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Happy 2025! We look forward to a happy and healthy New Year at Park Plaza!

Candle Lighting Times

January	Candle Lighting	Havdalah
1 / 2 - 1 / 3	4:11 - 4:31 pm	5:19 pm
1 / 9 - 1 / 10	4:17 - 4:37 pm	5:25 pm
1 / 16 - 1 / 17	4:25 - 4:45 pm	5:33 pm
1 / 23 - 1 / 24	4:34 - 4:54 pm	5:41 pm
1 / 30 - 1 / 31	4:43 - 5:03 pm	5:49 pm

Announcements

January Birthdays

Estelle Frichner 1/01

Bitsy Simon 1/07

Rena Wilen 1/09

Edith Feldman 1/12

Myrna Cohen 1/18

Phillip Bass 1/20

Devorah Stern 1/21

Max Kreitman 1/23

Eva Ritt 1/23

Hilda Braun 1/25

Bruce Golovan 1/31

Mazel Tov



Bonnie & R. Michael Myers on the birth of a great-granddaughter.



Esther Cardash on the birth of two great-grandsons and great-granddaughter



R. Lee Glickman on the birth of a great grandson.



Sue and Lothar Kahn on the birth of a great-granddaughter.



Shulamis and Benny Weinfeld on the birth of a great-grandson.



Board Member Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Landes on the engagement of their granddaughter.

In Memoriam



Helen Stopek



Welcome to Park Plaza



Dale Amdur
Fran & Mort Zelman

From the Rabbi's Desk



As Chanukah has recently passed, I think of the Bracha we recited on the first night of Chanukah. "Blessed are you the Lord our G-d, who kept us alive, sustained us and brought us to this season". We mark the passage of time and the blessing of life for many reasons not least is that we should never undervalue it or take it for granted. None of us live with a crystal ball or set

expiration date and if we are fair none of us knows how long we have. We enjoyed a special and beautiful Chanukah here in Park Plaza, but will we be here to celebrate next year? Although, we do not make a Shechiyanu blessing on the secular new year I think it is incumbent to recognize the passage of time and the beginning of a new calendar year. The world changes in so many ways year to year and the constant blessing is that we remain here to see it.

During January, we will be beginning the Jewish month of Shevat and reach closer to the new year for the trees (Tu B'Shvat) which we will celebrate in February. In this month of Shevat and January, will be the Yahrzeit of my late grandfather. He died at the untimely age of 39. He never got to experience the so called "Golden" years or grow old at all. I was recently wondering, if he would have enjoyed life at Park Plaza? He probably would have enjoyed the daily services with the men and come to shul everyday including Shabbos. He might have enjoyed the classes and lectures. He would have met interesting men and women all over the building and enjoyed our delicious dining room. He definitely would have enjoyed the Rabbi 😊 and our amazing staff. How often we take life for granted. The Shechiyanu Bracha reminds us not to so, but rather to approach life with gratitude to G-d for having reached each new stage. May this new calendar year bring only health and happiness for us all.

Happy 2026

Rabbi Allen

Someone You Should Know - Natalie & Danielle



Natalie Walker

Natalie was born and partially raised in the City of Chicago, and raised in the suburbs of Chicago. She graduated from Thornwood High School in South Holland, Illinois. She has a background as a hotel concierge and concierge supervisor, and she is a certified medical assistant. She is the mother of 3: Jordan - 26, Promise - 20, Maxwell - 19, and the grandmother of 2: Harrison - 6 and Artist - 5, with one on the way. Natalie recently moved back to Chicago

and lives in the South Shore neighborhood.

Natalie's favorite part about working at Park Plaza is the sense of community here. She truly enjoys getting to know each resident and participating in programs and activities. Saying, "I love it here. I hope to be here for a very long time."

A fun fact about Natalie is that she loves fashion. She is all about her hair, makeup, jewelry, and clothes. She also enjoys making clothes; she even made her daughter's prom dress a few years ago. She is also a great cook. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, and sewing.



Danielle Grisham

Danielle has a fine arts degree from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, where she played soccer while in school. She is the middle child in her family and has four brothers, two younger and two older. She has lived in seven states, including Illinois; the others are Indiana, Louisiana, Texas, Virginia, Arkansas, and Florida. For the last eight years, she has called Chicago home.

Danielle's favorite part about working at Park Plaza is the people! She says, "everyone has an amazing, rich story to tell, and I love to hear them. I am learning so much."

Yes, Danielle is tall; she is 5 feet 11 inches. She loves dogs. She grew up in the south and misses good southern food, if you have any suggestions of somewhere good in the area Danielle would love to know.

Her hobbies include art, drawing, painting, bookbinding, and hiking. She loves to read and people-watch in her free time. When she is out and about, she loves trying new foods, antiquing, and thrifting. On a night, Danielle likes watching movies, especially rom coms and scary movies.

Her favorite quote is one from a fortune cookie she got, "Don't pursue happiness, create it."

Latke Making & Driedel Off



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday



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Ring in the New Year at Park Plaza @ 6:45 pm - Multi-purpose Room

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The Cast of A Million Dreams Present: A Taste of A Million Dreams @ 6:45 pm - Activity Room 104

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OUTING: JO Communit Skokie) Pre Fosse: 'C Choreogra pr

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Daniela Bisenius Duo @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room

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Kosher Taste of Chicago: The Sandwich Club in Skokie @ 11:30 am

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Chesed Project: Making sandwiches with Love to be donated to Hersh's Fridge at Skokie Valley Synagogue @ 2:30 pm - Front Dining Room

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Ada Ensemble @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room

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Outing: Shopping at Trader Joe's in Evanston @ 2 pm

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Special Guest Lecture: Dale Amdur - Geneology: More than Names on a Piece of Paper or Pictures on a Wall @ 3:30 pm - 2nd Floor Aviary Lounge

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OUTING: Ga Conservato In Full Sw Orchestra @ Multi-purp

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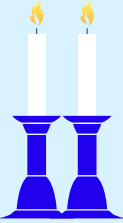




**Guitarist and Singer Pam @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room
Rosh Chodesh Lecture with Kreindel Pinkus @ 3 pm - Activity Room 104**

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Mark Murphey 6:45 pm Dining

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Lecture with Rebettzin Mindy Reiss @ 11:15 am - 2 nd Floor Aviary Lounge  CANDLE LIGHTING 4:11 - 4:31 PM	3 HAVDALAH 5:19 PM 
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Chanukah Party



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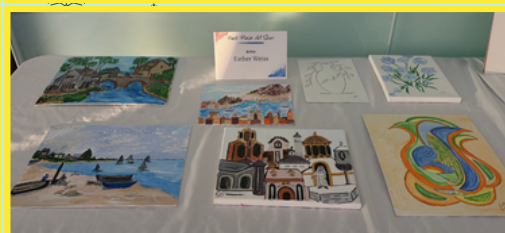
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Chanukah Events



Park Plaza Art Show



Happy Birthday!



Birthday Party

