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## Tower 41 Winter Update

Who says spring cleaning can't happen in the fall? Under the direction of our office manager Jackie, a floor by floor inspection was carried out right after Succos. A detailed list for each floor compiled. Examples: broken outlet, light cover broken, storage room dirty and light out, trash room door doesn't close, west exit landing dirty etc.. The list was appropriately assigned to housekeeping and maintenance and as I write this everything is being cleaned and repaired.

The whole building including storage, electrical and laundry rooms is being cleaned in preparation for the winter. We will be installing security cameras in each of the laundry rooms on each floor as a result of numerous complaints from owners about theft and inappropriate behavior. Please remember that the laundry room is not a garbage room.

Also the Aaron Kodesh or Torah Ark will be getting a security camera to prevent theft.

Spotlights on all the trees at the pool deck have been installed. We are also in the process of extending the condo's wireless internet access to the outside pool deck area. We will not be installing wireless in our lobby. Our owners deserve peace and quiet, we are not Starbucks Cafe. As usual there will continue to be wireless in the library.

Miami Hatzolah has installed an emergency CPR kit in the newspaper room lobby level. It's the big white box hanging on the wall. I will send you all the Hatzolah numbers in a separate email.

Assessment repairs are being done. The columns in the garage are finished. Elevator violations are being repaired and a deposit was given. The elevator cab refit is not a cosmetic redo but a code change demanded by Miami municipality. We have received two bids and are awaiting a third. In general the office always solicits three bids for any repair job.

The water softener unit and boiler valve units have been ordered. Fire department violations are being worked on. Our fire engineer/consultant has written to the fire dept. contesting whether all items are really code violations. We have received three bids for the outside exterior paint job and are considering our options. The social hall/front overhang roof has been redone and the work has been completed.

We ask all parents not to let their children run wild and play ball in the carpeted halls on Shabbos.

## Tower 41 Holiday Gift

Every year we ask the owner/renters to participate in the employee holiday gift fund. The amount is \$36 dollars per unit. We have over 33 employees at the tower including office, security, valet, maintenance and housekeeping. It is the norm on Christmas to tip your staff no matter where you live, and the amount is usually much higher than what we are asking from each owner. Please even if you are not presently here you can mail in your check to the office. Our staff keeps the building running smoothly year round, and a holiday gift is the traditional way of showing our appreciation. So far only about 25% of the building has participated. I am personally asking each and every one of the owner/renters to respond in a timely manner. **Address:** Tower 41 Office 4101 Pine Tree Drive Miami Beach, Florida 33140. Please make check payable to Tower 41 and put "Holiday Gift" and unit # in the memo section.



## Cauliflower Potato Latkes

- 1 cup cauliflower florets
- 1 1/2 cups mashed potatoes
- 3 tablespoons matzoh meal
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons kasha
- 4 to 6 tablespoons margarine or butter

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook cauliflower until it is very soft, 10 to 15 minutes. Drain and pat dry. In a mixing bowl, mash cauliflower to small bits with a fork. Add mashed potatoes, matzoh meal, garlic, salt, pepper, and egg. Blend thoroughly. Shape into 12 patties 3 inches in diameter and about 1/2 inch thick. Sprinkle with kasha, pressing into both sides. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Fry latkes in batches, adding more butter as necessary, until they are browned and crust is crisp, about 3 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot.

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# Hanukkah

Hanukkah begins at sunset Saturday, December 8, 2012 and ends at night-fall Sunday, December 16, 2012

The 33rd annual South Florida Chasidic Chanukah Festival is getting bigger and better. Over 10,000 people have attended the event since it was moved to Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach in 2007, and the upcoming festival set for Thursday, December 13, will include a star-studded show that is guaranteed to attract the largest attendance yet.

The festival (at Gulfstream Park, US1 and Hallandale Beach Blvd.) is produced and directed by Chabad of South Broward, leaders in Jewish education, social services and community outreach.

The festival will be preceded by a 100-car menorah parade, starting out from the Yeshivah Gedolah of Greater Miami, under the auspices of Florida Friends of Lubavitch.

Other festival highlights will include music by 8th Day brothers Shmuel and Bentzion Marcus; the lighting of Florida's largest menorah led by Cantor Rabbi Yossy Lebovics, a large lineup of community leaders and dignitaries, free Chanukah gelt and goodies for the thousands of children in attendance, as well as a delicious dinner (for a nominal fee) and scores of valuable prizes.

Rabbi Levi Tennenhaus, the event's coordinator and Chabad's program director, encourages those who can afford it to get reserved seating, "The event, as always, is free. However, in addition to our major sponsors, individuals are entitled to reserve VIP seats for \$100 per seat. This will help both the festival, which runs at an enormous cost as a service to the community, and individuals who want the luxury and convenience to sit up front with their seats reserved exclusively for them and their families." Corporate sponsors include Gulfstream Park and Casino, and Kosher Central. The event will be broadcast live around the world courtesy of [Chabad.org](http://Chabad.org). For more festival information, or to reserve VIP and box seats, call 954-458-1877

Fried food is traditionally eaten on Hanukkah in commemoration of the oil that miraculously burned for eight days when the Maccabees purified and rededicated the holy Temple in Jerusalem. Fried Potato Pancakes (called Latkes in Yiddish and Levivot in Hebrew) are the holiday favorite



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