

The Jewish Heritage Club of Valencia Lakes West

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A MESSAGE FROM ADDIE aunterlack@yahoo.com

I hope you are all having a healthy, safe and enjoyable summer. Although we have taken a hiatus over the summer, our Board is busy planning for the remainder of the year. Our first upcoming event will be our traditional **BREAK the FAST** dinner on Wednesday, September 19th, time TBA. Watch for more details and information on how to sign up. We hope to see many of you there where we can exchange wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.



By now, you all should have received and hopefully returned the **JHC Survey** sent out through Survey Monkey. The closing date for submitting the survey was July 23rd. Your input and feedback are very valuable and we will make all attempts to satisfy the needs and wishes of all our members. Our focus, as always, is to make members feel welcome in a warm, friendly environment coupled with interesting and relevant programs that promote our mission. The members who requested a follow-up phone call will receive one in the next few weeks. Special thanks to Barbara Silver 🙌😊 for undertaking and coordinating this task. We truly appreciate everyone who took the time to complete the survey.

Addie

A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE SCHAFER michelle_schafer@sbcglobal.net

Mark your calendars 📅 for our **Annual Break the Fast** dinner following Yom Kippur on September 19th (time TBA). Your program committee is working hard to ensure that we have an enjoyable menu that reflects many common traditions. We have received many suggestions for the evening and are considering them in our planning process.

We are, also, partnering with the Foreign Film Club to screen the movie "**The Garden of the Finzi-Contini's**" on **August 5th at 6:30PM** in the Social Hall. It is the story of a wealthy Italian family and the effect that the changing political climate in Italy from the late 1930's to the early 1940's has on them. It won the Oscar for Best Foreign Film in 1972. Hope to see you there.

A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE SCHAFER (continued)

Due to the emergency cancellation of our June meeting we are planning to bring Rabbi Carla Freedman back for our November program. In December we will once again celebrate the **Festival of Lights** 🕎 complete with Latkes and Sufganiot. 🙌🕎🕎 **Please note:** there is no meeting in October as the first Monday of the month is Shemini Atzeret and Erev Simchat TORAH. 🙌🕎

Finally, we will be reviewing the survey input as we plan for our 2019 programs. As always, whether you provided your input via the survey or contacted me directly, all ideas are welcome.

Michelle

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A MESSAGE FROM BARBARA SILVER, VP
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Several months ago, the Jewish Heritage Club arranged to allow our members to purchase tree certificates from the **Jewish National Fund**. If you order a tree through the JHC, the cost is \$14 per tree. Forms are available in the **Jewish Heritage Club Binder**. Since January of this year the JHC has purchased 6 trees in memory of our own members or a member's immediate family. Trees were purchased **In Memory of:** Jeffrey Alpert, Mitilde Cohen, Sharon Glasser, Neal Rosen, Ken White and Max Zobel. **May their Memories be for a Blessing.**

Please keep us in mind should you have a loss or a special occasion you wish to commemorate.

Special thanks go to **all** who have contributed to our current showcase display in the Clubhouse Lobby. Stop by and check out some wonderful Jewish places to visit around the world. The display theme is changed quarterly, and we hope more of you will participate in the future. Thanks, in advance,

Barbara

THE JEWISH CALENDAR
Submitted by Michelle Schafer

The Jewish Calendar, unlike the Gregorian calendar adopted by the United States which starts the day at midnight, begins the day the evening before (Erev...). The Jewish calendar was put into its current form over 1600 years ago. At that time, the Calendar Council of the Sanhedrin led by Hillel II was concerned with synchronizing the Lunar Calendar, of 354 days, with the Solar Calendar which had 365 days. The reason for this was to ensure that the Holy Days be celebrated each year aligning with the Torah. Otherwise the calendar would fall behind 11 days each year. This reconciliation added the second Adar every two or three years and added or subtracted a day from the months of Cheshvan and Kislev as required. Exactly how the Council arrived at these calculations remains a mystery to this day.

Further puzzling is why we celebrate Rosh Hashana (New Year) in the seventh month, Tishri. Unlike other major Jewish Holidays, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are not related to historical events. It is prescribed in the Torah that it be celebrated on the first day of Tishri and is the only holiday that coincides with the New Moon. This year, 5778-9, we will celebrate Rosh Hashana on September 10th. However; the holiday begins the evening before, September 9th (Erev Rosh Hashana). Watch for more details about the upcoming holidays as well as a holiday recipe in our September Newsletter.

REMINDER:



ANNUAL BREAK THE FAST DINNER
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
Time and details.... TBA



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