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December Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

APT#	NAME	DATE
504	GILDA DE LA CALLE	3-DEC
1012	SILVIA CHETRIT	4-DEC
610	RITA HOBERMAN	5-DEC
2502	SAMANTHA HARLAP	8-DEC
902	JAVIER CARCACHE	10-DEC
601	FRANK HUGHLEY	13-DEC
1904	JASON HARDI	15-DEC
205	OKSANA ROMANIUK	18-DEC
1707	SOFIYA SORKIN	19-DEC
2006	JOANA PETROVA	19 - DEC
912	CAITLIN POLIZANO	23-DEC
2406	WHITNEY MONROE	25-DEC
711	MEYER KESLASSY	28-DEC
1710	YEFIM PLOTKIN	28-DEC
1007	KLAVDIA KRUGOLETS	29-DEC
401	RAFAEL DE VARONA	31-DEC



ANNIVERSARIES

JACQUELINE & HERMAN HIRSCH	20-DEC
ZORAIDA & JUAN ROMERO	20-DEC
IZABELLA & ARKADIY UVAYDOV	16-DEC

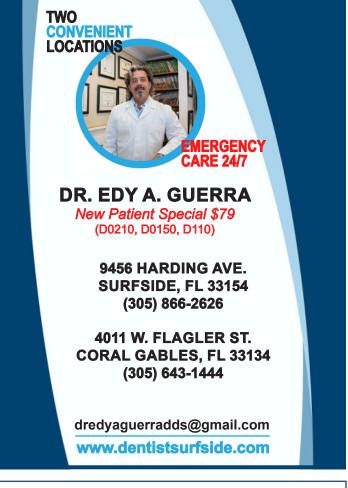
WHAT IS CHANUKAH?

In 2nd century BCE, in an effort to pull Jews away from Judaism and adopt the Greek culture – Hellenism, the Syrian-Greek regime of Antiochus outlawed aspects of Jewish observance, including the study of Torah, which began to decay the foundation of Jewish life and practice. In response, a band of Jewish settlers took to the hills of Judea in a revolt against this threat to Jewish life. Led by Matitiyahu, and later his son Judah the Maccabee, this small band of devout Jews led guerrilla warfare against the Syrian army. Antiochus sent thousands of well-armed troops to crush the rebellion, but the Maccabees succeeded in driving the foreigners from their land.

Jewish fighters entered Jerusalem in December, 164 BCE. The Holy Temple was in shambles, defiled and desecrated by foreign soldiers. They cleansed the Temple and rededicated it on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev. When it came time to re-light the Menorah, they searched the entire Temple, but only one small jar of oil bearing the pure seal of the High Priest could be found. Miraculously, the small jar of oil burned for eight days, until a new supply of oil could be brought. From then on, Jews have observed a holiday for eight days in honor of this historic victory and the miracle of the oil. Today, the observance of Chanukah, meaning "dedication" features the lighting of a special Chanukah menorah with eight branches

(plus a helper candle), adding one new candle each night. Other customs include spinning the dreidel (a top with Hebrew letters on the sides), eating "oily" foods like potato latkes (pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly donuts), and giving Chanukah gelt (coins) to children.





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Smoked Salmon Dip

Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 6 ounces smoked salmon, chopped
- ½ cup capers, or to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion (Optional)
- 1 ½ teaspoons chopped fresh dill
- ½ cup heavy whipping cream
- 3 dashes Worcestershire sauce
- 3 drops hot pepper sauce
- 1 squeeze fresh lemon juice

Directions

- Process cream cheese in a food processor to soften completely.
- Add smoked salmon, capers, green onion, dill, cream, Worcestershire sauce, hot pepper sauce, and lemon juice. Process the mixture again until creamy and smooth.
- Serve with crackers & vegetables.



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