



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.

June 2024
Iyar/Sivan 5784

Monday, June 3: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m.
Class-led discussion.

Tuesday, June 4: Jewish Heritage—Judaism Today, Liberty Commons Music Room, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5: YOM YERUSHALAYIM

Friday, June 7: *Shabbat* Services— Join us in the chapel or on Channel 980—4 p. m.
***Torah* Portion: *Bamidbar* Cantor Julie Berlin from Shir Ami will be leading our *davening*.**
Rosh Chodesh Sivan* *NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

Sunday, June 9: BINGO PRIOR RESERVATIONS ONLY!!

Monday, June 10: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m.
Rabbi Shlomo Kohn.

Thursday, June 11: *EREV SHAVUOT*

Wednesday, June 12: *SHAVUOT*

Thursday, June 13: *SHAVUOT* *YIZKOR* SERVICES 2 p.m. in the Chapel **No General Meeting**

Friday, June 14: *Shabbat* Services— Join us in the chapel or on Channel 980—4 p. m. *Torah* Portion—
Naso* Phyllis Halpern delivering the *D'var Torah

Sunday, June 16: FATHER'S DAY

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

Thursday, June 20: Hadassah meeting, Village Music Room, 1 p.m.,
SUMMER BEGINS!

Friday, June 21: *Shabbat* Services—Join us in the chapel or on Channel 980—4 p. m. *Torah* Portion—
Beha'alotcha* Barbara Goll delivering *D'var Torah

Monday, June 24: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26: JRC Lecture Series— Daniel Goldsmith, Holocaust Survivor, PAC, 2 p.m.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Friday, June 28: *Shabbat* Services—Join us in the chapel or on Channel 980—4 p. m. *Torah*
Portion—*Shlach* Barbara Kaplan delivering *D'var Torah*

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

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IN MEMORY OF

Frances Zicherman
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Bernice (Bunny) Averbach, sister of Judith Borochaner
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Barbara Steiner's brother, Elliott Heiman
Charles Levy
Mollie Wisotsky, beloved mother
Sonia Adler, beloved mother-in-law
Sidney West, beloved brother
Harold Woolf
Barbara Steiner's brother, Elliott Heiman
Anna Myers, beloved mother
Blanche Eleff, beloved aunt
Alan Wismer's *Yahrzeit*
all my *Yahrzeits*
Harry Chaim Gruen, beloved husband
Inez Coopersmith, beloved mother
Harold Brown's sister
Lela Seidel
all my *Yahrzeits*
Lela Seidel, wife of Donald Seidel
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Ernest Cohen

***** YAHRZEITS FOR SIVAN/TAMMUZ *****

During the time from **24 Iyar to 24 Sivan**, we remember our friends and family who are no longer with us. Please honor them by attending Shabbat Services and saying the Kaddish:

Harry Chaim Gruen, Joseph Rabinowitz, Harritt Alexander, Joseph Berenbaum, Alex Bruce Klein, Robert Snyder, Adele Cohen, Harold Lazaar, Louis Zeidenstein, Inez Coopersmith, Martin Friedenber, Samuel Benoff, Janet Kornstein, Leonard Sculler, Anna Winokur, George Heller, Rose Rosenberg, Esther Ostroff, Esther Goldman, Philip Toland, Leon S. Fentin, Howard Glickman, Seymour Baum, Edward Smiley, Lorraine Feldman, William Levin, Milton Salamon, Joseph Bondel, Annabelle Brint, Charles Sigismund Cohen, Claire Smolow, Ben Rabinowitz, Warren Kalmanor, Alice Sondheimer, Seymour Goldstein, Lillian Pressman, Henry Friedheim, Susan Grossman, Shia Salem, Uzi Adini, Anna Segan, George Travis, Jacob Borochaner, Lillian A. Fingerman, Julius Antman, Melvin Goodrich, Rose Rosen, Irvin Arno, Blanche Cooper, Samuel Eisenhofer, Sol Hellinger, Rosita Goldsmith Gratman, E. Henry Sondheimer, Ruth Davis, Irving Myers, Joseph Shrager, Joan Vogin

If there are omissions or corrections, please leave 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.

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

BY

Sheila Johnson
René Stein

Rose LaKier
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Joan Winokur

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Joan Winokur

Alice Forman
Phyllis Halpern

IN HONOR OF

Bernice & Robert Chast's 70th anniversary

Many thanks for all the get well wishes. They really helped.

get-well wishes to Sheila Kauffman

speedy recovery to Sheila Kauffman

speedy recovery to Barbara Josephs

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a heartfelt mazel tov on the marriage of Alyse and Eli Katz

being a member of the JRC and thank you for everything

this organization does for all

Michael Kaplan's speedy recovery

a speedy recovery to Michael Kaplan

a speedy recovery to Barbara Josepha

get well wishes to René Stein

get well wishes to Barbara Josephs

all who sent get well wishes to me

a complete recovery for Ev Liebman

speedy and complete recovery, Ev Liebman

speedy and complete recovery, Ev Liebman

the JRC and everything JRC does for the residents

the beautiful Yizkor Service. Watched from sister's apartment and

thankful and

grateful to all who made it possible.

M.SS.del.S.M.

get well wishes to Barbara Josephs

get well wishes to Barbara Steiner

Emily Shonberg's 99th birthday

get well wishes to Barbara Steiner

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR WISHES FOR A ZISSEN PESACH

Janet and Richard Alexander

Anna Steinhart

****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****

Joan Krison, Ilene Katz, Susan Sultanik, Elmer Friedman, Judy BoroChaner, Joan Winokur, Mindi Ginsburg, Trudy Borthwick, Jerry Epstein and Sue Shapiro, Nancy Sosnow.

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

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 want to wish all the fathers in the JRC—fathers of our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and furry and feathery children—a wonderful **Father's Day**.

Please think seriously about becoming involved in the JRC. We need people to take over in the control room for the JRC Lecture Series and *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* services. We are looking for people who would like to be on the Board as Education Chairperson and Publicity Chairperson.

A **BIG thank you** to Gary Weisser for all his years of dedication to the JRC going above and beyond to make sure everything always ran smoothly at all our functions and to Ami Amitai for his time on the Board as Education Chairperson. Ami brought us some very memorable lecturers who I hope will return to Ann's Choice with more inspiring lectures for us. Health is our number one priority and we must always take care of the precious health we have. Without that, we cannot function. I want to be sure everyone at Ann's Choice can function in what is best for them.

The JRC is one of the most active groups here at Ann's Choice and so very important to me, personally. I want to protect its future so that we can continue to be the best ever!!

B'Shalom



WP 108

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To Joan and Marty Freedman on the birth of their new great granddaughter, Devyn Alia Ware, born March 23, 2024.

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

HAPPY
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🇺🇸 JUNE 14TH 🇺🇸

Happy♥
Father's
Day

The JRC has been very busy these past few months.



In March, we learned from Rabbi Ilene Schneider, What Makes a Jewish Book Jewish. She is the author of three mystery novels which she has graciously donated to the Ann's Choice Library.



Bill Turner and the Blue Smokes entertained at the April General Meeting. Most enjoyed their music.



Gail Androphy from the Israel Guide Dog Center spoke to our Newtown Hadassah group in April



Robert Seltzer from the Jewish Federation was with us in April and taught us about the meaning of an Ethical Will and how to prepare one.



While the room is empty, except for the servers, the Passover Seder was a huge success. We had over 280 people attend and 23 participants. Thanks to everyone who was there—**YOU** made it the success that it was. I hope everyone had a sweet and meaningful Passover.

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

ATCHOO! MAY G-D BLESS YOU

By Nina Haydel

It's allergy season again, friends, so we all must ready our tissues and nose drops, then join the constant chorus that sings *God bless you*. But I share with you a question I always ask during this season: Does God really bless us when we sneeze?

After my typical level of research, I want to share with you vital information I have learned. The phrase we know so well has ancient origins, but with numerous versions for us to analyze. Initially, be aware there is no mention of this concept in the Bible. Researchers consider the following: In ancient cultures, long before English language, words referring to good health or long life echoed the sneeze. But, as Jews, we may want to consult the Midrash for this "scholarly" investigation. Jews wish life to someone who sneezes in the form of "Labriut" in Hebrew and "tzu guzunt" in Yiddish. I frequently throw my blessings around a sneezer with the automatic response, "Guzundheit."

But why are we so programmed to repeat this blessing for the common "Atchoo" that happens nearby? According to the Midrash theories, this strategic blessing presents the following historical background: In ancient times, sneezes were dangerous. They often served as a precursor for imminent death. Although yawns did not provoke a similar response, sneezes needed God's blessings. The story follows:

From the day that heaven and earth were created, no one was ever sick; if one was on the road or in the marketplace, he would sneeze, and his soul would leave by way of his nostrils. Until our forefather Jacob prayed to [G-d](#) about this, saying: "Master of all worlds! Don't take my soul from me before I have the opportunity to give instructions to my children and my household." G-d agreed with him, as the verse says: "After these events, Joseph was told, 'Behold, your father is ill.'" All of the peoples of the world heard of this and were amazed, since nothing like this had happened since heaven and earth were created. The [Midrash](#) concludes, we wish life to someone who sneezes, since it used to represent the opposite.

Jews in different countries translated these phrases into those that meant good health and went even further, allowing for the sneezer to reply. Some even replied with a verse:

"For your salvation I hope, G-d!" This was an expression of thanks to G-d for saving him or her from that danger.

Of course, we need to remember the good side of sneezing: "If a person sneezes while praying," the Talmud says, "it is a good sign for him." According to the Talmud, if during prayer people sneeze, that indicated their prayer has been accepted by G-d because they now feel better. Thus, sneezing was seen help from G-d to improve physically and religiously.

Lastly, we need to honor our noses that make all this possible. Because the nose is so essential to our well-being, the Jewish nose (I recently wrote about) is central to our life. We live only as long as the nose allows us to breathe. In the *Zohar* (Foundation work of the Kabbala) “G-d is the Master of the nose and Kabbalistic sources explain that scent represents a very high level of divine energy.” In addition, within the Holy Temple, one of the most sacred services involved the burning of incense, which strongly entered the Temple air and prepared for the aroma of the arrival of the Moshiach (the Jewish messiah or redeemer at that particular time) who is wiser than Soloman and the prophet who rises to the level of Moses).

Indeed, a nose and its sneeze hold an honored place in our Jewish background, so prepare to honor your nose and bless one another as our allergies allow us to follow the sages throughout this holiday season. I have answered my own question, and I feel very blessed as I clutch my tissue box through the next few weeks.



JOIN US
FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024
4 P.M.
IN THE CHAPEL

OR ON
CHANNEL 980

NEW MEMBER
SHABBAT

WITH
CANTOR JULIE BERLIN
FROM SHIR AMI

COME MEET
NEW NEIGHBORS

JRC LECTURE SERIES

Presents

Daniel Goldsmith *Holocaust Survivor*

on June 26, 2024
in the PAC, 2 p.m.



Daniel Goldsmith was born in Antwerp, Belgium to an Orthodox Jewish family. His father was a plumber and his mother was a homemaker. He was 8 years old when the German army invaded in May 1940. His family tried to flee to France but was forced to return to Antwerp. In August 1942, his father was placed in a forced labor camp and his mother was forced to sell some of his tools to buy food for Daniel and his sister, Lillian.

After the Nazis raided their street one night in September 1942, arresting Jewish

families, Daniel's mother visited a known resistance movement member and within 48 hours Daniel and Lillian were placed in a Catholic convent. In December, Daniel was moved to a boy's orphanage and was given a false identification of "Willy Peters."

The orphanage was raided in May 1944 and Danny, with other boys, was arrested and sent to multiple prisons. On the way to the third prison the boys escape from the train. They ended up in Perwez, Belgium and the local priest hid the children in various homes in the village.

Danny was 12 years old when he was liberated in September 1944. In April 1948, Danny arrived in the United States.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

**A free-will donation benefits Resident
Benevolent Care Fund**

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Looking for **A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!!!**

We need your help if the JRC is to continue being as alive and vibrant as it has been for the past 15+ years!!!

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**WORKING IN THE CONTROL ROOM FOR JRC
LECTURES AND *SHABBAT* SERVICES**

We would love your help

WITH *SHABBAT* SERVICES

**Do you love to sing or play the piano and know the *Shabbat* service?
IT WOULD BE ON AN OCCASIONAL BASIS**

We would love your help

**CONTACTING LECTURERS FOR
THE JRC LECTURE SERIES**

Hopefully becoming the Education Chairperson

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**CONTINUING ALL THE WONDERFUL PUBLICITY
THE JRC HAS GOTTEN IN THE PAST IN
THE JEWISH EXPONENT AND
*THE BUCKS COUNTY HERALD***

Hopefully becoming the Publicity Chairperson

**STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND BE ON THE BEST
TEAM AT ANN'S CHOICE!!!!**

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