

NOVEMBER 2018

# B'nai B'rith Banner

## THANKSGIVING

For many of us, the meaning of Thanksgiving usually includes feasting, four-day weekends, football games, floats and family reunions. The "first Thanksgiving," however, was neither a feast nor a holiday, but a simple gathering. Following the Mayflower's arrival at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620, the Pilgrims suffered the loss of 46 of their original 102 colonists. With the help of 91 Indians, the remaining Pilgrims survived the bitter winter and yielded a bountiful harvest in 1621. In celebration, a traditional English harvest festival, lasting three days brought the Pilgrims and natives to unite in a "thanksgiving" observance.

This "thanksgiving" meal would not be celebrated again until June of 1676. On June 29 the community of Charlestown, Massachusetts proclaimed a day of thanksgiving for their good fortune. Ironically, this celebration excluded the Indians, as the colonists' reconized their recent victory over the "heathen natives." One hundred years later, in October of 1777, all 13 colonies participated in a one-time "thanksgiving" celebration which commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. It would take a span of over 150 more years to establish Thanksgiving as we celebrate it—George Washington proclaimed it a National hol-





November 10: Lavinia Walker  
November 17: Walter McDonald  
November 20: George Matias  
November 25: Eugene Berezovsky



A cheery "hello" on your birthday,  
And wishes for everything bright,  
May you know joy and wonder,  
Morning, noon and night.

Happy birthday!

## **B'nai B'rith Banner**

**Dear B'nai Residents,**

**I can't believe it's already November! I'd like to share with you all some thoughts to consider that may bring new inspiration and appreciation of each day... HOPE: The concept of living with a sense of optimism and positivity.**

**LOVE OF LEARNING: Looking beyond your own world yearning to know more about situations and people.**

**CURIOSITY: To be open to new experiences and a sense of adventure.**

**BRAVERY: To approach difficulty and challenge with strength.**

**PERSPECTIVE: The ability to see the big picture.**

**KINDNESS: Approaching the world with compassion and openness.**

**Thanks again for the wonderful turnout to our monthly Manager/Resident Meeting, next meeting Mon. Nov 12 @ 4:00 pm.**



**Best of thoughts always, Beth**

# LET THERE BE MUSIC ...

A special afternoon of music for our JCHC residents and the community

## “The Best of Beethoven” *A Concert for our Seniors*

Please join us at this exclusive New Jersey Symphony Orchestra concert featuring the works of legendary composer, Ludwig von Beethoven. This performance is hosted by the Jewish Community Housing Corporation of Metropolitan NJ.



**When:** Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018  
Concert will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel  
432 Scotland Road  
South Orange, New Jersey

**Tickets:** Free  
Open to all senior citizens (ages 55+) who RSVP.

**RSVP:** By Nov. 9, 2018  
To Samantha at [samanthad@jchcorp.org](mailto:samanthad@jchcorp.org)  
or 973-763-0999

*Please reserve early as seating is limited  
for this special performance.*



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