

October 2021

The Oaks at Menorah Park

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Happy Autumn

Great news! The COVID-19 Pfizer booster is available to Oak's residents on Monday the 4th. Residents will be bused to Menorah Park at 11AM.

The fall flu vaccine clinic is on Tuesday, October 12th from 9AM-1PM. Sign up with Patricia. Time slots will be assigned.

Syracuse University Professor Carr and his graduate students will be back on **Monday the 18th at 2PM** to continue their discussion on **exploring fall prevention**. Please be sure to attend and learn more about balance!

Our **Mitzvah of the Month for October** is a food collection for **St. Joseph food pantry**. They accept any non-perishable food items. Please bring items to Kara by the last week in October.

Residents will be taken by bus to visit the **Menorah Park Gift shop** on **Thursday the 28th at 2:30PM** for a **private shopping experience**. Attendees are being offered **25% off purchases**.

Syracuse Jewish Family Services presents “**Emerging into the Light,**” an art show featuring works by the artists from the **M-Power U Arts & Minds** Community 2020-2021. The opening reception is **Friday the 8th from 3:30-4:30PM**. Please RSVP by contacting Alise at 315-446-9111 x240 or by email at gemmela@sjfs.org.

Larry Myer’s 100th Birthday Celebration Parade is **Thursday the 21st at 2PM** in front of the Oaks. Please be sure to join in the revelry!

Historian Cheryl Pula is educating us on “**The Last of the Romanovs.**” Please join us **Friday the 22nd at 2:45PM** in the Social Center for more on the Russian dynasty.

Our book club selection this month is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict about Hedy Lamar. Discussion will be held on **Monday the 25th at 2:45PM**. Please see Kara if you would like a copy to read and participate.

Live Entertainment

**Thursday, October 7th
2:45PM**

Daniel Fields
Song & Piano

**Thursday, October 14th
2:45PM**

Jimbo Talbot
Drum Circle

**Sunday, October 17th
1PM**

Tom Reitano & Dale Randall
Piano, Guitar & Song

**Thursday, October 21st
3:30PM**

Jilissa Vellake
Sign & Song

**Wednesday, October 27th
6:30PM**

Oktoberfest Dancers

“The **dining room** is fully open! Why not come down and join the others who are having a **jolly good time?**”

There are plenty of seats and brilliant conversation.”

-Resident Karen Keane

Staff Spotlight Keith LeBlanc

Keith is the Executive Chef at the Oaks. He worked at the Oaks from 2013-2020 and left briefly in 2020. The residents were thrilled when he re-joined us again in September.

His main responsibilities are maintaining all aspects of Kosher kitchen, training staff, creating menus and catering events. His favorite part of being a Chef is the fast-paced environment and being creative. His favorite cuisine to prepare for Oak's residents is Chinese food.

Before working at Menorah Park, Keith was the Director of Food Service at McHarrie Place Nursing Home.

In his spare time, Keith enjoys spending time with his two children, Brady and Julianna.

Remember to support Keith in the dining room which is open for dinner Monday through Saturday, 5PM-6PM and for brunch Sunday, 10AM-11AM.

Luncheon Outings

Thursday, October 7th

10:30AM

Vesper Hills

Tuesday, October 14th

10:30AM

Beak & Skiff

Thursday, October 21st

10:40AM

The Retreat

Thursday, October 28th

11:00AM

Core Life

Please note all lunches will be seated outdoors.



Chef Keith at the Oaks

Resident Spotlight John Klein

John was born on April 22, 1927 to Henry and Marlene Klein who owned a hotel in Croghan, NY. John had one brother and one sister. He spent most of his younger years working on his grandmother's farm.

After high school, he joined the Navy and served on the USS Juneau. From there, he went into the Merchant Marines sailing on the Great Lakes for 8 years. He then worked for Mobil Oil Company on their tankers visiting the Suez Canal and the Middle East.

In 1959 John left the high seas and came to Syracuse, NY to work for Mobil Oil Company driving large tank trucks until he retired in 1989.

John also volunteered for the Sentinel Heights Volunteer Fire Department in Lafayette for several years.

John met his wife Mary on a blind date and they have been married for 60 years. The couple have 3 children: John, Cathy and Susan and two grandsons.



John at the Oaks!

John and Mary enjoyed traveling to Myrtle Beach, Florida and Alaska.

John enjoyed hunting deer and leather tooling, making bags, belts and wallets.

Living here at the Oaks with Mary, he likes attending live music, meeting other residents and appreciates all the services available to him. He loves the ability to live independently.

John and Mary love sitting together outside on the Oaks front porch in the rocking chairs.