

The Jewish Heritage Club of Valencia Lakes West

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Purchasing a Tree or Trees
just got easier

Trees may be purchased
through the JHC to honor or in
memory of a loved one. You
will find a form in the JHC
binder, complete it and include
your check for \$14 per tree.
Place the form and your check
in an envelope, mark it
JHC TREE and
ATTENTION
BARBARA SILVER,

A MESSAGE FROM ADDIE

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The Jewish Heritage Club was started in July 2013 and is 5 years old. Our club grew last year to more than 300 members. Our goal this year is to exceed that number as we welcome new members and our current members renew their membership. Dues remain at \$9.00 per person. You may be interested to know that for \$9.00 you get many varied programs that members attend free of charge. Your membership allows us to provide refreshments, paper goods, decorations and to purchase and/or rent movies. We are able to host a Member Appreciation Event for our paid-up members, we are able to provide an honorarium to speakers who do not charge. The JHC plants trees in Israel when a member experiences a loss in their immediate family. The Club, also, subsidizes many other programs in an effort to keep costs reasonable for our members. Some entertainers, lecturers and catered events are subsidized by your dues. We are very lucky and appreciative of all who support the JHC with their membership, volunteerism and participation. To get more involved or to serve on a committee please contact any of our Board Members. Contact information for each Board Member is provided to the left of this column.

A CHAVURAH INFORMATION MEETING is scheduled for Sunday February 24th at 10AM in THE CLUBHOUSE. If you are interested in finding out more about being part of a Chavurah, a self-directed group of people who come together to socialize and meet new people, build relationships and enjoy Jewish living, then you will want to attend this meeting. If you are already a part of a Chavurah and would like to share your groups successes, please join us as well.

RSVP's are required so we can plan accordingly. When responding, please indicate whether you are new to the concept of Chavurah, familiar and looking for a new Chavurah and/or currently a member of a Chavurah and willing to share your experiences. RSVP to aunterlack@yahoo.com.

Addie

A MESSAGE FROM LEE & ENID

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We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Gerald and Julie Banach – Amethyst Key Drive
Michael Morse & Karen Block Morse – Golden Lakes Drive
Jeffrey & Barbara Goldberg – Grand Banks Drive
Alan & Bobbie Rottenberg – Grand Banks Drive

Say "HELLO" to your new neighbors and welcome them when you see them at our programs.

A MESSAGE FROM BARBARA

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In Memoriam – our condolences to Bonnie Meyers and Hannah Pincus. The JHC has planted trees in Memory of Bonnie's Father, Herbert Barasch and in Memory of Hannah's Sister, Lillian Naftal. May their Memories be a Blessing Always.

A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE

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We kicked off the year with a Movie Night featuring “Crossing Delancey”. This 1988 romantic comedy provided a fun night that was well attended. We are planning an additional movie night for later this year.

Our February 4th program features renown speaker Baila Miller. Baila will speak about the **History of Jewish Music** focusing on **Klezmer Music**. The cost of this program is \$5 per member and \$7 for non-members. The Program Committee is working on a program to have a Klezmer Band perform at a future program.

We will celebrate Purim early this year with a Purim Carnival. Start working on your costumes NOW! Join Us for an evening of traditional carnival games and PRIZES for best costumes.

The Program Committee is always looking to the future. We are already planning programs beyond the first quarter. **DON'T PASS UP** the opportunity to join the Program Committee or contact Michelle Schaefer with suggestions for future programs.

TZEDAKAH AND TIKUN OLAM

Last year Rabbi Carla Freedman of Temple Beth Israel in Sun City Center spoke to a gathering of the Jewish Heritage Club emphasizing the true meaning of Tzedakah and Tikun Olam.

Tzedakah is often thought of as “charity”, but the reality is that it means “doing the right thing”. This fits nicely with the concept of Tikun Olam which is interpreted as “heal the world”. Embracing these principles, we can ask ourselves “are we doing the Right Thing?” and how can I act to “heal the world”. Here in Valencia Lakes both Tzedakah and Tikun Olam can be seen daily; we have several Clubs that do-good works by their involvement in the greater Wimauma and Hillsborough communities. We have a community-wide recycling program that is at work every Saturday when you put your recycling at the end of your driveway. Our very own Jewish Heritage Club participates by encouraging members to bring non-perishable items to our monthly programs. These items are then donated to our community food bank. Of course, you can always drop off non-perishable items in the collection box in the Club House.

DON'T FORGET: bring a non-perishable item when you attend an upcoming program.

“Give every day the chance
to become the most beautiful day
in your life”
~ Mark Twain



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