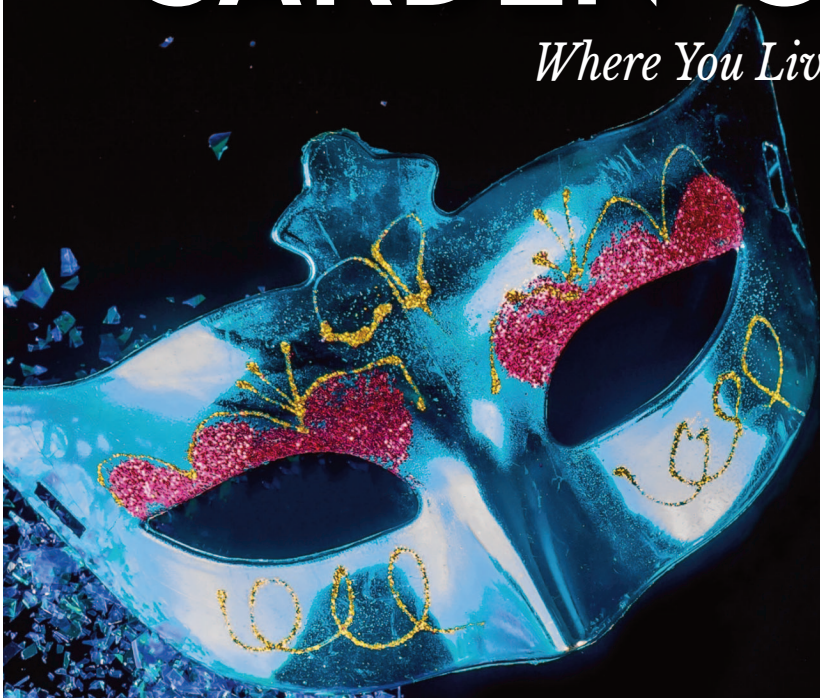


GARDEN OF PALMS

Where You Live Matters



ARMCHAIR
TRAVEL TO
& TASTE OF
NORWAY!
3/28

3/02
**HISTORY
MAKERS**

*Discover
Charles Darwin*

3/30
**APPRECIATING
HARRY
HOUDINI**

3/09
**MAGIC
SHOW**

*An Abracadabra
performance with
Patricia the Magicia*



Purim Festival
FEAST OF LOTS

Monday, 3/06 to Tuesday, 3/07

Enjoy two days of rollicking good fun as we celebrate the story of how Esther saved her people using her wits against the evil Haman! We'll make Purim masks, discuss the history of Purim, have a Megillah Reading on both days, enjoy a visit from the Chabad Boys, and top it all off with a Purim Party and live entertainment featuring JD!

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

ETHEL D.



Ethel D. was born to Rose and George on 9/24/1950. She lived in Brooklyn for the majority of her life and attended college there before working as a computer proposal specialist. Her favorite hobby is antiquing, especially collecting figurines of Noah's Ark. She has two close friends whom she loves dearly and are family to her - Lyn and Malka. She loves attending our movie days with popcorn. Ethel is a joy to have around and always has something valuable to add to any conversation.

RESIDENT HAPPY HOUR

Meet and Greet
ALL OF OUR NEW RESIDENTS!
on MARCH 26 AT 3:30 PM



Celebrate all of our March Resident Birthdays at our

Birthday Party Lunch

MONDAY, MARCH 27 AT 12:00 PM



RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Giovanni I.	3/06
Joe C.	3/14
Lalezar Y.	3/22
Linda J.	3/24
Etta Ray V.	3/30

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

3/06	Fast of Esther
3/06	Purim (begins at sundown)
3/07	Purim Festival
3/12	Daylight Saving Time begins
3/20	Spring Begins

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Torah Studies: A Deep Dive
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services
Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
Sarah's Tent Shabbos Songs
Fridays at 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
Havdalah Service
Saturdays at 6:30 pm

Transportation & Concierge Information

Complete peace of mind is our priority in all our communities. Enjoy the journey of senior living starting from the comfort of concierge transportation services.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday we will have advertised outings and shopping trips.

Tuesday and Thursday are available for Medical Appointments. Please make your reservations with our Concierge at (323) 656-7900 today!

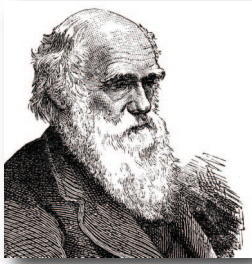


Jewish Films SHOWCASE

Every Saturday at 6:30 pm, tune in with your fellow residents for some of the best Jewish movies and shows that capture some degree of Jewish life or important Jewish stories.

3/04
Beauty Queen of Jerusalem
3/11
Beauty Queen of Jerusalem
3/18
Beauty Queen of Jerusalem
3/25
Once Upon a Time in America

MARCH *Activities & Events*



HISTORY MAKERS

Charles Darwin

Thursday, 3/02 | 3:00 pm

Learn about the life of this English naturalist, geologist and biologist, known for his extensive contributions to the evolutionary biology.

FLUTIST ENTERTAINMENT w/Michelle

Sunday, 3/05 and 12 | 2:00 pm

Michelle will delight us all twice in March with her warm, sopronic voice of her flute!



MARCH MAGIC SHOW w/ Patricia the Magicia

Thursday, 3/09 | 2:00 pm

Abracadabra, presto chango, and hocus pocus comes this afternoon to the Garden of Palms to thrill us all!

GARDEN AROMATHERAPY & SPA

Tuesday, 3/21 | 2:00 pm

Experience a Spa hour that will include relaxing hand and head massages, beautiful essential oil aromatherapy, and other spa experiences.



RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 3/27 at 2:00 p.m.



“

My brain
is the key
that sets
me free.”

~ Harry Houdini



The Story of Purim

Purim is a story of opposites. The tale swings between happiness and despair, hiding and revealing, good and evil, exile and redemption. Today, it is primarily a joyous occasion for Jews as we all know how the story turned out.

Purim commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from the evil Haman's plot to "destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day" as is recorded in the Megillah, the book of Esther. The principal story is that a Jewish girl named Esther who is the most beautiful girl in the land marries Ahasuerus, the King of the Persian empire and becomes his Queen. She hides that she is Jewish from him for fear of what he might do. Her cousin, Mordecai, saves the King from an evil plot to kill him, but later defies the King's orders to bow to the Jew-hating Haman, the prime minister of the empire. Haman is incensed and orders that all Jews be killed on the 13th of Adar. All the Jews fast and pray, while Queen Esther arranges a feast for the King, where she reveals to him her Jewish identity. Haman is hanged for his evil plot, and Mordecai is appointed the prime minister of the land.



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

RUBI S.
Caregiver

Rubi S. always goes above and beyond what she is asked to do. She was born in El Salvador and was raised alongside 11 other siblings! Her family came to America in 1985 and she's been here ever since. Rubi is the loving mother of two girls and one boy. Her hobbies include reading and taking care of her mother. Rubi has been working in assisted living since 2016, and is very passionate about her job. She finds great joy in assisting the residents with their daily needs and loves talking with and learning everything about them. She wants to say thank you to everyone here for being so amazing to work with.



Purim Festival

Celebrate the deliverance of the Jewish people (as told in the *Book of Esther* - the *Megillah*) from the evil Royal Viceroy Haman who had schemed to have all of Persia's Jews killed.

Monday, March 6

The story of Purim and the Fast of Esther
Decorate your Purim Mask!
Megillah Reading

Tuesday, March 7

Visit from the Chabad Boys
Megillah Reading
Celebrate at our Purim Festival
with Live Entertainment featuring JD



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL TO



*Monday,
March 28
at 2:00 pm*

Norway

Join us on a visit to this Scandinavian country, home to stunning landscapes, awe-inspiring fjords and the incredible Northern Lights. Norway brought us Vikings, polar bears, delicious salmon, midnight sun, and Edward Munch's painting "*The Scream*".

TASTE OF NORWAY - NORWEGIAN WAFFLES

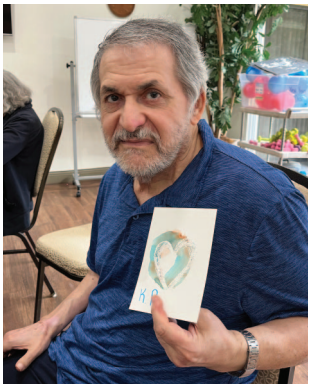
Monday, March 28 at 3:00 pm

Waffles are a very popular dish in Norway and are widely available in the throughout the country. They aren't just a breakfast dish, but are enjoyed throughout the day as any time is waffle-time in Norway.

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Memories IN THE MAKING





Pope John Paul II Leads Historic Pilgrimage to Israel

MARCH 21, 2000



Pope John Paul II was the first pope to visit the Holy Land since Pope Paul VI had stopped there briefly for a mere 11 hours in 1964.

At that time, the Vatican did not recognize Israel as a state and did not establish full diplomatic relations until thirty years later in 1994. Pope John Paul II undertook a historic five-day visit beginning March 21, 2000. During his stay, he blessed Israel and apologized for sins committed by Christians against Jews. Later, during a visit to Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem, the pope stated, "As bishop of Rome... I assure the Jewish people that the Catholic Church... is deeply saddened by the hatred, acts of persecution and displays of anti-Semitism directed against the Jews by Christians at any time and in any place."

During his visit, the Polish-born Pope visited the holy sites of the three major religions and met with Israel's political leaders and Chief Rabbis. He also visited the Western Wall and inserted a poignant message into a crack into the historic wall. His message read,

*God of our fathers,
You chose Abraham and his descendants
to bring your Name to the Nations:
we are deeply saddened
by the behavior of those
who in the course of history
have caused these children of yours to suffer,
and asking your forgiveness
we wish to commit ourselves to
genuine brotherhood
with the people of the Covenant.*

Jerusalem 26, March 2000

Signed: John Paul II

After having enacted the tightest security effort ever employed for a visitor to Israel, "Operation Old Friend" insured the pontiff's visit went off without a hitch and he returned safely home to the Vatican on March 26, 2000.



Appreciating HARRY HOUDINI

1874 to 1926

March 30 at 3:00 pm

The Hungarian-born Erik Weisz, whom most of us know as Harry Houdini, was born on March 24, 1874. Houdini was

the son of a Jewish rabbi and his family emigrated from Hungary to the U.S., eventually settling in Appleton, Wisconsin. In his early years, he was a circus trapeze performer, and after moving to New York City, performed in Vaudeville shows. In the mid-1890s, Houdini launched his career as a professional magician, and while his magic met with little success, however by the early 1900s, he had begun to acquire an international reputation for daring feats of extrication from shackles, ropes and handcuffs and from various locked containers ranging from milk cans to coffins to prison cells. His amazing escape skills depended upon both his great physical strength and agility as well as his extraordinary skill at manipulating locks. His wife Beatrice, called “Bess”, served as his lifelong stage assistant. His best known trick was called the Chinese Water Torture Cell, and represented the hallmark of his career. In this daring performance, he was lowered upside down into a locked glass cabinet filled with water, requiring him to hold his breath for more than three minutes while he picked the locks to escape.

March Funnies

A huge stack of toilet rolls fell on me in the supermarket. I'm ok though, just soft tissue damage.

Ben-Gurion and Israel's First Government Takes Takes the Reins

March 8, 1949



On March 8, 1949, David Ben-Gurion's Knesset-leading Mapai party joined four other political parties including the United Religious Front, the Progressive Party, the Sephardi and Mizrahi Communities, and the Arab-led Democratic List of Nazareth to form the maiden government following Israel's first official parliamentary election earlier that year on January 25. The charismatic Ben-Gurion was made prime minister for the provisional government the previous year in May 1948, and Chaim Weizmann was elected as Israel's first president on February 16. In October 1950, however, Ben-Gurion resigned as prime minister over a dispute with the United Religious Party thereby ending the first official Israeli government.



TED Talk

I Love Being Jewish

by Jane Parven

Friday, March 17 at 2:00 pm

Jane Parven embraces her culture and ethnic Jewish heritage and suggests that no one person is “too small to make a difference”.

Famous Poets

Joseph Brodsky

(1940 to 1996)

Thursdays,
3/23 and 30



Joseph Brodsky was born into a Russian Jewish family in Leningrad (now Saint Petersburg), on May 24, 1940, and was awarded the 1987 Nobel Prize in Literature “for an all-embracing authorship, imbued with clarity of thought and poetic intensity”. He was then appointed United States Poet Laureate in 1991. Brodsky once said, “Poetry is not a form of entertainment and in a certain sense not even a form of art, but it is our anthropological, genetic goal, our evolutionary, linguistic beacon.”

Parsha of the Week

Discussions in on

Thursdays at 4:00 pm

and Saturdays at 9:30 am.

Thurs/Sat. 3/02 & 04

Beshalach

Thurs/Sat. 3/09 & 11

Yitro

Thurs/Sat. 3/16 & 18

Mishpatim

Thurs/Sat. 3/23 & 25

Terumah

Friday & Saturday Shabbat

Every Friday, we celebrate Shabbat first with the Shabbat Meal at 5:00 pm. And on Friday, 1/06, residents can join us for the Challah Bake at the Shabbos Café. On Friday evenings, we'll have a Minyan at 6:15 pm. To close out Shabbat, we'll perform a Havdalah on Saturday at sunset.

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OF THE MONTH

Yoni Netanyahu

The Other Netanyahu



The Netanyahu family has been integrally connected to Israel, even prior to the state's formation in 1948. Did you know that the American-born brother, Yonatan Netanyahu, of Israel's current (and past) Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, is considered one of Israel's finest. “Yoni”, as he is often fondly called, heroically served his country as a member of Israel's famed elite combat units until he was finally killed while commanding his legendary assault unit to rescue 100 Israelis and Jews held hostage in *Operation Entebbe* (also called *Operation Yonatan* in his honor).

Yoni was born on March 13, 1946 in New York City, and two years later, moved to Israel with his family. The family lived between the U.S. and Israel, with Yoni spending a fair part of his youth in the U.S. After graduating high school in Pennsylvania (where one of his classmates was baseball legend Reggie Jackson), he returned to Israel to enlist in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), soon joining the Paratroopers Brigade, and fought in the Six-Day War, receiving a decoration of valor for his actions during that conflict. After marrying his girlfriend, Tirza, the couple returned to the U.S. in 1967 and he enrolled at Harvard University, making the Dean's List at the end of his first year. At this time, Israel was skirmishing against Egypt during the War of Attrition, and so Yoni and his wife returned to Israel in 1968 where he transferred to Jerusalem's Hebrew University. In 1969, he returned to serve in the army, leaving behind his studies. He always planned to resume his education, but this goal was conditioned upon the relaxation of military tensions, which regrettably never came about. In the early 1970s, he joined the IDF's elite special forces unit called *Sayeret Matkal*, and was appointed unit deputy commander in 1972. While in this position, he led a bold raid and captured several Syrian military officers who were later exchanged for captive Israeli pilots. Yoni also played a large role in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, during which he rescued an Israeli lieutenant colonel who had been wounded behind Syrian lines.

Sadly, this brave young Israeli soldier died while leading the successful mission in Uganda to rescue over 100 hijacked Israelis and Jews held hostage by two PLO members and two ethnic Germans from a radical German Revolutionary Cell. Yoni was the only soldier killed during the raid and his military funeral was attended by an enormous crowd along with many top-ranking officials. In 1979, The Jonathan Institute was established in his honor and the Institute continues to sponsor international conferences focused on fighting the scourge terrorism.

Yoni had written in a 1963 letter, “I ought to be ready at every moment of my life to confront myself and say— “This is what I've done.” And while he had lived only a brief 30 years, author Herman Wouk once wrote that Yoni Netanyahu was already a legend in Israel even before his death. This month's Mensch should be proud of what he'd done. We certainly are.

PURIM CROSSWORD

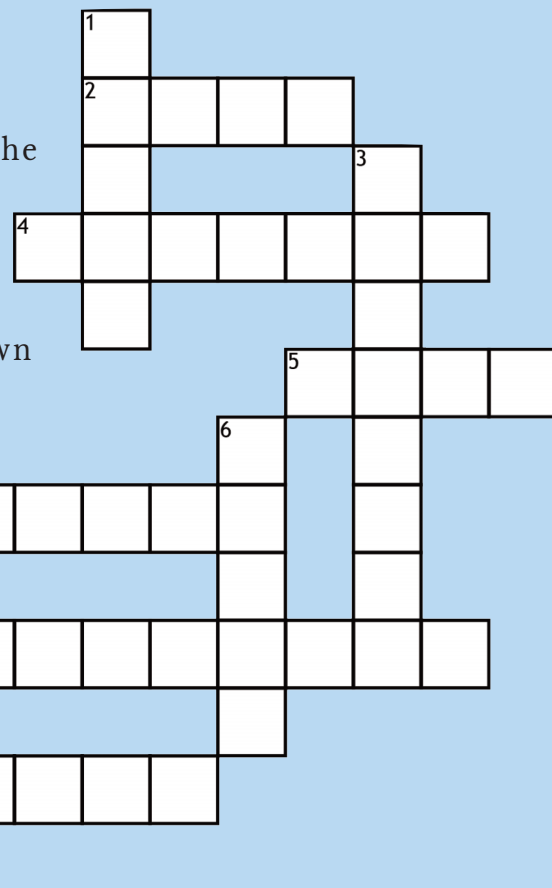
*Crossword answers will be available at the Concierge on the 15th of the month.

ACROSS

- 2 In what month is the evil viceroy's plan scheduled to take place?
- 4 What fatal fate awaits the evil viceroy?
- 5 This evil viceroy casts _____ or purim to choose the date on which to kill the Jewish population in the kingdom.
- 7 What Tractate in the Mishnah records the laws relating to Purim?
- 9 Who is the new Queen's cousin who refuses to bow down to the viceroy?
- 10 What empire does the King Ahasuerus rule over?

DOWN

- 1 What is the name of the Royal Viceroy to the King Ahasuerus?
- 3 What sleeping disorder does King Ahasuerus suffer from on the night the Queen and he attend the feast?
- 6 For how many days does the Queen fast and pray before approaching the King to seek help?
- 8 The name of the Jewish female orphan who became Queen due to her incredible beauty?



Check out community photos on our social media.



OUR SERVICE PLEDGE

We understand that we are responsible for the delivery of excellent Resident service. We represent our company, our communities, and myself. At each "service moment", we will initiate a warm and friendly greeting, treat residents with care and understanding, and communicate clearly.

We will do our part to implement the essentials of service excellence.

MEET OUR TEAM

Nirjara Acharya	Executive Director
Rena Hirsch	Community Ambassador
Alex Casimiro	Business Office Manager
Karla Garcia	Wellness Coordinator
Berta Dubon	Food Service Director
Austin Turell	Activity Director
Michelle Warrick	Soul Specialist
Lonnie Benson	Transportation