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JEWISH WAR VETERANS
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EDITOR'S NOTE: ANOTHER ABBREVIATED VERSION OF OUR NEWSLETTER. I REPEAT MY WISHES ONCE AGAIN THAT HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME OUR NORMAL ACTIVITIES IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. DECEMBER 2020 ISSUE

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QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Great work is done by people who are not afraid to be great.” ...Fernando Flores

“Aim for the moon. If you miss you may hit a star.” ...W. Clement Stone

**HAPPY CHANUKAH AND A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW
YEAR 2021**

DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jerome Kaye	December 1	Birthday
Mort Friedlander	December 14	Birthday
Allen Chiss	December 15	Birthday
Barbara & Greg Abbott	December 25	Anniversary
Judy & Jerry Bootzin	January 1	Anniversary
Lucille Thaler & Ben Zanoff	January 28	Anniversary

TRIBUTE CARDS CAN BE SENT FOR ALL OCCASIONS: BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MAZEL TOV'S, WEDDINGS, GET WELL, THINKING OF YOU AND CONDOLENCES. THIS IS AN EASY WAY TO MAKE OUR POST EXTRA MONEY IT SO NEEDS. REMEMBER FAMILY AND FRIENDS BY E-MAILING PAUL WARMAN AT CPWARMAN@GMAIL.COM OR CALLING PAUL AT 702-838-5806. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE IF THERE IS NO ANSWER. (THE COST TO SEND A TRIBUTE IS \$3.50) ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>OCCASION</u>
Mort Friedlander	Bea Siefman	Birthday
Mark Brody	Bea Siefman	Birthday
Beth Groner	Helen Groner	Get Well

L A U G H L I N E S

Two Jewish guys are walking when one notices a sign on a Catholic church that says "Convert to Christianity, and we'll give you \$100." The one says to the other, "should we do it?" The other says "NO!! Are you crazy?" The first guy replies "Hey, a hundred dollars is a hundred dollars... I'm gonna do it." So he walks in to the church, and little while later, he walks back out. The friend says "well, did you get the money?" He replies "Oh that's all you people think about, isn't it?"

A guy goes into confession and says to the priest, "Father, I'm 80 years old, widower, with 11 grandchildren. Last night I met two beautiful flight attendants. They took me home and I made love to both of them. Twice." The priest says, "Well, my son, when was the last time you were in confession?" "Never Father, I'm Jewish." "So then, why are you telling me?" And he replies, "Because I'm telling everyone."

NOTES FROM THE COMMANDER, JERRY BOOTZIN

Hello to all of our JWV Post 64 Members. I first want to thank Marvin Botwinik and Members of our Board that continued to do what they could to keep the Post alive while I was in Colorado.

I have finished my temporary employment in Golden Colorado as the Executive Director of a New Assisted Living and Memory Care Community called Golden Lodge Assisted Living and Memory Care. I took over prior to the first resident being admitted and when I left, November 30th, we had 3 residents in the Memory Care 36 apartment unit and 10 residents in the 75 Apartment Assisted Living unit. We were under CoVid visiting restrictions and stayed CoVid free the entire time I was there. I personally was tested 3 times the last 2 weeks of November and was negative in all three tests, as well as all my staff and residents that had the same result. Tests are required for every staff every Monday and Thursday with results being received within 24 to 48 hours.

My family has stayed clear of CoVid so far and will continue to wear masks and stay away from any outside large gatherings of individuals we do not know. Marvin told me that he and his Wife do not leave the house unless absolutely necessary. He orders his food online and then goes to pick up the food without ever leaving his car.

Most of our Members are older and fall into the very vulnerable and possibly medically compromised category. I am confident that all of you are staying safe and anxious to get back to a normal life. This may require all of us to get vaccinated as soon as we can. I hope every one of you agree with me as this has nothing to do with politics but your own views about the effectiveness of vaccines.

New subject: I would like to revitalize the interactions of Post's Members through whatever means we have. Later this month, I will hold a ZOOM meeting with Members of our Board and then in January, I will host a ZOOM meeting for the entire Post membership. The ZOOM APP is free and should be loaded into your computer or phone. We will be able to see each other as well as discuss matters of the day.

I wish all of you a Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year. I expect 2021 will be the year we lose this virus and can get back to helping Veterans and being able to have face-to-face interactions.

FROM ACTING POST-COMMANDER, (SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER)
MARVIN BOTWINIK

As Acting Post-Commander for JWV Post 64, I want to wish everyone a very happy Chanukah and a healthy New Year. This past year has been very trying for all of us. The world has lost 1.5 million souls to this awful virus, almost 300,000 here in the U.S. and there are millions more who are in pain and suffering. But, just as the lights of the Chanukah candles burn bright with hope, there is a light at the end of the tunnel and it is not a train coming at us but the light of a new day dawning. Hopefully next year we will again be able to meet for breakfast each month, have our picnics and parties and sell Poppies to benefit our less fortunate Veterans whose plight has been magnified significantly because of this horrible disease.

I just want to again wish everybody good health for the New Year and in the meantime be sure to socially distance, wash your hands and most importantly, wear a mask.

God bless.

Hanukkah 2020: When it is and what to know (no, it's not the 'Jewish Christmas')

Ah, yes, Hanukkah. The Festival of Lights. The "Jewish Christmas." The holiday that Adam Sandler wrote a song about.

To Jewish people, however, Hanukkah isn't actually all that religious of a holiday – though because of its proximity to Christmas, it's often assumed the most important Jewish holiday. It's not. Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Passover, for example, are more religiously observed, though Hanukkah certainly holds cultural significance.

What exactly is Hanukkah and when is it? Known as the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem during the second century B.C. The event occurred when Jews rose up against Greek-Syrian rulers in the Maccabean Revolt and drove them out of Jerusalem, according to the History Channel.

To mark their victory, Jews wanted to reclaim the temple and light its menorah, but only found enough pure olive oil for one day, according to Chabad.org. That one-day supply lasted eight and is considered a miracle in Jewish faith.

Every year, Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of Kislev, a month in the Hebrew calendar. It lasts eight nights (yes, because of the oil), and this year it's from Dec. 10 to 18.

Did the oil actually last 8 days? No. Well, maybe. The story of the oil lasting eight days goes back to ancient rabbis, who seemed to have made up the story while chatting about lighting candles during the holiday, reports *The Washington Post*. Some staunchly believe the oil story, though others are more inclined to focus on the messages/lessons the holiday teaches.

Also, Is it Hanukkah or Chanukah? Both are correct. In fact, there are many variations of how to spell the holiday's name in English, according to the *Oxford Dictionaries* and *Merriam-Webster*.

The differences arise because the holiday's name comes from Hebrew, which doesn't use the Latin alphabet. According to *Merriam-Webster*, some sounds in Hebrew don't have exact matches for Latin letters, creating the multiple spellings.

Today, the most common spelling is Hanukkah, but don't be surprised if you also see Chanukah or Hanukah, according to the two dictionaries.