiences, other prospective daughters-in-law do not encounter such trauma while dating but falter once a specific event looms, such as an engagement party, bridal shower, or wedding plans, thus creating a dramatic decline in relationships. Suddenly, the mother-in-law is viewed as a threat (Merrill, 2007) because she is regarded as reacting to the “loss of the intimate relationship she shared with her son” (Merrill, 2011). That may not be true, but it creates an increased state of rivalry, a replacement factor providing intense competition as to who is the “dominant nurturer in the son/husband’s life” Apter, 2009). Our children had no competition from their Jewish mother because I was rarely in their space, physically or emotionally.



Many women describe their mothers-in-law as being extremely controlling, especially after marriage, and unable to “let go” or never view their grown child as an adult (Morgan, 2013). Often, women feel the rivalry for attention with their husband’s mother. They are joined together by being “reluctantly related” to one another (Brann 2013). With seven children, I never felt that way. I was more than happy to share my son or daughter.

Women also feel their mothers-in-law are trying to mold them to fit an image, caused possibly by an underlying feeling that the son has married an inferior woman. This internal sense of criticism results in the concept of “falling short” of the mother-in-law’s

expectations. This feeling of conflict regarding housekeeping chores or child rearing can relate to any culture or any age.

Many young women have difficulty relating to their mothers-in-law based on generational, societal, educational, or cultural and religious differences. This feeling never plagued our daughters-in-law, as they are much more domestic than I am, enjoying showing off their culinary and decorating talents that put me to shame.

Culture and ethnicity play a significant role in our family and we adjust as needed. Two are practicing Muslims, one is Christian, and one a converted Jew. None are stay-at-home wives, so they parallel my professional life style, making a seamless transition in our family, with me, a practicing Jew, my husband a Jesuit-trained Catholic.

The generation gap intensifies regarding children. Many young women feel their mothers-in-law are trying to prove they were better mothers and expect their daughters -in-law to follow their instructions because they are “older, wiser, and know better.” We mothers-in-law may have expectations from grandchildren (we call them *common social graces*) such as sending a birthday card, thank-you note, occasional telephone call just to say hello. When these do not happen, who is to blame? Of course, it must be the daughter-in-law. This suggests a cross-over in the roles of wife and mother that add to the conflict and competition (Apter, 2009). Common ground is not easily found within variations of education and vocations. A stay-at-home mother-in-law cannot easily appreciate the professionally driven daughter-in-law with all her stressors and responsibilities. Equally, a mother-in-law like I cannot fathom a stay-at-home daughter-in-law.

A mother-in-law’s respect or disrespect for boundaries can certainly affect a couple’s marriage. Physical distance has the potential to ensure boundaries which suggests that “absence makes the heart grow fonder” (Cloud & Townsend). Today, most families no longer live in the house next door, around the corner, or with parents; therefore, physical intrusions are not the problem they once were.

Our family, no doubt, is representative of many where children live not only in different localities, but work in different countries. I consider myself part of a new category I call Zoom Mother- in-laws. Our messaging is virtual, but our love is tangible. We can build a clear line of communication and offer advice when it is sought. I hope those of us who uphold the integrity of “Mother of the Husband” will always feel respected and appreciated for our love and hopes for our children. Join me in carrying my own mother-in-law’s spirit both live and virtual.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING



Club

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Keystone Music Room
2 p.m.

PROGRAM:

- ✧ **NEW YIDDISHISMS**
- ✧ **MOTHER'S DAY, LAG B'OMER, ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- ✧ **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US**



YOM HA'ATZMAUT
ISRAEL
INDEPENDENCE DAY



TURN OVER ⇨