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## An "Enlightening" Chanukah Celebrated with Family & Friends

Each night of Chanukah brought with it a renewed sense of excitement and warmth as the Margaret Tietz family commemorated the miracles with a ceremonious Menorah lighting and joyous celebration. Eight different latke flavors (and ice cream as well), entertainment and holiday crafts with visiting Yeshiva students and a gala party featuring live music and all the traditional treats were just some of the Holiday perks enjoyed by residents, their families and staff.



In addition to all the exciting events scheduled at our facility, the Margaret Tietz Center hosted quite a few events for neighborhood seniors, including the JASA Senior Center,

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Young Israel of Queens Valley Senior League and the Young Israel of Forest Hills Senior League.



The Margaret Tietz Center was happy to open its doors to the Ziona Chapter of Hadassah, providing a festive setting for their annual Chanukah party on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Special thanks to the following businesses for the raffle prizes that they graciously donated for all of the seniors' Chanukah parties: Hebrew Book & Gift World, Main Sweets, Lilac Flowers, Annie's Kitchen, Main Street Bagels and Shimon's Kosher Pizza.





#### The Tietz Shabbos Experience



At the Margaret Tietz Center, Shabbos is not just another day of the week – we go the extra mile to create an uplifting Shabbos spirit.

Delicious and heimishe Shabbos (and Yom Tov) meals are prepared by Chef Yossi and Chef Eli, and visiting family members are always welcome to join the communal seudos. Our Mashgiach assumes the role of "Shabbos Rabbi" – making Kiddush, saying a D'var Torah and leading the Zemiros.

Residents unable to attend, are served the traditional food on their own floor. Families who wish to dine with their loved ones can accompany them in their room or avail themselves of the beautiful "family rooms" on each floor, set for Shabbos with all the necessary food, tableware, tablecloths.



#### Hosting a Sheva Brachos at Margaret Tietz

Mazel Tovs resounded in the the Margaret Tietz Center recreation room as the newly married Danny and Dalia Garfinkel were feted by dozens of family and friends at a Sheva Brachos luncheon on Sunday, January 8th.

In order to have their dear grandparents Gertrude and Herman Leifer partake in the simcha, the family chose to celebrate on our premises. The guests enjoyed watching a presentation of recent wedding photos on our large flat screen TV. Everyone was wowed by the genuine warmth, caring

and camaraderie displayed by the Tietz staff; it was as if they had married off one of their own!

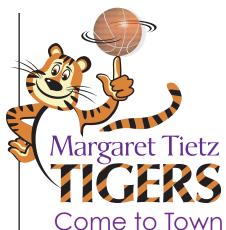


#### Daily Minyanim Complete with Youthful Vigor Inspire our Residents

As an integral part of the Queens community, The Margaret Tietz Center is an essential part of the day for many Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim students who stop by to join our daily minyan for Shacharis and Mincha. Participating Residents gain tremendous satisfaction from the Bachurim's dynamic presence.

Of course, the small Kiddush that takes place every Shabbos following Mussaf is a huge draw. When a resident recently had Yahrtzeit and requested a Minyan for Maariv, his family arranged for some Chofetz Chaim boys to come (after their Seder) to make a Minyan for him to say Kaddish. Kudos to all the Chofetz Chaim talmidim for partaking in this special mitzvah!





The Margaret Tietz Center has joined the Charity Through Sports initiative by sponsoring a local Yeshiva basketball team. In an effort to combine charity and basketball, Charity Through Sports allows teams to enter a competitive basketball league while giving community organizations the chance to benefit as well.

Aside from covering the costs of running the league, any entrance fees by the players and/or sponsors go to charity. Additionally, prize money is sponsored for the champions which goes, not to the players themselves, but to the charity of their choice.

#### Upcoming Events

- Tu B'Shvat Seder
- Local Rebbetzins' Luncheon
- **Lunch with Neighborhood Rabbis**
- Monthly Healthy Living Seminars for the Community

### State Approval to Go Exclusively Kosher!

We are excited to announce that Margaret Tietz Center is on the way to becoming an exclusively Kosher facility. Now that we have received approval from the NYS Department of Health, we hope to have our expanded Kosher environment ready in the near future.



#### Vaad Harabonim of Queens Meets at Margaret Tietz

The Vaad Harabonim of Queens, under the direction of Rabbi Chaim Schwartz, chose to once again hold its monthly meeting at Margaret Tietz Center. Three dozen Rabbis gathered to discuss the pressing communal issues of the day, and were treated to a fabulous dinner buffet prepared by Chef Yossi.

MIchael Fassler, President and CEO of Beth Abraham; Joe Seminaro, Executive Director of Margaret Tietz; Rabbi Zavel Pearlman, Tietz on-site Rabbi; Linda Spiegel, Director of Public Affairs; and Stephanie Zim, Director of Admissions; were given the opportunity to address the group about our facility's outreach efforts to their congegants and the Jewish Community at large.



#### Meet Revered Educator Rabbi Moshe Kasirer



As a Holocaust Survivor, Rabbi Kasirer is a resilient individual who knows what it means to overcome challenges and rebuild one's life from scratch. During his recent rehabilitative stay at Margaret Tietz Center, the Rehab staff was awed by his perseverance and inner strength.

He was only 14 years old when his entire family was decimated in Auschwitz – the lone survivor of five siblings and three generations. Following his lib-

eration by the British in 1945, he made it to the U.S. and settled in the Bronx. He joined the Novardok Yeshiva led by Rabbi Joffen, then moved on to Torah Vodaas and subsequently Chofetz Chaim where he received S'micha and developed a close relationship with Rabbi Henoch Lebowitz zt"l. When the high school administration asked him to join their staff as a teacher, he demurred saying he didn't know how. Rabbi Zecharia Fendel convinced him to "try it" and he's still "trying it" more than five decades later, as a beloved Rebbi of Gemara, Chumash and Jewish History.

We wish him much nachas from his beautiful family, and the best of health until 120!

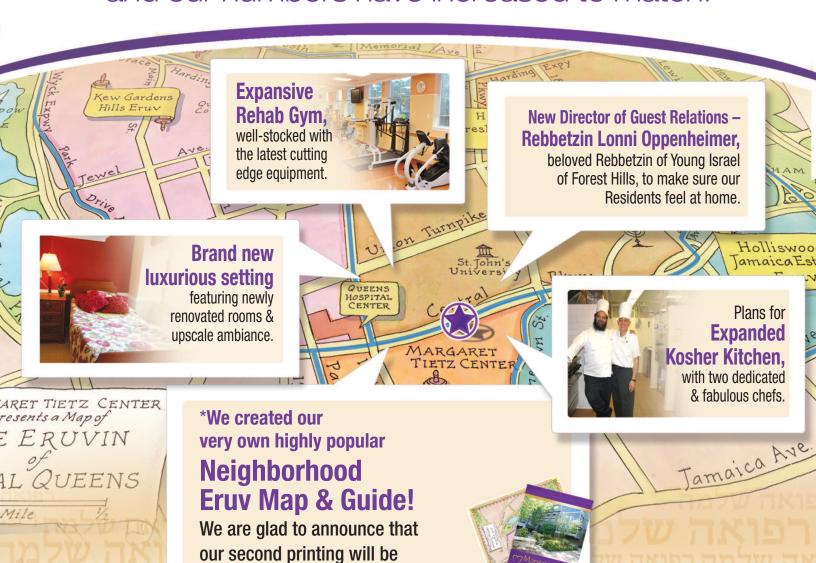
You can view the complete interview with Rabbi Kasirer online at the following link: www.tietzjewish.com/news-events/videos

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the following school groups who came to celebrate Chanukah with our Residents, inspiring all with their enthusiasm and zeal.

Solomon Schecter School • Bais Yaakov of Queens •
Yeshiva University High School for Girls • Shevach
High School • Yeshiva of Central Queens (YCQ)
• Temple Beth Sholom of Roslyn

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