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Executive Director

When Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel was asked upon his return from the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights march with Dr. Martin Luther King, “Did you find time to pray?”, Rabbi Heschel famously answered, “I prayed with my feet.” On November 15, over 200,000 Jews and non-Jews “prayed with their feet” on the mall in Washington DC to show support for Israel, stand up against antisemitism, and demand the return of all the hostages. People of all ages, of all backgrounds, and from different states stood and listened to inspiring speeches, swayed with the music, and chanted Bring Them Home Now.

What do we do now that The March is over? How do we “pray with our feet” during these troubling times? First, please visit the Empty Shabbat Table located in the long hallway. Please take a moment to be present in the pain and sadness the hostages and their families are feeling. Second, use your voice: Spend one minute a day calling your US representatives and mentioning both your support for Israel as well as your desire to get the hostages back.

Senator Richard J. Durbin (D): (202) 224-2152

Senator Tammy Duckworth (D): (202) 224-2854

Congresswoman Janice D. Schakowsky (D): (202) 225-2111

Call Script:

Hi, my name is [Your Name], and I live in [Your Address],

It's been 40 days and 240 people are still held hostage by Hamas in Gaza. I'm reaching out to urge the Senator/Congresswoman to continue pressuring their colleagues, the Biden administration, and Secretary Blinken to demand the safe release of our loved ones held in Gaza.

Note: \*\* If the line is busy or off-hours, just leave a voicemail!

I pray, that by the time you are reading this article, the hostages are home and peace is coming back to all of Israel.

## SHABBAT TIMES

### DECEMBER

12/1-12/2

12/8-12/9

12/15-12/16

12/22-12/23

12/29-12/30

### CANDLE LIGHTING

4:00-4:20 pm

3:59-4:19 pm

4:00- 4:20 pm

4:02-4:22 pm

4:07-4:27 pm

### HAVDALAH

5:06 pm

5:06 pm

5:07 pm

5:11 pm

5:15 pm

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Simi Shandalov	12/3
Ruth Shayman	12/8
Joanne Lowenstern	12/9
Bea Wyetzner	12/9
David Nathan	12/9
Sarah Baver	12/9
Jerome Hershstein	12/25
Bernard Bromberg	12/29



# WELCOME TO PARK PLAZA

Phyllis Cohen  
Emily Podgursky  
Marvin Elfman



# MAZEL TOV

- Shana Rabinowitz on the birth of a grandson
- Phyllis Singer on the birth of a great granddaughter
- Rabbi and Mrs. Lifsics on the engagement of their granddaughter
- Mr. and Mrs. Lothar Kahn on the birth of a great-granddaughter
- Evelyn Yellin on the birth of a great-granddaughter



# IN MEMORIAM

Sarah Simon





# SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW: MARSHA COHEN



Marsha moved to Park Plaza a month ago. She lived in the neighborhood but didn't want to live alone anymore. Marsha loves to be around people and to be social so moving to a community was the best choice for her.

“The people are so warm and friendly,” says Marsha. “The apartments are also spacious and beautifully decorated.” She enjoys playing bingo and Rummi-Q but also enjoys arts and crafts, music, and movies. She enjoys needlepointing and is looking forward to her first book club meeting.

Marsha grew up in Albany Park and has one brother, Warren, who lives in Florida. Her daughter Jenni lives in the city and she has 1 granddaughter, Franny. Marsha studied for 2 years at Hunter College and worked as a legal secretary for many years.

Marsha treasures her close friendships and close family. She hopes to create lasting memories here at Park Plaza.



# FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Rabbi Eitan Allen

Chanukah is practically here. Such a joyous and festive time. From the shining lights to the family time, even the good food adds to the festive nature. The most famous question regarding Chanukah is why the eight nights? The Maccabees had enough oil to burn for one night so nothing miraculous took place the first night. If we light to commemorate the miracle, we should only light seven

nights not eight. There are literally hundreds of answers to this question. One answer proposed by the late chief rabbi, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks Z'L has to do with Jewish faith.

Perhaps the miracle was this, that the Maccabees found one cruse of oil with its seal intact, undefiled. There was no reason to suppose that anything would have survived the systematic desecration the Greeks and their supporters did to the Temple. Yet the Maccabees searched and found that one jar. Why did they search? Because they had faith that from the worst tragedy something would survive. The miracle of the first night was that of faith itself, the faith that something would remain with which to begin again.

This is the miracle of Jews and Jewish history that faith endures. Even in the face of terrible tragedies there is a glimmer of hope and a spark of faith. The Maccabees had faith the Hashem was on their side and would bless their endeavor and so they searched for pure untainted oil. As we see the Chanukah lights burning let's remind ourselves of our enduring faith. This year when Israel is at war and Jews from all over the world are on the front lines let's renew our faith in the miraculous and pray for God's protection for Israel.

Wishing everyone a Joyous and bright Chanukah,  
Rabbi Allen





# EMMA'S BAGELS





















# ARTS & CRAFTS





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn
			
<b>3</b> Kislev 20 <b>Park Plaza Chanukah Party @ 2pm - Multi-purpose Room</b>	<b>4</b> Kislev 21 <b>Outing to Dollar Tree in Skokie - Bus Departs: 10 am</b> <b>Handmade Items by Ronia's Boutique - 11 am - 4:30 pm - TV Room</b>	<b>5</b> Kislev 22	<b>6</b> <b>Ljam Band Back Din</b> <b>Broadway in Wiz - Bus De</b>
<b>10</b> Kislev 27 <b>Katrina Sudman and Vincent Catalano Piano Duo @ 1:45 pm - Multipurpose Room</b>  <b>Fourth Night of Chanukah</b>	<b>11</b> Kislev 28  <b>Fifth Night of Chanukah</b>	<b>12</b> Kislev 29  <b>Sixth Night of Chanukah</b>	<b>13</b> Alan Kaye Back Din  <b>Seventh</b>
<b>17</b> Tevet 5 <b>Maya Kramer Musical Bingo @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room</b>	<b>18</b> Tevet 6	<b>19</b> Tevet 7	<b>20</b> <b>Pianist Yan S 6:45 pm - Bac</b> <b>Broadway BOOP! The Musical!! - De</b>
<b>24</b> Tevet 12	<b>25</b> Tevet 13	<b>26</b> Tevet 14	<b>27</b> <b>Holocaust Exhibit: I'll She's Havi of Jewish Hologram</b>
<b>31</b> Tevet 19			

2023			
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <div>Kislev 18</div> <div>CANDLE LIGHTING</div> <div>4:00-4:20 PM</div>  	<b>2</b> <div>Kislev 19</div> <div>HAVDALAH</div> <div>5:06 PM</div> 
<div>Kislev 23</div> <div>@ 6:45 pm -</div> <div>ing Room</div> <div>Chicago: The</div> <div>parts: 12 pm</div>	<b>7</b> <div>Kislev 24</div> <div>Wilmetsky Klezmer</div> <div>Band Hanukkah</div> <div>Concert - Back</div> <div>Dining Room</div> <div>First Night of Chanukah</div> 	<b>8</b> <div>Kislev 25</div> <div>CANDLE LIGHTING</div> <div>3:59-4:19 PM</div>  	<b>9</b> <div>Kislev 26</div> <div>HAVDALAH</div> <div>5:06 PM</div>  
<div>Tevet 1</div> <div>@ 6:45 pm -</div> <div>ing Room</div> <div>Night of Chanukah</div>	<b>14</b> <div>Tevet 2</div> <div>Chanukah</div> <div>Performance by Bais</div> <div>Yaakov Girl's</div> <div>School - Lobby</div> <div>Eighth Night of Chanukah</div> 	<b>15</b> <div>Tevet 3</div> <div>CANDLE LIGHTING</div> <div>4:00-4:20 PM</div>  	<b>16</b> <div>Tevet 4</div> <div>HAVDALAH</div> <div>5:07 PM</div> 
<div>Tevet 8</div> <div>kladman @</div> <div>k Dining Room</div> <div>in Chicago:</div> <div>Betty Boop</div> <div>parts: 12 pm</div>	<b>21</b> <div>Tevet 9</div> <div>Kate Myers, high school</div> <div>intern from "Stand with</div> <div>Us" presents: History of</div> <div>Jewish Chicago @</div> <div>3:30pm - Room 104</div>	<b>22</b> <div>Tevet 10</div> <div>CANDLE LIGHTING</div> <div>4:02-4:22 PM</div>  	<b>23</b> <div>Tevet 11</div> <div>HAVDALAH</div> <div>5:11 PM</div> 
<div>Tevet 15</div> <div>Museum</div> <div>Have What</div> <div>... A History</div> <div>Deli &amp; a</div> <div>Show</div>	<b>28</b> <div>Tevet 16</div> <div>December Birthday</div> <div>Party @ 1:45 pm -</div> <div>Back Dining Room</div>	<b>29</b> <div>Tevet 17</div> <div>CANDLE LIGHTING</div> <div>4:07-4:27 PM</div>  	<b>30</b> <div>Tevet 18</div> <div>HAVDALAH</div> <div>5:15 PM</div> 



# A THANK YOU FROM SHELLY KLEINMAN

To everyone who lives, works, has lived, or worked in Park Plaza; I want to say a collective goodbye. I came in 2012 to open up RPI's clinic in Apt. 201, expanded into Apt. 202 and since 2016, worked in our current space with an amazing team. I am leaving to continue my work in another setting with different needs. I have done my very best at caring for each and every one of you individually in therapy, in lectures, my weekly Dance For Your Life exercise class and often with a smile or encouraging word. I have felt honored to meet you all. I have laughed, cried, and most importantly; learned from you all how to live with challenges at various stages in life. I will always carry this experience and remember my years here with a smile.

Thank you again, l'hitraot,

Shelley Kleinman

## A NOTE FROM CHICAGO JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Thank you for welcoming our 3rd and 4th-grade CJDS students. You Provided us with a meaningful way to learn about doing Chased and showing gratitude, empathy, and community involvement during the Thanksgiving season. While spending time with the residents, it looked like everyone in the room had a brighter day.

We are also very grateful for the opportunity to share your support for the Israel table you display - "Bring Our Hostages Home". We left with a powerful impact, and we were touched to share this experience with our students.

I am looking forward to our next visit

With sincere appreciation,  
Todah Raba  
Hagit



# A VISIT FROM CHICAGO JEWISH DAY SCHOOL





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## EDIBLE CRAFTS





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



# BIRTHDAY PARTY!







### **Sunday, December 3rd**

Chanukah Party with a performance by Marlon Sobol, a professional percussionist, and the Park Plaza Drummers @ 2 pm - Multi-Purpose Room



### **Monday, December 4th**

Handmade Items by Ronia's Boutique - 11 am - 4:30 pm - TV Room



### **Monday, December 4th**

Outing to Dollar Tree in Skokie - Bus Departs @ 1:30 pm - Sign up at the Front Desk



### **Wednesday, December 6th**

Broadway in Chicago: The Wiz - Bus Departs @ 12 pm - Cadillac Palace Theater



### **Wednesday, December 6th**

Ljam Band @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room



### **Thursday, December 7th**

Wilmetsky Klezmer Band - Channukkah Concert @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room



### **Wednesday, December 13th**

Fayge Stuhlman and Friends present: Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins – a story by Eric Kimmel and illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman @ 1:45 pm – Back Dining Room



### **Wednesday, December 13th**

Alan Kaye @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room



### **Thursday, December 14th**

Chanukah Performance by Bais Yaakov Girl's School - Lobby



### **Thursday, December 14th**

Barb's Boutique - 12-4 pm - Room 504 - Lots of items from the Blair Catalog will be sold



### **Sunday, December 17th**

Maya Kramer Musical Bingo @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room



### **Wednesday, December 20th**

Broadway in Chicago: BOOP! The Betty Boop Musical!!! - Bus Departs @ 12 pm - CIBC Theater



### **Wednesday, December 20th**

Pianist Yan Skladman @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room



### **Thursday, December 21st**

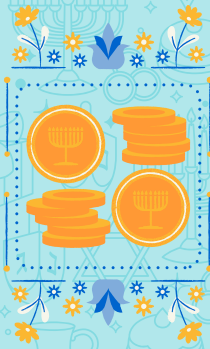
Kate Myers, a high school student intern from "Stand with Us" presents: History of Jewish Chicago @ 3:30 pm - Room 104



### **Wednesday, December 27th**

Kosher Taste of Chicago: Sarah's Brick Oven & Shopping at Sarah's Tent in Skokie - Bus Departs @ 11 am

wishing you  
A HAPPY  
HANUKKAH



## **Thursday, December 28th**

## **December Birthday Party**

## **@ 1:45 PM - Back Dining Room**

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