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## January Madness

Dear Condo Owner



January is the busiest month at Tower 41. The house runs at capacity and our facilities are usually stretched to the limit. We all have to take a deep breath and call on our reserves of patience and civility. A smile or small courtesy goes a long way in dissipating and defusing a tense moment. I would just like to point out a few constructive ways of coping with the crowds.

## Elevators

Yes it will take longer for the elevator to come. Start counting one Mississippi, two Mississippi...etc. when you get to a 100 you are allowed to complain.

If the elevator is full don't try to push in. We have installed small electrical charges in the doors to zap you as you try to inch yourself in. Alternatively a message will announce OVERWEIGHT if you insist on entering.

**Shabbos** peak hours are when shul ends 11:15 to 11:30. Wait a few minutes, sit down in the lobby for a good gossip, do some people watching, use this time for entertainment and socializing. Remember what goes up must come down. Your chulent is not going anywhere.

Parents with carriages PLEASE use the service elevator or schedule yourselves appropriately. There will be a guard on duty during this time. If you comply you will be rewarded with Laffy Taffy, if you don't...you will be forced to attend a three hour class of Barney repeats for reentry.

## Homeland Security

- If you are expecting guests please let the security desk know, especially on Shabbos.
- If you are having difficulty parking next to the elevator try going further out or upstairs. Valet services are FREE for all owners use them and relax.
- Your laundry is being monitored, high jacking someone's underwear is a punishable offense. You run the risk of being waterboarded.
- Our building is smoke free. If you are caught puffing away you will be immediately restrained and a nicotine patch will be forceably applied.

So smile, be nice to one another, think before you speak and above all remember WE ARE FAMILY לרעיך כמוך ואהבתה.

## Housekeeping

We have a beautiful clean and maintained house. If we can adopt a highway, we can certainly adopt a floor. If you see a tissue on the floor do not wait to test the housekeeping staff to see how long it will take to pick up the trash, just deposit it in the garbage. We have an advanced system of fingerprints and DNA testing and we will apprehend the culprits!!!


The staff answers only to Jackie. She is their boss. Yelling at the staff or valet or security will accomplish nothing. Make a complaint in the office if you want results but remember Rome was not built in one day.

If something is out of order tell the office not your friends, they will not be able to help you. We listen to our residents and try our best to correct and improve but cooperation is a two way street. Please remember to change your A/C filters and blow out your system. If you cannot be present the office will do it for you if you call them.

Our pool is not a cafeteria or lunch room. There will be zero tolerance for food leftovers strewn around the pool. Please use the far shade area opposite the restaurant. The garbage can is there for a reason! Water bottles, coffee cups belong in the garbage not in our pool. Offenders will be issued brooms and dust pans and be forced to sing "The chimney sweep song Chim Chimeree from Mary Poppins" twice a day dressed in aprons.

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## Shabbath Candle Lighting Times

01/18/13	Candles 5:35PM Havdala 6:36PM
01/25/13	Candles 5:40PM Havdala 6:41PM
02/01/13	Candles 5:45PM Havdala 6:46PM
02/08/13	Candles 5:51PM Havdala 6:51PM
02/15/13	Candles 5:55PM Havdala 6:56PM

## Tu B'Shevat and Shabbos Shira are together this year on January 26th

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th of Shevat on the Jewish calendar—celebrated this year on Shabbat, January 26, 2013—is the day that marks the beginning of a “New Year for Trees.” This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

Legally, the “New Year for Trees” relates to the various tithes that are separated from produce grown in the Holy Land. These tithes differ from year to year in the seven-year *shemittah* cycle; the point at which a budding fruit is considered to belong to the next year of the cycle is the 15th of Shevat.

We mark the day of Tu B'Shevat by eating fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. On this day we remember that “man is a tree of the field” (Deuteronomy 20:19) and reflect on the lessons we can derive from our botanical analogue.



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# Shabba Shirah

## The Sabbath of Song

The Shabbat on which the parsha of Beshalach is read is called Shabbat Shirah, because it contains the song sung by Israel after the splitting of the Red Sea.

Moshe and the people of Israel sang this song in perfect faith. They sang not because of the impact and impression of the miracles they had seen. And the Midrash records that “the Israelite handmaiden at the Sea saw what Yechezkel ben Booz (a great Prophet of Israel) did not see in his Vision of the “Chariot” (a mystical vision in which the Prophet was allowed an unusually close “view” of G-d and the Angels).” That emotion, which comes from a momentary impression, is transitory, whereas true faith is enduring.

No creature ever uttered a more beautiful song to God than this one. The song is therefore, beloved to Israel. They recite it daily, and they read it from the Torah publicly on one Shabbat each year, and on the Seventh Day of Pesach - when we commemorate the Miracle of the Splitting of the Red Sea - with a special melody, and with great rejoicing. Some follow the custom of standing when it is read. Special honor is accorded this Shabbat and it is crowned by a special name: “Shabbat Shirah” (“The Sabbath of Song”). (OU.ORG)

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