Park Plaza Post August 2024



One of my favorite authors, James Clear, writes on topics like... How to start (and stick to) good habits, How can you make good choices and avoid bad ones, achieve meaningful results without overwhelming yourself, and most of all, put these ideas into practice in daily life?

Mr. Clear, author of Atomic Habits, writes "Three ways to learn something new:

- 1. Reflect on what you have already tried.
- 2. Attempt something you have not tried.
- 3. Read about what someone else has tried."

You can use this month to look at the Park Plaza Activity Calendar with new eyes. What are some activities you have already been to that you enjoyed? What are some new activities you would like to try? Who can you learn from about an activity you would like to try? During these quiet summer months, let's commit ourselves to engaging in activities that improve our relationships and overall health.

Shabbat Times

August	Candle Lighting	Havdalah
8/2 - 8/3	6:37-6:57 pm	8:54 pm
8/9 - 8/10	6:30-6:50 pm	8:44 pm
8/16 - 8/17	6:22-6:42 pm	8:32 pm
8/23 - 8/24	6:13-6:33 pm	8:21 pm
8/30 - 8/31	6:15-6:35 pm	8:08 pm

Announcements

August Birthdays

Bernice Goldstein 8/10

Emily Morris 8/10

Sam Myers 8/12

Marsha Cohen 8/12

Elaine Stein 8/14

Bella Kleinman 8/16

Frank Zimmerman 8/18

Lawrence 8/22

Perlmuter

Fran Martin 8/25

Anne Yavner 8/28

Welcome to Park Plaza

Frank Zimmerman
Sarah & Avraham Brandes
Leona Molotsky
Myrna & Marvin Cohen
Phillip Rabinowitz

Condolences

Bella Kleinman on the loss of her brother

Mazel Tov

- * Bette Anderson on the marriage of her grandson
- Lee Glickman on the Bar Mitzvah of her great-grandson and the engagement of her great-granddaughter
- Mr. and Mrs. Lothar Kahn on the birth of a great-granddaughter
- Barbara Bergman on the upcoming marriage of her grandson
- Evelyn Yellen on the upcoming weddings of her two granddaughters
- Simmie Shandalov on the wedding of her grandson
- Bitsy Simon on the birth of a great-grandson and great-granddaughter and the engagement of her grandson
- Sharon Cohen on the birth of a great-grandson
- Sheila Dallal on the upcoming marriage of her granddaughter
- Mary Kolodney on the wedding of her great-granddaughter
- Simmie Shandalov on the bar mitzvah of her great-grandson



Crystal Home Health with Julie



We are well into "the dog days of summer" where the sun is bright and the weather is hot and humid. While the heat may mean spending more time outdoors, it also increases the risk of dehydration and related illnesses. Heat illness is a progressive illness that begins with minor symptoms but can progress rapidly to life-threatening heat stroke.

Here's how to stay safe in the heat and prevention tips to avoid a heat-related illness:

- Stay indoors in air conditioning or shaded areas if you have to be outdoors on hot and humid days
- Drink plenty of water if you have to be outside
- Add sodium to fluids to more quickly rehydrate your body
- Know the signs and symptoms of heat illness

Heat illness results from your body temperature rising to a dangerous level during hot weather. It usually happens if you stay in the heat too long without taking steps to cool down. Humidity can quicken feelings of heat illness. Some warning signs include feeling lightheaded or dizzy, poor coordination, cramping, and excessive tiredness.

Try doing these things to prevent you or someone you know from suffering from heat illness:

Hydrate before going outdoors

Make sure you're adequately hydrated before spending extended time outdoors. This may mean drinking plenty of fluids starting the day before being outdoors and continuing to hydrate regularly while outside. If you can't keep drinking fluids, go inside, cool down, and work on getting rehydrated.

Listen to your body

Your body will start telling you if you aren't hydrated. If you feel thirsty, drink fluids. If your body is struggling, get out of the heat and into a cool area and hydrate.

Pair fluids with sodium

Sodium is especially effective for rehydration. If you're dehydrated, pair your fluids with a salty snack or a beverage infused with electrolytes.

If you ever think that you're experiencing any of these conditions, you can always reach me by phone or see me in my office in the Wellness Center Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm and Friday 9 am-12 pm, or by phone at 312-513-4919 if you have any questions. I am also available every Wednesday from 1-2 pm for blood pressure/vitals.

From the Rabbi's Desk



It is hard to believe it is already August. The summer is going fast and the heat is intense. During the month of August, we will mark and observe the day of Tisha B'av. Tisha B'av is the saddest and most somber day in the Jewish calendar. As opposed to Yom Kippur which is a day of forgiveness and cleansing, Tisha B'av is a fast that revolves around loss and tragedy. On a hopeful note, we have a tradition that the Messiah will be born on Tisha B'av yet we are still consumed by reflection and memory

on this day. Although difficult, there is something very sacred about being able to examine our national shortcomings as we as a collective Jewish people mourn the loss of our holy temples in Jerusalem.

This year in particular we have a renewed sense of loss as we reflect on the events of this year's October 7th and the war which has followed in Israel. Although we are many miles away we feel these tragedies acutely. Every Jewish heart has felt the pain of the hostages whom we continue to pray for and the difficulty of the war. We pray that our soldiers are protected by the one above and that the violence and upheaval come to a speedy end. Our sages teach us that even our tragedies and Jewish calamities in the present day have a root in Tisha B'av. When we pray and mourn on this day let us feel that we are part of the continually unfolding Jewish story.

One root of all the suffering on Tisha B'av is the presence of Jewish dissension. When we fight between ourselves, we do not merit the same level of divine protection. It is easy to disagree politically or even religiously but we must do so as a family. If this difficult year has taught us anything, it should be that all Jews are united and we share one fate. As we come together to mourn and reflect on Tisha B'av let us keep the events of this year uppermost in our minds. May we learn to love all of our Jewish brothers and sisters, and may this be the last Tisha B'av that we fast and mourn.

Wishing everyone a wonderful month,

Rabbi Allen

Obstacle Course with Julie





Graeter's Ice Cream



















Happy 4th of July!















Happy 4th of July!



A Visit from Camp Kishronos





Volunteering with Chesed Chicago













Let's Go See Grease









Monday, August 5th

Saving Hersh - Hear from the family of Hersh Goldberg Polin @ 3:30 pm - Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, August 6th

3-part lecture with Rabbi Menachem Levine: CEO of Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov Elementary School and Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi @ 3:30 pm - Room off the lobby (Small Shul)

Wednesday, August 7th

Outing: Emily Oaks Picnic Lunch @ 12 pm - Sign up at the Front Desk

Thursday, August 8th

3-part lecture with Rabbi Menachem Levine: CEO of Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov Elementary School and Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi @ 3:30 pm - Room off the lobby (Small Shul)

Thursday, August 8th

Spelling Bee - Participate for a chance to win prizes @ 1:45 pm - 2nd Floor Aviary Lounge

Thursday, August 15th

Olympic Event with Julie: Opening Ceremonies and Feats of Strength @ 3:30 pm - Hallway outside of Wellness Center

Thursday, August 15th

Jim Schranz Civil War Songs and Stories @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room

Sunday, August 18th

The Norbert Trio @ 1:45 pm - Outside

Monday, August 19th

Karaoke Night with Angel Care Health Services, Inc. @ 6:45 pm - Room 104

Tuesday, August 20th

Still Point Theater Workshop @ 3:45 pm - Room 104

Wednesday, August 21st

Ruby Harris: A Night of Beatles Music @ 6:45 pm - Outside

Thursday, August 22nd

Olympic Event with Julie & Sara: Power Challenge @ 3:30 pm - Hallway outside of Wellness Center

Sunday, August 25th

Crook County Blues Band @ 1:45 pm - Outside

Tuesday, August 27th

Still Point Theater Workshop @ 3:45 pm - Room 104

Wednesday, August 28th

New Orleans Gumbo @ 6:45 pm - Outside

Thursday, August 29th

August Birthday Party @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room

Thursday, August 29th

Olympic Event with Julie & Sara: Final Events for Medals & Closing Awards Ceremony @ 3:30 pm - Hallway outside of Wellness Center

Thursday, August 29th
August Birthday Party

1:45 pm Back Dining Room



6840 N. Sacramento Ave. Chicago, IL 60645 (773) 465-6700 Info@park-plaza.org www.park-plaza.org