



Jewish Family Services



Eleventh Annual Senior Hanukkah Party Brings Joy to Over 160 Jewish Seniors

Joyous conversations, kisses on the cheek, hugs all around, dancing in the aisles, delicious latkes, and then there was complete quiet ... and then "Ya ha deedle deedle, bubba bubba deedle deedle dum," as Viva Klezmer lit up the room with "If I Were a Rich Man."

These were the sights and sounds seen and heard at the 11th annual Hanukkah party, hosted by Jewish Family Services on December 18.

Norman Steinberger, a Statesville-native, long-time member of both Temple Beth El and Temple Israel, and loyal, philanthropic, dedicated pillar of our community, sponsors this annual event, which came out of a brainstorm 11 years ago with Bea Gibbs of blessed memory, when she served as the Senior Outreach Specialist for Jewish

Family Services.

What started as a simple idea to bring together the Jewish senior adults who Bea visited has become a significant collaboration between Jewish Family Services, Oasis Senior Enrichment Program, and Temple Israel and continues to attract senior adults who are connected with each of these programs. Usually held in Gorelick Hall on Shalom Park, this year's celebration was moved to the Sam Lerner Cultural Center in order to hold the growing crowd. Over 160 senior adults were in attendance, plus our volunteers and staff.

This year special invitations were mailed to all members of our JFS Legacy Family Circle. These individuals and families have included JFS in their legacy plans, further

exemplifying their support of and commitment to ensuring that Jewish Family Services is a viable source of community support for future generations who will face new challenges. A special table was reserved for these individuals, and allowed them to see how their vision will be continued in the future.

The Hanukkah party is one of the few times each year when isolated seniors living on their own or in long term care communities can come together and feel a sense of togetherness and Jewishness.

JFS thanks our donors and our community for their generosity, as well as specific thanks to Norman Steinberger and the blessed memories of Bea Gibbs. ☆



Henry Hirschman, party sponsor Norman Steinberger, and Leigh Jacobson.



Having fun at the annual Hanukkah party.



JFS Executive Director Stephanie Starr, Rabbi Judy Schindler, Cantor Elias Roohvarg, and JFS Therapist Nicole Levine.



Norman Steinberger and Cantor Roohvarg enjoying the party.



JFS Legacy Family Circle member Allan Oxman and JFS President Jennifer Collman.



Dancing to the Klezmer music at the annual Hanukkah party.



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Elizabeth Fox to Leonard Fox from Michael and Claudia Weinberg

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Your sister to Eric Oppenheim from Carol Gorelick

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Norman Steinberger for the Senior Hanukkah Luncheon from Marvin Barman and Sharon Taubman, Alan and Ruth Goldberg

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Alvin and Rachel Goodman from Paul and Lynn Edelstein, Milton and Arlene Goldstein,

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Howard Levine from Paul and Lynn Edelstein

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MAZEL TOV ON

Eric and Susan's wedding to Paul and Lynn Edelstein from Leonard and Judi Strause ☆

JFS Volunteers

Thank you to the following people who contributed their time to Jewish Family Services in November and December.

Volunteers: Rick Abrams, Ben Aizenman, Shari Box, Ruth Brandt, Barbara Brower, Ilene Cantor, Bill Cassell, Suzy Catenazzo, Dan Coblenz, Jennifer Collman, Sue Cooper, Andrea Cronson, Janelle Day, Myra Duguid, Sheryl Effren, Mel & Caren Frank, Robert Friedman, Gail Halverson, Robert Jacobson, Gary Lerner, Helene Moll, Frada Mozenter, Margaret Musa, Ken Orenbach, Bob & Sheila Peltzer, Ed Pizer, Debbie Porter, Roberta Rodgers, Lisa Shporer, Michelle Siegel, Harry Sparks, Jeff & Stacy Strauch, Jeff Turk, Mike Weinberg, Jan Weiner

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Food Pantry Drives: Temple Beth El Religious School, Temple Israel Religious School, BBYO

Hanukkah Donations: JCC members, Temple Beth El congregants, Temple Israel congregants, Temple Kol Tikvah congregants, Hadassah of Lake Norman members, Feld family, Moische House, 65 Senior Street

Simcha Centerpieces: Schwartz family in honor of Joshua's Bar Mitzvah

Special Recognition: Norman Steinberger for sponsoring the annual Senior Hanukkah Party, Charlotte-area teens who attended "Hunger Games" event and made Food Pantry donations totaling over 480 items, everybody who attended Jewish Community Night at the Charlotte Hornets game. ☆