



B'NAI B'RITH BANNER

HANUKKAH 2014

On Wednesday, December 17, the residents of South Orange B'nai B'rith will be celebrating Hanukkah with our new Rabbi, Ron Kaplan. Sandwiches, latkes and desert will be served. We're all looking forward to a festive party.



HAPPY HANUKKAH TO ALL!

Christmas starts on December 25th,

Have a very

Merry Christmas!

Kwanzaa

A celebration of Family Community and Culture

Starts on December 26th

"Happy Kwanzaa"

Bryna, Carolyn, Chris, Kevin, Tyrone, Dolcie,
& Marilyn





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Resident Service Schedule @ B'nai B'rith

Congregate Brunch served on Sundays @ 11:00 am

Rabbi Kaplan will be here on Fridays @ 10:00 am

Marnie Kean, Social Worker will be here on

Thursdays from 1:00 pm -3:00 pm

& Fridays from 9:00 am -3:00 pm

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am -5:00 pm

& Friday 9:00 am -4:00 pm



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

LEAH CROLL 12/3

FRANCES MEYERS 12/7

ANN KROP 12/11

VICTORIA BIELKO 12/16

ELSA SALETKO 12/25

BARBARA RICHARDS 12/27

SARAH WEISS 12/29





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A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM BRYNA

Greetings from Bryna

December 2014

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. The holidays are a great time to reflect on the year and to be grateful for the good things that we have in our lives.



Carolyn has planned some nice trips in December. She planned a trip to the Ballantine House at the Newark Museum on December 11th.

The Ballantine House is all decked out For Christmas. The Ballantine House is a National Historic Landmark. It was the home of a Newark beer-brewing family. It's a lovely exhibition and with the Christmas decorations it will be a special treat.

Before the museum, Carolyn arranged lunch at Hobby's-an old fashion Jewish delicatessen in Newark.

On December 17th at 1pm we will be celebrating Hanukkah with Rabbi Kaplan. Please join us for latkes and lunch.

The JCHC is sponsoring a program with Flavian, who is a mind reader, at the JCC on Monday, December 22nd at 12:30. We have a sign- up sheet in the lobby. We had Flavian entertain at SOBB last year and he was a big hit.



For those of you that celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas ,Carolyn, Chris, Marilyn, Dolcie, Kazar, Kevin Sr. and Jr. and I, wish you and your loved ones a very Happy and Joyous Holiday.

Our door is always open or you can call me at 973-530-3950.



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COMING IN JANUARY

(TBA) NEW YEAR'S DAY

CELEBRATION

1/19 MARTIN LUTHER KING

DAY CELEBRATION



**NOVEMBER WAS A TERRIFIC
MONTH**

Kids Concerts Cookies

The children from Oheb Shalom made a trip to B'nai B'rith on Sunday, November 2 to spend time with the residents. They arrived at 10:30 and many residents came down to see them. The kids (5th graders) taught the residents some new card games, the residents had a lot of fun playing cards with them.

The residents enjoyed their visit and were still talking about it on Monday.

The children had a great time visiting and we hope they will come back soon!





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A LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH ORANGE B'NAI B'RITH RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION

Brrrr! The World Almanac foresees an unusually heavy snowfall for us this winter, but the autumn season continues through most of December. When we reach Dec. 21st the time of the winter solstice, winter officially begins. This is the shortest day of the year, so we can know that even as we enter the winter season, the hours of daylight will be lengthening—each day by a tiny bit, but we will be on our way towards spring!

In the midst of this season of short days, early darkness and quite probably winter snow storms, we have the uplifting bright spots of Hanukkah and Christmas lights all around us! Lights upon the snow can be very beautiful, a sort of wonderland that is impossible to enjoy in any other season. This is a time of much feasting and gayety, reunions or at least long-distance phone calls (or is it texting these days), cheerful heart-felt greeting cards with many good wishes, gifts and prayers. This is the time when good cooks of every national background produce their own specialties to everyone's delight! It is a time to rejoice, a time when hearts warm to their neighbors and folks live closely to the way they should all year 'round. Hanukkah this year begins on Dec. 16th. May we all enjoy the holidays!

There's a special HOLIDAY SALE on Dec. 7th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the South Orange Public Library. There will be holiday gift items for all ages in the Meeting Room on the first floor. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the South Orange Library enabling them to produce supplementary Library programs.

This year the Residents' Association is scheduled to enjoy our favorite holiday entertainer on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd at 7:00 p.m.—Sal Torino sings with his mellow accordion! All residents are welcome! Please come and enjoy this evening!

There will be no other meeting of the Residents' Association in December 2014, but we are planning a New Year's brunch for Thursday, January 1st, 2015 in the Community Room at 11:00 a.m. Please plan to attend and start the New Year together. See the Bulletin Board for the sign-up sheet. Happy Holidays!

Lavinia A. Walker, co-president, So. Orange B'nai B'rith Federation House Residents' Association





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December Happenings

- December 1 Rt 22 shopping at Christmas Tree Shop etc.
- December 2 Sal Torino entertains at the Residents' Association party
- December 3 Livingston/Short Hills Malls
- December 4 Trader Joe's Millburn
- December 5 1:00 Depression screening with Marnie
- December 8 Essex Green shopping
- December 10 Route 10 & World Market shopping
- December 11 Newark Museum tour of the Ballantine House
- December 15 JCC Hanukkah Party (see sign-up sheet for cut-off date)
- December 16 1:00 Kids Concerts Cookies-Golda Och Academy 1st graders
- December 17 SOBBFH Hanukkah party with Rabbi Kaplan
- December 18 Lunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken/Willowbrook Mall
- December 22 Hanukkah Party @ JCC sponsored by Jewish Community Housing Corporation (see sign-up sheet for cut-off date)
- December 24 Kohl's Dept. store & others on Rt. 22 Watchung NJ
- December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS—OFFICE IS CLOSED
- December 29 Eppes Essen in Livingston for lunch
- December 31 Essex Green shopping





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HANUKKAH IN THE WHITE HOUSE

Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia *in article*:

The United States has a history of recognizing and celebrating Hanukkah in a number of ways, from menorah lighting ceremonies to a 1996 postage stamp, jointly issued with Israel, to special receptions in the White House (although the United States has not had any Jewish presidents).

One of the earliest links with the White House occurred in 1951, when Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion presented United States President Harry Truman with a Hanukkah Menorah. But it was not until 1979 that a sitting president, Jimmy Carter took part in the a public Hanukkah candle-lighting ceremony of the National Menorah, followed by the first Hanukkah candle-lighting ceremony in the White House itself, led by President Bill Clinton.

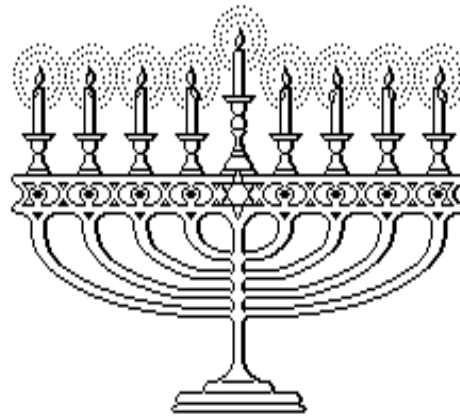
In 2001, President George W. Bush held an official Hanukkah reception in the White House in conjunction with the candle-lighting ceremony, and since then this ceremony has become an annual tradition attended by Jewish leaders from around the country. In 2008, George Bush linked the occasion to the 1951 gift by using that menorah for the ceremony, with a grandson of Ben-Gurion and a grandson of Truman lighting the candles.

On Nov. 28th, 2013 President Obama marked the beginning of Hanukkah with a reception at the White House and noted the holiday's convergence with Thanksgiving saying, "For the first time since the late 1800s – and for the last time until some 70,000 years from now – the first day of Hanukkah falls on Thanksgiving. It's an event so rare some have even coined it 'Thanksgivukkah.' As we gather with loved ones around the turkey, the menorah, or both, we celebrate some fortunate timing and give thanks for miracles both great and small."





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Happy Hanukkah



B' N A I B' R I T H B A N N E R

A MESSAGE FROM RABBI RONALD W. KAPLAN, Chaplain

Dearest "new" friends: *SHALOM!*

I am so delighted to greet you in this monthly newsletter!! Since my first visit to the South Orange B'nai B'rith Federation House this past summer, it has been my pleasure to be among you each week!!!

I have already met many of you during our *Erev Shabbat* Friday morning sessions together, which I truly enjoy every week. Getting personally acquainted, learning about your lives here, and your inspiring stories of immigration from several different foreign countries and coming to America, as well as those who were born in the United States, has inspired and informed me of the depth of your experiences. It is fascinating to listen to each of you recount the history of your birth, Jewish education, upbringing and lives abroad or local, the various languages you speak, and the individual journeys that have led you to reside here.

Of course, observing the recent Holydays (*Rosh HaShonah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*) and celebrating the Sabbath with you have been very meaningful and uplifting! In our discussions about the *Parashat HaShavuah*, you have taught me much as we share insights studying the weekly *To-rah* portion of the Biblical narrative. Your perceptions and interpretations combine wisdom, understanding and love for our sacred literature.

I look forward to welcoming more residents as we continue to meet and build closer relationships among one another. Please know how grateful I am for your warm embrace