

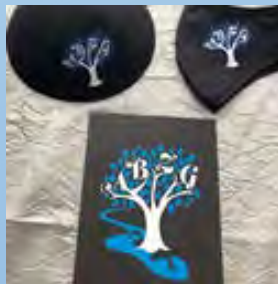
Park Plaza Post

Elly Bauman, Executive Director

Thank you so much to the Goldsmith family for including Park Plaza in the Torah dedication celebration which took place last month. Dor L'Dor, from generation to generation, is a core value in all our programming. There was no better example of this as generations from the Goldsmith family came to Park Plaza with our residents.



Mitzvah OF THE Month



Writing a Sefer Torah – The last of the 613 Mitzvot in the Torah is to write a Torah Scroll. Since most of us are not trained scribes, this is often accomplished nowadays by purchasing or helping to purchase a Torah scroll.

Aaron's Torah

Our beloved community members Dr. Lou and Rose Goldsmith tragically lost their son Aaron Goldsmith this past fall. In his memory, Lou and Rose together with extended family and friends commissioned a new Torah in his memory. The Torah is now a beautiful part of our Synagogue except when it travels to Goldsmith family celebrations such as being used at the Bar Mitzvah of Aaron's grandson in Seattle just a few weeks ago.

Rabbi Aaron Goldsmith was born in Toronto and raised in Chicago. During his college years he connected with Chabad and eventually traveled to learn in Kfar Chabad in Israel where he received his rabbinic ordination. Aaron was an inventor and started a company to manufacture custom electric hospital beds. He held several patents for his innovative designs. He lived for many years in the small Jewish community of Postville Iowa and was an active member of the community. He served on the city council and was a great force for connection and relations between the Jewish and non-Jewish segments of the community. He left a beautiful family of children and grandchildren and a wonderful legacy.

On June 20th the Torah was brought to Park Plaza, where it was completed and celebrated as the rest of the Shul Torah's came out to dance and sing the new Torah to its place in the Aron.

The Goldsmith family was joined by many Park Plaza residents and members of the larger Chicago Jewish community for a beautiful and joyous celebration.

We are grateful to Lou and Rose for honoring Park Plaza as a home for Aaron's Torah and including us in this special mitzvah. May the Torah be a merit for Aaron's Neshama and may the family celebrate many happy occasions with this new Torah for years to come!

August Birthdays



Rabbi Lifsics	4
Bernice Goldstein.....	10
Elaine Steinberg.....	10
Elaine Stein	14
Lawrence Perlmutter	22
Fran Martin	25
Ann Yavner	28
Tova Zylberman	28

Shabbat Lighting Times:

6.....	6:40-7:00
13.....	6:35 -6:55
20.....	6:30 -6:50
27.....	6:20 -6:40

Havdalah Lighting Times:

7.....	8:50
14.....	8:40
21.....	8:30
28.....	8:20

MAZEL TOV

- MAZEL TOV TO JACK MARYLES ON THE BIRTH OF HIS GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER AND ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF HIS GRANDDAUGHTER
- MAZEL TOV TO SARAH DANZIGER ON THE BIRTH OF HER GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER AND GREAT-GRANDSON
- MAZEL TOV TO SYLVIA SHABAT ON THE BIRTH OF HER GREAT-GRANDSON
- MAZEL TOV TO ROCHEL FRANK ON THE BIRTH OF HER GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER & WEDDING OF HER GRANDSON
- MAZEL TOV TO ELAINE AND PINCHAS STOLPER ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR GREAT-GRANDSON
- MAZEL TOV TO ANN YAVNER ON THE WEDDING OF HER GRANDDAUGHTER
- MAZEL TOV TO FRAN AND RON MARTIN ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR GRANDSON
- MAZEL TOV TO LINDA MORGAN ON THE BIRTH OF HER GRANDDAUGHTER
- MAZEL TOV TO RABBI AND MRS. LIFSICS ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF THEIR GRANDSON
- MAZEL TOV TO EVA LOB ON THE BIRTH OF HER GREAT-GRANDCHILD

In Memoriam Sam Yavner





Someone You Should Know **Eva Ritt**

Welcome to Park Plaza

Sam Ben-Rubin
Idelle Peaceman
Fela Groner
Elaine Steinberg

In Hamburg Germany in 1933, Eva was born right as Hitler rose to power. During Kristallnacht, Eva's mother ran to the Talmud Torah, where Eva's brother Max was in school and saved him from the Nazis. They had to move out of their beautiful home and live in an apartment building only for Jews. During this time Eva's father, who owned a wholesale business of coffee, was in a lawsuit that prevented them from leaving Germany. The lawsuit was won and the settlement was paid off in American dollars. They were able to buy a passage on the last ship out of Europe with that money. All tickets had to be paid in American dollars. Eva was very thankful to her parents for leaving Germany.

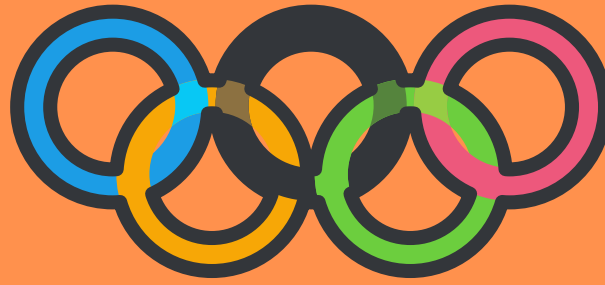
The passage from Europe to America was not an easy one. Eva remembered being sea sick the whole voyage. When they arrived at Ellis Island, it was an exciting moment to see the statue of Liberty. The family settled in Baltimore where she lived a lovely life with her parents, her sister Charlotte and her brother Max.

While vacationing in the Catskills with her aunt, Eva met her late husband Daniel. He was Canadian and going to the University in New York. They wrote many letters and were married for over fifty years. They settled in Ottawa and then moved to Sunny Florida. Eva worked as an RN and then became an advocate for the human rights of Soviet Refuseniks. She was also working as an administrator at the Holocaust Center in Orlando. Eva was given an award for her work with the soviets. The inscription on her award reads, "An Active Participant in the Federation of Greater Orlando. Chairwoman of the community relation committee, executive committee and board of directors.

Chairwoman of Soviet Jewery committee for four years." She served as co-chairperson of young leadership development program and participant in 1976 mission to Israel.

Founder of Soviet Jewery program for Central Florida". Eva said that escaping Nazi Germany was the only way to have survived. "I could not sit back and watch what was going on in the Soviet Union and not provide aid to our own people."

Eva wanted to move to Chicago to be closer to her daughter Linda. She has been living at Park Plaza for two months and is so thankful for the warm and friendly welcome she has received. "Everyone from the residents and all the staff always have a smile and friendly attitude." What matters the most to Eva is to be kind. Kindness spreads and if you are kind to another person, they will be kind in return to you and someone else.



TOBI'S TIDBITS

THE OLYMPICS & THE JEWS

The 2020 Tokyo Olympics finally happened, a full year after they were planned. The Jewish athletes competing this year — and there are many — are the products of inspiring journeys. There is the fencer looking for redemption, Israel's first Olympic surfer, one of the greatest canoe paddlers of all time, a teen track star para-athlete, and so many more.

Between 1968 and 2016, a total of 41 Jews won Olympic medals (27 of them gold) — in swimming alone! This was thanks in no small measure to swimmer Mark Spitz, the most successful athlete in the 1972 Olympics in Munich, who won seven gold medals in that game, a record that stood until Michael Phelps won eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics of 2008. Another Jewish swimming standout is Dara Torres, who has a Jewish father and converted formally to Judaism in 2000. She won 12 medals spread out over five Olympics games between 1984 and 2008. At age 41 she became the oldest swimmer to join the U.S. Olympic team. Anti-Semitism has also dogged many Olympic games, most notably the 1936 Olympic games held in Berlin, Germany. Adolf Hitler, who had assumed power three years earlier, banned German Jews from participating in the games — including Gretel Bergmann who had just recently set a world record in high jump. As a result, many Jewish athletes from around the world chose to boycott the games.

During the same 1972 Olympics in Munich in which Mark Spitz smashed all kinds of records, eight members of the Palestinian Black September terrorist group captured and subsequently massacred eleven Israeli athletes and coaches.

The event, now known as the "Munich massacre," has been the subject of several feature films. The games run July 23 through August 8; the Paralympics will be held August 24 to September 5.



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Community Living Enjoying being Together



Social Activities



Painting with Resident, Bonnie



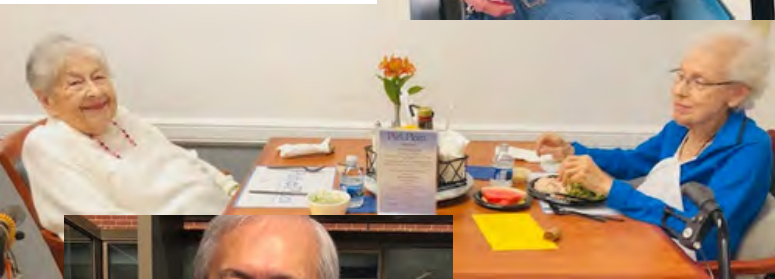
**Yiddish Bingo led by
Volunteer Elaine**

**Roberta & Harvey
Thanks for calling
BINGO**

**Resident,
Malka
leading
course**



Drumming Helps Us Stay Focused



HAPPY HOUR





BEING WITH FAMILY



Sunday, Aug. 1st
Hawaiian Luau
Ice Cream Social
2:30pm

Kent Arnsbarger
Steel Drummer

Monday, Aug. 2nd
Noah's Band 6:30pm

Wednesday, Aug. 4th
Jeff & Janis - 6:30

Monday, Aug. 9th 1:30pm
Daniela Bisenius Trio

Tuesday, Aug. 10th 6:30pm
String Trio

Sunday, Aug. 15th 1:30pm
Rogers Happy Seven

Sunday, Aug. 22nd 1:30pm
4 Star Brass Band
New Orleans Style

Wednesday, Aug. 25th
6:30pm
Pianist, Allan Kaye

Upcoming
August
Concerts &
Outings

Thursday,
August 26th 1:45pm
August Birthday Party



Please sign-up for Outings

Wednesday, Aug. 11th

Architectural Boat Tour

Bus Departs Park Plaza 10:30am

Boat Ride at Navy Pier 11:45am

\$25. per person

Wednesday, Aug. 18th

Chicago Botanic Garden

Bus Departs Park Plaza 10:45am

\$10 per person includes tram ride

Sunday, Aug. 29th

Illinois Holocaust Museum

Bus Departs at 1:15pm

\$6. Seniors

\$7.50 Students, \$10.00 Adults

Free for Survivors

Families Welcome to meet at
Museum and pay the rate listed

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