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2017**

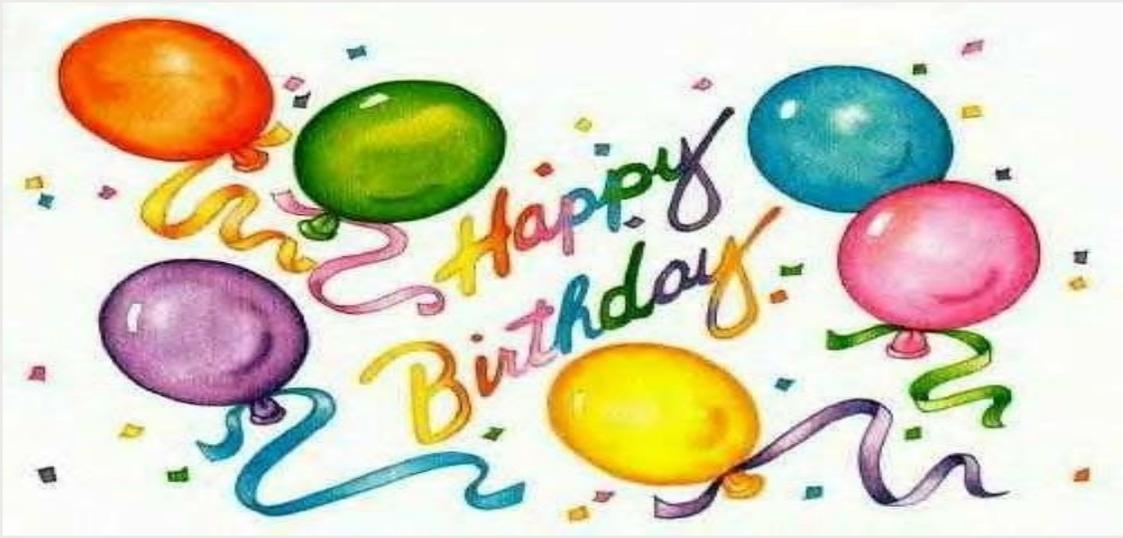
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The Pilgrims set sail for America on a ship called the Mayflower

- ◆ The Pilgrims originally set sail for Northern Virginia but because it was winter and the seas were bad, the Mayflower landed upon the shore of Plymouth in 1620.
- ◆ On November 11, 1620 after a voyage of 66 days they landed on Cape Cod.
- ◆ The pilgrims left England because of religious persecution, they felt that the Church of England was corrupt.
- ◆ One hundred thirty two people were aboard the Mayflower, some were from the Netherlands.
- ◆ The first winter on Cape Cod, many people died from malnutrition, scurvy and pneumonia. Of the 132 people that landed on Cape Cod, only fifty-three survived the first winter.
- ◆ The Pilgrims piloted the Mayflower across the Atlantic Ocean and landed at Plymouth Rock in New England (now Massachusetts). Shortly after they arrived they met the Native Americans. In the spring, the Native Americans showed them how to catch fish and to hunt game, they showed them how to plant vegetables. The Pilgrims first harvest, in 1621, was plentiful and they invited the Native Americans to have a feast with them. The Native Americans brought deer meat, lobsters, clams, and vegetables. There are theories of the Pilgrims eating turkey at this feast, as wild turkeys were plentiful, but most articles on the history of the Pilgrims do not mention Turkey.
- ◆ President George Washington, the first president of the United States, made a proclamation on Oct. 3, 1789 called "The National Thanksgiving Proclamation" Then in 1846, author Sarah Josepha Hale waged a one-woman campaign for Thanksgiving to be recognized as a truly national holiday. Hale's advocacy for the national holiday lasted 17 years and four presidencies before the letter she wrote to Lincoln was successful. In 1863 at the height of the Civil War he supported legislation which established a national holiday of Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November.

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LAVINIA WALKER 11/10
WALTER MCDONALD 11/17
GEORGE MATIAS 11/20
EUGENE BEREZOVSKY 11/25

DID YOU KNOW?

THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS' BIRTHDAYS AT THEIR QUARTELY MEETINGS!!

SO, PLEASE COME TO THE MEETINGS, AT THE END OF EVERY THIRD MONTH THERE IS ICE CREAM CAKE AND COFFEE FOR PEOPLE BORN WITHIN THE THREE MONTHS.

Of course there are meetings every month, where you can participate by giving suggestions on what you would like to do as a Residents' Association, such as special parties, dinners etc. Do you have ideas? Come to the meetings every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Jean Gluck' story

Jean Gluck was born in the town of Bendzin, Poland on September 9, 1927.

Her father was in specialized woodwork. He made fancy handles, knobs and other unique articles, as he received orders from the factories. Jean's mother managed the home; her name was Esther. Jean's maternal grandfather owned an apartment building. He had seven daughters, and gave each daughter a piece of land to build on. Jean's parents also had seven children; Jean was the third youngest.

All of the children excelled in school. Jean went to six grades in public schools; then the Nazis bombed Poland. In 1942 the Nazis captured about 300 teenage girls and took them away from their families to work in a factory in Czechoslovakia. Jean and her friend Fruma were the two youngest girls, about fifteen years old. They had to live in crowded barracks and were forced to work long hours at weaving machines to weave burlap for the Nazi army. They made rolls of burlap for three years until they were liberated by the Russian army on May 8, 1945.

At the concentration camp they were given a pound of bread to last a whole week. Lunch was boiled potatoes with the skins. Jean says, "My girlfriend Fruma was in charge of the bread. We were hungry and she used to give us a small piece of bread before we went to sleep. We had to get up early to work in the factory. We were forced to march from our barracks to the factory with the S.S. women guards watching us."

After the war Jean was put on a train back to Poland. On the train she met the man who would become her husband, Abraham. He was smitten with Jean and looked her up in her home town. Jean was a pretty 18 ½ year old and had pigtails. On January 20, 1946 they were married and had one daughter, Hanna. Jean's sister Sara was one of those on the ship Exodus; she married Jacob Miller and settled in Israel. Jean's brother Emanuel, who had been the best in school, became an engineer.

Jean arrived in the U.S.A. November 11, 1949 after a tortuous ten day trip on the General Muir, a German ship from Bremerhaven, Germany. Jean was sick all the way over until she saw the Statue of Liberty. Jean says, "I threw many kisses to the Statue of Liberty." The New York office of the United Restitution sent the refugees to various places in the United States. Jean wound up in Toledo, Ohio. She had cousins in Jersey City, New Jersey and went to visit them. Jean then went to Newark as they had an aunt who had a bakery there. She wanted to be close to her family in New Jersey. In Newark Jean met a woman from Russia who became her friend. Jean still keeps in touch with her friend Lena, who now lives in Long Branch, N.J.

Jean was able to find an apartment in Newark for \$30.00 per month, but with no heat and no hot water. She got a job in Newark at Dura Electric inspecting light bulbs. The owner agreed to let her begin work at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. so Jean could leave her daughter in nursery school before work. But Jean did not want to work in a factory all her life, so she studied at the

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Wilford Beauty School in Newark and qualified to do skin care, facials, etc. She passed two tests and obtained licenses to work in both New Jersey and New York, though she never worked in New York. Jean worked briefly in a barber shop in Newark before she obtained a position in Sach's Fifth Avenue in Millburn, where she worked for 18 years.

Jean was an enterprising young lady. She obtained her driver's license at a young age and had several cars,—a '56 Chevy, an Oldsmobile and a Cadillac—but never paid more than \$200.00 for any of them! At some point someone offered her an apartment, a condo, in West Orange with both heat and hot water, which she was glad to move into.

Later Jean had an interview with then site manager Fran Pinkowitz and moved into B'nai B'rith in the year 2000. By her daughter Hanna, Jean has a grandson Morgan, 44, who has made Jean a very delighted great grandmother of two: Adeline, age 6 and Ronan, age 2. Outside of precious photographs and visits with her family, Jean enjoys many activities at B'nai B'rith. She rarely misses going to Bingo as often as they meet and she enjoys the creative projects at Sara's Arts and Crafts classes on Tuesdays. Jean is a regular at the Residents' Association meetings and functions. Almost every day you'll see her walking around the beautiful quarter-mile-square park across the street from B'nai B'rith. It's always a pleasure to see her cheerful smile and happy greeting.

Jean Gluck was interviewed by Lavinia A. Walker



Jean Gluck (in Pink) talking with Lavinia Walker

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NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

- 1st—Livingston/Short Hills Malls Sara's Arts & Crafts Movie Night**
- 2nd—Lunch at the new Wegmans Exercise with Tami 1:00 Show & Tell Bingo**
- 3rd—Rabbi Glicksman Ice Cream Social**
- 6th—Rose Rosen Concert at JCC 11:30 Life Long Learning Bingo**
- 7:00 pm Kristallnacht at St. Elizabeth College**
- 7th—Stop & Shop 1:00 Adult Coloring Bingo**
- 8th—Rte. 10 shopping Sara's Arts & Crafts Movie Night**
- 9th—Exercise with Tami Rte. 22 shopping/Walmart and or Christmas Tree Shop 1:00 Current Events Bingo**
- 10th—Rabbi Glicksman 1:30-3:30 Games & Goodies with Claire (our Social Worker Intern)**
- 13th—Sands Casino (last trip) 1:00 RummyQ Bingo**
- 14th—ShopRite 1:00 Card Games Bingo**
- 15th—Thomas Edison Museum Sara's Arts & Crafts Movie Night**
- 16th—Exercise with Tami Whole Foods/Target in Union 1:00 Current Events Bingo**
- 17th—Rabbi Glicksman 1:30-3:00 Games & Goodies with Claire**
- 20th—Bergen Town Mall 1:00 You Be The Judge Bingo**
- 21st—Stop & Shop 1:00 RummyQ 7:00 Residents' Assoc. meeting**
- 22nd—Bed Bath & Beyond and Panera for lunch Sara's Arts & Crafts Movie Night**
- 23rd—HAPPY THANKSGIVING—OFFICE IS CLOSED**
- 24th—OFFICE IS CLOSED**
- 27th—Watchung Mall on Rte. 22 1:00 You Be The Judge**
- 28th—ShopRite 1:00 Pokeno Bingo**
- 29th—Red Lobster for lunch Sara's Arts & Crafts Movie Night**
- 30th—Exercise with Tami Trader Joe's in Florham Park 1:00 Card Games Bingo**

Greetings from Bryna

October's weather was unbelievable, if you thought the weather was unusually warm, aside from some chilly mornings, you are right. Now that November is upon us, the usual temperature is somewhere in the 50's, which isn't bad, but have you noticed that the trees still have a lot of green leaves? That is because there was so much sunshine in October, that the trees were still making chlorophyll which gives the leaves their green color. Let's hope for a mild November!

You might have seen or talked to our Social Worker intern Claire. Claire will be having a get-together on Friday, November 10th and on Friday, November 17th, she's calling it Games and Goodies with Claire. Put the dates on your calendar, Claire promises you a "Joyful Afternoon of Games, Trivia, and Treats".

Also on the calendar in November is Life Long Learning (once a month on the first Monday) Sands Casino (last trip), Thomas Edison Museum and a lot more fun trips and programs. Keep the calendar handy and try to come to the Community Room whenever you can.

Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 23rd, the office will be closed on the 23rd and the 24th. Carolyn will be having cake & pumpkin pie, coffee, & fruit for the Macy Thanksgiving Day Parade which starts at 9:00 am until 12:00, please come down to the Community Room and enjoy the day.



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Specials in November

CHAT WITH:

Friday, November 10th and

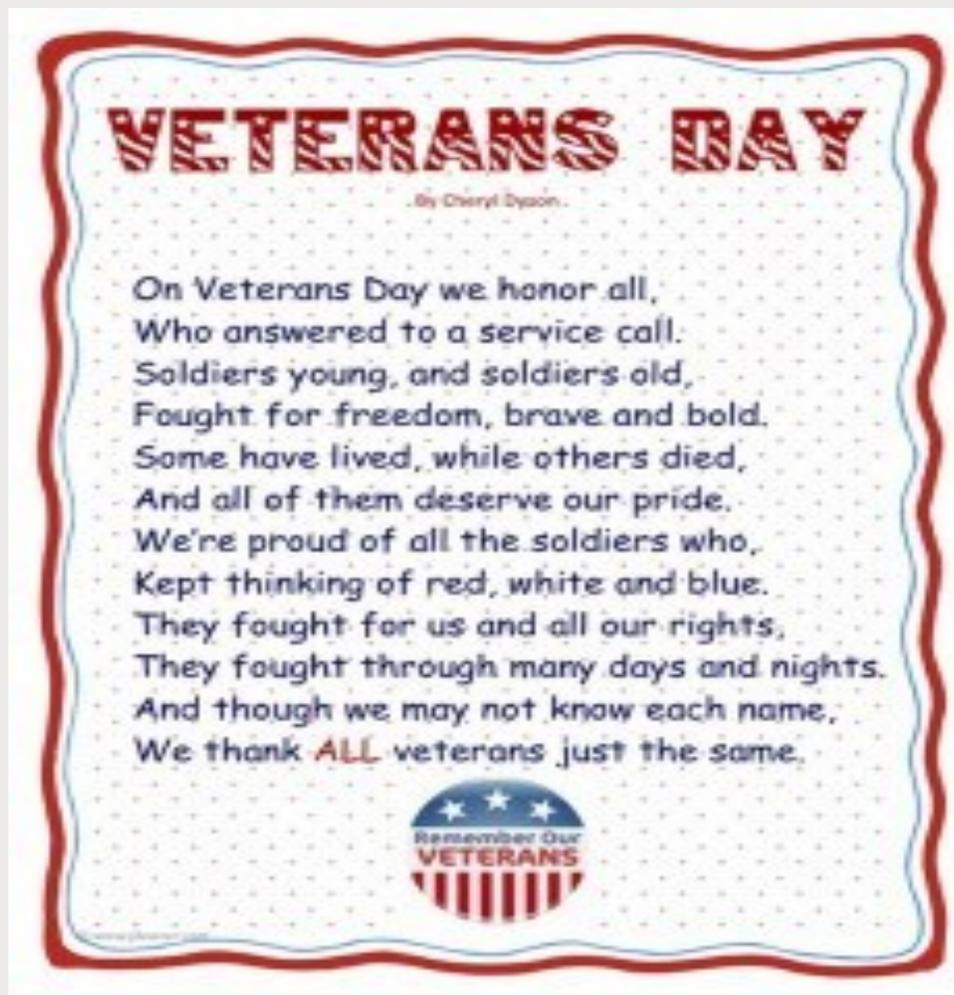
Friday, November 17th

On Monday, November 13th, Bryna will have her Chat with the Residents at 1:00. Then on the 20th, our CEO, Harold Colton-Max will be making his last trip for this year to our building for his "Chat with the Residents".

Our Social Worker intern, Claire, will be having a get-together that she is calling "Games & Goodies with Claire" this should be a great get-together! Put the date on your calendar!!

SOUTH ORANGE B'NAI B'RITH STAFF AND RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO THANK

IRVING ROSEMAN WHO FOUGHT IN WWII !!!



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Have you noticed how fast the leaves are falling? Since the drop to more seasonal temperatures with the blustery winds and pelting rain, we have been jolted into the realization that the seasons will not wait for us! Autumn is here whether the leaves are brilliant or subdued in color, whether the flowers show their full array of rustic shades or not, whether the squirrels have completed their storage for winter's chill or not. It is autumn and we are being swept along into the holidays!

But before we leap into the winter holidays of Hanukkah and Christmas, let's enjoy the holiday of Thanksgiving. Our celebration, if not with family, may be with friends in one of the many restaurants in the area. Many serve a full Thanksgiving dinner at moderate costs. These thoughts on Thanksgiving are interesting: "Throughout American history, presidents have called for national days of prayer to pay tribute and give thanks". In 1952, Congress issued a joint resolution calling for a prayer service on the steps of the Capitol. The service was conducted by the Reverend Billy Graham. Thousands of people came to the service in the pouring February rain. After this display, congress called for the construction of a room "with facilities for prayer and meditation, for use of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives". *Excerpted from "Rediscovering God in America" by Newt Gingrich.*

Thanksgiving is a time of rejoicing for life and plenty; a time for coming together from the disparate peoples of our country without regard to religious or political affiliation. We can just be thankful for each other, for our family and friends, for our great country and for the freedoms we cherish.

In our little community here we can enjoy the fellowship of our neighbors and friends even before Thanksgiving and there's no better way than to get together around a tasty dinner. The Residents' Association is sponsoring a ziti-pizza dinner on Wed. Nov. 15th at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room. This meal will be catered from the Reservoir Restaurant in South Orange and is open to all residents of B'nai B'rith. For those who have contributed at least \$10.00 to the Residents' Assn. in 2017, the cost is \$6.00, payable to Eva Cohen, apt. 103 by Nov. 14, absolute latest. For those who have not contributed during this year we must ask the actual cost of the meal: \$11.00. The meal includes ziti &/or pizza, salad, rolls, beverage & dessert. It's a great time of fellowship. Sign up!

The Residents' Association is also working with our activities coordinator Carolyn to bring top quality movies here for everyone's viewing. We will aim for the best of current films, as well as the best of the classic films. Carolyn will post notice of movie titles and dates (Wed. or Sun.) on the bulletin board. Some of these films will help to fill in the gaps in the American cultural backgrounds. There is no charge and all residents are welcome! Mark the dates and come enjoy!

In thinking about what we are thankful for, remember our site manager Bryna Stone, our activities coordinator Carolyn, and our maintenance personnel. They work to make and keep our home at its best. Have a very happy Thanksgiving Day and join us November 15th for our 'Pizza, Ziti Dinner!'

Lavinia A. Walker, co-president, SOBBFH Residents' Asso.

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Greek Mythology

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- ATHENA
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- MEDUSA
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- RHEA
- ZEUS
- ARTEMIS