



## FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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RESIDENT THELMA SCHNEIDER ADMIRES THE ARTWORK

### RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

#### Mr. Aduino "Eddy" Paliotta

Eddy was born in Italy and immigrated to Syracuse, N.Y. in 1952 at age 24. After serving four years in the U.S. Navy, he became a welder at his family-owned business and worked alongside his two brothers for 60 years until he retired in 1993.

Eddy came to live at River Garden in 2006. He is devoted to his wife Anita and she is equally devoted to him. They have been married since 1982. Eddy has one stepdaughter, Diana Breu, a resident of Jacksonville, and two stepsons, Joseph and Mark Deferio of New York. He is a grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of three.

It is a pleasure having Eddy as part of our River Garden family.

Congratulations, Eddy!

## ARTISTS AMONG US

### AT RIVER GARDEN

River Garden residents are showing their artistic side and love of painting. Many, never having tried painting before, loved it from the start! The painting class was implemented a few years ago by activity assistant Kathleen Tufts-Stahl. Whether the resident has had a life-long passion for painting or is trying it for the first time, the painting class has become one of the most popular resident programs. To the delight of us all, residents recently held an exhibit in the Cohen Auditorium of their collective works. The painting exhibit was a huge success and we can't wait for the next one.



KATHLEEN TUFTS-STAHL AND VOLUNTEER MARCIA STROMMER ENJOY THE RESIDENTS' ART EXHIBIT.



WHO KNEW THERE WERE SO MANY TALENTED ARTISTS AMONG US?

## ACTIVITIES

FOR THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITY CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT  
[WWW.RIVERGARDEN.ORG/PDFS/CALENDAR.PDF](http://WWW.RIVERGARDEN.ORG/PDFS/CALENDAR.PDF)

BOOKMARK THIS CALENDAR.

# OF INTEREST TO ALL

## Yahrzeit Candles

Residents, are you observing a Yahrzeit for a loved one? Electric Yahrzeit lights are available. Please contact campus chaplain, Rabbi Mark Wieder at extension 201 or your social worker.

## SHABBAT SERVICES

are held weekly in the Parker Chapel at River Garden

**Friday evenings at 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**

Families are welcome and encouraged to join us at services.



**HOW DO YOU WANT  
TO BE REMEMBERED?**

**Please help create your own Jewish Legacy by remembering River Garden and our Jacksonville Jewish Community in your Will.**

**From generation to generation L'Dor V'Dor**

For more information please contact our development office at (904) 886-8432; email [development@rivergarden.org](mailto:development@rivergarden.org) or call Jacksonville Jewish Foundation at (904) 394-0720

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the following new residents of River Garden. We are glad you are here.

*Adele Granat*

*Arline Leckart*

*Linda Roberts*

*Alma Ruffett*

## BIRTHDAYS

### JULY

- 7/1 .....Betty Kizer
- 7/3 .....Monica Johnson
- 7/9 .....Norma Levy
- 7/10 .....Jeanette Rivers
- 7/12 .....Lena Cormier
- 7/13 ..... Marguerite McLaughlin
- 7/18 .....Hortense Taylor
- 7/19 .....Dorothy Boehmer
- 7/23 .....Marilyn Kauss
- 7/24 .....Bernard Peterson
- 7/27 .....David Long
- 7/28 .....Nancy Sawyer
- 7/29 .....Lorrayne Callaway

### AUGUST

- 8/5 .....Billie Janowski
- 8/13 .....Sallie Messina
- 8/15 .....Charlotte Jacobs
- 8/15 .....Oma Peterson
- 8/16 .....Eunice Gross
- 8/17 .....Esta Trickey
- 8/28 .....Minnie Weisstein
- 8/31 .....Mary Celli

## THANKS TO OUR BIRTHDAY SPONSORS!

The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation is an ongoing sponsor of the monthly birthday party. The following is a list of additional sponsors for the May party. We sincerely appreciate their sponsorship of our residents' birthday parties.

*Ms. Betty Fastenberg*

*Mr. & Mrs. Bud Goldberg*

*Mr. & Mrs. Wesley E. Green*

*Mr. Sanford M. Rosenblatt*

*Mr. & Mrs. David Schachnovsky*

*Mr. Alan Setzer*

*Dr. & Mrs. Barry P. Setzer*

*Ms. Shirley Thacker*

# RESIDENT NEWS

## B'NAI MITZVAH

### AT RIVER GARDEN

More than 20 residents, senior b'nai mitzvah students who had attended sessions of "Tuesdays with Rabbi" since January, eagerly awaited the special Shavuot service at River Garden on May 19 led by Rabbi Mark Wieder. Some of the female residents had never been called to the Torah in their lives, and the taste of equality was especially sweet. Others renewed their commitment to Judaism and practiced their skills. Non-Jewish participants were offered the chance to share readings at the festival service.

New melodies mingled with old favorites as residents sang along to tunes they had shared over 14 sessions. Iris Solomon, daughter of resident Leah Solomon, read Torah, and Rabbi Wieder chanted the Ten Commandments, as is customary on Shavuot.

At the conclusion of the Torah service, Rabbi Wieder removed his tallit and had it stretched over the service participants as he offered the threefold priestly benediction (Numbers 6:24-26).

The spirited and spiritual service was a milestone, and Rabbi Wieder fully intends to continue the Tuesday morning sessions with more opportunities to pray, sing and celebrate together.



RIVER GARDEN B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS LED BY RABBI MARK WIEDER

SAVE THE DATE

LIVING THE  
*Chai*  
Life

CELEBRATING  
18  
YEARS  
RIVER GARDEN CARE

18TH ANNUAL RIVER GARDEN  
FOUNDATION GALA  
Saturday, November 20, 2010  
Renaissance Resort  
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For more information contact  
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## I REMEMBER WHEN

BY MYRNA GREEN, *a resident of Traditional I*

Myrna Green remembers when she worked for River Garden.

"Many years ago in Riverside, I was in charge of the River Garden Hobby Shop for two days a week for two hours and was paid \$2.00 per hour. My earnings paid for a babysitter for my two sons. I instructed residents in various crafts including basketry, party decorations, sewing aprons, and embroidery. I kept the residents quite busy in those days. When River Garden moved to Mandarin, I volunteered my talent with pen and ink drawings by making greeting cards for birthdays and Jewish holidays. I have continued this project as a resident here. This is my hobby and I enjoy it so much that I hope to continue it for a long time!"

# OF INTEREST TO ALL

THE RIVER GARDEN

## MISSION STATEMENT

**To Create:** A comfortable, caring, and dignified Home for the frail elderly serving both rich and poor in excellence.

**To Serve:** People of all faiths, while maintaining an environment supportive of Jewish identity and informed by Jewish values.

**To Provide:** A wide range of quality, cost-effective elder care services in residential, outpatient, and community-based settings.

**To Act:** As a valuable educational resource in elder care for the entire community.

THE  
FAMILY CAREGIVERS  
SUPPORT GROUP

meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the River Garden Nestler Library. For information regarding this group, call Sue Leger-Krall, Ph.D. at (904) 886-8421

*Please remember River Garden when you would like to honor or memorialize your loved ones.*

*Donations should be sent to:*

**Development Department  
River Garden Hebrew Home  
11401 Old St. Augustine Rd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32258-1402  
(904)886-8432**

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# TISHA B'AV

## THE FAST OF THE NINTH OF AV

*“Tisha B’Av” (the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av), which this year corresponds to July 20th, is a day of fasting and mourning in remembrance of the destruction of the two Holy Temples in Jerusalem. Both losses are said to have occurred on the 9th day of Av, “Tisha B’Av,” although separated by some 600 years.*

The first and most splendid Temple, built by King Solomon, was destroyed some 2,500 years ago by the King of Babylonia. At that time, he took the Jewish people into forced exile in Babylonia. This loss of the Temple and their homeland could have been the end of the Jewish people. Instead, after a time of demoralization and mourning, the Jewish people evolved a religious civilization and way of life that became applicable no matter where Jews happened to live. The Jewish people had to come to understand the universality of the one G-d, at a time when “deities” were thought to change with the territory.

When Jews were allowed to return to Israel under King Cyrus of Persia, they built the second Temple, which was less mighty and splendid than the first. The disheartened returnees were reminded by the prophets that their success was to be measured not by armies nor by might but by G-d’s spirit. While many Jews did return to Israel, a greater number remained in Babylonia which, along with Jerusalem, became a center of Jewish life and scholarship and from which a great geographic dispersion of the Jewish people began.

Thus, when the second Temple was destroyed by the Romans in the year 70 C.E., the survival of the Jewish

people was not at issue. The institutions, practices and patterns which would sustain Jewish life in its diaspora had already become well-established.

Jerusalem and the site of the Holy Temples remained the one physical spot on earth considered sacred by all Jews, remembered in all religious services along with fervent prayers for its restoration among some denominations. After 1967, when all of Jerusalem came under Israeli control, it became possible for Jews to visit this site to lament, to pray, and to celebrate.

On Tisha B’Av, the most traditionally observant Jews, in addition to fasting, adopt all external signs of mourning and participate in prayer services including the recitation of the Book of Lamentations.

Interestingly, this somber observance occurs midway between the joyous harvest and Torah festivals of Shavuot in early summer and Succoth in the fall. It’s as though this calendar sequence was there to remind us that we may go from great joy to deep sorrow, but we must remain open to the experience of great joy again.



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