

The month of joy, happiness and to finish what you started



Hanukkah (also spelled "Chanukah"), which is Hebrew for "dedication" is an eight-day winter "festival of lights," which begins each year on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev.

In 2022, Hanukkah begins at sundown on Sunday, December 18, and continues through Monday, December 26. The first candle is lit on the first night of Hanukkah with an additional candle lit each night.

Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after a group of Jewish warriors (Maccabees) defeated the occupying Greek armies. The festival celebrates the triumph of light over darkness after only one vial of oil was found with just enough oil to illuminate the menorah for one day, yet it lasted for eight full days.

Hanukkah is celebrated by lighting the menorah (also called the hanukkiah), playing dreidel, singing Hanukkah songs, exchanging gifts, and eating foods unique to Hanukkah.

Hanukkah Candle Lighting

1st Candle Lighting: Sunday, December 18th 8th Candle Lighting: Sunday, December 25th

For safety reasons, we remind everyone that the lighting of candles is not permitted in residents' rooms or anywhere else in the building.

Electric Menorahs are permitted.





The Management & Staff of Hillel Lodge would like to give a warm welcome to

Juanita Hopkinson
Eleanor Lawrenson
Rita Leiner
Anastasia Ostrovsky
Max Sherman
Judith Thivierge





New Staff Members

Irina Medvedenko, Accounting Clerk Arefaine Sahle, PSW Getachew Tsehay, RPN Jannah Ubaldo, COVID Screener



Deepa Subba, PSW



to the following Staff Members Celebrating in December!

20 Years

Relais Auguste

13 Years

Marilyn Lacasandile Naomi Steele

11 Years

Georgina Asante
Julie Dubois
Venus Ubaldo
Birke Tariku
Tigist Woldemariam
Celeste Canares
Marie Thomas

8 Years

Wedlyne Alexandre

5 Years

Yared Tiruneh

4 Years

Ruth Cabeliza Connie Cadaweng

3 Years

Xolani Gumede

1 Year

Shelley Kuiack Suzie Pierre Michel Jean-Louis Pedro Tumapang Nelmarie Zipagan Jessica Stewart

Thank you for all the contributions you have made in making Hillel Lodge great!



Friday, December 2nd

10:30 a.m. - Oneg Shabbat with Joel Yan & Friends

Monday, December 5th 10:30 a.m. - Music with Roxy Swan

Tuesday, December 6th

2:30 p.m. - Therapeutic Chair Yoga with Eric

Wednesday, December 7th

2:00 p.m. - Mini Basketball

Thursday, December 8th

11:00 a.m. - Christian Mass with Father Daryold 2:30 p.m. - Sunset Singers Concert

Monday, December 12th

2:30 p.m. - An Hour with Guest Speaker **Gerry Cammy**

<u>Tuesday, December 13th</u> 10:30 a.m. - The Usuals Jazz Band

Wednesday, December 14th 2:30 p.m. - Tai Chi with Ruth

Monday, December 19th

10:30 a.m. - Brian & Bobby Ukelele Strolling Minstrels

2:30 p.m. - Holiday Mocktail Hour (3rd Floor)

Tuesday, December 20th

3:30 p.m. - Holiday Mocktail Hour (1st Floor)

Wednesday, December 21st

2:00 p.m. - Program Planning Meeting (1 West)

Monday, December 26th

3:30 p.m. - Balloon Toss

Wednesday, December 28th

4:00 p.m. - Memorial Service with Rabbi T



The Birthday Party With Evelyn Greenberg will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

The residents celebrating are:

Kay Blacker Keith Calder Violet Cutler Maria Ferrante Holly Hayes Alexander Krazesky Sylvia Laale Norah Pacey Olga Zabroda



The Auxiliary **Chanukah Party** with

"A Touch of Klez" Sunday, December 18th 10:30 a.m. In the Café

Joke Cornes

What do you call someone who celebrates Christmas sometimes and Hanukkah sometimes?

Jew-ish

THE CELL PHONE ONLY HAD ENOUGH BATTERY POWER FOR ONE DAY, BUT IT LASTED EIGHT DAYS...



THE MIRACLE OF HANUKKAH: UPDATED



The staff of Hillel Lodge would like to express their sincere gratitude to those who made contributions to our Staff Fund.

Your generosity makes it possible for staff to enjoy meals and tokens of appreciation during the holiday season.

Menu

New & Returning Items

Chicken Paprikash Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake Red Pepper & Leek Quiche Cabbage Rolls **Beef Burgundy** Turkey a la King Baked Fish Fillet & Dill Sauce **Braised Liver & Onions** Italian Vegetable Frittata Fajita Chicken Breast Chicken Marrakesh Waldorf Turkey Salad Plate **BBQ Beef Short Ribs** Chicken Toscano Herb Baked Chicken Shephard's Pie Au Gratin Potato **Beef Stew** Mushroom Noodle Kugel Pepper Steak Polynesian Chicken Lemon Pie **Bread Pudding Baked Custard** Date Square Peach Cobbler Chocolate Walnut Cake Pumpkin Mousse

Pear Coffee Cake
Pumkin Pie

CARF Canada Accreditation Survey



As shared in the July Lodge Line, Hillel Lodge received *Three-Year Accreditation in Person-Centred Long-Term Care Community.* This success is due to the commitment of our staff and partners. Together, your hard work and dedication make Hillel Lodge the welcoming "home" that is it.

The accreditation report highlighted many areas of strength that we can be very proud of. It also identified areas of improvement that will benefit our residents and staff. A quality improvement plan outlining actions that we will be taking to address these areas for improvement has been submitted for CARF's review. As part of this action plan, we will be reviewing our risk management plan, expanding our accessibility plan, and enhancing our performance appraisal program. We will also be working at sharing our quality improvement efforts in a more consistent and timely manner. Each of these improvements has the very same purpose, to ensure that the programs, services, and care we offer are of the highest quality.

Resident and Family Satisfaction Surveys



Hillel will be conducting its annual Resident and Family Satisfaction Surveys between the last week of November and early December. This is a valuable way for us to get your personal feedback. Not only do we learn where we are succeeding, but also where we can improve our programs and services.

The survey will be conducted online through Survey Monkey again this year. Residents will be able to complete the survey on their own or with the support of a staff member. Powers of Attorney for Care will receive a link to the survey by email. If you have any questions, please contact Shelley skuiack@hillel-ltc.com or (613) 728 – 3900 ext. 130.

Let your voice be heard!