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Students Celebrate *Hanukkah* with Local Seniors

A group of San Diego students will celebrate Hanukkah in a very unique way by visiting with local seniors in an effort to give back to their community.

Fourth graders at San Diego Jewish Academy (SDJA) will visit seniors at Vi Living in University City on Friday, December 16, to celebrate *Hanukkah* and give back to their community. The event will be held in collaboration with Jewish Family Services' Friendly Visitor Program, which provides isolated and homebound Jewish individuals with friendship matches, and SDJA's *Tikkun Olam* Project, which teaches students the importance of acting compassionately to make the world a better place.

"We are excited to be part of this event as it helps our students perform *Tikkun Olam*, which means repairing the world," said Shani Abed, SDJA's lower school Judaic director. "This event is a unique way to celebrate *Hanukkah* as it brings different generations together and allows the older Jews to celebrate *Hanukkah*, whereas they may not be able to due to mobility challenges."

The students and their older friends will light the *menorah*, sing holiday songs, recite the blessing over the traditional holiday food and provide a short explanation about the meaning of *Hanukkah* and the traditions associated with the holiday. The SDJA students are also preparing gift bags with hand-written holiday cards and traditional foods, which they will cook at the event. The bags are being filled as part of a fundraiser at the school.

DETAILS:

Date: Friday, December 16, 2011

Time: 10:45 am

Location: Vi Living, 8515 Costa Verde Blvd., San Diego, CA 92122

If you would like to attend this event, please contact Joshua Nunn at (619) 302-4694 or jnunn@sdja.com.

About SDJA:

San Diego Jewish Academy offers infants to high school seniors a unique environment that challenges students to achieve their full academic potential and become individuals of strong character, while inspiring them to make Judaism a vital and relevant aspect of their lives.

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