

Friends and Family

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Our monthly newsletter for
relatives about life at

**THE
FED**

Heathlands
Village



CENTENARIAN CELEBRATIONS AT THE FED!

Any birthday is a time to celebrate and have a good time, but some birthdays are even more special than others! On 14th November, we were delighted to welcome the Jewish Theatre Choir to Heathlands Village to entertain a packed audience and to help celebrate with two of our beloved residents.

The stars of the afternoon were Esther Abrahams, who had turned an incredible 106, and Ralph Black, who celebrated his 100th birthday on Sunday 18th! Songs, dancing and of course birthday cake were the order of the day, and we wish Esther and Ralph - and all our residents - many more happy years to come!



MINGLING ON MITZVAH DAY

Young and old were mixing at Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary School on 16th November, as part of the community's celebration of Mitzvah Day. Heathlands Village residents were invited to a history-themed play performed by the pupils, followed by a delicious lunch.

Bury and Whitefield Head Mistress, Claire Simon, said "As part of Mitzvah Day, we want to help others in the community, and what better way to do a mitzvah than by including Heathlands Village and The Fed."

Jennifer Berger, The Fed's Activity Centre Deputy Manager, who co-ordinated the visit with Mrs Simon, enthused: "Our residents' faces simply light up when they see the kids in school."

We've been going to Bury and Whitefield as part of Mitzvah Day for eight years now - every year we get a phone call inviting us, and it's a highlight of the calendar."



COMING UP IN DECEMBER!

Besides our regular residents' activity programme special highlights coming up include:

Chazan Muller and Whitefield Shul Choir lighting first light of Chanukah

Sunday 2nd December, 3pm, Heathlands Shul

Maxine and Brian Warner Chanukah show

Tuesday 4th December, 2pm

Chanukah Dance Night with live klezmer music by L'chaim Kapelye

Tuesday 4th December, 7pm

Concert with Barry Jackson

Wednesday 5th December, 7pm, Memorial Hall

Chanukah Party

Thursday 6th December, 2pm, Memorial Hall

Table top sale

Sunday 9th December, 10 - 3pm

Concert with Ian Jenkins

Tuesday 11th December, 2pm

Residents' concert

Wednesday 12th December, 2pm

Pottery

Monday 17th December, 2pm

Poetry afternoon with Janice and Charles Bloom

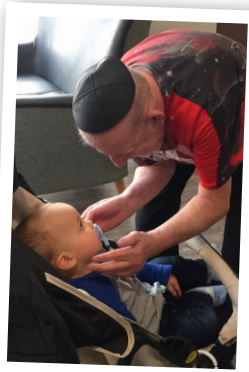
Tuesday 18th December, 2pm

All events will take place in the Activity Centre
unless stated otherwise.

A SPOT OF R & R

The Fed are here for the oldest and the youngest in our community and making friends in The Central Cafe is a common experience!

Here's 11 month old Reuben Herman - son of Fundraising Officer, Zoe - meeting Heathlands resident Raymond.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!

The Employee of the Month award for October was presented to Margaret Dunne, a Social Care Worker on our Ground Floor Residential unit.

Margaret was nominated by a relative of one of our residents, who said "Margaret is more caring and thoughtful than anyone else. She is so hard-working and treats people as if they are her family." Margaret has worked at Heathlands Village since 1979 and in that time, relatives have frequently remarked that she goes the extra mile, and how reassuring it is for them knowing that Margaret is caring for their relative.



PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE PAST

On Sunday 11th November, to commemorate Armistice Day and pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served our country, youngsters from The Fed's Children's Centre joined our residents for a poppy-making activity. The group made their own poppy-wreaths, with the children learning why we wear poppies and what they signify.

At the end of the activity, the wreaths were placed in the main reception of Heathlands Village, along with a poem and information about a British soldier who died 100 years ago - the great-grandfather of the husband of one of our staff.



HEATHLANDS VILLAGE RELATIVES' FORUM

Next meeting: Tuesday 29 January at 7pm in The Central Cafe.

Sheila Heywood, Director of Operations, will be joining the meeting to discuss food.

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