PARK PLAZA POST



I want to thank everyone who attended one of the Fireside Chats I held in May. I plan to hold a few Fireside Chats every 6 weeks or so. Please watch the weekly letter for more information.

So many great ideas and suggestions came out of these small group discussions. I want to touch on a few:

- Elevators: the double elevators will be getting mechanically updated. This process is set to begin May 30 and each elevator will be out of service for approximately 3-4 weeks.
- Apartment Kitchen Remodels: We have remodeled close to 50 apartment kitchens, so far. If you would like to have your kitchen remodeled, while you are living in the apartment, please leave a note for me at the front desk. We will be making a schedule for summer work.
- Computer room someone asked for a printer in the computer room. We will add a printer to the computer room in the next week or so. Residents are asked to bring their own paper if they want to print. Park Plaza will maintain the ink cartridges.
- There was a lot of discussion regarding the dining experience and all those suggestions have been brought to the dining staff. Much more about dining services will be addressed in the next few weeks.

As I celebrate my 5-year anniversary at Park Plaza, I find myself taking stock of where we have been and what we hope to accomplish before the next anniversary. Over the last year, we have welcomed close to 30 new residents, renovated close to 50 apartment kitchens, hired 3 new staff members in the back office, and will begin the elevator renovation at the end of May.

As always, it is a privilege to work at Park Plaza and I look forward to many more years together.

	SHABBAT TIMES	
JUNE	CANDLE LIGHTING	HAVDALAH
6/2-6/3	6:46-7:06 PM	9:13 PM
6/9-6/10	6:50-7:10 PM	9:18 PM
6/16-6/17	6:53-7:13 PM	9:22 PM
6/23-6/24	6:54-7:14 PM	9:23 PM
6/30-7/1	6:55-7:15 PM	9:23 PM

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Estelle Engberg 6/2 6/11 **Esther Weiss** 6/14 **Debbie Kay** 6/18 **Josh Stein** 6/19 Idelle Peaceman 6/21 Helen Berger **Edward Beller** 6/21 Faige Stuhlman 6/24 6/28 **Donna Atkins**

Eleanor Goodman 6/29



WELCOME TO PARK PLAZA



MAZEL TOV

- Miriam Suss on the engagement of her granddaughter
- Shirley Zeffren on the birth of a great-granddaughter
- Irv Wishner on the engagement of his granddaughter
- Simmie Shandalov on the Bar Mitzvah of her great-grandson
- Esther Lichtstein on the birth of two great-granddaughters
- Miriam Harris on the engagement of her granddaughter



SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW: ESTHER AND MICHAEL WEISS



Esther and Michael Weiss moved to Park Plaza 6 months ago. A good friend who had moved here recommended Park Plaza to them. They lived in a high-rise apartment building but lacked opportunities for social interactions with friends and also wanted to be in a Jewish environment.

Michael and Esther grew up in different neighborhoods on the south side of Chicago. Michael had one brother. His parents owned Roseland Juvenile Furniture Store and then worked at John M. Smith. He was educated at Roosevelt University. He has a master's in clinical psychology and furthered his education at the Institute for Psycho-Analysis to become a doctor of physiotherapy.

Esther grew up on the Southwest side of Chicago. She is the youngest of three and lost her father when she was very young. After her father passed they ended up living with her grandparents. She got her B.A. in Education from Roosevelt University and a master's in Jewish Education from Spertus. She also spent a year in Israel studying at Hebrew University.

Esther and Michael met at a singles event. They dated for three years and have been married now for 49 years. They have two sons Daniel and Aaron and four grandchildren.

Esther and Michael are impressed with the professional staff at Park Plaza, who are always accommodating and ready to help. They have both explored new interests since moving. Esther has started painting and Michael has enjoyed the new people he has met. They both like to have fun.

Michael and Esther are both a fun-loving and interesting couple. Stop by and say hi, you will walk away laughing and feeling good.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Flowers hold a special place in Judaism. We just finished the holiday of Shavuot, our tradition is that the mountain of Sinai erupted with beautiful and fragrant flowers right before the giving of the Torah. It is therefore customary for many homes and Synagogues to decorate with flowers. Flowers were also an important design sculpted onto the beautiful golden Menorah in

the temple. There are several blessings we make upon seeing flowers. In the month of Nissan upon seeing a fruit tree blossom we say: Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has made nothing lacking in His world, and created in it goodly creatures and goodly trees to give mankind pleasure. We praise the beauty of creation and the renewal of spring by recognizing the beauty of the budding flower. Upon smelling the flowers of a tree or a shrub the blessing is made: Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the Universe, Who creates fragrant trees. Finally, upon smelling flowers amongst grasses or herbs we recite: Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the Universe, Who creates fragrant herbage. We praise the Flowers that G-d has created and the sweet-smelling fragrance that they possess. As the start of summer is just around the corner let us stop and take stock of how beautiful the world is. Things are blooming, budding, and growing all around us. If you have an opportunity to make a bracha please do so. G-d created a myriad of colors and configurations to delight. Get outside, enjoy the weather, and don't forget to stop and smell the flowers!

Happy June,

Rabbi Allen





FLOWERS FOR SHAVUOT



HANGING OUTSIDE



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY









Trombone Jazz band -1:45 pm - Outside

SIVAN 16 5

SIVAN 17 6

Pain Bra Discussion - 2nd Flo Norbert and 6:45 pm -

SIVAN 22 Ш

Alan Kaye Quartet -

1:45pm - Outside

12 SIVAN 23 **Movie Theater Outing**

SIVAN 24 13

14 Wilmetsky Orchestra -**Outs**

Student Piano Recital -3:30pm - Multipurpose Room

American Friends of Israel

War Disabled Foundation

Event @ 10:30 am

Student Piano Recital - 3:00 and 4:00 pm - Lobby

SIVAN 29

SIVAN 30 19

Magician Greg Whalen -1:45 pm - TV Room



20 TAMMUZ 1 21

FATHER'S DAY

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TAMMUZ 6 26 TAMMUZ 7

27 **TAMMUZ 8**

Carlbach Combo -

6:45 pm - Outside

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1:45 pm - Outside

Retroactive Band -

Shopping at Old Orchard - 11:15 am



Chip Cov 6:45pm **ESDAY**

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SIVAN 12

Genealogy Lecture -2 pm - TV Room Third Coast Chorus -6:45 pm -Multipurpose Room



3 SIVAN 14

HAVDALAH 9:13 PM

SIVAN 18

in Strain @ 3:00 pm or Aviary

Company-Outside



1:45pm -Multipurpose Room



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SIVAN 20

CANDLE LIGHTING 6:50-7:10 PM



10 SIVAN 21



SIVAN 25

Klezmer 6:45pm ide

15 SIVAN 26

CSO open rehearsal -Symphony Center -10:00 - 12:30pm



TAMMUZ 3

16 SIVAN 27

CANDLE LIGHTING 6:53-7:13 PM



17 SIVAN 28





22

8

Prom - Midnight Stars Orchestra - 6:45 pm -Multipurpose Room



23 TAMMUZ 4

CANDLE LIGHTING 6:54-7:14 PM



24 TAMMUZ 5



TAMMUZ 9

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vington -- Outside

29 TAMMUZ 10

Park Plaza June Birthday Party @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room



30 TAMMUZ II

CANDLE LIGHTING 6:55-7:15 PM





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FAMILY & FRIENDS



LET'S DANCE!!



















EDIBLE CRAFT

CHALLAH





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



MAY BIRTHDAY PARTY



Thursday, June 1st:

- Genealogy Lecture 2 PM TV Room
- Third Coast Chorus 6:45 pm Multipurpose Room
- Sunday, June 4th: Trombone Jazz band 1:45 pm Outside Wednesday, June 7th:
- Pain Brain Strain: Holistic Effects of Chronic Pain by Nadya Northrop RPh., PharmD - 3:00 PM - 2nd Floor Aviary
- Norbert and Company 6:45 pm Outside
- Thursday, June 8th: Violins for Hope 1:45 pm Multipurpose Room Sunday, June 11th:
- Alan Kaye Quartet 1:45 pm Outside
- Student Piano Recital 3:30 pm Multipurpose Room
- Monday, June 12th: Movie Theater Outing
- Wednesday, June 14th: Wilmetsky Klezmer Orchestra 6:45 pm Outside
- Thursday, June 15th: CSO open rehearsals (at Symphony Center) 10 am 12:30 pm

Sunday, June 18th:

- American Friends of Israel War Disabled Foundation Community Service Event 10:30 am – (There will be a band playing and a reception with cookies, cakes, fruit/refreshments) -
- Student Piano Recital 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm lobby
- Monday, June 19th: Magician Greg Whalen 1:45 pm TV Room
- ●Thursday, June 22nd: Prom Midnight Stars Orchestra 6:45 pm Multipurpose Room
- Sunday, June 25th: Retroactive Band 1:45 pm Outside
- Monday, June 26th: Shopping at Old Orchard Bus Departs: 11:15 am
- Tuesday, June 27th: Carlbach Combo 6:45 pm Outside
- Wednesday, June 28th: Chip Covington 6:45 pm Outside







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