

# The Jewish Heritage Club of Valencia Lakes West

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## A MESSAGE FROM ADDIE [aunterlack@yahoo.com](mailto:aunterlack@yahoo.com)

As the *Miracle of Lights* is almost upon us, I want to wish everyone a healthy, happy and joyful Chanukah. May our lives be bright and filled with blessings as we light the Chanukah candles. I look forward to wishing you all a Chag Sameach at our Chanukah Program on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Election of Officers will also be held at our December program. Once again I want to thank our Board for all their effort and time throughout the year. Many thanks to Marcy Hurwitz and Andrea Goldhirsch for their service this past year. Harvey Shifrin has graciously agreed to continue as Communications Vice President while Lee Danzig, Enid Rapkin and Joanne Heit have stepped up to serve on the Board.

In response to requests for small group gatherings, JHC will plan an information meeting about Chavurah after the New Year. Chavurah comes from the Hebrew word "*chaver*" meaning friend. It is a self-directed group of people who come together to socialize and provide opportunities for discussion, build relationships and enjoy Jewish living. If you are interested in learning more about this or are already in a Chavurah and would like to share your group's success, please e-mail me at [aunterlak@yahoo.com](mailto:aunterlak@yahoo.com).

Addie

### A Chanukah Recipe **Easy Sweet Potato Latkes** (By TDSP Kitchens)

#### INGREDIENTS:

(this recipe can easily be doubled)

- 2 medium (1 lb) sweet potatoes, peeled and shredded
- 2 medium green onions, finely chopped (2TDS)
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 egg slightly beaten
- 1 cup sour cream
- Pecans for garnish

#### DIRECTIONS:

##### OVEN DIRECTIONS

1. Mix all ingredients **except** sour cream and pecans;
2. heat oven to 400 degrees;
3. generously grease a cookie sheet and drop sweet potato mixture by teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheet. Flatten slightly; and
4. bake 12-15 minutes, turning once, until golden brown.
5. Garnish with pecans and sour cream.

##### SKILLET DIRECTIONS

1. In a 12 inch skillet, heat ¼ cup vegetable oil over medium heat;
2. drop sweet potato mixture by teaspoonful into skillet, flatten slightly;
3. cook 4-5 minutes, turning once, until golden brown; and
4. drain on paper towels.
5. Top with sour cream and pecans.



ENJOY! LIGHT CANDLES, EAT LATKES, SING SONGS, SPIN THE DREIDEL & CELEBRATE  
WITH FAMILY and/or FRIENDS.

**A MESSAGE FROM BARBARA SILVER, VP**  
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The Jewish Heritage Club reserves space in the showcases at the clubhouse to highlight our Club and our Jewish heritage. The display changes every quarter. Our members are asked, at times, to help out by sharing artifacts or photos to enhance each display. In 2018, our first display highlighted the holiday of Tu B'Shevat. We followed that by highlighting the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the state of Israel. The summer showcase featured Jewish Heritage around the world with photos of synagogues and points of interest in several countries other than the US. We ended the year with our current showcase which honors Jewish recipients of the Nobel Prize over the years. If you have any ideas for future showcase displays please contact Barbara Silver at [codie0408@msn.com](mailto:codie0408@msn.com).

The JHC plants trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund. This year our Board decided to offer our members the opportunity to purchase trees in honor or memory of loved ones. Twenty-seven trees have been planted this year. If you would like to plant a tree in honor of or in memory of someone, please contact Barbara Silver at [codie0408@msn.com](mailto:codie0408@msn.com).

*Barbara*

*In Memoriam*



It saddens us to inform you that Allan Suchman, husband of Arlene Suchman, passed away.

A tree has been planted in Israel in his memory.

May his Memory Be A Blessing always.

The family has requested anyone wishing to make a donation in Allan's memory, please make it to:

**Life's Work ♦ 1501 Franklin Avenue ♦ Garden City ♦ NY ♦ 11530**

**A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE SCHAFER**  
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The Program Committee has been hard at work wrapping up plans for our Annual Meeting and Chanukah Party on December 3-at which time Elections will take place. Wright's Deli will cater our holiday meal.

What would Hanukkah be without *latkes* and *sufganiyot*?! We will sing Chanukah songs, play dreidel,

and watch a surprise performance.



Seating is open. Please welcome new members by inviting them

to sit with you. We are sorry that we cannot accept reservations or walk-ins since the cut-off date with the Caterer has passed.

Our energies are now directed in looking ahead to the New Year. The ideas expressed by you, our members, in the recent Member Survey are being incorporated to the best of our abilities as we begin to plan for 2019. You can look forward to a movie in January as well as an early celebration of Tu B'Shevat. We have a speaker lined up for February and in March, of course, we will celebrate Purim. Updates will be provided in our monthly newsletter.

*A Friendly Reminder:*



The JHC has a [DVD Library](#). Check out our website at [www.jhcvlw.org](http://www.jhcvlw.org) to peruse our collection, make your selection and [contact Addie](#) to check out a DVD.

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