



B'NAI B'RITH BANNER

**HANUKKAH AND
CHRISTMAS 2016**

This year Hanukkah begins on Christmas Eve

The last time Hanukkah and Christmas coincided so precisely was in 1959; the next time will be in 2024 .

Jews all over the world will be lighting the first Hanukkah candles on Christmas Eve, December 24th, and will continue to light the menorah (plus Shabbat candles) through New Year's Eve, December 31st.

We wish all of our residents a healthy and happy holiday season.

Bryna, Carolyn, Chris, Kazar, Dolce, & Marilyn



December Trivia

The traditional Christmas plant we call a poinsettia was known by the Aztecs as cuetlaxochitl. Its current name came from the first U.S. envoy to Mexico, Joel R. Poinsett, who noticed the plant being used for holiday celebrations and sent a few north to the USA.

Hanukkah, based on the Jewish calendar, is a wandering holiday. This year, the eight-day celebration begins at sunset Dec. 24, which is also Christmas Eve.

Kwanzaa, which is observed Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, is a nonreligious holiday that celebrates African-American culture. The weeklong event highlights seven principles, including Nia, which is Swahili for "purpose." That's where actress Nia Long got her name

Abraham Lincoln's youngest son Thomas, nicknamed Tad, was known as a sensitive youngster. On Christmas 1864, Tad, then 10, took the spirit of the season to heart and invited some street urchins into the White House for a meal. The cooks refused to feed the kids until Tad took up the issue with the president, who ordered that the children be fed.

BIRTH STONE FOR SOMEONE BORN IN DECEMBER ?

Birthstones for the calendar month of December are turquoise, blue topaz, tanzanite, zircon, lapis, onyx, ruby, and chryso-prase.

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Resident Service Schedule @ B'nai B'rith

Rabbi Glicksman will be here on Fridays @ 11:30 am

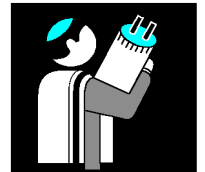
Kathleen Silver, Social Worker will be here on

Tuesdays from 10:00 am -3:00 pm

& Fridays from 10:00 am—end of appointments

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

& Friday 9:00 am -4:00 pm



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DAVID LANGER 12/05

FRANCES MEYERS 12/7

ANN KROP 12/11

VICTORIA BIELKO 12/16

CARL CHAPMAN 12/16

BARBARA RICHARDS 12/27





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A NOTE FROM LAVINIA

Just when the cold and snow caused us to think how nice it would be in Florida, the month of December comes to our rescue with holiday lights! This is the month of miracles and lights—just about everywhere! Trees, lamp posts, store fronts and porches are lined with tiny, cherry strings of holiday lights. Solitary candles light up windows in many homes; fragrant evergreen wreaths with big red bows add cheer and welcome to doorways.

This is a month of miracles. We think of the holy oil that lasted a full eight days until the new batch of oil was ready. Truly a miracle and cause for much rejoicing at Hanukkah. The great star over Bethlehem that led the wise men was a miracle too. But other miracles abound at this season of the year. Miracles that we all experience perhaps without realizing we are part of the miracles of the season. Just about everyone is kinder, more cheerful, more apt to smile. It is the season of random acts of kindness and generosity. Strangers give to strangers with only a thought to increase their happiness!

This is a time, for the most part, when old hurts are forgiven and holiday gaiety, lots of good food and favorite dishes, singing and dancing and giving of gifts in bright-colored wrapping warm the hearts of children and adults. This is a time of unity when family and friends realize we are one human family, when our needs of one another to increase life's meaning and joy is most apparent. Our priorities realign from self-seeking to helping and giving. The malevolence of gossip and back-biting seem quite out of place when our hearts are concerned for the well-being of others. Oh, that the season of miracles would never end!

We can extend the season of miracles by continuing to be concerned for others, looking forward to good times together, encouraging one another to make the most of the many programs, events and activities that Bryna and Carolyn prepare for us. It's not always easy that's why we need each other's encouragement.

There's a holiday treat on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. with Sal Torino and his accordion! We'll be celebrating fourth quarter birthdays with ice cream cake and coffee too. Circle this on your calendar. Celebrate the season together!

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



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COMING IN JANUARY

ANNUAL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
BRUNCH ON THURSDAY,
JANUARY 5 @ 11:00 AM

1/15 MARTIN LUTHER KING
DAY CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15
1:00 MOVIE ABOUT DR. KING
SPARKLING CIDER, CHEESE, CRACKERS & FRUIT
WILL BE SERVED



Winter!

WHAT HAPPENED IN NOVEMBER!

We had three JCHC University classes, one at Plaza, one at B'nai B'rith and one at Lester, all were well attended and enjoyed. Our last JCHC University class for the Fall/Winter semester will be held on December 12th at Plaza, the subject is Self Defense, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Also in November we had a "Chat with Bryna", and a "Chat with the CEO", Harold Colton-Max, both of these "chats" are well attended, and everyone gets to hear about things that are planned for our building, and if there are any problems or concerns about things in the building, this is the time to let management know,

We welcomed a new Rabbi. Rabbi Glicksman is coming every Friday at our usual time of 11:30 and his first day went very well.

Our Arts & Crafts instructor Sara changed her days to Thursday (from Tuesday) which is working out well. Sara's last day will be Thursday, December 1 then off to Florida she will go for the winter, we'll miss the fun she brings with all of her projects.

She'll be back by Passover.

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December Happenings



December 1 Essex Green shopping / Sara's Arts & Crafts (last day)

December 2 Rabbi Glicksman / Current Events

December 5 Life Long Learning class / Livingston/Short Hills Malls

December 6 ShopRite / Rummy Q game

December 7 Burlington Coat Factory & IHOP for lunch

December 8 Sands Casino (last one until spring)

December 9 Rabbi Glicksman / Current Events

December 12 JCHC U. @ Plaza

December 13 Stop & Shop / Residents' Assoc. Birthday w/entertainment by Sal Torino

December 14 Rt. 10 shopping

December 15 Liberty Hall Museum and lunch at Mark Twain diner

December 16 Social Work presentation @ 10:00 am /Rabbi Glicksman @ 11:30 am

December 19 Rt 22 shopping and Christmas Tree Shop / Bible Club

December 20 ShopRite / Holiday Movie (to be announced)

December 21 Trader Joe's Florham Park WINTER BEGINS

December 22 Hanukkah concert @ JCC featuring Klezmer music

December 23 Rabbi Glicksman

December 24 Hanukkah begins at sundown and ends New Year's Eve

December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 26 OFFICE CLOSED

December 27 Stop & Shop

December 28 Whole Foods/Target in Union

December 29 Lunch at Hobby's

December 30 Rabbi Glicksman and a Hanukkah Party

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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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Greetings from Bryna

December 2016



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.

The Residents' Association is having their annual holiday party in the Community Room on December 13 at 7:00 pm. Sal Torino is performing.

Carolyn planned a trip to The Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University and lunch. The Museum is decorated for the holidays and is very festive.

The JCC is having their Hanukkah party on Thursday, December 22nd. Klezmerfest is performing.

” Klezmerfest celebrates the great tradition of Yiddish instrumental music—from the shtetls of the old country to the contemporary sounds of today’s Lower East Side revival.”

For those of you that celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas 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.

**Bryna Stone
Site Manager**



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USA Presidents Word Search

Find and circle all of the United States Presidents that are hidden in the grid.

The remaining letters spell an Abraham Lincoln quotation.

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A JOHNSON GRANT HAYES GARFIELD ARTHUR CLEVELAND B HARRISON MCKINLEY
T ROOSEVELT TAFT WILSON HARDING COOLIDGE HOOVER F D ROOSEVELT TRUMAN
EISENHOWER KENNEDY L JOHNSON NIXON FORD CARTER REAGAN G H W BUSH
CLINTON G W BUSH OBAMA