Snacking Fare

Delicate take heed. The Center snack bar, with its tempting assortment of cream pies, layer cakes and fresh pastries, is enough to tempt anyone's palate. Of course you can, in good company, meet daily to trade stories over coffee or doughnuts. Still others treat the snack bar as an outing in itself, a place to bring their guests or buy ice cream for the small fry.

The snack bar was not always so popular. Those familiar with the Center before the new wing was added in 1963 may recall the original cafeteria, a modest enterprise tucked away in a small room of the old wing. The cafeteria was functional but little offered. Cen

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Snack Bar regulars (left) Betty Rubenstein takes her afternoon "high tea" with light pastries. (right) Sam Markowits and Paul Levinson stop in for breakfast at the bar.

MRS. SEDER CELEBRATES 102

While Gertrude Seder's birthday cake, the inspiration of Anita Back, from the RCJS Dietary Department, didn't last long, our wishes for her continuing good health remain.

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Few will ever attain the honor, and fewer still deserve it more than Gertrude Seder, guest of honor at a recent Center party celebrating her 102nd birthday. The occasion was cause for a generous turnout of residents, staff, friends and family, who crowded into the fourth floor dining room to pay tribute to this much-admired woman.

Mrs. Seder, a tiny figure nearly overwhelmed by two festive corsages, gifts from her family and the Center, smiled a welcome to her many guests while reserving for closest friends the warm handclasp that is her special trademark.

The bright room captured the spirit of the day, amply transformed by Activities staff into a gala center of bright paper streamers and colored balloons. The walls carried birthday greetings, shaped from shiny foil letters, and an enormous white cake, piped with blue and white rosettes, echoed everyone's good wishes—"L'Chaim Gertrude 102."

On hand for the celebration were Mrs. Seder's youngest son Jerome, a member of Riverview Center's board of directors in the 1930s and now a life trustee, and her granddaughter Miriam.

Commenting on the festivities, Mr. Seder observed that "coming to Riverview Center eight years ago was the best thing that's happened to her. Nothing we could do for her at home compares with the attention she receives here."

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Following the death in 1924 of her husband Isaac Seder, founder of what was once Pittsburgh's largest downtown department store and a highly respected philanthropist, Mrs. Seder continued to work.

Among her contributions to the Pittsburgh community are the Isaac Seder Education Center, located in the Jewish Community Center on Bellefield Avenue, and the outpatient clinic at Montefiore Hospital, both dedicated to the memory of her husband. In addition, she donated the Abraham Friberg Eye Clinic to Riverview Center in memory of her brother.

Mrs. Seder can add to her accomplishments the distinction of being the oldest resi
dent at Riverview Center.


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RCJS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL PROGRAM

Monday, February 18

A service organization for young girls, the Girl Scouts of America will highlight the RCJS Social Club meeting at 1:30 p.m. in Cinema 90.

Tuesday, February 19

Try your hand at the latest game around—Bingo games begin at 1:00 p.m. in Cinema 90.

Wednesday, February 20

Who counts the years? Where's her birthday party time, everyone celebrates. Join in the fun and fancy festivities at 1:00 p.m. in the ground floor dining room.

Thursday, February 21

See the world for free during the month of the event with two travel treats: "Vancouver-Pacific Celebration: and "Israel." Showtime is 10 a.m. in Cinema 50.

A long-time friend of the Seder's, Joe Sheer joins the birthday well-wishers.

Jerome Seder and his daughter Miriam share in the birthday festivities with Mrs. Seder.