



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 2023  
Iyar/Sivan 5783

**Monday, May 1: Joe Shrager Memorial Torah Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m.**  
Class-led discussion.

**Friday, May 5: No Shabbat Services**  
*Pesach Sheni*

**Saturday, May 6: SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE with Rabbi JoHanna Potts, Torah Portion: Emor**  
Mimi Travis delivering the *D'var Torah*, Services 10 a.m. in the Chapel  
30<sup>th</sup> day of the Omer  
Lunch and Learn and Havdalah—Reservations only – Keystone Multipurpose Room

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

**Tuesday, May 9: LAG BAOMER 33<sup>rd</sup> day of the Omer**

**Friday, May 12: Shabbat Service in the Chapel -- 4 p.m. – Channel 976 or 980**  
*Torah Portion: Behar-Bechukotai* Michael Sultanik delivering the *D'var Torah*  
36<sup>th</sup> day of the Omer

**Monday, May 15: Joe Shrager Memorial Torah Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m.**  
Rabbi Shlomo Kohn.

**Friday, May 19: Shabbat Service in the Chapel – 4 p.m. – Channel 976 or 980**  
*Torah Portion: Bamidbar* Rabbin Briskin of Shir Ami will *davening* with us  
43<sup>rd</sup> day of the Omer

**Sunday, May 21: ROSH CHODESH SIVAN**

**Thursday, May 25: EREV SHAVUOT 49<sup>TH</sup> day of the Omer**

**Friday, May 26: SHAVUOT NO SHABBAT SERVICES**

**Saturday, May 27: YIZKOR SERVICES 2 p.m. in the chapel**

**Monday, May 29: MEMORIAL DAY**

**Wednesday, May 31: JRC Lecture Series with Dr. Reena Freedman from Gratz College, 2 p.m. in the PAC**

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

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**IN MEMORY OF**

Sol Burgon  
my husband Irv  
my brother, Beno  
my parents, Zvi and Shulamit  
Larry Pincus  
Bessie Edelson  
Al Weiss, beloved father  
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Mimi Travis  
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Hildegard Goodstein  
Mimi Travis  
Thalia Rosen

**IN HONOR OF**

my well-wishing friends for my birthday  
the Jewish Residents' Council of Ann's Choice and  
all the wonderful people we have met  
Donald Seidel's continue good health  
Birth of Alex, great grandson of Bernice and Bob Chast  
speedy get well wishes Gil Guim  
Sandy Kazman's special birthday  
Carole Goldstein's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Michael Weischedel's speedy recovery  
the JRC Yahrzeit fund

**\*\*HAPPY BIRTHDAY\*\***

David Heuscher, Bernice Salamon, Sandra Greenwald, Etta Krauss, Barbara Steiner, Fran Zicherman, Bud Blank, Marie Granor, Shelly Wismer, Dick Alexander, Dorothy Kaminsky, Linda Pressman, Ronnie Frebowitz, Thalia Rosen, Hilde Goodstein, Gertrude Solkov, 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 **10 Iyar** to **11 Sivan**, we remember our friends and family who are no longer with us. Please honor them by attending *Shabbat* Services and saying the *Kaddish*:

Jacob Abrams, Eva Cohen, Chris Edwards, Julius Joslin, 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 Franke, Samuel Schenkman, Max Silverman, Norman Sultanik, Freda Dorman, Ada Freedman, Clara Benoff, Barbara Deschler, Sylvia Golombeck, Richard Plavin, Paul Weisser, Harry Chaim Gruen, Joseph Rabinowitz, Harritt Alexander, Joseph Berenbaum, Alex Bruce Klein, Adele Cohen, Louis Zeidenstein, Martin Friedenber, Samuel Benoff, Reva Goodman, Janet Kornstein, Anna Winokur, George Heller, Sylvia Oper, Rose Rosenberg, Judy Woolf, Esther Ostroff, Esther Goldman, Philip Toland, Leon S. Fentin, Seymour Baum, Edward Smilty, Lorraine Feldman, Milton Salamon, Annabelle Brint, Charles Sigismund Cohen, Claire Smolow, Ben Rabinowitz, Warren Kalmanor.

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



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We learned a lot from Dr. Zef Eleff, President of Gratz College, and Joyce Laiter, Hadassah Antisemitism Co-Chair at two very important lectures in April.

Our Scholar-in-Residence, with Rabbi JoHanna Potts, on Saturday, May 6, 2023, should be a wonderful day of prayer, learning and sharing *Shabbat* with our friends and neighbors. Everyone is invited to attend services at 10 a.m., but you **MUST** have a reservation for Lunch and Learn and Havdalah. We also look forward to having Dr, Reena Freedman, of Gratz, join us this month.

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 2023/5784.

If you need a ride to appointments or other services, you can get low-cost transportation through Bucks County Transport, Inc. and Shared Ride Transportation Services by contacting Bucks County Transport, Inc., P.O. Box 510, Holicong, PA 18928, ATTN: Reservations Department or [www.bctransport.org](http://www.bctransport.org) or call Monday through Friday 215-794-5554, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and ask for Rosemary or email [ryoung@bctransport.org](mailto:ryoung@bctransport.org).

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. 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.

*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



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



Dr. Zel Eleff, President of Gratz College, spoke to us about a little-known Philadelphian—his life and legacy and his influence on Judaism.



Joyce Laiter, Hadassah's Antisemitism Co-Chair, spoke to us about Antisemitism here and around the world. The JRC and the Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Team sponsored Joyce's lecture. Over one hundred people attended this important presentation!



# PASSOVER 2023



## BEFORE THE SEDER



## SOME OF THE MANY PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED AND ENJOYED THE SEDER

# TODAY'S RISE OF ANTISEMITISM IN THIS COUNTRY AND ON THE WORLD STAGE

Excerpts from Program presented by  
Joyce Laiter

Let's look at our country's foundation- **the Constitution**. The **First Amendment**- Freedom of Speech and Separation of Church and State. **Freedom of Speech** has always meant the freedom to speak our truths, despite opposing views, as long as they don't cause panic or violence. However, today's influencers stoke the fires of anger, hate and antisemitism. And when their hate speech is confronted, they claim free speech is Attacked. Should you google Louis Farrakhan, you'll hear him say, "I'm not anti-Semite, I'm anti-termite." Or he threatens that the Jews will again burn in the ovens because we belong to the synagogue of Satan. The presence of hate on line is growing exponentially and has become dark and deranged. Thousands listen, and many become radicalized. Gab, which I mentioned before, is an online platform home to white nationalists and other far right extremists. It's the platform used by the Tree of Life synagogue shooter. It's where he posted terribly antisemitic thoughts and feelings. Torba, Gab's founder, is quoted as saying, **"Whine More. Seeth more. Free speech lives here on Gab and there is nothing you can do to stop it. People are done caring about your eternal victimhood complex"**.

These are dangerous words but still protected by law. Are they not fodder for A Day of Hate? As for **Separation of Church and State**, the same white nationalists make it known that they don't want that separation. They want a Christian country where Jews can live but aren't really welcome. And these people are running for public office, serving on school boards and infiltrating the classrooms. We always need to know who we're voting for and where they stand on important issues.

Let's discuss current **extremist groups**:

## **BDS**

The Boycott, Divest, Sanction Movement is a Palestinian movement promoting boycotts, divestments and economic sanctions against Israel. It claims to be a Social justice movement but was actually created as a political weapon with the aim of eradicating Israel. BDS refers to Israel as occupied and colonized Arab land and explicitly rejects co-existence. Supporters pressure governments, companies, organizations and individuals to boycott Israel in the diplomatic, economic, academic and cultural spheres. BDS demands the return of ALL Palestinian Refugees which it claims includes multiple generations. Founder Omar Barghouti says, "A return of refugees would end Israel's existence as a Jewish state". The intent is clear. BDS also accuses Israel of being an Apartheid state. But how can that be when Israel **also** has Arab Muslims and Christians in the Knesset, in the media, in their universities, in medicine, in the military and in all walks of life. **That is not Apartheid.**

BDS has begun a very dangerous **Mapping Project** in Massachusetts. They have pinpointed and made public the locations of all Jewish organizations, educational institutions, synagogues, and businesses, calling for them to be dismantled. They have named and located 500 Jewish leaders and institutions in the community, including the president of the Hadassah Boston Chapter. When

private personal information is made public with malicious intent, it's called doxing. The goal here is to expose, isolate, disrupt and dismantle the entire Boston Jewish community. They are now under FBI investigation. Where will it happen next?

There is a group called the **Goyim Defense League**.

They are white supremacists and antisemites who leave antisemitic flyers on lawns in the middle of the night and wave antisemitic banners over highways. They also run **Name the Nose Tours**. It's very creative. They dress as religious Jews walk up to random people, and apologize for lying about the Holocaust and for being responsible for 9/11 and COVID 19.

**The Oath Keepers**

Are a militant White Nationalist group who believe that a shadowy conspiracy, often referred to as the **New World Order** also code for **Evil Jewish Cabal** has co-opted the federal government to deny white Christian Americans their rights and ultimately enslave them.

The **Proud Boys** are white supremacists who believe that atrocities are being committed against the white population worldwide, that the white race is being diluted and the white culture is in a war for survival. They believe in the Great **Replacement Theory**, Thus "Jews will not replace us" was chanted in Charlottesville.

Did you know that there are secret **codes**- numbers and words, used by antisemites to communicate with each other both on line and in public? For instance, if you read or hear about a **cabal or a new world order**, they are talking about the secret, powerful Jews seeking to control the world. The word **Globalist** refers to Jews who don't have loyalty to their country of origin, but to some worldwide order that will give them control over the world's banks, governments and media. The number **1488** was recently spray painted on a trolley trail in Bethesda Md. 14 is the number of words in the following sentence:

"We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children."

H is the 8<sup>th</sup> letter of the alphabet. 88 is HH which stands for Heil Hitler. Put these together and you get 1488.

**The number 12**

A is the first letter of the alphabet. B is the second 12=AB=Aryan Brotherhood

**The number 18**

A is the first letter. H is the 8<sup>th</sup> letter. 18=AH= Adolph Hitler

If you see graffiti that looks like nonsense. It's not nonsense. You just don't understand what you're seeing. But the message is there.



## **HONOR YOUR PARENTS**

With Mother's Day around the corner, please join us as we discuss the commandment to honor our parents – what it really means and why it's one of the Ten Commandments.

Open to all, but please RSVP to Jan Maharam (BC311)  
[janmaharam3@gmail.com](mailto:janmaharam3@gmail.com) or call or text me at (937) 361-8157.

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## **SUSAN SMOLEN**

will be in our Performing Arts Center on  
May 11, 2023. Join us from 2 - 3pm.

Susan, the versatile singer, actress and dancer has appeared on stages throughout Philadelphia since she was eight years old. Her repertoire of show-stopping performances covers a variety of holiday and special event themes including Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Christmas, Hanukkah, New Years and many more.

Susan's vast background working for senior groups, organizations, dinner and community theaters has helped shape her exciting, funny and moving song renditions.