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October 2023
Tishrei/Cheshvan 5784

Sunday, October 1 – Saturday, October 7: *SUKKOT*

Monday, October 2: FAITH AND SCIENCE IN GENESIS AND BEYOND, with Kang Na, Pastoral Ministries Manager. 2 p.m. in the Chapel

Tuesday, October 3 – JEWISH HERITAGE-JUDAISM TODAY, LIBERTY Music Room, 1 p.m.

Friday, October 6: NO *SHABBAT* SERVICES

Saturday, October 7: *SHEMINI ATZERET, YIZKOR*, 2 p.m. in the Chapel

Sunday, October 8: *SIMCHAT TORAH* NO SERVICES

Monday, October 9: FAITH AND SCIENCE IN GENESIS AND BEYOND, with Kang Na, Pastoral Ministries Manager. 2 p.m. in the Chapel

Wednesday, October 11: Yiddish Club 2 p.m. in the Keystone Music Room

Thursday, October 12: JRC General Meeting, 7 p.m. in the PAC with Frankie Cirell entertaining. ALL ARE WELCOME

**Friday, October 13: *SHABBAT* SERVICES 4 p.m. in the Chapel or Channel 980
Barbara Kaplan delivering the *D'var Torah* Torah portion: *Bereshit***

Sunday, October 15: *ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN*

**Monday, October 16: FAITH AND SCIENCE IN GENESIS AND BEYOND, with Kang Na, Pastoral Ministries Manager. 2 p.m. in the Chapel
*ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN***

**Friday, October 20: *SHABBAT* SERVICE 4 p.m. in the Chapel or Channel 980
Soni Feld delivering the *D'var Torah* Torah portion: *Noach***

Monday, October 23: FAITH AND SCIENCE IN GENESIS AND BEYOND, with Kang Na, Pastoral Ministries Manager. 2 p.m. in the Chapel

**Wednesday, October 25: JRC Lecture Series, 2 p.m. in the Chapel Rabbi Lance Sussman
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Friday, October 27: *SHABBAT* SERVICE 4 p.m. in the Chapel or Channel 980
Ellen Newman delivering the *D'var Torah* Torah portion: *Lech-Lecha***

Monday, October 30: FAITH AND SCIENCE IN GENESIS AND BEYOND, with Kang Na, Pastoral Ministries Manager. 2 p.m. in the Chapel

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IN MEMORY OF

Rhoda Finkelstein, beloved sister of Miriam Schwartz
Shoshana Gruen's beloved sister, Hadassah
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Stephen Cohen, brother of Sandra Berman
all my departed family
Stephen Cohen, brother of Sandra Berman
Jerold Wright, beloved husband of Judy Wright
Stephen Cohen, brother of Sandra Berman
Manny Stein, Anna & Philip Baker and Elana Stein
Lorraine Nisson, beloved sister of Beatrice Ratko
Stephen Cohen, brother of Sandra Berman
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Helen Nemerofsky

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IN HONOR OF

Myra Wolis' birthday
Miriam's wedding, Eileen Baskin & Mark Whitlock
a very happy birthday to Helen Nemerofsky
all who took me to my favorite place to eat, made
donations and sent me cards wishing me the very
best to celebrate my special birthday
Ron Rosenberg's 90th birthday

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR NEW YEAR WISHES TO EVERYONE:

Thelma Blonder

Inge Booker

Sandra and Paul Greenwald

Shiela Johnson

Judy Maslin

Vivian Spector

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Sylvia and Stan Ziserman

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the High Holiday services, whether you were on the *bima* to do a reading or came to the chapel or watched on TV to *daven* with us. Services would not have been the success they were without **ALL** of you. I know everyone who attended the *Rosh Hashana* dinner had a great time.

On behalf of the *Shabbat* Services team, I want to thank **everyone** who has volunteered to do a *D'var Torah*. It is so exciting that so many of you are interested. Please keep up your interest; however, most portions are already assigned and we cannot guarantee your request. You may certainly let Barbara or me know you are interested in doing a *D'var Torah* and we will get back to you as soon as possible. **A BIG THANK YOU** to Gary Weisser and his wonderful team for working in the sound room during services. Another **BIG THANK YOU** to my team on the *Bima*. Services would not go so smoothly and be so inspiring without you.

COMING SOON



Phyllis

WP 108

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you have news you wish to share with the membership, whether it is a simcha or the announcement of the death of a loved one, just send the information to: Phyllis Halpern, President, JRC, or presidentjrc@yahoo.com, and it will be published in the newsletter. Please keep the announcement brief. Thank you and looking forward to getting membership news!

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**If you meet new residents who are interested in joining us, please refer them to
Sandy Sham, Membership Chair.**

****HAPPY BIRTHDAY****

Soni Feld, Barbara Wasserman, Tamar Adini, Helen Schultz, Ferne Sussman, Louis Zatz, Suzanne Erlick, Mike Silverman, Doris Grossman, Shelly Jacobs, Sheila Johnson, Edith Goldstein, Rita Olen, Rona Altman, Gary Weisser, Martin Freedman, Rochelle Garcia, Sondra Zuckerman, Ethel Randall and Barbara Goll.

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

***MISHEBERACH*
WE PRAY FOR HEALING**

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

*****Yahrzeits for Tishrei/Cheshvan*****

During the time from **16 Tishrei to 16 Cheshvan**, we remember our friends and family who are no longer with us. Please honor them by attending Shabbat Services and saying the Kaddish:

Sol Olim, Bessie Jenkins, Harry West, Ellen R. Zwickel, Esther Cohen, Paul Cohen, Leon Kraus, Pauline Wise, Sarah Zwickel, Rose Ceaser Gaev, Robert Benowitz, William Feldman, Lena Palais, Jay Alexander, Max Bartikowsky, Mary Lipitz, David Plavin, Debbie Potts Naomi Litt Quenk, Bennie Wise, Max Barmak, Morris Roseman, Alfred Zicherman, Ben Cooper, Nathan M. Gewertz, Jean B. Lipschutz, Sonia Brown, Theodore Matlow, Temma Reif, Frances Neadle, Sherry Barrish, Clara Stein, Gladys Maharam, Joseph Rubenstein, Herman Friedman, Ruby Shine, Mollie Litt Weller, Josephine Weiser, Edward Lipton, Henry Kanner, Anton Schwartz, Richard Solkov, Marvin Toland, Samuel L. Silverman, Esther Visnov, Jeanette Barmak, Michael Wasserman, Milton Weller, Daniel Silverman, Illene Suplee, Marsha Rice, Goldie Serotta, Walter Zwickel, Fannie Benowitz, Diana Cooperman, Barry Ginsberg, Israel Rubin, Lena Schenfeld, Sam Zuckerman, Leonard Bartikowsky, David Factor, Leon Krefetz, Sidney Segal, Irv Borocharner, Harvey Factor, Fanny Hoffman, Harold Horowitz

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

If there are errors or additions, please put a note in Phyllis Halpern's cubby—WP 108.



What's Happening in the JRC



***BINGO IS BACK!!!
SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 11, 2024***

Let Sylvia Ziserman, (215-420-7247) know if you can help us!

DO YOU NEED A GIFT FOR CHANUKAH?

The JRC has partnered with the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History Gift shop to be able to receive a 10% 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 to get to the website.

A Neighbor's Story: Memories in Latvia Concentration Camp, 1941

By Nina Haydel

We at Ann's Choice walk past one another, smile, exchange some meaningless pleasantries and move on. Alas, we can never fathom what rests in the soul of those neighbors until we have an opportunity to open the lid of the treasure trove and explore their soul. I had the pleasure of entering the life of my neighbor Claire Goldstein who lives just one floor below our apartment in Montgomery Court. After we talked, I knew that I had this mission to share Claire's early years with all of you.



Claire was born in Herford, Germany in 1927, to a lovely Jewish family. Father Max Franke had collected textile from clothing companies, put them into bales and sold them to private seamstresses. Mother Elfriede Cahn married Max circa 1920 and had first daughter Ruth in 1922, son Gerd, born 1925, and Klare (original spelling) in 1927, later to Americanize her name, Claire. Claire's life changed when she was 10 years old. Public education (elementary and middle school were the only grades available for Jews, so they followed with rabbis in Hebrew school.) Then, **Christalnacht** on November 9th, 1938, demolished all the German synagogues and began 3 1/2 years of nightmares.

Franke Family Photo

Ordinary life was strangling the Jews. One day, Elfriede came home with an armload of yellow fabric Jewish stars she sewed on every jacket. All public places were closed to Jews, who were forced to wear the yellow Jude sign as if they were poison. No one could go to the movies, eat in a restaurant, play in the parks.



December, 1941: The Jews of Germany were instructed to pack one suitcase with warm clothing and prepare to be deported. Elfriede carefully labeled and packed her children's warmest clothing with care; they never saw those suitcases again. At the station in herds, like cattle, they left all suitcases behind and jammed into cattle cars. Gone were their lovely apartment, all clothes beyond what they wore, their wristwatches and jewelry. Gone were Mama's *schnecken* and *matza-ball-soup*, the life they led. The Franke family found themselves on a stifling train to Riga Ghetto in Latvia, an entire barbed-wire enclosed Getto. They eventually learned that the week before these new Jews were to arrive, the Latvian women and children who had lived in that ghetto were murdered to make room for the newcomers.



When they descended the train in Latvia, they were greeted by the sign, **“Any person who climbs the fence or even tries to get in touch with the inmates in the Ghetto, will be shot without warning.”** Barbed wire encircled the entire camp, and armed soldiers directed men in one direction and women in the other. They never saw one another again.

Approximately 10,000 Jews were imprisoned. The females in the family followed in lines and were assigned to what they called small apartment, one room and a kitchen for seven women. Claire, her mother, and sister, every morning at 7 AM, assembled outside the apartment building to await transportation beyond the Ghetto. They were driven in trucks to work for the German Army either sorting soiled, bloody military uniforms coming directly from the battlefield or as Claire often did, peeling potatoes in the Army hospital kitchen. Claire found herself constantly frightened and weary, imagining all the horrors that could possibly happen.



Riga Ghetto, Latvia

When she returned to the Ghetto each evening with her mother and sister, they were searched for any contraband items like food or newspapers. If anything were found, the perpetrator was immediately hanged while the entire local population was forced to stand by and watch. They were all traumatized by the warning. Claire often thought of her friend Ilse Schoenthal, who was sent to a different ghetto. They never found one another. Many nights Claire stood by the gate begging for food. She knew this was prohibited, but she lost herself in hunger. Quite often, when she returned, from her day of work, she would discover older women, those with illnesses, and some small children missing, never seen again. With every event, Claire would fearfully say to herself, "This can happen to me."

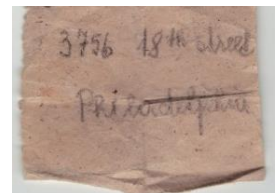
November 1943: Unusual movement around the camp occurred, and the family discovered the Ghetto was being liquidated. They, with all their neighbors, were sent to another camp in Latvia making use of an old shoe factory. One huge room was prepared for all the women with bunk beds and straw mattresses. There was even a room for men. The term "PRIVACY" had no meaning. No name, no meaning to life! Claire was just a number in a striped uniform: just a number, a Jewish teenager with a shaved head!

February 1945: As the Russians moved closer to Latvia, the prisoners were shipped back to Germany in the bottom hull of a German freighter. All the women were carted off to a prison in Hamburg, one room for about 200. What irony to be returned to Germany while the war still continued. They got word that the men had been sent to Bergen Belsen. Of the 1,000 Jews who had shared the journey to the Riga Ghetto with Claire, only 400 returned.

April 12, 1945: Claire and the others were gathered up and made to walk for three days, perhaps 50 miles, from Hamburg to Kiel, sleeping in the fields at night. Claire begged her mother to leave her behind; if she would stop, she would have been shot. This was the last camp and the worst.

May 1, 1945: Swedish Red Cross Liberation. Claire was afraid to get into the Red Cross trucks, as they were filled with fuel. She and her mother and sister arrived in Sweden and for the first time in 3 ½ years, the family slept on clean white sheets. They spent 1 ½ years in Sweden and where they learned that both Claire's father and brother died of starvation at Bergen Belsen Concentration Camp.

December, 1946: Claire, her mother and sister came to the United States and used the address given to them in 1941 in Germany, and entered a new life that has led us to have Claire Goldstein as a neighbor at Ann's Choice, Warminster.



August, 2023.

*Family: Front Left- Father Max, next is his brother Paul ... Back row: Left: Father's sister Henny, his sister-in-law Helene, brother Gerd, Claire in middle, Mother Elfreida, sister Ruth.



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Thursday, October 12, 2023
General Membership Meeting
in the PAC at 7:00 p.m.

We are pleased to present Frankie Cirell!!



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