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Discover our very radiant Volunteer Activities and Quality & Risk Management Coordinator, Renan Passatore's multifaceted role and explore how his diverse responsibilities contribute to various aspects of Louis Brier Home & Hospital in this edition of Snider Schmooze.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dr. David Keselman

Hello and welcome to this edition of the Snider Schmooze. As we step into the final month of the year, we are filled with a sense of reflection and gratitude. This December, let us prioritize connections. Reach out to friends and family. Share stories, laughter and the warmth of companionship. In a world that can sometimes feel fast-paced, the simple act of connecting with one another can be a source of joy. In the spirit of giving, also consider extending acts of kindness to those around you. Small gestures can have a profound impact.

To each person who attended the 2023 LBHH & WR Masquerade Ball, your presence was the highlight of the evening. I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for such fantastic and memorable event. It was filled with lively conversations, great company and tons of fun on the dance floor. A big thank you to the Employee Recognition and Social Event Committee for organizing this. We had an amazing time! I look forward to the next opportunity for the Snider Campus community to gather and celebrate together.

Hanukkah is around the corner: December 7th – 14th. It is a time of celebration, family and traditions. It holds a significant place in Jewish culture as a symbol of resilience, religious freedom and the enduring light of faith. In the warmth of the menorah's flames, let us come together as a community.



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

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Whether you are lighting the candles with our residents, at home, joining a virtual celebration or sharing traditional foods with loved ones, may the spirit of togetherness brighten your Hanukkah festivities.

Thank you for being an integral part of LBHH & WR's journey in 2023. Your contributions have enriched our community in countless ways. We expect 2024 to be a year filled with exciting opportunities, events and initiatives. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming projects and events designed to enhance the well-being and vibrancy of the Snider Campus. May the new year bring everyone good health – both physical and mental, success and moments of profound connection. Here's to a year filled with hope and growth.

If you have any thoughts, suggestions or simply want to connect, please do not hesitate to reach out: info@louisbrier.com. We value your input and cherish the connections we have built. Your support fuels our passion and drive to continue being a centre of excellence that provides exemplary resident and family-centred care.



DR. DAVID KESELMAN, MN, DHA, CHE, RN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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LOUIS BRIER BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH MLA MICHAEL LEE

Dina Schweber, our Board Chair, and Bev Davis, our first Vice-Chair, had the pleasure to represent LBHH in an open house and holiday party at the MLA Michael Lee's riding office. Michael has been a longtime friend and supporter of Louis Brier.

Multiple representatives from local and diverse communities were in attendance along with lay leadership from the Jewish Federation, Jewish Seniors Alliance and the Ronald Roadbourg Foundation

As part of his speech, Michael reiterated his strong support for the Jewish community and the State of Israel, condemning the Hamas organization and acknowledging the difficult times that the Jewish people are experiencing around the world and in our own backyard.

Michael stated that he will be visiting the residents and staff of LBHH soon.



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RECREATION

CHANUKAH: EVENING OF DECEMBER 7TH TO NIGHTFALL OF DECEMBER 8TH

This year Chanukah, the festival of lights, begins on the eve of Thursday, December 7th and ends on Friday, December 15th at nightfall. The word Chanukah means "dedication" in Hebrew and refers to the rededication of the Holy Temple. One of the most important observances during this holiday is the nightly menorah lighting, acknowledging the miracle of the oil that lasted for 8 days. Individuals celebrate this holiday by eating foods cooked in oil, such as sufganiyot (jelly donuts) and latkes, ce play dreidel during this holiday season.

December 7th:

Chanukkah Performance with the Tzimmes Trio followed by lighting of the first candle, and later that evening a special performance – Chanukahspiel – The Maccabees go to Broadway: The Chanukah story in Showtunes – by Chaplain Rob.

December 8th:

Chaunukah themed Shabbos and Oneg Shabbat by Cantor Steve Levin.

December 10th:

A visit and special performance by the Beth Israel Hebrew School.

December 11th:

A Chanukah Special Vigil lead by Chaplain Rob. Dreidel making for all Residents, staff, family, companions and students.

December 12:

Louis Briers Third Annual Dreidel Tournament – all are welcome.

December 13:

A Taste of Chanukah with a special performance by the Sulam Band and sufiyganots and latkas for Residents, Staff, Family, Companions, and Students.

December 14:

A special Temple Sholom Tea and Performance by Shani Cohen followed by the lighting of the last candle.

December 15:

Another Chaunukah themed Shabbos and Oneg Shabbat by Cantor Steve Levin to wrap up the holiday.

COMING SOON!

Multi-Sensory Room Coming Soon!

The Recreation Supervisors have been working diligently to design and install Louis Brier's first ever Multi-sensory Room.

What is a Multi-Sensory Room anyways? It is an environment designed to arouse the primary senses in a safe space for a relaxing and enjoyable experience, where there are no intellectual requirements for participation.

Multi-sensory room interventions are well researched, evidence-based and are an alternative, non-pharmacological approach to managing some behaviours and increasing positive experiences by way of pleasantly stimulating the visual, auditory, olfactory, taste, and tactile functioning of Residents.

These interventions also offer an alternative to programming for those Residents who are unable to fully participate in traditional type activities. Residents can just relax and be, taking in the magic of their surrounding.

We have created a space that has incorporated both a land and sea experience with pleasant visualizations, sounds, smells, and textures. The multi-sensory room houses a variety of sensory items including: fiber optic lights, a faux living wall, colourful fish in our glowing fish tank, projectors with starlight visualizations/nature images, Bubble tubes, aroma therapy diffuser, and a variety of tactile items, etc.

We look forward to our grand opening schedule for January. More details to come!

Visit **louisbrier.com/recreationcalendar** for this month's Recreation Activities schedule

For questions and concerns, contact us: recreationleaders@louisbrier.com







For more photos and videos of our Resident activities, follow us on our social media channels:





CHANUKAH

All Events Will Be Held In The Homeside Lounge

Thursday, December 7 Tzimmes Trio Performance - 3pm

The Maccabees Go to Broadway: The Chanukah Story in Showtunes - 7pm

Friday, December 8 Chanukah themed Oneg Shabat with Cantor Steve Levin - 2:30pm

Sunday, December 10

Beth Israel Hebrew School's Chanukah Concert - 10am

Monday, December 11 Dreidel Making Workshop - 10am

Tuesday, December 12 Dreidel Tournament - 10am

Chanukah Special Vigil - 2pm

Wednesday, December 13

Taste of Hanukkah & Sulam Band Performance - 2pm

Thursday, December 14

Temple Sholom Tea - 2pm

Cantor Shani Cohen Performance - 3pm

Friday, December 15

Chanukah themed Oneg Shabat with Cantor Steve Levin - 2:30pm

Q #LouisBrierSpotlight

I am Brazilian-born, with Italian heritage, a Filipino heart and the eldest of two siblings. My professional journey began at the age of 14, when I started my internship assisting a Public Relations agency with their annual career exploration event. In 2014, I chose Canada as my home when I moved to Toronto to learn English and in 2019, I finished my Special Events Management Degree at George Brown College (Toronto), with concentrations in HR, Employee and Volunteer Recruitment and Event Planning & Logistics.

I moved from Toronto to Vancouver in 2021 to join Louis Brier Home & Hospital (LBHH). Currently, I am the Coordinator for Volunteer Activities and Quality & Risk Management (QRM). My role involves recruiting volunteers for one-to-one and group activities, fostering community reintegration post-pandemic through partnerships with the Louis Brier Foundation, King David High School and their Jazz Band, Richmond Jewish Day School, Vancouver Talmud Torah School, Congregation Beth Israel, Community Kollel, Vancouver Symphony Youth Orchestra, Vancouver Music School, Richmond Music School Society, Letter For Rose BC, and many more.



Renan

Volunteer Activities and Quality & Risk Management Coordinator

As QRM Coordinator, I work closely with all departments at LBHH with all nature complaints (not HR related), incident reports, quality indicator data collection, hospital trackers, Accreditation, and special projects, like the recently concluded Masquerade Ball. My diverse role also extends to overseeing the Kosher Corner Cafe and Marketplace at Louis Brier—a space supporting residents, families, and the community.

I also serve in different committees such as: Integrated Quality and Resident Safety, Infection Prevention and Control, Emergency Preparedness (Co-Chair), Ethics Committee, Occupation Health & Safety, and Employee Recognition & Social Event.

Louis Brier ignited another passion in me: Dragon Boat racing. I am currently leading our Brier Fire Team! By the way, we're looking for new paddlers for the 2024 season, so feel free to contact me for more information.

I love working here and who I work for, the residents. Each month at Louis Brier unfolds a new chapter of professional and personal growth.



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Celebrate

Thursday, December 7 Chanukah Party with Roberto Risman - 2:15pm

Friday, December 8 Chanukah Tea with Vanessa - 2:30pm

Monday, December 11 Chanukah Music with Chaplain Rob - 11:00am

Chanukah Baking - 2:30pm

Tuesday, December 12 Chanukah Concert with Nomi & Debby Fenson - 2:15pm

Wednesday, December 13 Chanukah-Themed Happy Hour with Caricaturist Ted Couling - 4:00pm



Join us for the lighting of the Chanukiot candles daily at 5pm

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#LouisBrierLife Day

The 18th of Every Month



The "Louis Brier LIFE Day" is intended for everyone to demonstrate their pride in Louis Brier Home and Hospital & Weinberg Residence and everything that we stand for – our Mission, Vision and Values – and to celebrate CHAI (LIFE)!

We will be celebrating "Louis Brier LIFE Day" on the 18th of every month!

We encourage everyone wear their new LBHH **Royal Blue Outfit** and/or blue clothing/accessories to demonstrate their pride in the exemplary care we provide to our Residents and patriciate in some fun activities to celebrate CHAI (LIFE)!

Join Now!

Acknowledge individuals within our community that embody the LBHH&WR "CHAI" Values, visit: bit.ly/recognitiontree

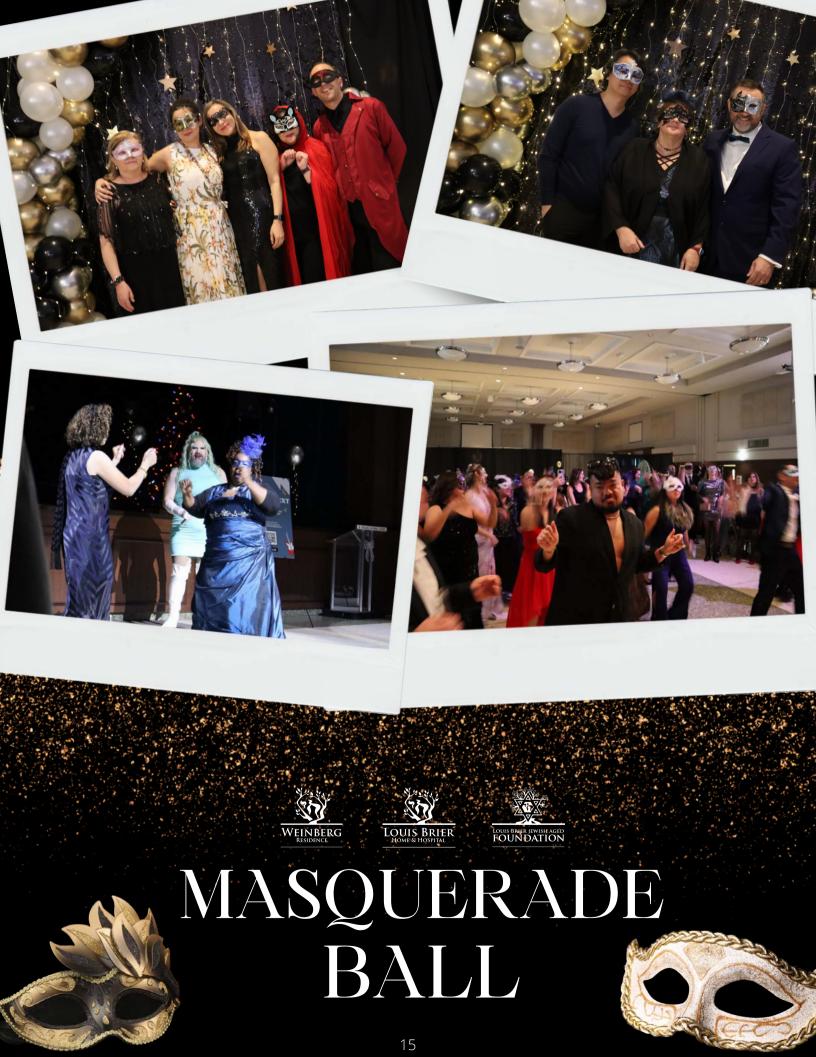


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Volunteer Program



Bring joy and make a meaningful impact! Join our volunteer program at our Long-term care facility and support our beloved residents. Your contribution is vital in creating a vibrant and caring community.

By becoming a volunteer, you'll create priceless moments of companionship and brighten the lives of those we cherish. It's a chance to give back to our community and make a lasting difference. Gain personal fulfillment and build connections that warm your heart.



Step forward, be the light that illuminates lives! Sign up now and become a valued member of our volunteer family. Together, let's create a world of love, laughter, and support!

Sign up now by visiting louisbrier.com/volunteer-program or by sending an email to our Volunteer Coordinator, Renan Passatore, at rpassatore@louisbrier.com



FAMILY COUNCIL

The Family Council at Louis Brier Home and Hospital

Established in 2016, Family Council is an independent and voluntary body of family members, caregiver friends, and legal representatives of residents. Our primary focus is to advocate for the delivery of quality resident and family centered care.

Family Council is governed by an elected Executive Council guided by its Terms of Reference. It provides family members leadership opportunities in several capacities. It works in collaboration with the Louis Brier senior leadership team to review and discuss relevant opportunities to enhance the residents' experience. Family Council meets monthly to provide updates from senior leadership, Louis Brier Home and Hospital committees, educational workshops, and works together as a solution-focussed advocacy group.

Connect with us: https://www.uscamingcouncil@gmail.com

Check out our Family Portal: http://louisbrier.com/family-portal

We welcome all families and hope that you will take the opportunity to get involved.

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Invitation to Family Council's next meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended our November Family Council Meeting!

Minutes to be approved at our next meeting are attached.

LBHH Family Council will be taking a break over December.

However, on December 14, we are invited to a special educational session hosted by Vancouver Coastal Association of Family Council (VCAFC)

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ec	are thrilled to offer this educational session in lieu of a ember meeting. Ian Johnson, our facilitator, will take us ough elements of Appreciative Inquiry which can transform effectiveness of your Family Council's narrative.
Ö	1:00 - 2:00 PM PDT
6	Thursday, December 14 2023
	Virtually Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/860 52504202?pwd=eFRyd1F0Wm pjK21YZCs1VS9Ud3M4d209 Meeting ID: 860 5250 4202 Passcode: 394973 Dial by your location

Our Family Council continues to work towards in person meetings in 2024.

We'll begin integrating in person meetings once the weather starts to improve, early Spring.

Invitation to Family Council's next meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2024

For our first 2024 meeting, we will meet virtually: **Louis Brier Family Council Meeting:** Time: Jan 18, 2024 7:00 – 8:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 186079 Find your local number: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcvIRHZT8W</u>

Documents Attached:

DRAFT Minutes of the November 2023 Meeting LBHH Contact List for Families: "Who Do I Ask?" Family Council Terms of Reference Family Council Code of Conduct Family Council Executive

Let us know what type of presentation and/or topics you would like us to include in our meetings. We leave time for personal sharing. Many personal stories are shared, which often are commonly experienced.

With our collective experiences, many well-thought-out ideas and solutions emerge. In turn, we are able to bring these suggestions to Senior Leadership for their consideration.

"Peer Support Corner"

Please share a resource that has helped you: https://doi.org/10.1616/jourcel@gmail.com

Action For Residential Care Reform (ARRC) has been presenting a webinar series entitled: Quality of Life in Long-term Care – What Will It Take? Look forward to their next webinar, January 10 at 7PM.

Strengthening LTC Communities from Within – Residents and Families. Make A Difference with What They Have – Their Voices

Click here to be added to their mailing list: <u>Member Mailing List</u> Watch the recordings at your leisure: <u>https://arrcbc.ca/issues.html</u>

Invitation to Family Council's next meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2024

Continue your advocacy and support for improved long-term care in BC:

Get to know your regional association of family councils: Vancouver Coastal Association of Family Councils (VCAFC)

Email: <u>vcafc.regional@gmail.com</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/VCAFC</u>

We look forward to meeting you January 18, 2024!

Family Council Executive

Lisa Dawson, Co-Chair Fran Harrison, Co-Chair Cassandra Siebel, Co-Chair Evan Sahmet, Vice Co-Chair Rahim Meghji, Treasurer



SPIRITUAL CARE CORNER

HAZZAN ROB MENES

Chanukah begins on Thursday evening, December 7th. While the best known of the Jewish holidays by the general public, it is not the most important to the observance of the religion. There are few requirements, and it is filled with food, song, and joy. However, it is also filled with meaning.

Chanukah is a holiday celebrating the outward expression of Judaism. We are exhorted to publicize the miracle of the lights and be joyous for eight days. In the midst of darkness, in the midst of winter, we say 'light the lights.' It is a statement of defiance. Surrounded by other cultures and other traditions, we say 'we are here.' We will shine our light and we will not be quiet.

Although Chanukah is the Festival of Lights, it really is the celebration of the resistance to assimilation and the rededication of the Temple during the time of Greek rule over Israel. It is the time to reclaim the joy of the Jewish traditions. Jews are not alone in struggling to maintain values and traditions, but our history enables us to resist oppression wherever it may be. Louis Brier Home and Hospital and the Weinberg Residence stand as testaments to both the resistance to assimilation, and acceptance of the reality to adapt. As the only Jewish long term care facility in Vancouver Coastal Health, we stand as the light and the hope. We are a Jewish home, yet we embrace people of all faiths and we care for them physically and spiritually. Our strength – our values – does not depend on separation or exclusion. It thrives on the ability to help all people and demonstrate what repairing the world means.

Let us all celebrate Chanukah and appreciate the freedom to express our spirituality fully!



HAZZAN ROB MENES CHAPLAIN



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COMPANION PROGRAM

We are here for you!

Did you know that Louis Brier Home & Hospital and Weinberg Residence offer an in-house Companion Program? We understand the needs of your family and loved-ones and we are here to assist in enhancing their personal and social wellbeing. Our in-house companion program provides added quality support at a reasonable rate. For more information, please contact:

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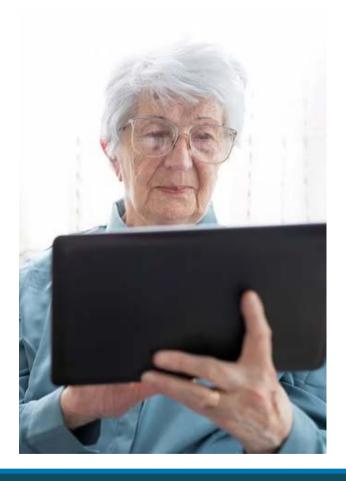
Book your Virtual Visit

Please, use the link https://louisbrier.com/virtualvisit/ and follow the instructions on our website. We encourage families and friends to visit their loved ones in person at LBHH, and the Virtual Visit Program is focused on supporting those living in faraway cities, provinces and countries.

Each Virtual Visit is 15 minutes long with 5 minutes in between so staff can relocate between rooms and nursing units.

The program runs every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 09:30 am to 11:15 am. It does not run during Holidays, weekends and long weekends.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us at info@louisbrier.com or call +1 604-261-9376 if vou have any questions or concerns.



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