

Talk Of The Town

The Monthly Activities Newsletter of the Fay J. Lindner Residences

January 2020

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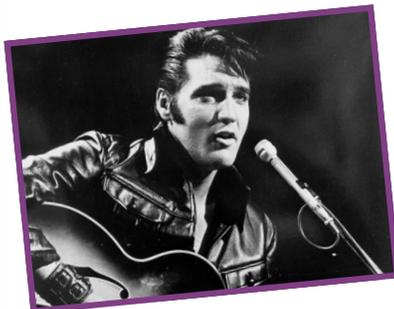
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On behalf of the Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Gurwin Jewish-Fay J. Lindner Residences, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New year. 2019 has brought many changes to Gurwin Assisted Living and we have worked tirelessly trying to integrate these new changes into the existing fabric of our community. We are very excited for the future and we remain committed to providing you with an exceptional customer service experience. Once again, please accept our best wishes for a wonderful, healthy and prosperous new year and please do not hesitate to contact us directly should ever the need arise.

Michael Letter
Administrator/Chief Operating Officer

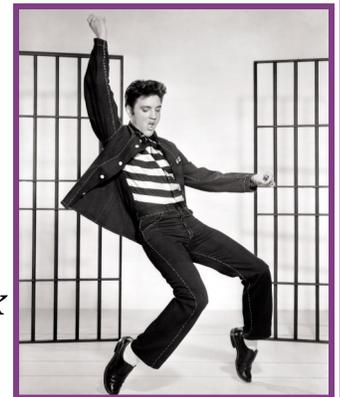


“Elvis has left the building!”

In honor of Elvis Presley’s birthday in January, we will be having an Elvis themed Day! On January 7th, please dress in black and white to pay homage to his Jailhouse Rock days. An Elvis

Impersonator

is coming to sing during the lunch seatings at 12pm and at 1pm. Then there will be Elvis Tribute Karaoke at 2:30pm. Lastly, we will wrap up the day with an *All Shook Up* social at 3:30pm. We hope to see you there. In the words of the king himself, *“Thank you, Thank you very much!”*





Happy January Birthdays!

January 1: June B.

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January 11: Edith E.

January 12: Ethel Y.

January 14: Anne H.

January 21: Carol S.

January 23: Rachel S.

January 30: Gloria G.

January 30: Lillian G.

January Birthday Party
Thursday, January 23rd
at 3:00pm in the
Synagogue
with music by Stan Zizka



LOCAL TRIP SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED

MONDAYS

CVS and Banks

TUESDAYS

Post Office, Hair and Nail Salons,
Dollar Store, Michaels and
Jewelry Exchange

THURSDAYS

Mayfair Shopping Center

*Suffolk Y-JCC & the Commack Public
Library available Monday - Friday.*



**PLEASE BE IN THE LOBBY
15 MINUTES BEFORE ALL
SCHEDULED BUS TRIPS.**

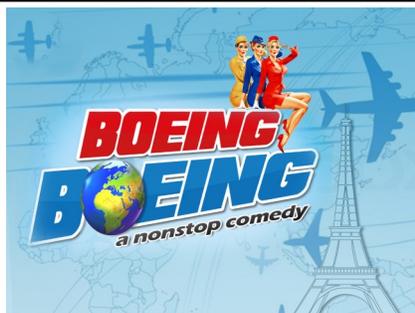
Do You need help with your
cell phone or Internet?
Come and meet with Donna
on Thursdays between 2p
and 3pm by appointment. Call ext. 8512.



We ask you to please use
lightweight aluminum
walkers, if possible, on
ALL BUS TRIPS!
No Baskets Please!



Suffolk YJCC
presents:
"Boeing
Boeing"



A non-stop flight
to laughland. A
frenetic comedy
about one pilot,
three
stewardesses and a million possibilities.
Sunday January 12th. Please purchase tickets
with Recreation by January 4th.

As of 1-9-20, the Beauty
Salon will be open
Thursdays 9a-3p.
Appointments available.
Call ext. 8575



Turn to "Channel 8" on your TV to
see the daily Activities
Calendar with any updates
for activities and
transportation!



No Limousine Service
New Years Day,
January 1st



Handicapped Parking Tags
are available for your use
at the Reception Desk!



We're Dining Out for Lunch on Wednesdays at 11:30am starting in January.

Please sign up by Recreation!

- January 8th: Miller's Ale House
- January 15th: ZaZa Japanese
- January 22nd: Outback Steakhouse
- January 29th: Athenian Greek

GIVING BACK

This January we will be helping out our furry friends at the Little Shelter Animal Rescue and Adoption Center in Huntington. Items like blankets can help animals stay warm in the winter.



littleShelter
animal rescue & adoption center

We will be doing our part by making "No-Sew" blankets on January 8th, 15th & 22nd. We will be dropping them off and touring the shelter January 30th.



On Thursday January 9th, sign up for the trip to **Commack Library for a Lecture on Impeachment: A Historical & Constitutional Interpretation**

Speed Meeting: Tuesday January 28th in the Synagogue. Come meet people and make new friends. Lively fun conversation!



PLEASE NOTE: PROFESSOR JOHN MERENDA

IS TAKING A WINTER RECESS. HE WILL RETURN IN MARCH. RECREATION WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF HIS NEXT LECTURE DATE.

Attention all movie goers!

On **Thursday January 2nd** meet in the theatre room at **11am** to select movies to play during the month of January. We hope to have all the movies be "resident request" to improve the cinema experience. Your input matters! We have already started getting suggestions on movies. **We will be having a movie party featuring resident request film, "The Irishman" on January 27th.** Part I will be shown at 2:15pm and Part II at 7:15pm. Hot fresh-popped popcorn and soda will be served!



Calling all acts! Fay J. Linder will be hosting a Talent Show this spring. Come to Recreation with your ideas. Residents & staff are encouraged to participate!

SPRING TALENT SHOW



"Cholent Chat" with the Rebbitzen
January 25th



The Commack Library will visit every other month in 2020 and will be back in February.

The Book Club will meet Tuesday, February 11th. The book we have chosen to read is "Snow Falling On Cedars" by David Guterson. Order your copy from the Commack Library over the phone and it will get delivered to the front desk.

The **Culinary Meeting** will take place on **Thursday,**



January 30th at **3:30pm** in the Party Lounge. Make your food requests heard.



2020 Calendar Reveal

The calendar reveal was a magical day. Each resident, accompanied by a Gurwin staff member, walked the red carpet into the Synagogue to Neil Sedaka's "Calendar Girl". *"I love, I love, I love my calendar girl Yeah, sweet calendar girl, I love, I love, I love my calendar girl Each and every day of the year"*. Staci Rosenberg-Simons told their stories and wise words of wisdom. The event was covered by the local news channels. Make sure to get your copy in time for 2020!

Resident Column: Sue's Poetry

"WINTER"

Summer is gone with sunshine & flowers,
 Fall was very pretty, creating pictures by the hours,
 Now comes winter, bringing the cold to the fore,
 And we shudder so much more than we were before,
 Snowfalls occur in tons plus inches,
 To clean it all up will cause aches & pinches,
 So we build snowmen and throw snowballs at each other,
 And they are aimed at Mother, Father, Sister or Brother
 It's wonderful to sit in front of the fire all cuddled,
 Our smiles go from ear to ear, our brains become muddled,
 But it's that time that is included in each life,
 And Hashem will make sure that we will all survive.
 Keep warm, wear wintery clothes & up-to-the-knees boots,
 And knitted sweaters over woolen suits,
 Enjoy the season to the fullest degree,
 Then welcome the months following with joy & & glee.

Meet the writer, Sue H., pictured below



Residents of the Month for January: Ben & Molly

Ben and Molly have a true love story. They met at the Worlds Fair in Flushing Meadows in 1940. Many countries from all over the world participated in the Worlds Fair. Over 44 million people visited its exhibits in just two seasons. It was the first that allowed those who visited to envision the "world of tomorrow". At the time, Ben was 21 and Molly was 19. Molly, born in Poland and having come to American not speaking a word of English, was so excited to be at such a special event that celebrated so many countries. Circumstance had it that Molly was attending the fair with her younger brother and they had lost their way. She stopped to ask for directions from a Police Officer, Ben, who was stationed in front of the Eastman Kodak exhibit. After finding the directions from helpful Ben, Molly was on her way. Two years later, fate brought them together once more when taking a ride on a trolley. They couldn't ignore that their paths had crossed once again for a reason! Their love was meant to be. They started dating and the rest was history. They married and shortly after, Ben was drafted into the Navy in September of 1944 during WWII. He was an electronic instructor stationed in Mississippi. Molly, now a war bride, followed him there. She went wherever he did. Molly found work at the WPA War office. But her work didn't stop there. After WWII, she became a mother and turned her focus to raising her family and her love for cooking. One of her signature dishes was her Thanksgiving stuffing. The other was her Matzo Brei prepared as a whole sheet. Even when served at dinner, she plated it with maple syrup just like French Toast. The kids can't wait for it at Passover or Thanksgiving time. Ben returned to the police force and was an officer at the 32nd precinct who rose through the ranks to Inspector. He worked for the police department for 44 years!

Ben and Molly lived in Roslyn/East Hills for 67 years. One of their favorite pastimes was dancing. For many years they were in a dance group with 5 or 6 couples. Every month they went to one couples home where they would take lessons with a hired instructor. They were fantastic. Watching them was like watching *Dancing with the Stars*. Molly and Ben have a big family stemming from their long marriage. They have been happily married for 76 years and are very happy to be living at Gurwin. To top it all off, Molly is a New Year's baby. Let's all wish her a happy birthday this January 1st! Cheers to them both and their long and happy life together, Mazel Tov!



Pictured above (Current): Molly and Ben
Pictured below: Molly and Ben on their 50th
Wedding Anniversary standing next to their
wedding photo

An Interview with Chef Rob

The Fay J. Lindner Residences are pleased to welcome Chef Robert to the Dining Services Department. He brings an eclectic variety of culinary experiences to his new role at Gurwin. In fact, Chef Robert's résumé is reminiscent of a passport.

As a young man, Chef Robert lived in Stockholm, Sweden and worked at Judiska Sjukhemmet, a kosher nursing home. He began his career as a cook and was promoted to chef within a two year time period. Chef Robert later returned to America and settled in Atlanta where he opened a barbeque restaurant. While in Georgia, he perfected his knowledge of baking and pastry arts at a highly respected local institution.

Most recently, Chef Robert served as the Executive Chef at Watermill Caterers in Smithtown and at the Woodside Acres Country Club in Muttontown. He is a food service expert as evidenced by his roles as the culinary trainer for Uncle Giuseppe's Marketplace and as a professor at the Culinary Academy of Long Island.

Chef Robert credits *his bubbee* for his career as a chef. After spending his childhood watching her cook, it should be no surprise that his signature dish uses her brisket recipe. Chef Robert is dedicated to serving high quality food to our residents. We look forward to the many delicious meals to come!



Happy 18th Anniversary Gurwin!

We had a lovely turnout in December for Gurwin's 18th Anniversary celebration. We want to express our gratitude to the Lindner Chorus for singing, especially the song "Le Chaim", To Life; a song that encompassed the feeling of the evening! It was a beautiful performance and we were all dancing in our seats! We toasted to a wonderful year and a prosperous future, snacked on some delicious desserts and took fun photos at the photo booth. Thank you to all the families and residents in attendance.

