



**Grab Your Groger and Munch A
Hamentaschen.
It's Purim Time!**



So, what are you doing March 4th around 6:30p.m? Why you'll be joining residents and staff at RCJL for their 7th Annual Purim Komedly Night! And why? Because this is a night of transformation when anything can happen! Joviality, talent (or not), silliness,

**"AND OH TODAY WE'LL MERRY MERRY BE
AND NOSH SOME HAMENTASCHEN!"**

Join us for the spirit of Purim when one of our nice Jewish girls saves the Nation! Want to enter the Beauty Pageant? Applicants now being interviewed. Space is limited! Call ASAP - 964-2076.

Scholar-Olli Spring Semester at Reutlinger

The Politics of American Values, Instructor: Professor Brenden Rawson

The recent mid-term elections and the upcoming 2008 presidential elections are ever present reminders of the importance of American values and their recent centrality to all of American life. This course will look at the content, history, myths concerning American values and how they influence politics, religion, the economy, sports, and even science. This course will help us learn about ourselves, our country and how we are viewed by our global neighbors. RCJL - Friday's at 1:30, 3/30, 4/6, 4/27 & 5/11.

Broadway's Smash Hits

We will discover the lives of the great Broadway composers and their musical creations. We will discuss the concept of a story line, the process of writing the book, the construction of lyrics and music, the introduction of drama the contribution of choreographers and the invention of the movie musical. We begin with Showboat and end with Cabaret! Kern, Berlin, Gershwin, Arlen, Porter, Rogers, Herman, Lowe, Boch, Bernstein, Styne, Loesser, Kander and Brooks are the composers who will guide us through our journey. This is a four-session course. RCJL - Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m., 3/6, 3/20, 3/27 and 4/10.

Oneg Shabbat in Honor of the Birthday of Rabbi Debora

The Board of Directors will be hosting the Oneg Shabbat on March 30 in honor of the birthday of Rabbi Debora. Residents, families and the community are cordially invited to join us for Shabbat services followed by an Oneg celebration.

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**From the Poetry and Writings of
Betty Weinstein (1912-2006)**

The trees are bearing lilacs in full bloom, and leaves are paying homage to the sun.
The wind is calling to me hear.
Oh, spring has come!

I let all beauty enter my heart with silence, drinking deep its joy.
That when a day of drought arrive, I may that wealth employ.

Scandal Ooooh!
Did you hear? Come near!
I'll whisper it to you.
In a sheltered bower
I saw a flower kissed by dew!

We would like to thank Dr. Selig Weinstein for permitting us to share a sprinkling of Betty's writing with you.

SAVE THE DATE!

There's No Place Like Home

Reutlinger Community For Jewish Living
6th Annual One Community Fund Event
Saturday May 19, 2007 at 7 PM

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Donating by Credit Card is Easy

One way to donate to RCJL is to sign on to our website, www.rcjl.org. Link to "How to Help". Follow the easy directions to the secure donation form. Your donation is immediately sent to the RCJL office. More and more people are using this easy and safe way to make donations to any of our funds or events.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may call Sue Zic at 925-964-2094 and she will be happy to take your information over the phone.

WELCOME

This month we send out a warm welcome to:

Barbara Arnold
Frances Camacho
Grace Lorraine Taylor

From the Executive Director

After a long, cold winter, it is a pleasure to once again begin to see blossoms on our rose bushes, people sitting outside on the patio, and smiles on the faces of residents and staff who are enjoying the new synagogue refurbishment and the new Schiff Dining Room for Sukkat Shalom. All in all, everything is truly coming up roses at RCJL. Purim is a matter of days away and soon it will be Passover. We seem to count our days by milestones and holidays, often forgetting to enjoy each day for being, well, just that day. Dr. Robert Nozig has been leading a class on "happiness". His words have had a positive impact on our residents and staff who now look upon each day's joys and happy experiences. The simchas and holidays are the frosting on the cake. So, nosh your hamentaschen, prepare for the days of matzo at every meal, and, don't forget to step outside and smell the roses.

Janice L. Corran, Ph.D.

Books Books Books

The following books have been added to the Komedy Klub Library:

The Jews of Prime Time by David Zurawik
Great Comedians Talk About Comedy by Larry Wilde
Leo Rosten's Giant Book of Laughter by Leo Rosten

The following books have been added to our general library:

Great Religions of the World by National Geographic
Lifecycles: Jewish Women on Life Passages and Personal Milestones by Rabbi Debra Orenstein
Joys of Jewish Folklore: A Journey from New Amsterdam to Beverly Hills and Beyond by David Max Eichhorn

Publication Announcement

The Handbook of Geriatric Care Management, Second Edition is now available. Cathy Jo Cress, editor has assembled the nation's premier care managers to write chapters for this book and our very own Anne Rosenthal has written the chapter on Working with Families. It delivers a training program to the growing number of colleges and universities offering geriatric care management programs. The textbook is a great choice for schools that form the front line for geriatric care management education, including those that specialize in social welfare, nursing, gerontology and physical therapy. This book is a critical tool to use in health, social services and business curricula in undergraduate and graduate courses and can also be used as an additional reading resource in introductory aging issues classes and can augment courses in related fields, such as occupational therapy, law, insurance, banking, medicine, and real estate, when instructors want to provide a bridge to help their particular profession solve the problems of aging families.

Reutlinger Welcomes Special Guests

Cantor Richard Kaplan

Performing professionally as a singer, songwriter, and pianist for over 30 years, Richard Kaplan is a teacher, ethnomusicologist and choral conductor. His extensive repertoire of Jewish World Music includes songs from Ashkenazi, Mizrahi and Sephardi traditions. We look forward to a wonderful class where he will address:

*The Music and Teachings of
Reb Nachman of Bratlav*

Tuesday, March 13, 1:30 p.m., 1st Floor

Ken Blady

Educator, writer and Yiddish translator, Ken Blady is the author of "The Jewish Boxers' Hall of Fame" and "Jewish Communities in Exotic Places." He is a popular lecturer on a variety of Jewish themes at colleges and synagogues. Ken has been featured on T.V. and talk shows. Most recently he appeared on the History Channel documentary, "Operation Magic Carpet." Ken will present a lecture/PowerPoint presentation on:

*Jewish Communities in Exotic Places: From
Afghanistan to Yemen*

Sunday March 18, 3:00 pm, 1st Floor

Bonnie Burt and Judy Frankel to Visit RCJL's mini Jewish Film Fest

We will be viewing *Trees for Crying Rain: A
Sephardic Journey*

This 32 minute film explores one woman's Sephardic roots, recalling the rich culture and the nearly extinct Ladino language. The film will be shown by the films producer, Bonnie Burt. Judy Frankel, Sephardic internationally acclaimed concert artist/lecturer is featured in this film. Judy is planning a special concert that will tie in with our program. The songs will be in Judeo-Spanish and she will translate as to where each song originates. We invite you to join us on Thursday, March 15, 1:30 p.m., Assisted Living, 1st Floor.

Guest Meal Vouchers

Guest Meal Vouchers are available from the Receptionist. Each voucher is \$8 for use at either lunch or dinner. Please present to the wait staff upon ordering your meal. Thank you.

Remembering Bea Smilovitz

The Staff and many residents of RCJL were indeed saddened when we received the word that Bea Smilovitz had passed away. Although we were aware of her illness, it has still been difficult to accept.

Bea who had been a wonderful, fun loving and compassionate volunteer, shared her time with our residents for over four years. She spent many hours in the Gift Shop, not only selling the gifts, but also talking with the residents. It was not uncommon to see one or two residents just sitting or even standing with her talking, laughing and sharing stories.

Many times Bea would extend herself even further while in the gift shop. She would sometimes rearrange her hours in order to assist with the mass mailings while sharing her time in the gift shop. She was especially fond of talking about her "line dancing" experiences. We miss seeing her come out in front of the gift shop and dancing when the music was good.

I think the most endearing quality that Bea possessed was her concern for the well-being of the residents with whom she had become close. Many times she would call and inquire or send a card to a resident who had not been feeling well during the time she worked.

Yes, we have missed Bea, but she will always remain close in our thoughts and our hearts.

Pauline Hubbard
Concierge

National Jewish Fund Speaker to Visit RCJL

An Israeli Up-Date

From its inception, the Jewish National Fund (JNF) was charged with the task of fundraising in Jewish communities for the purpose to create a homeland for the Jewish people. JNF's work is evident in every facet of life in Israel. The main focus today is on preserving the environment, conserving natural resources and to find ways to alleviate chronic water shortages in Israel. Join us as we watch a brief DVD followed by a discussion. Monday, March 26, 1:30 p.m. 1st Floor, Assisted Living.

Employee of the Month

RCJL is proud to announce that James Adamo is the February 2007 Employee of the Month.

Congratulations Jim!

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS IN MARCH AT RCJL . . .

Traditions

3/4 Purim Komedy Night!

Every Wednesday - Kosher Cooking Class

Every Friday - Spirit Clay Class with Nancy

Every Thursday - Music Therapy With Jennifer

. . . and more

Sukkat Shalom

3/4 Jewish popular and jazz standards
with Rich Kallman, Purim Komedy Night!

3/21 B'nai Brith Bingo Party

3/22 Residents Spotlight . . . Artist of the Month

3/29 Spring Fling Celebration

. . . and more

Opera Enrichment

As we continue our Friday afternoon "Opera Enrichment" program we will keep you informed as to which operas will be featured. Friday, March 9 - **Pagliacci** and on Friday, March 23 - **Cavalleria Rusticana**. Each class is followed by discussion and comments. We invite you to attend. Films begin at 2:00 p.m., 1st Floor , Assisted Living.

Assisted Living

3/4 Purim Komedy Night!

3/11 Klezmania! Yiddish, Israeli and World Music

3/13 The Klez Kids of California on center stage!

3/20 The Great Pretender Variety Show
& Cocktail Social

3/25 Outing to the Cole Porter Review at the
Dean Leshner

. . . and more

Jewish Heritage Museum at RCJL

Featuring:

March 5 - May 1

Purim and Passover:

Items from the
permanent collections.

Ruth and Max Eis
Collection of Judaica

Gerda Mathan: Photography

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Private Tours Upon Request
(4 person minimum per tour)

To arrange a tour
please call Alice Prager
museum & exhibit docent
925-932-0396