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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

GARDEN OF PALMS

Where You Live Matters

MONDAY APRIL ART SERIES

*Make your own
beautiful creations!*

4/20
APPRECIATING
BARBRA
STREISAND

*Learn all about the woman
behind the voice!*

THROUGHOUT APRIL
LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT

ARMCHAIR
TRAVEL TO
& A TASTE OF
ISRAEL!
4/25

Passover Feast

Wednesday and Thursday, 4/05 & 06

Enjoy the ceremonies and our festive holiday seder on the first and second evening of Passover. Celebrate as we eat, pray, sing and drink along with the community reading of the Haggadah at one of our most important traditional events.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

ALICE H.



Alice H. grew up in Lyon, France with her beloved husband. This sweetheart of a lady enjoys cooking and also shopping for very classical fashionable clothing! She was a seamstress for classic beautiful couture. Alice loves to dance, exercise, and go to the beach. She is very friendly and enjoys getting to know people!



Meet and Greet
ALL OF OUR NEW RESIDENTS!
on SUNDAY, APRIL 23 AT 3:30 PM
Enjoy a delicious Berry Spritzer!



Celebrate all of our April Resident Birthdays at our

Birthday Party Lunch

THURSDAY, 4/27 AT 12:00 PM

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Goldie R.	4/05
Eileen B.	4/06
Dawn O.	4/09
Barbara W.	4/10
Janice M.	4/21

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

4/01	April Fool's Day
4/03	Nat'l Love Our Children Day
4/05	Passover (begins at sundown)
4/18	World Heritage Day
4/22	Earth Day
4/28	Nat'l Arbor Day

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Torah Studies: A Deep Dive
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Shabbat Services w/Gerry Corn:
Fridays at 4:30 p.m.
Sarah's Tent Shabbos Songs
Fridays at 5:45 p.m.
Havdalah Services
Saturdays Evenings

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 Sunday in April 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. This month, we'll feature the Netflix series *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* that follows four generations of the Ladino-Sephardic family starting in the early 1900s before the establishment of the state of Israel, through to the 1970s. Follow this family saga about mothers and daughters, shocking secrets and betrayals, and the binding family curse that follows them.

APRIL Activities & Events



UCLA LECTURE SERIES

Every Saturday and Sunday

2:00 pm except on 4/02 at 3:00 pm

Residents love it when the UCLA students come and share their knowledge with us!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

4/02, 20, 26 and 27. | 2:00 pm

This month, you'll enjoy entertainment featuring Michell the Flutist, singer Sharyn Scott, David Kaufmen and guitarist Joey Aaron!



APRIL ART SERIES

Mondays, 4/03, 10, 17 | 2:00 pm

Create beautiful Pesach Flower Centerpieces for the upcoming Passover celebrations, spring sock bunnies, and creative elemental jar necklaces.



HIGH TEA SOCIAL

Wednesday, 4/19 | 2:00 pm

Break out the cake while you sip on various flavoured hot teas. Enjoy this delightful afternoon nosh with us!



RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 4/24 at 2:00 p.m.



“

When I sing,
people shut up.”

and

“I just don't want
to be hampered
by my own
limitations.”

~ Barbara Streisand

Passover Customs

Ashkenazi vs. Sephardic



Some of the best known differences of the two dominant Jewish subcultures relate to the laws of Passover. There are actually quite a few distinctions that we think you might find interesting. Sephardic Jews may eat rice, corn, peanuts and beans during the holiday while Ashkenazic cannot. Another difference between the two involves the ritual enumerating of the Ten Plagues. The Ashkenazim dip a finger or utensil into the wine cup for each of the Ten Plagues and then place a droplet of wine onto their plate. The leader of the Sephardic Seder contrastingly pours wine into a bowl for each plague while another person pours water into the same bowl. One theory behind this practice is that the mixture of water and wine recreates what happened when the Nile River turned red with blood from the first plague. Sephardim also permit lamb to be served while Ashkenazim do not. Ashkenazic women are customarily exempted from the ritual of reclining, while Sephardic women can recline. Regarding the Afikomen, Ashkenazim will hide it so that the children can search for it while the Sephardim do not practice this ritual. While there are still numerous other celebration divergences at Passover between the two subcultures, we only had enough room to list the ones noted here.



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT
NORMA V.
Caregiver

Norma V. is known for her hard work ethic and commitment to our residents. She was born and raised in the Philippines along with her other six siblings. She came to America in 2014 and began working at Garden of Palms in 2016. She is the mother of one boy and one girl, and she has four grandchildren, too! Her hobbies include reading and watching television. Her favorite part of working at Garden of Palms is helping the residents feel comfortable and happy. Thank you, Norma, for all that you do!

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Passover Feast

Celebrate the first two nights of Pesach and enjoy a festive holiday Seder. Join us as we eat, pray, sing and drink along with the community ritual reading of the Haggadah.

Wednesday, 4/05 and 4/06
5:00 pm



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL TO Israel

Tuesday, 4/25 at 2:00 pm

Let's take a virtual visit to the Holy Land and learn all about its most sacred sites including the Old City, the Temple Mount, the historic Western Wall and Mount of Olives. Israel is also famous for its beautiful beaches, its hummus and various historical sites.

A TASTE OF ISRAEL! HUMMUS AND ISRAELI SALAD

Tuesday, 4/25 at 3:00 pm

Enjoy the two popular Middle Eastern dishes of hummus and a Mediterranean salad with an Israeli spin.



Memories IN THE MAKING





Operation Nachshon

INITIATED APRIL 6, 1948

Operation Nachshon was the first major Haganah (later to become the IDF) military operation and took place during the Arab-

Israeli War of 1948. The objective of the operation was to open the road to Jerusalem which had been blockaded by Palestinian Arabs following the UN vote for Partition on November 29, 1947. The Arabs had cut off the supply of food in an attempt to starve the isolated Jewish community of Jerusalem and force them to adhere to a severe rationing system during the siege. A 60 vehicle Jewish convoy was ambushed at Khulda in a failed attempt to save the beleaguered community on March 31, 1948. At that time, the Yishuv leader David Ben-Gurion launched Operation Nachshon, so named after the Biblical figure Nachshon Ben Aminadav who was the first to wade into the Red Sea when the Hebrews escaped from slavery in Egypt.

Operation Nachshon was the first step of "Plan Dalet" — a set of strategic guidelines for taking control of the territory allotted to the Palestinian Jews by the 1947 UN Partition Plan. Plan Dalet was intended to gain control of those areas intended for the Hebrew state pursuant to the UN Partition Plan and to defend its vulnerable borders. If the Arabs of the conquered villages were to resist, they were to be expelled outside the borders of the Jewish state. If there was no resistance, they could remain where they were, under military rule. The first orders for the operation, under the command of Shimon Avidan, were given on April 2, 1948. The operation itself began on April 5, and it lasted until April 20th. The most significant battle of the operation took place at Kastel (Qastal Hill), an Arab-controlled Crusader fortress. In the early hours of April 8, following an attack and fierce counterattack, three enemy Arab combatants were on a reconnoiter mission of the Jewish fighters and were seen by two of the Jewish troops on guard. The Jewish guards shot and killed them. As it turned out, the famed Arab military leader Abd al-Qadir al-Husseini (son of Musa Qassem al-Husseini, a former mayor of Jerusalem, and a close relative of the notorious Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini) was one of the three killed. Upon hearing the news of their slain leader, the entire Arab force defending the Kastel departed the fortress to attend al-Husseini's funeral in Jerusalem, leaving the region undefended. The Jewish military captured the fortress without ever firing a single shot, enabling several large convoys to bring some of the much needed aid to Jerusalem. Soon afterwards, the Arabs regained control of the road, and so Operation Nachshon was followed by Operations Harel and Yevusi, until the "Burma Road" was built and could bypass the Arab Legion stronghold of Latrun.



The Kastel Fortress



Appreciating BARBRA STREISAND

Born April 24, 1942
Thursday, 4/20 at 11:0 am

Living legend Barbara “Barbra” Streisand is a multi-talented American singer, actress, screenwriter, author and director with a career spanning six decades. She has excelled in every area of enter-

tainment and with sales exceeding 150 million records worldwide, Streisand is one of the best-selling recording artists of all time. *Billboard Magazine* ranked her as the greatest female artist on the *Billboard 200* chart and the top Adult Contemporary female artist of all time. She’s won two Academy Awards, 10 Grammy Awards including the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and the Grammy Legend Award, five Emmy Awards, four Peabody Awards, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and nine Golden Globes! Streisand is Jewish and was born in Brooklyn, New York. Her first professional gig was singing at the Bon Soir nightclub opening up for comedian Phyllis Diller in September 1960. Streisand also has a highly anticipated memoir titled, *My Name is Barbra* coming out in November 2023, where she tells the story of her life in her own words.

Knesset passes Law establishing a Holocaust Memorial Day

April 12, 1951

Yom HaShoa (“The Catastrophe”) is the day that Israel commemorates the victims of the Holocaust (the *Shoah*). The full name is “*Yom HaShoah Ve-Hagevurah*” which is literally translated in Hebrew as the “Day of (remembrance of) the Holocaust and Heroism.” The day of April 12th was chosen by the Knesset in 1951 as it falls between that of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising (which began on the first day of Passover and *Yom Hazikaron* (the memorial day for Israel’s fallen soldiers, and also because it occurs during the traditional mourning of the Counting of the Omer. This day is not to be confused with International Holocaust Remembrance Day with occurs on January 27.

US Declares Jerusalem the Capital of Israel

April 24, 1990

It was on April 24, 1990 that the U.S. House of Representatives acknowledged “that Jerusalem is and should remain the capital of the State of Israel in H. Con. Res. 290. This resolution was passed almost ten years after the Knesset had passed the Jerusalem Law declaring Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.



TED Talk

Judaism 4.0 - by Zack Bodner

Friday, 4/21 at 2:00 pm

Zack Bodner is the CEO of the JCC, and previously was the Northwest Regional Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Hear Zack’s perspective on how Judaism will remain meaningful, relevant and joyous for the next millennia.

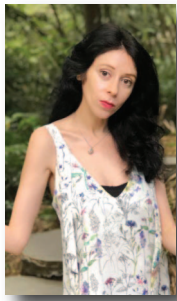


Famous Poets

Rosebud Ben-Oni

Thursday,
4/27 at 3:00 pm

Born to a Mexican mother and a Jewish father, Rosebud Ben-Oni is the author of various collections of poetry including *If This Is the Age We End Discovery*. This collection was a finalist for the 2021 National Jewish Book Award in Poetry and the winner of the Alice James Award. In 2022, Paramount commissioned her video essay "My Judaism is a Wild unPlace" to feature in a campaign for Jewish Heritage Month, which appeared on the Paramount Network, MTV, the Smithsonian Channel, VH1 and others.



Parsha of the Week

Discussions in April on
Mondays and Saturdays
at 9:30 am.

Sat/Mon 4/01 & 03

Tzav

Sat/Mon 4/15 & 17

Shemini

Sat/Mon 4/22 & 24

Tazria/Metzora

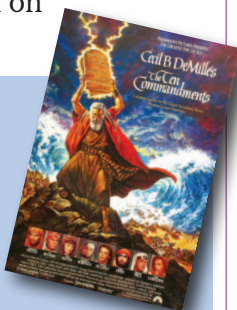
Saturday 4/29

Aharei Mot/Kedoshim

Friday & Saturday Shabbat

Every Friday, we celebrate Shabbat first with the Shabbat Meal at 5:00 pm. To close out Shabbat, we'll perform a Havdalah on Saturday evenings.

Movie Viewing of
Ten Commandments
starring Charlton
Heston on
Monday, 4/10/23



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OF THE MONTH

Oskar Schindler

Possibly the most famous Righteous Gentile

As the main character in the historical drama and 1994 Academy Award Best Picture winner "Schindler's List", Oskar Schindler is a man with whom many people of the world are likely familiar with today. Born April 28, 1908, this German Nazi Party Member is credited with having saved the lives of 1200 Jewish people during the Holocaust. Possibly the most famous "Righteous Gentile", Schindler was by no means a saint. He cheated on his wife, drank excessively, and spied for the Abwehr (the counterintelligence arm of the Wehrmacht) in Czechoslovakia. Schindler was initially interested in the money-making potential of his business and hired Jews because they were cheaper to employ than Poles. As the owner of an enamelware and ammunitions factory inside the Plaszow forced labor camp in Krakow, Poland, he employed about a thousand Jews who lived in the nearby ghetto. As time passed, he began to care deeply about his Jewish workers, especially those with whom he came into contact regularly. When the Krakow Ghetto was liquidated by the Nazis, most of the Jews were either murdered or deported to the surrounding concentration camps. Thousands of Jewish children were among these victims. There is no question that Schindler was appalled by the fate of these children, and while he may have already chosen his path to save as many Jewish people as he could, this tragedy likely sealed his determination. He used bribes and personal diplomacy to save his Jewish workers.



When Plaszow was changed from a forced labor camp into a concentration camp in January 1944, he persuaded the SS to convert his factory (called Emalia) into a subcamp of the Plaszow. In October 1944, the SS transferred these Emalia Jews to the concentration camp itself. Schindler then sought, and obtained, authorization to relocate his plant to Brunnlitz in Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, and reopen it exclusively as an armaments factory. The factory was made a subcamp of Gross-Rosen concentration camp, and one of his assistants made up at least nine versions of a list of up to 1200 Jewish prisoners from Plaszow whose skills were needed to work in the new factory. These lists came to be known collectively as "Schindler's List." Although the Brunnlitz plant was classified as an armaments factory, it produced just one wagonload of live ammunition. After the war, Schindler was permanently separated from his wife Emilie and returned to Germany where he died on October 9, 1974. He was almost penniless and lived in a one bedroom apartment paid for by donations from those around the world who were grateful for his wartime sacrifice. In 1993, Yad Vashem awarded Oskar Schindler the title of Righteous Among the Nations in recognition of his effort to save Jews during the Holocaust. His body was buried on Mount Zion in Israel, where he is the only member of the Nazi Party to have been buried there.

PASSOVER CROSSWORD

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

ACROSS

- 2 Also known as the bitter herbs that are served on the Seder Plate.
- 8 Matzah is made from what type of bread?
- 9 The Jewish service and ceremonial dinner enjoyed on the first two nights of Passover.

DOWN

- 1 Hebrew phrase for "Happy Festival".
- 3 "It is enough for us" is the refrain from the popular song found in the Haggadah.
- 4 The season that comes with the vernal equinox and is affiliated with the concepts of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal and regrowth.
- 5 *Bedikat Chametz* is the search for _____ conducted on the night before Passover Eve.
- 6 The Haggadah is recited on the first two nights of Passover and includes the narrative of the Jewish _____ from Egypt.
- 7 How many cups of wine do you drink at a Passover Seder?



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

Rena Hirsch

Alex Casimiro

Jessica Perez

Karla Garcia

Berta Dubon

Austin Turell

Michelle Warrick

Lonnie Benson

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