



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.

**December 2022
Kislev/Tevet 5783**

CHANUKAH—DECEMBER 18 THROUGH DECEMBER 25

Friday, December 2: Shabbat Services at 4 p. m. in the Chapel or on Channel 976 or 980
Torah Portion: Vayetzei Steve Capin will be delivering the D'var Torah

Monday, December 5: JOE SHRAGER MEMORIAL TORAH STUDY 2 p.m.,
Liberty Commons Art Room

Thursday, December 8: General Meeting, 7 p.m. in the PAC

Friday, December 9: Shabbat Services at 4 p. m. in the Chapel or on Channel 976 or 980
Torah Portion: Vayishlach Susan Sultanik will be delivering the D'var Torah

Monday, December 12: JOE SHRAGER MEMORIAL TORAH STUDY 2 p.m.,
Liberty Commons Art Room

Friday, December 16: Shabbat Service at 4 p.m. in the Chapel or on Channel 976 or 980
Torah Portion: Vayeshev Rabbi Briskin from Shir Ami will be leading services

Sunday, December 18 through Sunday, December 25: CHANUKAH

Monday, December 19: JOE SHRAGER MEMORIAL TORAH STUDY 2 p.m.,
Liberty Commons Art Room

Wednesday, December 21: Community Chanukah Candle Lighting and Party
Keystone Multipurpose Room, 7:30 p.m. RSVP required.

Friday, December 23: Shabbat Services at 4 p.m. in the Chapel or on Channel 976 or 980
Torah Portion: Miketz **NEW MEMBER SHABBAT AND CHANUKAH
CELEBRATION** with Neil Goldstein leading services

Saturday, December 24: ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Sunday, December 25: ROSH CHODESH TEVET

Friday December 30: Shabbat Services at 4 p.m. in the Chapel or on Channel 976 or 980
Torah Portion: Vayigash Barbara Steiner will be delivering the D'var Torah

Saturday, December 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE 2023

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

BY

Robert Altman
Shirley Horowitz
Annette and Allen Herring
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Marilyn Bartikowsky

Barbara Steiner
René and Morton Stein

Shirley Horowitz

BY

Nina Haydel
Fannette Asinofsky
Linda Pressman
Laurie & Stephen Capin

Annette and Allen Herring

Barbara Steiner

IN MEMORY OF

Max Bartikowsky
All my family's yahrzeits
Ted Matlow
Clara Stein, beloved mother
Ted Matlow
Ted Matlow
Ted Matlow
Sherry Barrish's yahrzeit
grandfather, Samuel Gelman
mother-in-law, Alice Winokur Malove
Rick Solkov, son of Gertrude Solkov
Leon Krefetz, beloved husband
David Factor, beloved father
Harvey Factor, beloved brother
Richard Solkov, beloved son of Gert Solkov
Richard Solkov, son of Gertrude Solkov
Richard Solkov, son of Gertrude Solkov
Bobby Markowitz, beloved brother
Ted Matlow
Richard Solkov, beloved son of Gert Solkov
Leonard (Bart) Bartikowsky, beloved husband
Max Bartikowsky, beloved brother-in-law
Richard Solkov, son of Gertrude Solkov
Samson Eisenberg, beloved father
Richard Solkov, son of Gertrude Solkov
beloved husband, Harold Horowitz

IN HONOR OF

all for good wishes for my recovery, **THANK YOU**
Joan Freedman's complete and speedy recovery
a mishaberach for Janice Pincus
Sylvia & Ronald Rosenberg's first great-grandson,
Elias Gary Zimmerman
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Elias Gary Zimmerman
Mimi Travis' special birthday

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR VERY GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE JRC MEMORIAL BOOK

Edith Davis

Selma Fisher

René and Mort Stein

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laurie Capin, Joyce B. Cohen, Marlene Rubenstein, Claire Goldstein, Eileen Baskin, Jay Hambro, Ruth Worms, Marilyn Davis, Sue Ross, Doris Hambro, Gloria Ceaser, Michael Sultanik, Betty Roseman, Nancy Krosskove, Bernie Roseman, Vivian Spector, Barbara Stone, Lester Altman, Florence Ginsburg, Norma Snyder, Steve Capin, Marilyn Lashen, Stan Ziserman, Phyllis Turek, Fannette Asinofsky, Edward Katz, Elaine Glicksman, Phyllis Halpern

I want to wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday in December a **yom hu'ledet sameach**. If your name is not on the list, please let me know your birth date and you will be included next December.

****MISHEBERACH ****
WE PRAY FOR HEALING

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

*****Yahrzeits*****

During the period of **7 Kislev to 7 Tevet**, we remember our friends and family who are no longer with us:

Sarah Honigblum, Jean Capin, Marilyn Carp, Hyman Mazlin, Carl Abromovitz, Esther Glicksman, Saul LaKier, Philip Baker, Jeffrey Berman, Samuel Erlick, Isador Goldstein, Morris Korcarz, Myer Ostroff, Jack Fishman, Benjamin Glazman, Ted Gordon, Hyman Poplow, Frances Altshul, David Carmen, Sidney Tellis, Bernard Miller, B. Meyer Simon, Elizabeth Worms, Jeanette Shapiro, Sara Erlick, Ester Olim, Harry Sherman, Harvey Steinberg, Litzi Epstein, Edward Gelb, Meyer Kessler, Cheryl Beth Silverman, Melvin (Mickey) Lipman, David Chary, Walter Berk, Kathryn Kesselman, Morton Katz, James Roth, Max Carroll, Max Litz, Hilda Boyer, Elfriede Franke, Louis Kaplan, Geraldine Silver, Louis Hayden, Rose Marcus

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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of us who are born in December. What a great month for a birthday! I also want to wish everyone a **HAPPY CHANUKAH**. We will not be having a big celebration with our outdoor Chanukiah this year but it will be lit every night during Chanukah. I hope everyone enjoys our outdoor Chanukiah! Join us Wednesday, December 21, in the Keystone Multipurpose Room at 7:30 p.m. for a big **COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING FOR CHANUKAH**. Send in your RSVP early so we can plan refreshment for the party. Please join us on December 23 at 4 p.m. in the Chapel for our **CHANUKAH NEW MEMBER SHABBAT** with special treats. I can hardly believe that in just a few weeks it will be 2023! Remember—**DUES** for the coming year, **\$25 per person!**

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes to Ev Liebman and Sid Forman, as they leave the JRC Board of Directors. Ev was Membership Chair and Sid was Parliamentarian. Thank you for your many years of dedication to the JRC. We wish you the best of everything as you move forward to new heights in your lives.

The year 2023 is shaping up to be an exciting year for the JRC. We have lectures, entertainment, special services, BINGO and many other exciting events planned. Please join us as often as you can. You are in for some great treats!!!!

The Adult Education Chair of Ohev Shalom of Bucks County has invited us to attend their lecture series on Zoom. If you are interested in participating, call Leslie Kreithen at 215-907-3968. These are the following programs: Thursday, December 8, 2022, *Jewish Photographers You Should Know*, Marvin Kreithen, 2 p.m.; Thursday, January 12, 2023, *The Jewish Mafia*, Herb Kauffman, 2 p.m.; Thursday, February 9, 2023, *Marc Chagall in NYC*, Sylvia Laudein-Meo, 2 p.m.; Thursday, March 23, 2023, *Jews in Victorian Literature*, Rabbi Carol Harris-Shapiro, 2 p.m.; Thursday, May 11, 2023, *Restoration of Jewish Historic Sites in the Czech Republic*, Rebecca Landau, 2 p.m.

The Board wishes a Bright and Healthy Chanukah to All the Shabbat Services Leaders: Barbara Steiner, René Stein, Gertie Solkov, Mimi Travis, Steve Capin, Gary Weisser, Sandy Berman, Mickey Sultanik, Ed Lashen, Ellen Newman, Miriam Schwartz, **And All** the JRC Residents in Attendance and Watching services on TV, and everyone else.

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**If you meet new residents who are interested in joining us, please refer them to
Mimi Travis, Treasurer**

PARASHAT NOAH - 5783
D'VAR TORAH BY SONI FELD
Friday, October 28, 2022

There are two stories in this parasha, the story of Noah and the story of The Tower of Babel.

After almost a full year on the ark, it was safe for Noah, his family and the animals to disembark. *Adonai* promises Noah that there will never be another flood of such proportions. But apparently, this promise alone is not enough to comfort Noah. So, in addition, *Adonai* offers Noah a sign: the rainbow. *“And Adonai said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh”.* (Genesis 9:12-15)

Why is there a need for a physical sign to affirm this covenant between *Adonai* and Noah? Why is the **rainbow** chosen as that sign? What is **special** about a rainbow?

The commentators struggled with this question. Some commentators understood the uniqueness of the rainbow in its **physical** qualities. A rainbow occurs only if sunshine permeates the water held by a cloud. Thus the trepidation over an impending flood is alleviated by the rainbow, as it signifies that rays of sunlight are co-mingling with the rain. When a rainbow appears, ominous clouds do not obscure the sun.

A different explanation was offered by **Ramban**, a French commentator of the 12th century. He explained that the rainbow resembles a bow used by hunters or warriors. He wrote that when combating parties wanted to signal the end of a battle, they turned their bows to face themselves. Thus, the rainbow actually serves as *Adonai's* turned bow - a divine symbol of peace.

In addition to the physical attributes of a rainbow and its unique shape, there is another significant quality: its beauty. Rainbows evoke moments of serenity, moments devoted solely to the observation of their beauty.

Why was Noah given this sign of such beauty? The power of beauty, writes the Talmud, is to expand one's vision of the universe, to expand one's mind. Beauty engenders dreams of optimism, dreams of abounding splendor and love. The rainbow, possessing the spectrum of all colors, serves as the basis for all beauty.

When Noah exits the ark, he sees a world of utter desolation. Every person, every tree, every flower has been destroyed. How will **he** be able to continue? How will **he** be able to start anew? The vision of a destroyed world robs Noah of any ability to act.

The rainbow is *Adonai's* gift to Noah. It comes as a symbol of hope. It is an assurance of *Adonai's* mercy with the promise never to wipe out humanity again. What do rainbows mean? They mean *Adonai* hasn't forgotten us. Through its beauty, *Adonai* seals the new covenant with humanity and motivates Noah to begin to create a new world. It is not only a sign precluding future destruction, but is also an invitation to hope.

After the death of Queen Elizabeth II, crowds stood in wonder as a huge, double rainbow appeared over Buckingham Palace. They had gathered there shortly after the news that the much-loved queen had sadly passed away. Even more wondrous was that two more rainbows formed over Windsor Castle and Balmoral at the same time. Newspapers reported it as a “sign,” but what is the sign of these rainbows pointing to?

The **Tower of Babel** is placed after the story of Noah and the list of families from which Terah, Abraham and their line will come. This story attempts to answer two questions: Where did the variety of languages come from? And how did man disperse and populate the world? The joining of this prehistory and history affords the biblical editors the opportunity to show the rise of Abraham and his descendants in the context of Adonai's plans for mankind.

Was the Tower of Babel real? Maybe, maybe not; but the story has something to teach. The tower may well have been modeled on the ziggurat, the sacred tower located in Ur, in what is now in southwestern Iraq, which according to the Bible was Abraham's birthplace.

What is a ziggurat and what was it used for? It is the base on which a temple is set. Its purpose was to get the temple closer to heaven and to provide access from the ground to heaven via steps. The Mesopotamians believed that these temples connected heaven to earth.

As towers go, it was short - only three stories high. It had massive steps. It was constructed from bricks inscribed with the names of the rulers. It sounds like a great building. What could possibly have been wrong with it? What happened to the Tower of Babel?

The builders were united under one language, but that unity came at a price. Rabbi Daniel Gordis, a contemporary rabbi and author, suggests: *"Dispersion is part of the divine plan. The tower builders sought to sustain uniformity. That is why they had to be stopped."*

Second, the building of the Tower was basically an ego trip on the part of the builders. The Bible makes it very clear that the people wanted to make a name for themselves. They wanted **bragging** rights for having the biggest, tallest building in the world. They believed that this would make them famous. They may have even thought that it would bring them closer to Adonai.

But the worst part, according to a midrash, is that the builders became so absorbed in their project that they forgot the rules of a decent society. They neglected their basic responsibilities to other people, and in the process, they lost their humanity. A Midrash says: *If a man fell off the tower, they paid no attention to him, but if a brick fell, they sat down and wept, and said: Woe is us! When will another brick come to replace it?"* With people like this, it is no surprise that Adonai decides that in the very place where the tower was built, in ancient UR, a man would be born who would teach the world a new way. That man was Abraham.

Your bubbe might have explained the parasha's lesson as "Don't climb too high and you won't fall", or "We plan and Adonai laughs."

Shabbat Shalom

What's Happening in the JRC



Zack Alexander, entertained at our November General Membership Meeting. He was fantastic! He sang many songs made popular by Frank Sinatra, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed! He really kept us entertained the entire hour of his performance.



is coming
February 6, 2023

Please volunteer to help with the preparations for the

Tu Bishvat Seder

**Call Barbara Steiner, 215-206-8417 or Stephen Capin, 215-394-8689
if you are interested in helping us**



**JRC COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING
FOR CHANUKAH**

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Keystone Multipurpose Room

Join us at 7:30 p.m.

**As we light the Chanukiah for the
4th night of Chanukah**

and

**Enjoy Singing, Games and
Doughnuts**



RSVP BY DECEMBER 14, 2022

I (WE) WILL BE THERE

NAME(S) _____

CUBBY _____

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**Thursday, December 8, 2022:
General Membership Meeting
in the PAC at 7:00 p. m.**



We are pleased to present Bob Denson!

Bob Denson is a life-long musician and educator whose talent is in demand across New Jersey. Always providing a high energy show and engaging the audience in various forms of participation, Bob connects with the crowd with witty banter and memorable songs. Whether it is a solo jazz guitar act, acoustic guitarist/vocalist, to a full band playing anything from blues, rock, funk, Irish, jazz, country, reggae, or bluegrass, Bob Denson will deliver a well-polished product every time.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!