



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 2023**

***Sivan/Tammuz 5783***

**Friday, June 2: *Shabbat Services*—Join us in the chapel or on Channel 980—4:00 p. m.  
*Torah Portion—Naso* Tamar Adini delivering *D'var Torah***

**Monday, June 5: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m.  
Class-led discussion.**

**Friday, June 9: *Shabbat Services*— Join us in the chapel or on Channel 980—4 p. m. *Torah Portion Beha'alotcha* — Rabbi Benjamin David of Keneseth Israel will be leading our *davening***

**Monday, June 12: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m.  
Rabbi Shlomo Kohn.**

**Wednesday, June 14: Yiddish Club, 2 p.m., Keystone Music Room. Celebrating Father's Day  
**FLAG DAY****

**Friday, June 16: *Shabbat Services*— Join us in the chapel or on Channel 980—4 p. m. *Torah Portion—Sh'lach* Rabbi Adam Wohlberg of Temple Sinai will be leading our *davening* .**

**Sunday, June 18: **Father's Day****

**Monday, June 19: Joe Shrager Memorial *Torah* Study, Liberty Commons Art Room 2 p.m.  
Rabbi Shlomo Kohn.**

***ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ***

**Tuesday, June 21: Summer begins!**

***ROSH CHODESH TAMMUZ***

**Friday, June 23: *Shabbat Services*—Join us in the chapel or on Channel 980—4 p. m. *Torah Portion—Korach* Barbara Goll delivering *D'var Torah* **NEW MEMBER SHABBAT****

**Wednesday, June 28: JRC Lecture Series— Michael Schatz is returning to tell us more about the origins of the Philadelphia Jewish Community. Lecture is the PAC at 2 p.m.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Friday, June 30: *Shabbat Services*—Join us in the chapel or on Channel 980—4 p. m. *Torah Portion—Chukat-Balak* Steve Capin delivering *D'var Torah***

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

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Shirley Horowitz  
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**IN MEMORY OF**

my beloved Family  
Rachel Saul, beloved mother  
Salvator Saul, beloved father  
Bluma Sarowitz, beloved grandmother of Jan Alexander  
Alvin Lipitz, beloved brother  
Mollye Rippa, beloved aunt  
Betty Lavine, beloved aunt  
Maxwell (Max) Silverman  
Neil H. Stone, beloved husband  
William Levin  
Al Rotman  
Lottie Weiss  
Barry Goldfarb  
Chaim Gruen, beloved husband  
Sylvia Golombek, beloved mother  
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Zelda Stern  
Gloria Ceaser  
Arthur Silverman  
Norma Segal  
Beatrice Ratko  
Annette & Dr. Allen Herring

**IN HONOR OF**

Barbara Steiner's birthday  
Barbara Steiner's birthday, many happy returns of the day  
the naming of Marty and Joan Freedman's 2 great grandchildren,  
Shana and Aiden at Friday night services by Phyllis Halpern  
the naming of The Freedman's great grandchildren  
Barbara Steiner's special birthday  
Joan and Marty Freedman's great grandchildren and the honor of  
officiating at the children's naming ceremony  
Phyllis Halpern for the wonderful baby naming ceremony she did  
for our great grandchildren, Aiden & Shana  
Megan Franco's (granddaughter of Phyllis Halpern) graduation  
from the University of Pittsburgh, summa cum laude  
the graduation of our granddaughter, Maya Geller, from University  
of Pennsylvania School of Nursing  
Phyllis Halpern for the wonderful naming ceremony she performed  
for Aiden and Shana  
Richard (Dick) Alexander's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
the birth of great granddaughter, Kinsley Sage  
marriage of granddaughter, Jamie to Casey  
René Stein  
my granddaughter Megan Franco's graduation from University of  
Pittsburgh  
Barbara Steiner's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, wishing good health and happiness  
Ruth Visnov's great granddaughter, Olivia Faith Visnov  
Carol Silverman  
a Happy Passover to all  
Sandy Sham becoming Membership Chair of the JRC  
all the JRC Board members

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

Deborah Hochberg, Marvin Friedman, Ilene Katz, Susan Sultanik, Elmer Friedman, Irvin Levick, Judy Borocharer, Joan Winokur, Mindi Ginsburg, Trudy Borthwick, Jerry Epstein and Sue Shapiro.

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

**\*\*\*Yahrzeits for Sivan/Tammuz\*\*\***

During the time from **12 Sivan to 11 Tammuz**, we remember our friends and family who are no longer with us. Please honor them by attending Shabbat Services and saying the Kaddish:

Alice Sondheimer, Seymour Goldstein, Lillian Pressman, Henry Friedheim, Susan Grossman, Shia Salem, Anna Segan, Uzi Adini, Jacob Borocharer, Lillian A. Fingerman, Julius Antman, Melvin Goodrich, Rose Rosen, Irvin Arno, Blanche Cooper, Samuel Eisenhofer, Libby Fein, Rosita Goldsmith Gratman, David Lautman, E. Henry Sondheimer, Ruth Davis, Goldie Lautman, Irving Myers, Joseph Shrager, Joan Vagin, Lisa Zicherman, Pearl Kleinman, 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 Weissner, Anita Klein, Rebecca Pitt Jacob, Maurice Rosen, Martin Adler, Anna Baker, Jack Pressman, Eliezer Kofman, Hilda Segan, Lillian Kavitsky, Samuel Schenfeld, Marian Feldman, Sumner Rotman, Monroe Zicherman

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.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our second Scholar-in-Residence program was a resounding success! I cannot find the words that express how wonderful our *Shabbat* was with Rabbi Jo and her sister Ruth. Everyone who attended and participated was enriched because of the love and warmth that was felt on May 6. I want to thank Barbara Steiner for suggesting that we all celebrate her special birthday with her family and that it was her idea that led to such a beautiful day. I hope everyone who attended feels the same way I do. We all hope to continue this type of programming in the future.

The JRC has partnered with the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History Gift shop to be able to receive a 10 percent of any purchase made either in person or on line for any item the gift shop carries. People should be sure and mention at the time of purchase that they are affiliated with the Jewish Residence Council at Ann's Choice so that we receive credit for their purchase. You do not have to be a member of the museum in order for us to receive credit for your purchase. Please consider utilizing the gift shop for the benefit of our Jewish community here at Ann's Choice. Just log onto [shoptheweitzman.org](http://shoptheweitzman.org) to get to the website.

Happy Flag Day to all! 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.

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

HAPPY  
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★DAY★  
JUNE 14TH

Happy  
Father's  
Day



Dr. Peter Koelle (l) joined Phyllis Halpern (center President of the JRC) and Amiram Amitai (r, Education Chair of the JRC) for an interesting afternoon learning about the Judeo-Spanish language and cultures.



Susan Smolen entertained us in May. Everyone who attended had a great time and asked when would she return???

Hopefully, she will return soon.



Our second Scholar-in-Residence with Rabbi JoHanna Potts was a huge success. We all celebrated Barbara Steiner's very special birthday with *Shabbat* morning services, lunch and learn and *Havdalah* after dinner. Everyone who attended had a wonderful *Shabbat* experience.

We hope Rabbi Potts will come back for another wonderful day.



**A big thank you** goes to Saul Jacobs, Mimi Travis, and Joan and Marty Freedman for all your help at the Ann's Choice Club Expo on Friday, May 19. We had many people stop by to talk about the JRC—some current residents and some Priority Club members who will be joining us in the near future.

# ENGLISH-SPEAKING



Club

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Keystone Music Room

2 p.m.

## PROGRAM:



**CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY**



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO  
JOIN US**





# THE JEWISH CALENDAR הלוח העברי

by Tamar Adini

We always complain: “The High holidays are very early this year.” “Passover is late.” So, what is wrong with the Jewish Calendar? Nothing, Gurnisht.

The Jewish Calendar is a lunar one, like the Muslim's, but it is also a solar calendar, or as it is called: lunisolar. Why? Let me explain.

The Jewish month has 29 and a 1/2 days. The time that the moon revolves around the earth. So, one month has 29 days, and the following month has 30 days and so on.

This number multiplied by 12 months makes 354 days. A short year by 11 days compared to the general calendar that is 365 days.

The Muslim year has 354 days. Therefore, Ramadan is sometimes in the summer, sometimes in the fall etc.

Since the Holidays of Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot, the three pilgrimages, שלושה רגלים, are also agricultural holidays and depend on the seasons of the year, the Jewish calendar had to be adjusted according to the solar year.

Passover has to be in the spring. “For it was in the month of spring that God freed you from Egypt” (Deut. 16,1), It is also the beginning of the barley harvest, ספירת העומר.

Shavuot is seven weeks after Passover. “You shall count off seven weeks...” (Deut. 16:9). “You shall observe the feast of weeks, of the first of the wheat harvest.” (Exodus 34, 22) and “The first fruit of your soil, ביכורים, you shall bring to the Temple.” (Exodus 34, 26).

Sukkot has to be in the fall. “The feast of gathering, חג האסיף, at the turn of the year.” (Exodus 34, 22).

In order to overcome this problem, the Jewish calendar added an extra month which we call Adar II. Every 19 years we add 7 times an extra month—Adar II.

If you are not sure about your Jewish date of birth, every 19 years since the day that you were born, the general calendar and the Jewish one will be on the same date that you were born (ages; 0, 19, 38, 57, 76 and “Big 120”).

No matter what, we will continue to complain about the dates of our holidays but at least now we know the reason why.