



“It takes a village” is a metaphor attributed to an African proverb. It means that any significant effort/task requires strong effort and support from the entire community involved, not a select few.

The recently concluded Passover holiday is a classic example of the metaphor in practice. The amount of effort and work cleaning, cooking, and overall preparation to start celebrating Passover is a

task that needs to be undertaken and committed to by everyone. One person alone cannot make it all happen.

At Park Plaza, we have our own “Village” that worked tirelessly to make this year's Passover celebration a special and memorable holiday enjoyed by all. Let's acknowledge these special people for their hard work and dedication.

Roberto, Angie, Jojo, Hector, Liliana, Juan, Joallyana, Jen, Jesus, Manuel, Nathan, Jennifer, Lloyd, Dency, Artem, Alyssa, Felix, Mario, Marlene, Yusmely, Reta, Yosselyn, Sidi, Enrique, Rabbi Reuven, Neil, Rabbi Jay,

Yolanda, Chester, Rene, Kudi, Michael, Manny, Al, Dalal, Atoor,

Safet, Eyre, Melvin, Ruben,

Leticia, Wisal, Nada, Rosa, Samea,

Adina, Sara, Rabbi Allen, Morghan, Lindsey, Rich, Nora, Robin, Rosana,

Thank you all!!

Hillel

Candle Lighting Times

May

Candle Lighting

Havdalah

5/2 - 5/3

6:23 - 6:43 pm

8:39 pm

5/9 - 5/10

6:28 - 6:48 pm

8:48 pm

5/16 - 5/17

6:34 - 6:54 pm

8:56 pm

5/23 - 5/24

6:40 - 7:00 pm

9:04 pm

5/30 - 5/31

6:44 - 7:04 pm

9:11 pm

Announcements

May Birthdays

Shana Rabinowitz	5/8
Miriam Goldberger	5/9
Janice Harris	5/9
Ron Martin	5/9
Lionel Dredze	5/10
Phyllis Cohen	5/12
Jerome Berk	5/13
Diane Kagen	5/14
Theodore Charak	5/15
Seymour Rabens	5/16
Cynthia Levin	5/20
Kenneth Stein	5/21
Simme Shumsky	5/27
Sora Block	5/30
Judy Bohrer	5/31

Mazel Tov

- ✿ R. Lee Glickman on the engagement of her grandson.
- ✿ Esther Cardash on the engagement of her granddaughter.
- ✿ Esther Lichtenstein on the engagement of her great-grandson.
- ✿ Faye and Earl Newman on the marriage of their grandson.
- ✿ Phyllis Kaplan on the upcoming wedding of her granddaughter.
- ✿ Myrna & Marvin Cohen and Esther Cardash on the birth of a great-grandson.
- ✿ Ira Hanz on the birth of a granddaughter.
- ✿ Bonnie and R. Michael Myers on the marriage of their grandson.
- ✿ Phyllis Kaplan on the marriage of her granddaughter.
- ✿ Renee Lifsics on the birth of a great-granddaughter.
- ✿ Sorel (Bitsy) Simon on the birth of a great-grandson.
- ✿ R. Lee Glickman on the marriage of her grandson.

Interested in Playing Board Games?

Let us know!

1. Chess - See Sol Rosen
 2. Monopoly - See Frank Zimmerman
 3. All other games: Scrabble, Rummikub, card games, and more - See Sara Kleinman
- Blau: 773-856-3457

Someone You Should Know



Rosana recently became Park Plaza's new Administrative Assistant. You will see her in the back office, at the front desk, and helping out at activities. So far, her favorite part of working at Park Plaza is interacting with the residents and the staff; she also loves helping with arts and crafts.

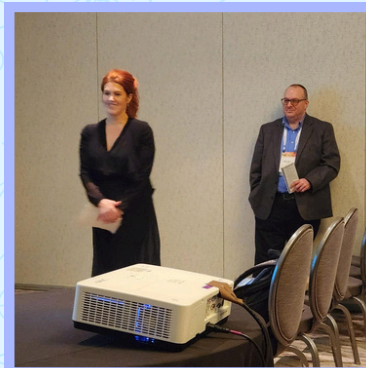
From Macedonia in southeastern Europe, Rosana was born in a small village called Kosturino, and moved to the United States at the age of 5 in 2006. Rosana has two siblings, an older sister and a younger brother. She has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Economics and is planning to earn a Master's degree in data analysis.

In her free time, Rosana enjoys being active and spending her time outside. She always wants to get her steps in by going on walks, especially when the weather is nice outside. Rosana also likes swimming and paddleboarding. Her favorite colors are green and black. Some of Rosana's other hobbies include scrapbooking and watching TV shows, which she watches at 2x speed. If you want to get to know Rosana better, there will be plenty of opportunities when she helps at any of the many weekly activities on Park Plaza's schedule.

Variety Show Award

Last month, our team attended the Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS) conference in Atlanta. Our team members were able to meet some wonderful people and learn about other Jewish Senior Living Communities across the country. There was also some very exciting news for Park Plaza coming out of this conference: our excellent Music Director, Lindsey, was honored with the AJAS Igniter Award for her wonderful work on Park Plaza's Variety Show.

The AJAS Igniter Award is awarded by the Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS) to recognize individuals or organizations that have demonstrated exceptional innovation and leadership in the field of aging services. Specifically, the award acknowledges initiatives that inspire and motivate others, often with a focus on creative problem-solving and improving the lives of older adults.



From the Rabbi's Desk



The warmer months are here, and as Pesach is in the rearview mirror, we prepare for a joyous summer. Summers are a special time in Park Plaza, and we have much to celebrate.

This month, we mark Yom Haatzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim, Israel Independence Day and Jerusalem Day. It always inspires me that we live in a generation that has been blessed to have a free and prosperous country, Israel. So many of us have family there, and so many of us take great pride in the success of a

small but unique nation. As we emerge from the somber day of Yom Hashoah come join me in celebrating the miracle that is the land of Israel. I share a poem with you that captures the sacred and special nature of our Jewish homeland.

A poem of unknown authorship:

Israel

A nation forged in sunbaked earth and sky,
Where ancient stones whisper stories by.
From coastal plains to desert's golden hue,
A land of hope, forever fresh and new.

Israel's heart beats strong, a vibrant sound,
With history etched on sacred ground.
A land of promise, where dreams take flight,
Illuminating the darkness with their light.

From bustling cities to fields so wide,
A tapestry of cultures, side by side.
With challenges faced and battles won,
Israel stands, beneath the rising sun.

Wishing you a wonderful month,

Rabbi Allen



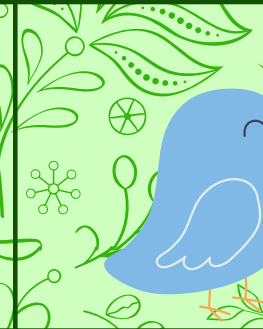










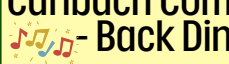


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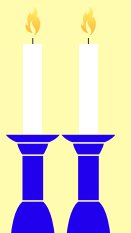


Crafts



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
4 6 Iyar Alan Kaye Duo @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room 	5 7 Iyar	6 8 Iyar	7 Lunch at Miz Highland Park Sign up at the Mark Hoffmann - Back Dining Room 
11 13 Iyar Mother's Day Breakfast @ 8 am - Front Dining Room Maya Kramer Musical Bingo @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room Mother's Day 	12 14 Iyar Lecture with Rebettzin Chaya Epstein (Bais Menachem): Pesach Shayni & Lag B'Omer @ 3 pm - 2 nd Floor Aviary Lounge	13 15 Iyar	14 Skokie Public Library Outing @ Norbert Wojcik 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room 
18 20 Iyar Lecture with Dr. Feliks Kravets - Cyber Safety and Phone Scams: Important information for seniors @ 2pm - Activity Room 104 LeAnne Bennion Student Harp Recital @ 3:30 pm - Multi- purpose Room  	19 21 Iyar Rita's Ice Cream @ 2:45 pm - Sign up at the Front Desk  	20 22 Iyar Lecture with Professor Charlie Abrams @ 3:45 pm - Activity Room 104  	21 Field Museum @ 11 am - Sign up at the Front Desk Crook Courtyard Band @ 6:45 pm - Multi- purpose Room  
25 27 Iyar Carolyn Enger: The Mischlinge Expose @ 1:45 pm - Multi- purpose Room  	26 28 Iyar  Memorial Day	27 29 Iyar	28 Take Me Out Ballgame: Chicago Dogs @ 6:45 pm - Sign up at the Carlbach Community Center - Back Dining Room  

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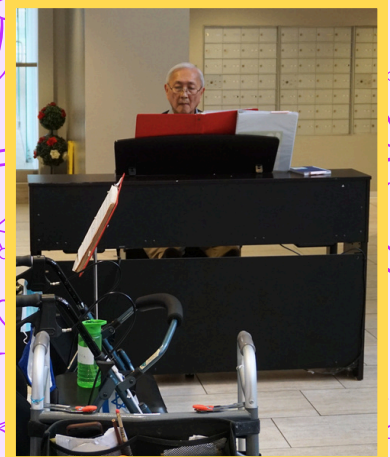
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	<p>1 3 Iyar</p> <p>Mother's Day Sale with Ronia @ 10:30 am - Front Lobby</p> <p>Yom HaZikaron / Yom HaAtzmaut Program @ 1:30 pm - Back Dining Room</p> <p>Yom HaAtzma'ut</p>	<p>2 4 Iyar</p> <p> CANDLE LIGHTING 6:23 - 6:43 PM</p> <p></p>	<p>3 5 Iyar</p> <p> HAVDALAH 8:39 PM</p>
<p>9 Iyar</p> <p>Yizrahi Grill in Park @ 12 pm - the Front Desk</p> <p>an @ 6:45 pm ing Room</p>	<p>8 10 Iyar</p>	<p>9 11 Iyar</p> <p> CANDLE LIGHTING 6:28 - 6:48 PM</p> <p></p>	<p>10 12 Iyar</p> <p> HAVDALAH 8:48 PM</p>
<p>16 Iyar</p> <p>Public Library @ 2 pm</p> <p>ojcik Duo @ Back Dining Room</p>	<p>15 17 Iyar</p> <p>Lag B'Omer Outdoor Party @ 2:30 pm - Outside Front Patio</p> <p></p>	<p>16 18 Iyar</p> <p> CANDLE LIGHTING 6:34 - 6:54 PM</p> <p></p> <p>Lag BaOmer</p>	<p>17 19 Iyar</p> <p> HAVDALAH 8:56 PM</p>
<p>23 Iyar</p> <p>Museum Outing - Sign up at Front Desk</p> <p>ounty Blues 15 pm - Multi- use Room</p>	<p>22 24 Iyar</p>	<p>23 25 Iyar</p> <p> CANDLE LIGHTING 6:40 - 7:00 PM</p> <p></p>	<p>24 26 Iyar</p> <p> HAVDALAH 9:04 PM</p>
<p>1 Sivan</p> <p>Out to the Come & Enjoy a Game @ 9 am the Front Desk</p> <p>ambo @ 6:45 pm ning Room</p>	<p>29 2 Sivan</p> <p>May Birthday Party @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room</p> <p></p>	<p>30 3 Sivan</p> <p> CANDLE LIGHTING 6:44 - 7:04 PM</p> <p></p>	<p>31 4 Sivan</p> <p> HAVDALAH 9:11 PM</p>

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A Visit From Hillel Torah!



Happy Birthday!



Birthday Party




 **Thursday, May 1st**
Mother's Day Sale with Ronia @ 10:30 am - Front Lobby

 **Thursday, May 1st**
Yom HaZikaron / Yom HaAtzmaut Israel Program @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room

 **Sunday, May 4th**
Alan Kaye Duo @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room

 **Wednesday, May 7th**
Lunch at Mizrahi Grill in Highland Park @ 12 pm - Sign up at the Front Desk


 **Wednesday, May 7th**
Mark Hoffman @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room

 **Sunday, May 11th**
Mother's Day Breakfast @ 8 am - 10 am - Front Dining Room

 **Sunday, May 11th**
Maya Kramer Musical Bingo @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room

 **Monday, May 12th**
Lecture with Rebettzin Chaya Epstein (Bais Menachem): Pesach Shayni & Lag B'Omer @ 3 pm - 2nd Floor Aviary Lounge

 **Wednesday, May 14th**
Skokie Public Library Outing @ 2 pm - Sign up at the Front Desk

 **Wednesday, May 14th**
Norbert Wojcik Duo @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room

 **Thursday, May 15th**
Lag B'Omer Outdoor Party: Smores & Outdoors @ 2:30 pm - Outdoor Front Patio


 **Sunday, May 18th**
Lecture with Dr. Feliks Kravets - Cyber Safety and Phone Scams: Important information for seniors @ 2 pm - Activity Room 104

 **Sunday, May 18th**
LeAnne Bennion Student Harp Recital @ 3:30 pm - Multi-purpose Room

 **Monday, May 19th**
Rita's Ice Cream Outing @ 2:45 pm - Sign up at the Front Desk


 **Tuesday, May 20th**
Lecture with Professor Charlie Abrams @ 3:45 pm - Activity Room 104

 **Wednesday, May 21st**
Field Museum Outing @ 11 am - Sign up at the Front Desk

 **Wednesday, May 21st**
Crook County Blues Band @ 6:45 pm - Multi-purpose Room

 **Sunday, May 25th**
Carolyn Enger Presents: The Mischlinge Expose @ 1:45 pm - Multi-purpose Room

 **Wednesday, May 28th**
Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Come & Enjoy a Chicago Dogs Game - Bus Departs @ 9:15 am

 **Wednesday, May 28th**
Carlbach Combo @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room

Thursday, May 29th
May Birthday Party
@ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room



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